



ANNUAL REPORT

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FROM THE CHAIR

STEVE BEREZOWSKI

I believe Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti has once again had a very successful year despite the frustrations of Covid restrictions and the isolation requirements.

Our new Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2027 was adopted at our July meeting. It was a collaborative effort between Board and Staff and includes a total of eleven strategic drivers under four pillars that will guide our Trust's direction over the next five years.

While developing our Strategic Plan it became obvious that our name, Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti did not accurately reflect what we do and who we are. While sport continues to be a major focus other areas like health, hauora, nutrition, activity and play are equally important and are core functions of our organisation. A rebrand is currently underway and will be launched in 2023.

Board highlights for the year include:

- » Taupua Tairāwhiti (Shared Services) has successfully begun working with various organisations in Tairāwhiti offering management and financial support and assistance.
- » Sports Awards – A very successful Digital Sports Awards were held.
- » Our “Well Wāhine Week” once again was a success with many participants taking part in wide range of activities and sports.
- » The use of a video developed by our Manawakura team being used by Sport NZ when facilitating Healthy Active Learning workshops.
- » Darryl Crawford, our Manawakura lead, was asked to speak at two conferences about our approach to Healthy Active Learning which highlights our local environment and how important our taiao is to our overall wellbeing.
- » The success of our first term of Wānanga Kai, a five-week evening cooking course. Held at the EIT teaching kitchens. The course received great feedback from our clients who took part.



- » The Community Facilities Strategy, Tairāwhiti Sport and Recreation Facilities proposal finally presented to Central Government.
- » The inception of the Victoria Domain governance entity with the inaugural Board appointed.

Over the year our Board attended several workshops with our staff and witnessed the dedication, enthusiasm and pride they have towards SGT. There is a wonderful culture that is capably led by our CE, Stefan Pishief and his Leadership team. There is such a positive “we can make this happen” attitude throughout the organisation. SGT is extremely fortunate to have such highly dedicated and hardworking staff. Your efforts are extremely appreciated.

In closing, I would like to once again extend my thanks and appreciation to my colleagues on our board, Grant Bramwell (Deputy Chair), Andy Cranston, Naomi Whitewood, Walton Walker, Theo Ackroyd, Lyall Evans, Alice Pettigrew, Belinda Mackay and Tui Babbington for their support and contributions throughout the year. It is a privilege working with such a dedicated group of individuals who all play instrumental roles in leading our trust with their insights and unique expertise.

FROM THE CEO

STEFAN PISHIEF

This has been a year of momentum. Guided by our values and newly developed Strategic Plan, and with a committed and passionate team on board, we've put our energy and focus into the rights areas, we've formed authentic partnerships, and we've achieved positive outcomes with the communities that we are here to serve.

We know there is a long way to go because we're committed to ensuring everyone in Te Tairāwhiti is active, healthy, and feeling connected through participation in activities and well-being initiatives they love. However, it's pleasing to finish the year in a position where we can talk with pride about our mahi.

The shift in direction we've been taking over the past few years hasn't always been easy. We're determined to reduce the inequities that prevent so many from being active and healthy. Take the East Coast for example - one of the key focus areas in our Strategic Plan. Many of the hauora services, sporting leagues, and facilities we take for granted here in town do not exist for communities on the Coast, creating significant cost and travel barriers.

I'm extremely proud of the work being undertaken to help alleviate these challenges, and the recent announcement that we'll be partnering with Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou and Sport NZ for the He Oranga Poutama expansion up the Coast is exciting. This additional resource will allow us to build upon the existing mahi underway, as well as continue our journey of diversifying partnerships for maximum impact.

I think everyone in our community has felt a weight lifted off our shoulders with the movement away from the Covid restrictions. Many of our partners and community champions are vulnerable to further shocks though, so we need to continue listening and offering support that's valued. Examples include the expansion of our shared service functions with Taupua Tairāwhiti, the increased presence we are having in schools, kura, kohanga, and early-childhood centres, the funding of great community projects



through Tū Manawa, the progression of critical facility projects, or the capability-building activities we undertake. We will also continue to evaluate and make changes to how we deliver our hauora services - ensuring we are taking an accessible, whānau-centric, and holistic approach that plays to the strengths of our communities.

And now I need to extend my gratitude. Our team here at work is outstanding! The people at Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti far exceed any group I've worked with before. A big thank you also needs to be extended once again to our Chairperson Steve Berezowski and the rest of the Board. They have provided critical guidance and have supported us through numerous challenges whilst remaining strong advocates of what we do.

To our funders - you are our lifeblood! It is not easy to convey the extent of our appreciation, particularly given we know funding challenges are increasing along with the rising cost of doing business.

And finally, a thank you to everyone in our community who is involved in keeping our community active and healthy. From individual volunteers to sports clubs, codes, marae, schools, kura, kohanga, community groups, play advocates - he rau ringa e oti ai - it is a privilege to work alongside you.

OUR PEOPLE
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AT A GLANCE



610
GREEN PRESCRIPTION REFERRALS

560
PARTICIPATIONS IN WELL
WĀHINE WEEK



29
CHILDREN REFERRED TO GREEN
PRESCRIPTION ACTIVE FAMILIES

1,057
GYMNASTS FROM OVER 31 SCHOOLS
TOOK PART IN THE TAIRĀWHITI
SCHOOL GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL



\$269,644.19
IN TŪ MANAWA ACTIVE AOTEAROA
FUNDING ADMINISTERED ACROSS 25
PROJECTS

1,600
REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN THE
TITIRANGI MT. EVEREST CHALLENGE



10
NEW TAIRĀWHITI RISING LEGENDS

TE ARA PATUPAIAREHE

More than just a brand new event for the Coast, Te Ara Patupaiarehe epitomises what can be achieved when your 'Why' becomes about achieving community aspirations for sharing Mātauranga Māori and your 'How' activates physical activity and play through getting out for a hiko.

