

# Built Environments

## Quarterly Update 1 April - 30 June 2023

Healthy Families NZ develops quarterly updates for each key focus area, providing a snapshot of mahi being carried out across our location teams.

Members of the Te Amo Pūtoro working group, which includes kaimahi from **Healthy Families Far North**, presented to the Bay of Islands Community Board to share updates on the design phase of Te Amo Pūtoro, the new play space being built at the Kerikeri Sports Complex. The working group is in the first iteration of the draft concept plan which gives a clear idea of what this space might look and feel like.

Pigeon Park/Trent Street looks to make use of the KiwiRail and Auckland Transport-owned space on Trent Street in Avondale for the local community to engage with the space in a way that offers them green space, physical activity, play opportunities and a sense of place. A working group was formed including **Healthy Families Waitākere** to decide who can take on the lease of the space. In the meantime, the collective hosted a BBQ for the neighbourhood as a trial to activate Pigeon Park, which was well received by people in the neighbourhood.

**Healthy Families East Cape** have been commissioned by local organisation Rau Tipu Rau Ora to co-design and co-conduct a Social Impact Assessment as the beginning phase of Te Ara Tipuna - a project to build and maintain infrastructure of accessways for communities and whānau, allowing for improved and accessible modes of active transport (cyclists, horse trekkers), local commuters, visitors, and whole of journey hikers, bikers and riders

**Healthy Families Rotorua** are working with iwi and hapū to develop a spatial plan to advance Rotorua's built environment based on local strategies. The aim is to implement the plan into the Rotorua Open Spaces Policy to protect and enhance the taiao and tangata whenua in the places where they live, learn, work and play.

Maria Smolar, Lead Systems Innovator for **Healthy Families Ōtautahi**, completed an eight-week Healthy Streets Foundations Course which helps enable participants to build skills and confidence to deliver a new approach to urban planning, prioritizing the diverse needs of their citizens. Maria is now part of a working group who meet once every six weeks and are in the early stages of working with community groups in the South Brighton Area on a Healthy Streets pilot

**Healthy Families Invercargill** continues to be involved in the Murihiku Portable Pump Track which launched in Bluff. The team are also working alongside Invercargill City Council as it develops its urban play plan for the newly developed Invercargill CBD and surrounds. A series of play activations are being piloted in Bluff, including the installation of a 'play library' at a beach, a school holiday programme and a portable pump track. Finally, the team are working with other stakeholders on a community garden initiative at Aurora College.