

CAAP Vision

A safe, vibrant, healthy Christchurch, free from alcohol related harm

Objectives

- Reduce alcohol related injury and illness
- Reduce the harm caused to children and young people
- Reduce hazardous drinking
- Shift attitudes towards harmful drinking



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A word from the Coordinator.....



Starting this role during lockdown has posed a few challenges, however as with all challenges Christchurch has experienced, with upheaval comes opportunity. Certainly what I have seen in getting out and connecting with a large range of community groups and organisations is a clear understanding that alcohol certainly does create harm across our community and there is a groundswell of motivation to address this. What isn't maybe so clear is how to go about it.

The key challenge I have found is the widespread use of alcohol, whereby there is not one single group within the community being impacted, rather alcohols reach, is far reaching. This means there isn't one single solution either. What I am really keen to support in this role is what we can do with the resources and expertise that are already available to us – that is the people and groups that are already having success in this area with community based initiatives and partnerships – how can we support these successes and use these to springboard to other opportunities? It is grass roots ideas and initiatives which will come together and allow us to get some tangible reductions in relation to alcohol.

I finally want to acknowledge those that have taken time out to meet with me and share their ideas and experiences – I have used all these conversations to inform what I am doing and how this will impact the direction of the CAAP going forward.

Hayley Edgerton – CAAP Coordinator

Save the date – 14th Oct 2020 Alcohol forum

We are super excited to announce the date for the CAAP Alcohol Forum. We have locked in Wednesday the 14th of October, 9am – 12pm and will be holding it at Te Hononga Civic Offices 53 Hereford Street. We are so lucky to have Ben Birks-Ang, Deputy Executive Director – Programmes, NZ Drug Foundation | Te Tūāpapa Tarukino o Aotearoa as our key note speaker. We are really interested to hear of any other topics or workshop type ideas you all may have as we want those attending to come away with a renewed sense of collective energy.

More details to come very soon.....



CAAP Champions Network – who’s keen?

To ensure the steering group is also well connected to what community based/focused initiatives (like the projects below) are happening and opportunities to translate these into new areas we are keen to establish a Champions Network that can come together on a quarterly basis to feedback on the actions linked to the CAAP plan. This will be covered at the forum but if anyone has any initial thoughts on this or is keen to be involved please email me directly on Hayley.Edgerton@ccc.govt.nz

Other CAAP projects underway

- Support for the AVIVA “Train the trainer” programme to address the links between alcohol and family violence and looking at how this can be extended
- The initiative to make side-lines at Rugby League games ‘alcohol-free’ has been adopted as a permanent arrangement – opportunities are being explored as to how this can be offered/implemented with other codes
- Council has funded the Police led IDEP at Rehua Marae which is a programme for impaired drivers to address their offending behaviour. We are now partnering with Corrections to deliver a further 11 programmes in the year ahead.
- Work is being done to further develop the CAAP website with links to external agencies <https://cccweb.cwp.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/plans/alcoholactionplan>
- Work is being done to ensure treatment referral pathways are clear for alcohol services in Christchurch for external stakeholders
- Involvement in the Tūturu steering group - a school wide approach for harm reduction in high schools

CAAP Working Group members

Christchurch City Council – Claire Appleby Phillips, Allison Houston, Ruth Littlewood, Gary Watson, Hayley Edgerton

CDHB – Dr Anna Stevenson, Anna Thorpe, Chantal Lauzon

NZ Police - Inspector Leairne Dow, Senior Sergeant Glenda Barnaby