A collaboration with Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival, the kaupapa was conceived in early 2021 when tamariki from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Waiū o Ngāti Porou designed houses for Patupaiarehe (fairies) to activate the stories of Nannie Kuini Moehau, a prominent Ngāti Porou storyteller and composer.

Alongside the Festival, our East Coast Community Connector worked with kaiako at the kura, Manutahi Forest owner Ngati Porou Whanui Forest, homegrown art collective Hoes! Gallery and Council to develop

and install the patupaiarehe whare along the walking path on Manutahi hill in Ruatorea.

Te Ara Patupaiarehe created a significant and extravagant event for the community of Ruatorea and showcased the work of the taura in a special and meaningful way.

This collaboration between community, artists and agencies is a testament to the locally-led approach of these organisations, supported by the Community Connector Role.



BUSINESS CASE

This year saw some significant accomplishments and milestones such as the commitment of \$15 million from Trust Tairāwhiti towards a number of 'early win' projects and the progression of the facilities that were awarded Crown infrastructure partner funding.

The Tairāwhiti Sport and Recreation Facilities business case was submitted to Minister Grant Robertson (Minister of Finance, and Minister of Sport and Recreation) in March, who commended the business case and reaffirmed the importance of facilities for community well-being.

The Regional Strategic Partnership Fund seemed the most relevant funding pathway for this initiative. Currently, partners are reassessing the fit with this fund. Sport NZ continue to support the business case and are developing an internal working group specifically to champion this work for our region and to support our lobbying efforts.

EARLY WINS

PUMP TRACK

- » Physical track now fully complete
- » 2022 New Zealand Pump Track nationals to be held 29th/30th October
- » Inclusion of event in Cycling NZ competition schedule, inclusion in UCI global pump track schedule
- » Official event for riders to gain all expenses paid trip to Red Bull UCI pump track world champs, Chile, November 2022

SKATE PARK

- » Olympic development camp booked for W/C 31st October 2022. Aotearoa's best Olympic hopefuls coming to region for a week of progressive training, utilising local facilities
- » 2022 New Zealand Skate Board Nationals - 5th, 6th November, the first time ever that both disciplines have been held at the same venue. First time ever for Gisborne to host this event

ANZAC PARK WAKA AMA STORAGE

- » Full funding for the Waka Storage facility project secured
- » Project manager assigned to project with construction prelims underway
- » 12 week delivery once contractor procurement has been settled

MARINA RESERVE WAKA AMA STORAGE

- » Pre-construction of circa. \$60k secured via Trust Tairāwhiti and Project Manager assigned
- » Working through concept development and early stage discussions with GDC

WHAKARUA PARK GRANDSTAND REDEVELOPMENT

- » Pre-construction of circa. \$66k secured via Trust Tairāwhiti and Project Manager assigned
- » Condition assessments being carried out

SATELLITE SURF HUBS

- » Shipping containers being placed at three surf friendly locations up the coast. Proposing to place containers in Tokomaru Bay (Hatea-a-Rangi Domain), Waipiro Bay (Iritekura Marae) and Wharekāhika (Onepoto Reserve)
- » Funding secured \$120k Trust Tairāwhiti

TOKOMARU BAY RANGATAHI ZONE

- » Redevelop a fenced-in garden area for patrons into a rangatahi-focused zone. Enable the installation of an indoor multipurpose court whereby rangatahi and community members can play basketball, netball, tennis and squash
- » One container has been funded by Sport Tairāwhiti and will store surfing equipment as per a joint funding initiative between Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti, Gisborne Boardriders and Trust Tairāwhiti

VICTORIA DOMAIN REDEVELOPMENT

- » Sports Hub Entity established and incorporated with four board members appointed, three elected
- » Working with Global Leisure Group for next six months to: develop sound sports hub governance practices and work through the court redevelopment project

While we continue to work towards resourcing the business case, we continue to support, facilitate and progress the projects listed above.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPORT

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti has provided support to schools, built capacity and provided new quality experiences and opportunities based on the views and aspirations articulated by our rangatahi. The last 12 months have been a test of resilience and adaptability to allow unique opportunities to keep our rangatahi active and participating in sport and active recreation.

Even with the disruptions of COVID in the community, The Tairāwhiti Area Schools Principals Association (TASSPA) and Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti managed to work alongside schools to keep rangatahi participating in sport under the red setting guidelines.

Some of the key highlights were:

- A successful weekly interschool Ki o Rahi tournament for five kura kaupapa hosted at Lytton High School. Whānau support was high, and parents enjoyed being able to see their children enjoy physical activity outdoors again.
- Over 90 students participated in Ki o Rahi, and this was timely due to Nationals being cancelled.
- Schools continued to participate in intraschool sports and link in with sporting codes in Gisborne to provide opportunities for their rangatahi to play netball, surf, and rangatahi-led co designed festival days.
- In Term 4, Hawaiki Hou submitted a Tū Manawa application. The project was named Hui Tōpū and was a huge success with multiple kura coming through to participate from Kawakawa and Ngā Uri a Māui. Their application was based on a rangatahi codesign process to support activity seeing as they had missed out on Ki o Rahi and Waka Ama nationals. Kaiako ran the event themselves due to the 100 number limit and four schools were invited to attend.
- Secondary School Football continued to prove popular, with 6 teams entering from around the region and up to 80 rangatahi playing social grade football. Wairoa also traveled up to Gisborne to participate each week.

- Again, we hosted the East Coast North Island Secondary Schools Cross Country, even with cancellations due to COVID there was still an increase in students participating totaling 137 from 14 different schools as far as Dannevirke.

