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?

- 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

- 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:

- 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

- 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
Consultation

- 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

Wiri HIA Scoping Themes

Cross-cutting theme - to ensure operates across all four streams

- Community engagement
- Access
- Economic potential

Sense of identity
- Enabling voice of affected parties
- Inform process, history and future

Healthy housing
- Insulation
- Standard of housing
- Location - e.g. floodplain
- Damp
- Rheumatic fever, respiratory issues

Urban form
- Tenure
- Accommodating growth in area
- Housing types

Housing
- Traffic
- Driveways
- Perceptions of safety

Safety

Walkability
- Diabetes
- Connectiveness
- Local amenities/community facilities and leisure facilities

Services
- Public transport
- Links to new rail station
- Primary health care
- Other health services

Transport
- Links to city centre
- Growing student population

Employment
- Long term investment
- High Maori and Pacific population
- Low-income area

Income levels
- Keeping students engaged and improving skills
The Community Healthy Urban Planning Map

The vision for Wiri:
A vision

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

- 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 . . .

- 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
Trevor Hancock, 1993, Health Promotion International, Vol. 8, No. 1
Silo’s In Manukau City Council

- HEALTH
- URBAN PLANNING
- POLICY
- TRANSPORT
Silo’s across Auckland

DHB’s & PHO’s

COUNCIL

HNZC

MOH
Collaborate

- 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!

- 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?

- 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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