



# Wiri HIA –working together on Urban Design and Health



# Who is involved?



- ▶ This project is funded by the Ministry of Health. It built on the success of the Manukau City Centre Spatial Structure plan and HIA
- ▶ The aims and objectives of this HIA are to develop controls which determine the built form and spatial system of Wiri and support the vision for the Wiri area as a vibrant extension of Manukau City Centre
- ▶ Healthy Cities led and managed the HIA in partnership with Urban Design with professional expertise and coaching by Synergia
- ▶ Hapai Te Hauroa Tapui completed the whanau ora section of the project



# What is “Healthy Cities” and what are our priorities?

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- ▶ World Health Organisation (WHO) initiative
- ▶ This international movement began in 1986
- ▶ First NZ project established in Manukau 1988
- ▶ The only treaty model Healthy City initiative in Aotearoa and is unique to Manukau City
- ▶ Ottawa Charter and WHO’s “Health for All”
- ▶ Aimed to put health high on the political and social agenda of cities

## **Priorities for the year 2010/11:**

- ▶ Healthy Urban Planning
- ▶ Health Impact Assessment (HIA)
- ▶ Healthy Ageing
- ▶ Physical Activity / Active Living

# Healthy Cities

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- ▶ Inter-sectorial collaboration and action
- ▶ Innovative action
- ▶ Community Participation
- ▶ Considering health and wellbeing in all policy, projects and planning
- ▶ Influence healthy public policy

# The key opportunities of this HIA:

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- The structure and urban environments fundamentally affect the choices people make in how we live, work, play and travel
- The structural impacts on peoples health need greater attention - particularly in relation to inequalities
- Identify key health themes of the Wiri spatial plan over the next 50 years
- Identify any actions that may be required to ensure potential positive health outcomes are maximised and negative health outcomes are minimised
- Address potential health inequalities
- Critically assess and inform the future development plans
- Builds on inter-sectorial collaboration
- A robust process to inform and influence decision-makers – provides evidence-based decision-making

# Painting a picture: Wiri 2010

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- ▶ Significant vulnerable population – Deprived area
- ▶ High Maori and Pacific population
- ▶ The Wiri census area has been identified to have:
  - Bad general health
  - High hospitalisation rates
  - Bad housing
  - Problems with poverty - low income levels
  - High unemployment
  - High crime, problems with safety
- ▶ **BUT** a strong community spirit
- ▶ Gradual positive change over the last 10 years