TAIRĀWHITI RISING LEGENDS

Talent Development within Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti consists of the Tairāwhiti Rising Legends (TRL) programme. TRL is in its seventeenth year and has supported over 100 local athletes during its existence. The aim of the programme is to help athletes further their sporting careers by giving them extra tools to better their performances. The core programme consists of providing mentoring and development workshops for both selected athletes and their coaches. It also helps to prepare athletes to move away from their support systems and still be able to cope with day-to-day life, as well as continuing to train and compete at the highest level. Highlights from the year (in addition to core programme workshops) include:

- Strength and Conditioning Workshops – Tuterangi Nepe-Apatu
- Athlete Life 1 on 1 Sessions – Barry Hislop
- Mental Skills – Wanda Douglas
- Media Training – Diana Dobson



2022 TRL SQUAD

Nathan Trowell - Indoor Bowls	Jack Willock - Mountain Biking
Seb Wilson - Basketball	Angus Blair - Swimming
Carlos Hihi - Rugby	Puna Hihi - Rugby
Geordie Sawyer - Surfing	Oska Smith - SLS
Jimmy Somerton - Football	Freya Wilson - Netball

We initiated two major projects this year to encompass the four Sport Development focus areas of Sport Development - Leadership, Coach Development, Participation Development Opportunities and Parent Initiatives/Programmes.

We connected with Ngāti Porou East Coast Rugby Union and affiliated clubs along the coast and facilitated discussions around their history, their strengths and challenges, and identified the club's aspirations both for the club and their community. From this work we initiated small projects with clubs including goal setting workshops, coaching workshops (including further coaching development for 2022) and assisting the union with governance support around board recruitment and judiciary processes.

“Members recognise the marae as a huge part of the club, it embodies whakapapa, whakawhanaungatanga and has re-engaged whānau, it's a natural part of life.”
-NPEC Club Member

“Traditional systems can be seen as a deterrent for effective communication, recruitment of committee members or even just to get people involved in the club. Looking at how to change these more traditional models and adapting them to fit with the club's values could create more impact.”
-NPEC Club Member

The second project saw an extensive survey developed to gain a deeper understanding of where codes are in regard to youth sport and also for SGT to stocktake where codes were in regard to the Balance is Better (BiB) principles/philosophy. We had a good return rate of 15 codes complete the survey with areas of support identified, as well as areas of best practice that codes could share with others. We were able to extend insights into action and worked with Gisborne Tennis Club to facilitate their own insights

gathering exercise for their junior programme; facilitated a best practice workshop with Gisborne Netball Centre on gaining and using youth insights; and planned a series of coaching workshops for 2022 based on the needs of Gisborne Basketball.

93% Of codes always support all young people to participate in a range of activities and play multiple sports outside of their code

Codes have a diversity and inclusion plan **50%**

13% Of codes that have youth representation on either code councils or committees

Codes are satisfied or more than satisfied with the amount of engagement they have with youth **66%**

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti was accepted into the Good Sports national programme to support our parent-approach mahi. Alongside that we had a visit from Dr Craig Harrison who facilitated a workshop with parents/coaches on 'The Developing Athlete'. We also continued to embed the Good Sports spine as a self-reflection tool in our coaching workshops which were delivered in two high schools - Whātātūtū School (rural) and TKKM o Kawakawa Mai Tāwhiti (coast) - as well as TVC Rugby Club in Whangaparaoa.

“Some players get lost after a negative experience. The better equipped our people are to lead teams, the more likely a positive experience could encourage players to stay in the sport.”

The Well Wāhine Champions Group, founded in 2019, are a passionate collective of people who support and advocate for the participation, leadership, value and visibility of women and girls in sport and active recreation. When they first formed, a thorough 'blue sky' brainstorm of what they would like to achieve for our community of wāhine and kōhine was conducted. One of these aspirations led to Well Wāhine Week (WWW), a co-designed initiative that includes a calendar of activities and workshops run by various sport, active recreation and health providers that lines up with International Women's Day.

This year was the second iteration of the event, with a calendar that included have-a-go sport and active recreation sessions, a nutrition workshop, fitness classes and women's health and lifestyle workshops. A new emphasis for WWW in 2022 was on rangatahi designed and directed activities, which led kōhine to explore taiao and how it connects to wellbeing.

The WWW event was impacted by COVID this year as it coincided with the initial Omicron outbreak in the community, however, only eight activities were postponed or cancelled due to illness or low numbers. The providers that went ahead noted the same positive and uplifting vibe as the previous year's event.

560 PARTICIPATIONS
10 DAYS
FACILITATED BY 30 DIFFERENT PROVIDERS
50+ ACTIVITIES

Participants and providers were stoked to be a part of the event.

“It is an awesome kaupapa to get people motivated and to try out new things that some people just can't afford to do. Also, it was a good time for mum's, daughters and nannies to spend time together”

It didn't matter how skilled you were in the activity, emphasis was placed on just showing up and participating. Evidently, the event succeeded in breaking down the barriers associated with cost, the fear of trying something new, and the fear that you needed to be good at the activity first and confident.

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti has partnered with Women in Sport Aotearoa and joined a growing network of organisations who are supporting the advocacy, development and activation of wāhine and kōhine. The aim of this partnership is to strengthen relationships with others, share insights and ideas and have high quality support for our events and activities moving forward.



In August of 2020, Sport NZ launched Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa. The national fund, \$16 million per annum between 2020-2024, supports the provision of physical activity opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi. The fund is administered by Regional Sport Trusts across the country. Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti receive an investment of \$284,181 per annum to disperse into the community through till 2024.

To ensure a process that improves equity across our region, we created a two-panel assessment process. All the applications were given an initial score by an internal panel. For applications that identified as delivering a project in a Kaupapa Māori context, Māori panel members led the discussion to determine quality as Māori participating as Māori, using the Sport NZ-designed tool, Te Whetū Rehua.

An Approval Panel made up of members of Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti executive leadership and external representatives of the community provide external accountability, using their knowledge of play, active recreation and sport, and physical activity in communities prioritised by the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa fund. Our Approval Panel consists of three young people, two young wāhine in secondary school and one young staff member.

