

Milestones, impact and priorities 2022-26

Tracking Wairarapa whānau voice, progress and system change

Te Karu o te Ika Pōari Hauora is the Iwi-Māori Partnership Board (IMPB) for Wairarapa. IMPBs were established under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 to represent local Māori perspectives on hauora needs and aspirations, and how the health sector is performing for our whānau.

We elevate Wairarapa whānau voice in the health care system so our whānau can flourish.

To help us do this, we set ourselves four key strategic priorities at the beginning to guide our mahi:

- Engaging whānau voice
- Commissioning and contracting
- Localities, planning and coordination
- Data gathering, analysis and sovereignty.

The last three years have been about establishing ourselves, understanding how things are for whānau and what's most important right now, and responding to legislative change.

Tau Tuatahi (2022-2023) Setting up

Approval process to become an IMPB
Governance and systems set up
Strategic Plan and Communications Plan drafted
Workforce recruited

Tau Rua (2023-2024) Whānau voice

Whānau surveys and website launched
Monitoring framework drafted
Pivot due to system reform

Tau Toru (2024-2025) Monitoring & influence

Community Health Plan published
Monitoring Framework implemented
Monitoring reports produced and issued as advice to Health New Zealand

Tau Whā (2025-On) Refining & partnerships

Wairarapa's top five whānau priorities (Tranche One)
Leadership group established
Systems and digital capability strengthened

Tau Tuatahi

2022-23

Setting up

- Approved as an IMPB
- Engaging with our key stakeholders
- Constitution, support services established, Board recruitment
- Branding, policies, reporting, Board support
- Developing our Strategic Plan and Communications Plan
- Recruitment: 1 FTE (Business Manager Fixed Term)

Tau Rua

2023-24

Whānau voice

- Community Health Plan drafted
- Refining our internal policies and procedures
- Recruitment: additional 0.7 FTE (Admin Fixed Term)

Change in Government and ongoing Health Reforms

Localities,
planning and
coordination

- Submitted proposal to Health NZ on Localities
- Determined locality boundaries
- Agreed to locality plan

Data gathering,
analysis and
sovereignty

- Whaitua Mapping Tool development with Āti Awa Toa Hauora Partnership Board

Engaging whānau
voice

- Draft monitoring framework
- Website set up
- Whānau survey (Waitangi Day)

Commissioning
and contracting

- Development of monitoring framework
- Review of recommendations for “Improving Māori Health Outcomes in Wairarapa”

Localities,
planning and
coordination

- Became redundant due to incoming government changes and reforms

Data gathering,
analysis and
sovereignty

- Health Profiles (Vol 1 and Vol 2) provided for Wairarapa
- Monitoring implementation and development



Tau Toru 2024-25

Monitoring & influence

- Managing Official Information Act requests
- Submission on proposed Bill Amendment



Tau Whā 2025-on

Refining & partnerships

- Additional support via contractors (data, systems, comms)
- Development of Digital Road Map
- Governance review
- Risk and contract management framework and systems, and Health and Safety review

Pae Ora Amendment Bill

Engaging whānau voice

- Whānau hui (Poutū-te-rangi 2025)
- Engagement with whānau and collection of whānau voice (Poutū-te-rangi 2025)
- Community Health Plan published

Commissioning and contracting

- Monitoring Framework finalised (Kohitātea 2025) meeting national IMPB timeframe to begin monitoring
- Monitoring Reports Q3 and Q4 – issued as advice to Health NZ

Data gathering, analysis and sovereignty

- Identified 25 priorities for Wairarapa whānau
- *CHALLENGE: Health NZ not providing timely or complete data*

Engaging whānau voice

- Pilot of Whānau Voice analysis software tool

Commissioning and contracting

- Establishment of Health NZ & Te Ikaroa IMPB Leadership Group

Data gathering, analysis and sovereignty

- Identified top 5 priorities for Wairarapa whānau and Te Ikaroa Regional IMPB
- Transitioning to new provider for data collation, dashboard development, Monitoring Reports, rohe priorities

Priority mahi underway

Wairarapa's five health priorities (Tranche One)

Oral Health

Tō Waha pop-up dental clinics: accessible community-based services, addressing barriers for whānau across Wairarapa rohe

Primary care

Supporting regional primary care redesign initiatives to improve access, quality, and cultural responsiveness

Rangatahi health & wellbeing

Support of ongoing school-based health services to meet young people where they are

Suicide prevention

Coordinating with National Public Health Service on suicide prevention initiatives, supporting community-led and early intervention kaupapa

Kaumātua health & wellbeing

Building on Te Pā Hauora kaupapa to strengthen elder health services, cultural safety, and age-appropriate care

- Beginning mahi to address the top five health priorities for Wairarapa whānau
- Establishing the Whānau Voice system to ensure data system is fit for purpose, implements data sovereignty, and protects whānau data and information
- Refreshing our Strategy and updating our digital presence to better reflect current mahi
- Working on identifying Te Whare Pūmau o Te Ikaroa (Central Region IMPB) shared whānau Māori priorities
- Developing a Whānau Hapū Accountability Framework to ensure we're staying connected with Wairarapa whānau and their needs
- Running a Governance Improvement programme to strengthen our ability to pivot and align with changes of legislation
- Continuing to improve our policies and processes
- Instigating a whole-of-health-system approach for improving outcomes for whānau Māori