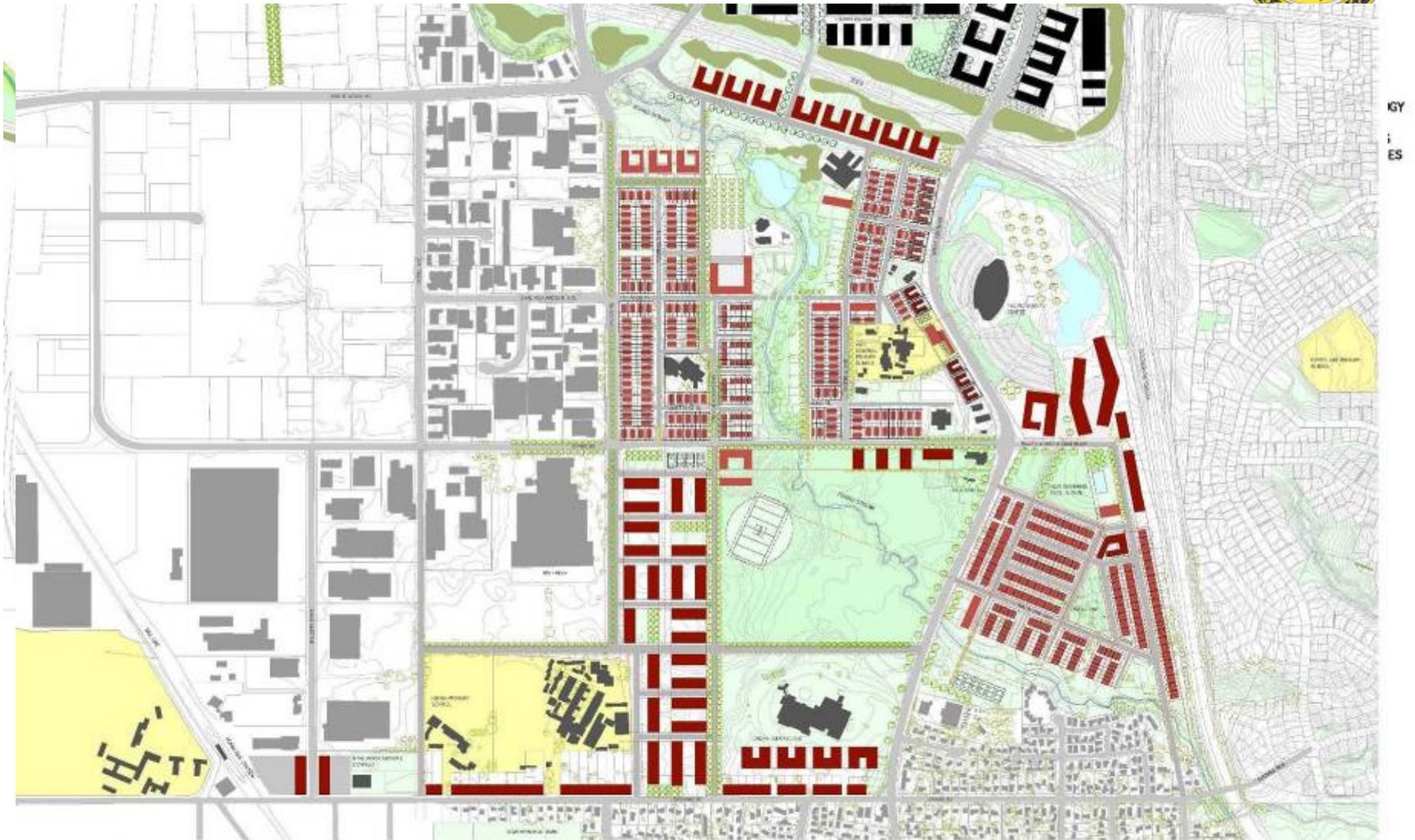
# The Process



- Screening March 2010
- Scoping May 2010
- Some of the agencies involved:
  - Housing New Zealand
  - Counties Manukau District Health Board
  - Ministry of Social Development
  - NZ Police



# Wiri Urban Design



wiri built form + spatial structure plan  
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masterplan



# Consultation

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- ▶ Appraisal workshop for stakeholders & interested Agencies / community members and businesses
- ▶ Maori - Whanau Ora HIA consultation
- ▶ Community Consultation used to assist in developing the community vision for Wiri:
  - Children and youth - Wiri Primary School - Manurewa High School
  - Pacific – Dream Youth Centre Extreme youth group
  - Older people
- ▶ Embrace the diversity of the community and assist in reducing health inequalities

# Key Themes Identified



# The Community Healthy Urban Planning Map



The vision for Wiri:



# A vision

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- ▶ Here is a little story of what Wiri could be like if we use lessons learnt and successfully implement the recommendations of this HIA
  - ▶ The Power of community and HIA!

# Painting a picture: Wiri in 2030



# Results

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- Council endorsed the HIA in October 2010
- The HIA led urban planning to:
  - Maintain suggested orientation of buildings
  - Suggest appropriate landscape treatments for the area to reflect the cultural diversity
  - Consider in more detail the use, location and size of commercial and community facilities
  - Consider in more detail orientation of housing to ensure warm, healthy living environments
  - Mixture of land use
  - Increase safe pedestrian areas and plan for active transport options
  - Improve general safety through good urban design
- Healthy cities to continue to work with urban planning as the next phase of the SSP is completed
- Urban Planning embedded health into daily process

# Lessons learnt to pass on . . .

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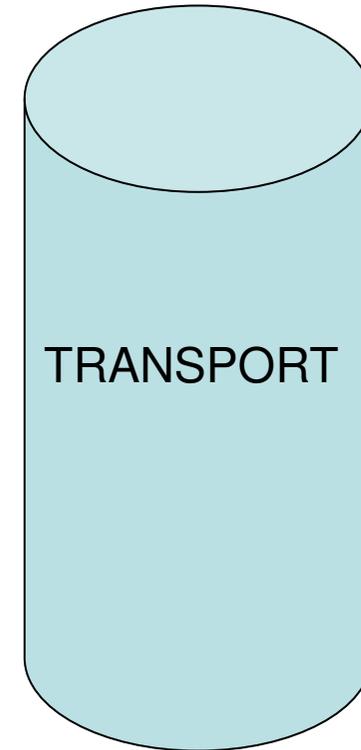
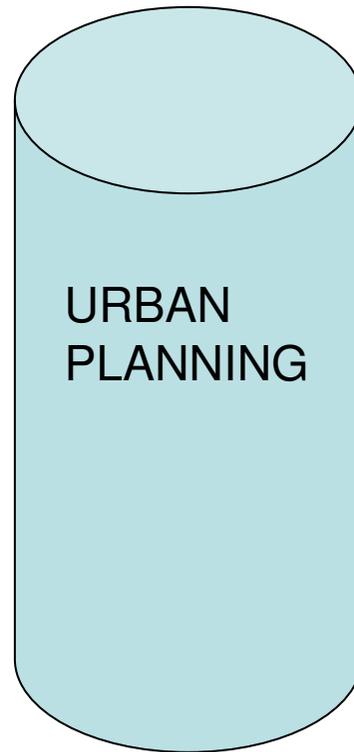