In the second year, we held three rounds of funding, closing at the end of September, March, and June. We received applications totaling \$373,550.38. We funded 25 projects across Play, Active Recreation, and Sport totaling \$269,644.19.

OTHER STATS

- » 44% projects created by or for East Coast Communities
- » 32 % projects created by schools
- » 16% projects created by kura
- » 36% projects created by active recreation providers
- » 5 projects created for young people with disabilities
- » 3 projects created by sports clubs
- » 72% projects delivered predominantly Active Recreation activities
- » 28% projects delivered predominantly Sport activities

ROUND FOUR - SEPTEMBER 2021

APPLICANT	\$\$\$	TO DELIVER
Gisborne Boardriders Club	\$26,100	Surf for Life – East Coast (AR). Project delivering a year of surfing opportunities and development. This application represents the delivery arm of a 3-year project. The large-scale project seeks to develop local skill and local coaching capability to 3 underserved locations on the coast.
Gisborne Girls High School	\$5,850	Gymspo AS 2.2 (AR). Project to create opportunities for students to access YMCA classes as a group and individual access outside of school time.
Hawaiki Hou Trust	\$9,660	Hui Tōpū (Sport). Project to deliver 3 large scale events of traditional Māori sport across 4 Kura Kaupapa.
Mangapapa Scout Group	\$1,584	Uniform “Bank” and Camp Stretchers (AR). Project to purchase uniforms and camping equipment, to break down 2 financial barriers to participating.
Ngāti Porou Principals' Association	\$27,500	Swim for Life Tairāwhiti (AR). Project to deliver swim survival lessons to East Coast schools and kura.
Pinehollow Riding School	\$10,400	Assisted Equine Therapy (AR). Project delivering Equine Therapy to 24 young people with varying physical and behavioural disabilities.

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES FUNDING

Surely Skate	\$4,800	Surely Shred (AR). Project to deliver skate skills sessions to girls and young women, and then host a repeat of last year's successful skate competition. The girls and young women of Surely Skate will be supported to enter the competition.
Te Karaka Area School	\$5,040.74	Koha ā Tangaroa (AR). Project to provide opportunities to engage in meaningful and cultural AR activities like ocean swimming, feeding the stingrays, and snorkeling.
Tikitiki School	\$11,800	Amazing Race (AR). Project to deliver a Kaupapa Māori Amazing Race, the content of which was designed by the young people of the kura and schools.

ROUND FIVE - MARCH 2022

APPLICANT	\$\$\$	TO DELIVER
Gisborne Basketball Association	\$8,405	Bringing Ballers Back - tamariki and rangatahi (Sport). This project will deliver three basketball programmes tailored to three age ranges (tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau). This funding supports venue hire and equipment purchase.
Lytton High School	\$10,000	Water Safety (AR). This project will allow the kura to co-create, alongside the students, water-based active recreation activities as part of their PE curriculum and camp experiences. The funding supports the purchase of surfboards, kayaks, paddles, and life jackets.
Pinehollow Riding School	\$12,025	Assisted Equine Therapy (AR). This project will deliver 10 weeks of equine therapy to roughly 20 young people with physical, emotional, or behavioural limitations. This funding supports wages for instructors, extra carers and session equipment.
Potaka School	\$16,079.87	Awanui Adventures (AR). This project will purchase kayaks, SUPs, paddles and safety vests to deliver water-based active recreation activities to roughly 200 tamariki and rangatahi across 4 kura.
Te Karaka Area School	\$25,000	Poiuka Te Tairāwhiti (Sport). This project will deliver the second year of a pilot. (The first year was not funded by TMAA.) The project uses a shared-services model, supported by a variety of sport organisations and delivers to 17 schools and kura in isolated communities. It's a project built on understanding the aspirations of isolated communities and then tailoring a shared-services delivery model to meet their needs.

ROUND SIX - AUGUST 2022

APPLICANT	\$\$\$	TO DELIVER
Dancefit Studios Ltd.	\$2,300	Inclusive Dance (AR). This project expands a pilot programme to deliver 10 small-ratio, inclusive dance classes to 12 young people with high needs and/or disabilities.
Gisborne Boardriders Club	\$20,500	Surf for Life - East Coast (AR). This project will deliver the second year of the three year plan of this large-scale project to grow the capability and access to surfing at three communities on the East Coast.
Lytton High School	\$16,129.75	Te Whare Taupua Tū Manawa (AR). This project builds on the project delivered in a previous round. This project will deliver a variety of activities to the two groups in the school's high-needs syndicate.
Patu Tahi Boxing Club Incorporated	\$7,590.64	Te Hā o Hineahuone (AR). This project will purchase equipment and pay for delivery of two non-contact boxing fitness classes to 25 student peers at GGHS. This application was conceptualised and written by a sports Prefect at GGHS, and competitive boxer.

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES FUNDING

Ruatoria City Sports Club	\$10,300	Ruatoria City Sports Club (Sport). This project will purchase equipment (Rugby-related as well as other sports and active rec costs related to hunting and bush pursuits) to expand the offerings that the club provides to their junior members.
TKKM O Taperenui A Whatonga	\$10,827.25	Netball Festival for Whatonga (Sport). This project will purchase and install netball hoops, purchase playing uniforms, with the goal to facilitate a Netball Festival for 4 East Coast kura.
Te Kura o Māngātuna	\$3,000	Whenua Wenerei (AR). This project will purchase trap-making kits, along with other items that will support their learning in, of, and support of their local environment.
Tolaga Bay Golf Club Incorporated	\$6,335	Tolaga Bay Golf Club Rangatahi Coaching Clinics (Sport). This project will purchase equipment and pay for delivery of skill sessions and sport opportunities for young people of Tolaga Bay.
Tolaga Bay Inn Charitable Trust	\$3,067.44	Community Engagement Initiatives of Recreational & Sporting Activities (AR). This project will purchase equipment and secure workshop delivery to create fun and positive opportunities in the skate park in Uawa. The purpose of this is to create a foundation of rangatahi co-design and insights to inform the yet to come investment in this park, particularly the skate park re-build.
Turanga Tangata Rite School	\$6,242	TTR Hākinakina (AR). This project aims to remove travel and equipment barriers to 12 young people who attend this special character school to participate in a variety of activities across the week (50 activities across the term).
Upper Central Zone of NZRL Inc.	\$9,107.50	Kiwi Tag Module (Sport). This project will purchase equipment and pay for delivery and transport for a 5-week Kiwi Tag rugby league module for rural kura.

