

West Coast Health Community Voice Meeting
Wednesday 25th March 2026 1pm – 3pm

Community Voice

Health and Wellbeing Advocates Te Tai Poutini West Coast

Members	Gaye Coates (GC), Lynnette Beirne (LB) (Deputy Chair), Neil Stevenson (NS), Teri-anne Bell (T-AB), Andrew Welsford (AW), Lee Harris (LH), Melanie Wilson (MW), Steph Newburry (SN) (Chair), Eleanor Harrington (EH), Pam Sutherland, (PS), Carolina Salazar (CS). Jan Flinn (JF), Melanie Wilson (MW)
Group allies / support	Maggi Forsyth (WCH), Cathy Blincoe (Te Whatu Ora, minutes), Jo Tiller (Te Whatu Ora), Ayla Green (WCH)

Opening Karakia:

*Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tīhei mauri ora!*

*Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a
sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*

Item	Discussion
<p>1:00pm</p> <p>In-Committee / Members only time</p> <p>(10 minutes)</p>	<p>(Not minuted)</p>
<p>1:10pm</p> <p>Administration</p> <p>(5 minutes)</p>	<p>Full meeting opened with Karakia (Ayla)</p> <p>Whakawhanaungatanga – connecting, introducing, and welcoming new members to the group.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>Previous meeting minutes confirmed.</p>
<p>1:15pm</p> <p>Group feedback</p> <p>(45 minutes)</p>	<p>Round table discussion</p> <p>Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April is Falls prevention month. Sport West Coast and Falls Canterbury will be promoting events throughout April. • Rural Sustainability Group. Looking for examples of how primary & secondary health services work with rural communities. • Consumer experienced prescription error and needed new prescription. Had to pay again to get script renewed. • Tourists in rural areas - what information do campgrounds etc. have about medical services available? • Patient health cards are being promoted by pharmacy WCH
<p>2:00pm</p> <p>Guest: Jade Breeze West Coast Health project lead for Diabetes on the West Coast</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jade provided a presentation on Diabetes on the West Coast. Key themes included increasing numbers of West Coasters developing type II diabetes, and access to support and healthcare. Noted that RNS in rural areas were doing great work in their communities. Importance of co-design of diabetes services in community highlighted.
<p>2:30pm</p> <p>Carolina Salazar</p> <p>(10 minutes)</p>	<p>Carolina shared information about the IPE (Interprofessional Education) Programme and the opportunities for future collaboration with community programmes.</p> <p>Interprofessional education (IPE) intentionally involves learners from at least two, and preferably three or more, different health or social care professions, of equivalent (or near-equivalent) stages of learning. The current group based at Te Whare Ako at Te</p>

	Nikau Hospital is comprised of students studying nursing, nutrition, and physiotherapy. These students have been working on a project looking at medication side effects.
2:45pm Action Register & Programme of Work update (10 minutes)	N/a – Action register and process under revision
2:45pm Update from Gaye – Te Waipounamu Consumer Council (5 minutes)	Verbal update. Group has been reviewing the *HQSC Consumer QSM (Quality Safety Marker) reports. *HQSC – Health, Quality, & Safety Commission
Other Business	N/a
2:50pm (5 minutes)	Group Photo out on the Floodwall

Next meeting: Wednesday 22 April 1pm – 3pm

Venue: Te Nikau Hospital – meeting room 1 (map will be included with agenda)

Meeting closed with a Karakia