- ▶ Collaboration
- ▶ Community involvement
  - It takes a whole community . . .
- ▶ Political commitment
  - Local government is a key player
- ▶ Healthy public policy
  - Creates the conditions for health
- ▶ Inter-sectorial partnerships



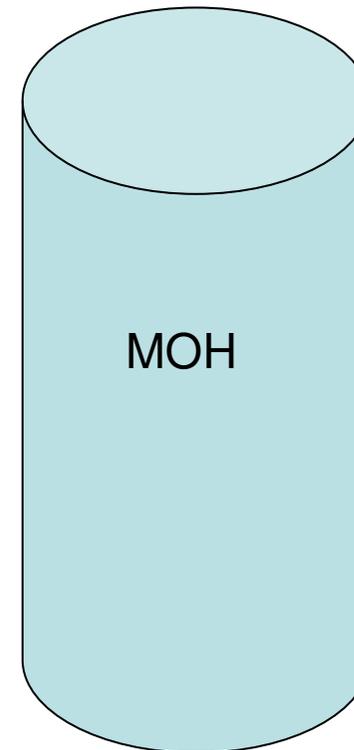
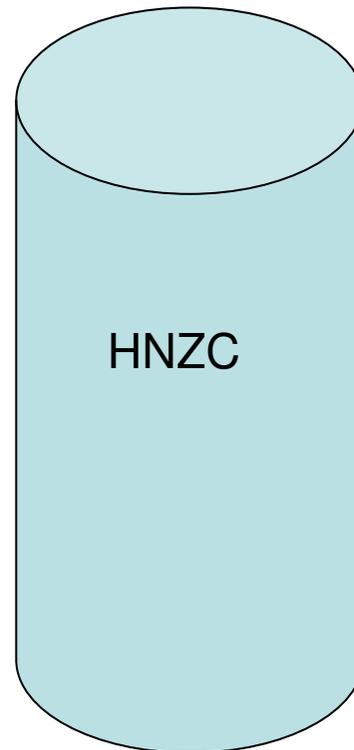
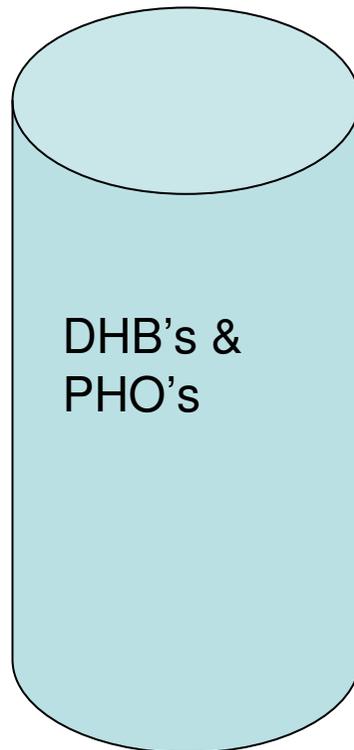
# Silo's In Manukau City Council

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# Silo's across Auckland

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# Collaborate

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- ▶ If we want to collaborate we need to get over the vertical silo's, around the horizontal silo's, and across the organisational and sector silo's
- ▶ Share ideas, information, meet regularly
- ▶ Network – meetings, events, forums, 'forming meaningful relationships with other people who have complimentary skills, interests or relationships that add value
- ▶ Aggregate knowledge: process of sharing knowledge, putting it in a place where we can all access it, add to it and modify it
  - Collectively smarter
- ▶ Share content:
  - ▶ “IF ONLY WE KNEW WHAT WE ALL KNEW”
- ▶ Don't let assumptions get in the way– DON'T assume everyone knows, understands, has the same definitions etc etc. . . .

# Collaborate!

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- ▶ We waste 25% of each day looking for information, and 43% of us send wrong information to clients each week.
- ▶ GETTING IT RIGHT
- ▶ We need to do a better job of hooking people up to the right information at the right time to get the job done
- ▶ PRODUCTIVITY
- ▶ Collaboration is key to driving innovative, productivity and engagement

# So what are we doing now?

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- ▶ Collaborating between sectors
- ▶ Collaborating between departments
- ▶ Share information and knowledge
- ▶ Becoming more strategic and aligned
- ▶ Meeting regularly
- ▶ Talking and getting people to talk about health
- ▶ Continuing to embed health and HIA into Auckland Council
- ▶ Setting up processes to work with: Transportation planning, policy, urban planning – working across council

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