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti were one of four successful applicants to receive Sport New Zealand funding to test and develop the Neighbourhood Play System, a play sufficiency model developed by SNZ and international urban design consultants ARUP.

The model aims to grow play at the neighbourhood level within a footprint surrounding a school, through a community co-design process led by tamariki.

Leveraging off relationships established through our Manawakura Team and our partnership with Healthy Families East Cape (HFEC) Re-imagining Streets Group, Cobham School was asked if they would like to partner with us for the project due to the lack of public play spaces in the suburb of Elgin. A desktop analysis was created with GIS data provided through our relationship with Gisborne District Council to map the existing play sufficiency of the built environment and green spaces.

In order to understand the day-to-day play of reality of the Cobham School tamariki we then undertook three playshops during their weekly Manawakura sessions. Tamariki drew how they like to play, crafted their favourite play spaces, mind mapped their journeys to school, and led us on a neighbourhood walk identifying the spaces they love and redesigning those that needed fixing.

The opportunities identified by the tamariki have been shaped into five powerful initiatives that have the potential to dismantle the systems of play inequity in Elgin.



Tākaro Taiao (Nature Play): Reynolds Drain Restoration

Tākaro Hapori (Village Play): Elgin Shops Revitalisation

Huarahi Tākaro (Play Corridors): Rail Corridor Active Transport Network

Tākaro Haere (Play on the Way): Te Waharoa Gateway to the City

Papa Tākaro (School Ground Play): Community 'House' of Entertainment

A final report that contains the desktop analysis, the three playshops with tamariki and the five opportunities identified by the tamariki has been completed.

This report elevates the voice of the tamariki and empowers them as designers in their own neighbourhood, helping to activate the opportunities as well as begin to dismantle the systems of play inequity in their neighbourhood.

Activation of the opportunities is already underway with the tamariki contributing to a community planting day held by EnviroSchools along the banks of the Reynolds Drain, Blackpool Park where 2000 plants were planted.

“ We don't have any playgrounds around, so I mostly play in my backyard with my little brother. ”

WAKA KOTAHI STREETS FOR PEOPLE

Our play relationship with GDC has continued to flourish enabling improved knowledge, understanding and awareness of play through the different sectors of Council. GDC has developed a GDC play advocate role, collaborated with the Play Lead on a play report to directors, formed a Play Streets and Parks/Library Playgroup, included our Play Lead in new playground developments and supported the Neighbourhood Play System.

The relationships formed in the creation of a GDC Play Streets group has led to the Play Lead and SGT being asked to support on a GDC application to the Waka Kotahi Streets for People Fund.

GDC has been successful in being awarded \$700,000 to explore a tactical urbanism approach to the main street of Tolaga Bay/Uawa and a portion of Grey Street. The Gisborne and Tolaga Bay projects will each receive \$350,000.

Community groups will have a key role in the projects in partnership with Gisborne District Council, Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti and Healthy Families East Cape.

SUMMER WHĀNAU CHALLENGE

In collaboration with the Regional Play Leads of Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Waikato and Northland, a Summer Whānau Challenge (SWC) of 30 play ideas for whānau to try over the summer holidays was created.

Te Reo translations on the calendar reflect our local communities and tākaro Māori practices. The result was a contactless whānau centered online play inspiration that could be taken anywhere during the summer period

The SWC was promoted within each region on social media and in newspapers over the summer period online and through newspapers reaching 15,880 online, with 235 reactions, 44 shares and 26 comments.

PLAY WEEK AOTEAROA

This year the national theme was Say Yes-To-Play which was inspired by our Play Lead's Team winning project at the inaugural SNZ Playworkforce Hui 2021.

We curated a week of play challenges for whānau to play together including fort building, paper plane competitions, chalk art, book character dress ups and learning a Tik Tok inspired by the Rob Ruha and Ka Hao waiata "35".

GDC supported the week through a paper-plane competition for their staff and the library created daily themed book displays, staff dress-ups and hosting a Tik Tok challenge to the song '35' with participation by local kura/schools.

We also created a video of local play champions to promote the event that included our Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a local Olympian celebrating the importance of play.

We had over 50 entries for our PWA competition with 6 schools nominated for the overall prize of a \$500 Hart Sport voucher co-sponsored with HFEC.

Teachers appreciated the timing of the event as a playful way to wind up the school year.



 FEBRUARY 2022

THE BRONWYN KAY SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID we were finally able to recognise and celebrate the sporting achievements of Tairāwhiti. Due to the restrictions under the COVID Traffic Light settings, the delivery of the event was moved from an 'in person' large gathering format to an online format with the expertise of Rangai, a professional, multi-purpose, virtual production studio based in Gisborne.

Five pre-recorded sessions were produced to acknowledge each award recipient. Along with invited guests and sponsors, the awards were presented and celebrated to acknowledge the significant achievements and contributions of our sporting community across a two-year period from 2019-2021. The online release of the awards was launched on our social media platforms and Gisborne Herald. A successful online engagement was achieved reaching a much larger audience than the traditional in person format. Digitally, we reached 20,721 people compared to our traditional 330 person dinner.

