

SAFER WAITAKI COALITION



BACKGROUND & FUNCTION

The Safer Waitaki project is a ‘whole-of-community’ community development project with a focus on community safety and wellbeing. The project was initiated as a way to identify and respond to the key community priorities for the Waitaki District. It provides a mechanism for

the community to work together, thus maximising resources and expertise. Waitaki has achieved accreditation and is recognised as a member of the World Health Organisation (WHO) International Safe Communities Network.

Our Vision

“WAITAKI DISTRICT IS A SAFE COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY”

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES OF THE SAFER WAITAKI PROJECT:



REDUCE HARM RELATED TO ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND VIOLENCE

Sustainable Development Goals 3, 4, 5, 11, 16



INCREASED SOCIAL CONNECTIONS WITH, AND SUPPORT OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

Sustainable Development Goals 1, 3, 4, 10, 11



RESILIENCE AND SAFETY ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF HOW WE LIVE, WORK AND PLAY.

Sustainable Development Goals 3, 4, 10, 16



INCREASE PATHWAYS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT PEOPLE/FAMILY /WHANAU TO FLOURISH IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Sustainable Development Goals 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 16



PROMOTE HEALTHY, RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Sustainable Development Goals 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 16

GOALS

Safer Waitaki strategy and actions are guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). In particular:

SDG 1: NO POVERTY

SDG 3: GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING

SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY

SDG 8: DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

SDG 10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES

SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

SDG 16: PEACE JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Sustainable development has been defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.



STRUCTURE OF SAFER WAITAKI

GOVERNANCE GROUP:

The Safer Waitaki Coalition is overseen by a Governance group comprised of 8 Governors from throughout the region representing Education, Local Government, Fire & Emergency, Police, ACC and Community.

MANAGEMENT GROUP:

- The role of the management group is to ensure strong communication and collaboration between the working groups to encourage and enhance activity.
- The group encompasses local, regional and national organisations. Membership includes government departments, local government, NGOs, Cultural Groups (e.g. Waitaki Multicultural Council, Waitaki Pasifika Network), Schools, and a wide range of community groups and organisations.
- The group meets monthly and there are often presentations on key issues such as housing, aging, issues affecting youth, education and employment.
- Agendas are sent out prior to each meeting and members can choose to attend anything that has relevance for their organisation.

WORKING GROUPS:

Through baseline research the Safer Waitaki Coalition identified and established working groups in key priority areas. These groups are: Waitaki Mental Health and Addictions; Positive Ageing Working Group; Alcohol and Drug Committee; Industry Link group (workplace employers group); Family Harm Provider Network; Family Whanau Group; Housing Taskforce.

The Safer Waitaki Network is coordinated by the Waitaki District Council Community Development Team. It is not a Trust or Incorporated Society. It is a coalition and works in a partnership model with Council. This structure provides a functional mechanism for advocacy, collective impact, research and development and also supports a myriad of functions that positively impact social and economic development. From a Council perspective the relationships, networks and engagement opportunities with Central Government, Government agencies, Non-Government Organisations and Community Groups, provides funding and community development opportunities otherwise not available to Council. It also acts as a conduit for Council community engagement where required.