We wish to acknowledge our 2021 winners:

- Sportsperson and Sportsman Award – Tayler Reid**
- Sportswoman Award – Alicia Hoskin**
- Junior Sportsman Award – Jack Keepa**
- Junior Sportswoman Award – Kelsey Teneti**
- Masters Sportsperson Award – Vesna Radonich**
- Sports Team – Kaiārahi Toa Premier Womens Waka ama**
- Junior Sports Team – Oscar Ruston and Sacha Dewanker**
- Coach Award – Stephen Sheldrake**
- Official Award – Amber Church**
- Club Award – Wainui Surf Lifesaving Club**
- Services to Sport – Kevin Lee and Mark Pearce**
- Community Impact – Gisborne Boardriders Club – Share the Stoke**
- Event Excellence – Ngāti Porou East Coast Rugby Union – NPECRU Centenary**
- People's Choice Volunteer Award – Corey Reedy, and Cristal Kemp**
- Tairāwhiti Legends of Sport – Raipoia Brightwell, and Terry Sheldrake**

Special acknowledgement must go to all our sponsors and contributing partners. Without their support this event would not have been possible. As we look to the future of the Sporting Excellence Awards and the importance of balancing financial support and sporting excellence the event will become a bi-annual celebration. We look forward to celebrating Tairāwhiti sporting success in 2023.



 MAY 2022

TAIRĀWHITI SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

The 54th Annual Tairāwhiti Schools Gymnastic Festival was the first large inter-school event to be held in 2022 due to the COVID Traffic Light settings. With many schools being under prepared due to the reduced time available to practice, participation numbers were slightly down on previous events with 1057 participants taking part from 27 schools from as far north as Pōtaka to Nuhaka in the south. As an event that is unique to our region and holds a significant place in the schools' calendar The Gym Fest has proven its resilience throughout the last two COVID affected years.

The two-day event is heavily reliant on the support of the host clubs Gisborne Gymnastic Club and Gisborne Trampoline Club who provide access and use of their facilities. Over 50 volunteers including SGT staff and students from Lytton High School and Gisborne Girls High School ensured the event was a success.

POSTPONED DUE TO COVID

 GISBORNE HERALD QUARTER MARATHON AND FUN RUN

 **AUGUST 2021**

RECREATIONAL SERVICES SWIM THE DISTANCE

2021 marked our 11th year of partnering with the Gisborne Olympic Pool Complex to deliver the Recreational Services Swim the Distance Challenge. 234 registered participants swam, jogged or walked their way toward, or beyond the challenge distance of 45.5km.

Participants navigated the COVID restrictions throughout the challenge, collectively accumulating over 7000km with 74 participants completing the challenge over the extended event period.

Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti's role is to assist with the marketing and administration of the event. The event increases community use of the pool facilities over the 8-week challenge in the colder months and offers an alternative fitness experience that is inclusive, where any person of any ability can participate. A special thank you to all our sponsors and local businesses that supported the 2021 Recreational Services Swim the Distance Challenge of which we are extremely grateful.



The Comet Team accumulated over 1200km during the challenge taking out the Team Leaderboard

 **SEPTEMBER 2021**

TITIRANGI MT. EVEREST CHALLENGE

The Titirangi Mt. Everest Challenge has established itself on our community calendar as a 'must do'. The iconic event is a 7-week challenge where people of all ages walk, run or cycle up Titirangi (Kaiti Hill) 68 times, equivalent to the height of Mount Everest.

In the 9th year of the challenge Titirangi Reserve turned into a hub of activity during the spring months of October and November with 1613 participants taking part. While there was a reduction in the number of participants compared with previous years, we were pleased with large number of people that still prioritised their health and wellbeing during a Covid and traffic light affected time.

Highlights of the challenge included:

- » The one-way roading system through the support of GDC Journeys Team for the duration of the challenge
- » The support from partners Ngāti Oneone, GDC, and Sean Shivnan Pharmacy
- » Delivering the event with COVID controls in place
- » 55% of participants were FIRST time challengers

The total amount raised through all fundraising sources amounted to just over \$2200.00. Once again a special mention to Sean and Fiona Shivnan who continue to be the inspiration behind this event that has impacted many positive health outcomes in our community.

MATE URUROA, KEI MATE WHEKE!

Fight to the death like a hammerhead shark, don't lie down and die like an Octopus. Never give up!

POSTPONED DUE TO COVID

 WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON

We all need to engage more with our environment, for the sake of our tamariki, our environment and our overall wellbeing. Our wai, our whenua and ngā whetu all play an important role in our lives and who we are. Yet, for some reason we forget our place.

We are part of our environment; we are not above it. Many of our schools and kura here in Te Tairāwhiti already engage in our taiao and some use the environment for learning opportunities and link or integrate it into their own localised curriculum. For those that need assistance, we are here to help.

There is math, science, technology, and arts in our environment and with all that comes the incidental outcomes that relate to our physical and holistic wellbeing through being outside and engaging with what nature has to offer.

Our pūrākau and our history are intertwined into our environment as well and signal to us where significant landmarks are and highlight the relevance they have to our lives here in our region.

KAI

We visited many schools and kura to deliver kai wānanga this year, especially prioritising our isolated schools and kura up the coast who otherwise wouldn't get these experiences. The wānanga have a strong focus on providing fun, hands-on learning experiences as research suggests children are more likely to taste and accept new kai when they are involved in the preparation and cooking process.

Our little chefs have made homemade chicken nuggets, hummus, smoothies, colourful wraps, bliss balls, stuffed 'wakas' (kumara), flavoured water, muesli, and ice cream. Our wānanga have also linked in other topics such as the Maramataka, growing and utilizing a maara kai, Matariki, traditional stories about the kumara, Te Whare Tapa Whā, digestion and gut health.

Teachers have been grateful for the kai wānanga and felt the experiences helped them to strengthen their knowledge and confidence to continue delivering nutrition lessons to their students.



WHAIKAHA

Love and choice are two powerful forces that are foundational to our wellbeing. To love another is to include them as part of oneself, therefore, their best interest becomes your own. Choice or to choose promotes a kind of freedom. It suggests that one has autonomy and power. Some control over your experience and environment allowing you to be the sovereign in your life. These are big ideas, but when channelled into action, no matter how small, they can have a profound impact on the state of our health as individuals, as a community and beyond.

A key kaupapa this year, in relation to the whaikaha (tamariki with disabilities) space has been to continue to build on existing and new relationships, knowing that connection is the foundation for everything. We worked alongside some of the classes in Paoa at Riverdale School, practicing ball skills, cooperative skills and introducing modified Ki o Rahi, Tapu Ae and Horohopu.

We are now looking ahead to their Cross Country and Commonwealth Games whānau day. We have assisted in establishing a weekly unified basketball session that is used as a training for Special Olympic opportunities, but more importantly to grow awareness and facilitate social inclusion. In partnership with Halberg Foundation we have run inclusion workshops for our internal staff, sport codes, teachers and teacher aides.

We also supported DanceFit to apply for the Tū Manawa fund to assist them in financing their inclusive dance classes. We have our Remarkable Games and Community play day and also hope to run an exclusive and unified Y1 - Y8 interschool event in the near future. Moving forward we will continue to look for opportunities and work with others to remove barriers and increase community confidence in this whaikaha space.



MOKOPUNA MATAARA

With the ongoing COVID pandemic we have had to adapt how we work in all early childhood centres. Varying how we deliver and keeping in mind each centre is different. It is challenging but it keeps us in a state of being “Mataara”, alert.

This year our numbers of ECEs, TKR and TPR increased to 35 including our pakeke (centres that we have been working with for a long time). We continue to work with kaimahi/kaiako building whanaungatanga, watching how the tamariki interact with each other and enjoying the innovative ways they vary the games. It’s also important that we collaborate and include each centre in planning what they want the tamariki/mokopuna to achieve.

Developing and ensuring fundamental movements is still very much a priority for our tamariki that are transitioning into school/kura so all plans include those movements.

Another focus this year is Nutrition. “Ngā rourou kai e toru” 3 food baskets which represent: eat a lot, eat moderately and eat little. This is made into games with the tamariki and adapted to suit each ECE/TKR/TPR. The Kaiako are instrumental in helping to develop how we deliver to tamariki.



TAMAITI MATAARA

What was previously called Pīpī Paopao and Whakanuia Whānau is now called Tamaiti Mataara, where we continue to actively support the holistic well-being of tamariki and their whānau from birth to 18 years of age throughout Te Tairāwhiti whānui. The holistic well-being encompasses the whole tamaiti and their whānau by recognising the needs of their oranga, hauora, tīnānā, wairua, hinengaro and whānau.

The mahi encompasses our values:

He manu rere teitei:

- Improved eating, drinking and sleeping patterns;
- Assisted by playing games, sports and having fun;
- Using the taiao/natural environment or familiar surroundings to support individual and whānau growth and development.

He manu rere rata:

- Outcomes are seen through ongoing and increased activity and engagement.

He manu rere tika:

- The use of atua and tipuna kōrero adds substance and appreciation of our connectedness to Te Tairāwhiti and Te Ao.

He manu rere tahi:

- Working with all whānau to grow and move forward in spaces where they feel empowered as an individual and as a whānau.

GREEN PRESCRIPTION

Green Prescription (GRx) is a referral-based programme that provides wellbeing support for those who want to become more active, make healthier food choices, and strengthen wellbeing. Over the last twelve months the GRx team has increased opportunities for participants to connect with each other, and tailored the support they receive to their lives and that of their whānau. Our team continues to actively connect with community providers, to provide ample opportunities for GRx participants to strengthen their wellbeing in a way that suits them best. We look forward to continuing to mould our support to the community and their wellbeing aspirations.

OUR CLIENTS STEER THEIR WAKA

When a new participant joins Green Prescription, they identify their wellbeing aspirations and what kind of support works best for them and their whānau.

Tahi: Our independent clients who feel confident to maintain positive changes on their own. Our team checks in monthly.

Rua: For clients who need support getting started with positive changes, but have a good idea of what they would like to do. Our team checks in fortnightly.

Toru: For clients who are new to exercise and/or healthy kai, and require more āwhina (support) to feel confident in maintaining positive changes. Our team checks in weekly.

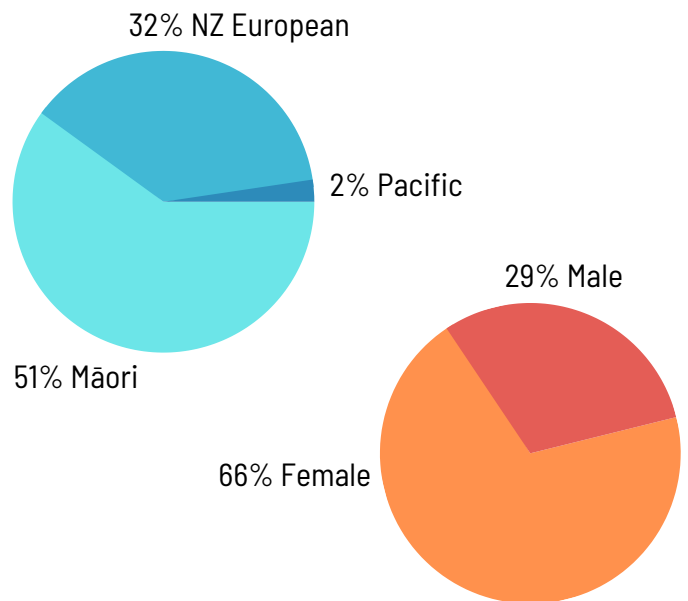
NOURSHING THE COMMUNITY

Delivery of community and GRx nutrition sessions has continued on a regular basis. Within Green Prescription, participants have had the opportunity to connect with a Nutritionist privately, and attend Kai Pod (a weekly kōrero about balanced meals and Wānanga Kai (our five-week evening cooking course).

Outside of GRx, nutrition support has also been provided to; Turanga Health's Eke Tu, Pinnacle Midland Health's Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Kohanga Reo, and Well Wāhine Week.

STATS

In the 2021/22 year, SGT received 610 GRx referrals.



E TIPU E REA - GROWING CONFIDENCE TOGETHER

Our team continues to offer exercise support, with the aim of increasing client confidence to move. Over the past year, our approach to exercise support has broadened to allow our participants to identify what suits them best.

For those interested in group classes, we have offered weekly opportunities throughout the year. This includes Walking Group, Primal Pod, Y Pod, Aqua Motion and Active Bands (numbers). These classes are set at a regressed level, to ensure our participants with injuries, or long-term conditions, enjoy a safe transition into movement. Our team also continues to support Pinnacle Midland Health with their Cardiac Pulmonary Rehab programme, supporting adults with long-term heart and/or lung conditions to build their confidence in moving safely over the last year.

Outside of group classes, our advisors have also offered gym introduction sessions, home visits and supported GRx participants at various exercise opportunities in the community. We've recognised that, for many, having a familiar face present at a new event helps participants to feel more confident and likely to attend.

“It’s funny, because I used to refer patients to you guys all time!” Sarah laughs. As a former Nurse, Sarah spent several years in Tairāwhiti referring patients to our programme, before being referred herself in December 2021. Newly retired, and recovering from surgery, she was looking for ways to make the most of her newfound free time. Looking at her schedule now, the question is: What doesn’t Sarah do? “I didn’t realize how much you could do! I go to 50’s Forwards, Pryme Movers, Heart Health, Y Pod... And remember, I tried Primal Pod and your Biking Group too”. When asked what positive changes she’s noticed since December, it comes as no surprise that Sarah has definitely noticed her fitness increase. But what surprised her more was the difference the time on Green Prescription has made on her self-confidence.

“You don’t realize how much of your socialising happens at work” she reflects. “When I left, I knew I was spending much more time alone”. A common theme throughout the COVID-19 response, this strong

relationship between social connection and mental wellbeing reinforces Green Prescription’s group approach to exercise and wellness opportunities. An approach that continues to pay dividends, with Sarah confident that this is the greatest positive change that she has experienced so far. The group members she has met along the way have been a constant source of motivation, and her Green Prescription Advisors have created supportive environments that helped her get started. When asked what Sarah would say to anyone considering Green Prescription, she encouraged them to give it a go.

“You won’t know if you like it until you try it!”

Although many whānau won’t have the time that Sarah has to dedicate to such a wide range of activities, it is heartening for us to hear that the programme has supported her in more ways than simply fitness. We’re proud to provide support for whānau to connect with others and their community.



Tairāwhiti is home to many community organisations that provide a wide range of services and connectivity for locals. Market research conducted in early 2021 identified that these essential community groups face similar challenges with back-office processes such as financial management, financial planning, compliance, communications, data management, fundraising, and sound governance, that can affect the delivery of their services and hold them back from future growth.

The idea was not just to relieve administrative tasks from key people so that the group can focus on boosting participation, sharing their kaupapa, and enriching our local communities' lives, but also to take a capability building approach so that the group has the systems, processes and skills to go forth into the future.

From this vision, Taupua Tairāwhiti was established in August 2021, with support from the Provincial Growth Fund, Trust Tairāwhiti, Sunrise Foundation, DIA Ministers Discretionary Fund, and JN Williams Memorial Trust.

Services have focused on financial management, planning and communications as well as organisational start-up for the following clients:

- » **Riding for the Disabled**
- » **Parafed**
- » **Swim for Life**
- » **Horouta Waka Hoe**
- » **Gisborne Basketball Association**
- » **Tairāwhiti Softball Association**
- » **Gisborne Boardriders Club**
- » **Gisborne Pirates Rugby Football Club**
- » **Pakirikiri Marae**
- » **Ngati Porou Surf Lifesaving**
- » **Rongowhakaata Trust Marae - Whakato, Manutuke, Ohako, Te Kuri and Te Pahou**

We are currently on-boarding Poverty Bay Cricket Association and have worked with Gisborne Volunteer Centre to bring a free 6-month Mentoring Foundation of NZ governance training programme to the region which launched on 1 September 2022.

Beneficial outcomes including:

- All groups are on Xero for financial management, payroll, GST, tax, and end of year reporting as necessary to provide financial reporting at their Board's AGMs.
- Taupua has saved groups a combined total of \$30,500 in accountancy fees over the first 8 months as well as saving them 435 hours of administration and processing time.
- Assisted Gisborne Riding for the Disabled with their financial management which removed significant stress from their management and board member(s). Provided audit prep services, annual accounts, payroll and financial processing.
- Developed a Master Budget for Gisborne Basketball Association as well as streamlined financial management processes.
- Reinstated Parafed's Incorporated Societies Status and Gisborne Boardriders Club Charity Status.
- Tidied up Horouta Waka Hoe's back-log of two years of annual accounts and are developing a new webpage that includes online payments for different activities to help with fee collection and income stream management.
- Helped Gisborne Boardriders Chair, Dan Croskery, with the successful application of the Tuakana Teina Chair Mentoring Programme with the NZ Institute of Directors.
- Placed the first rangatahi on the Parafed Board.

Together, Taupua Tairāwhiti, community organisations, and partners, are working to ensure Tairāwhiti has a thriving charity sector actively working towards sustainability.

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