

# Bays in Action Think Tank Uplifting the Mana



# What did you do and how did you do it?

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Increase youth voice in decisions that impact on young people;  
Increase youth wellbeing; Address issues impacting on youth safety and wellbeing; Support shared decision making in the Bays for positive youth outcomes and Increase opportunities for youth development including youth leadership development.







**BOARDS AND BIKES IN THE bays**

LIVE DEMONSTRATION PROUDLY PRESENTED BY:

**JULY 3RD, 12-3PM**  
**BROWNS BAY SKATEPARK**



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# What aspects of CLD/CRC have you drawn on and were useful in this journey?

1. Growing from shared local visions
2. Building from strengths
3. Working with diverse people and sectors
4. Growing local collaborative leadership
5. Learning by doing

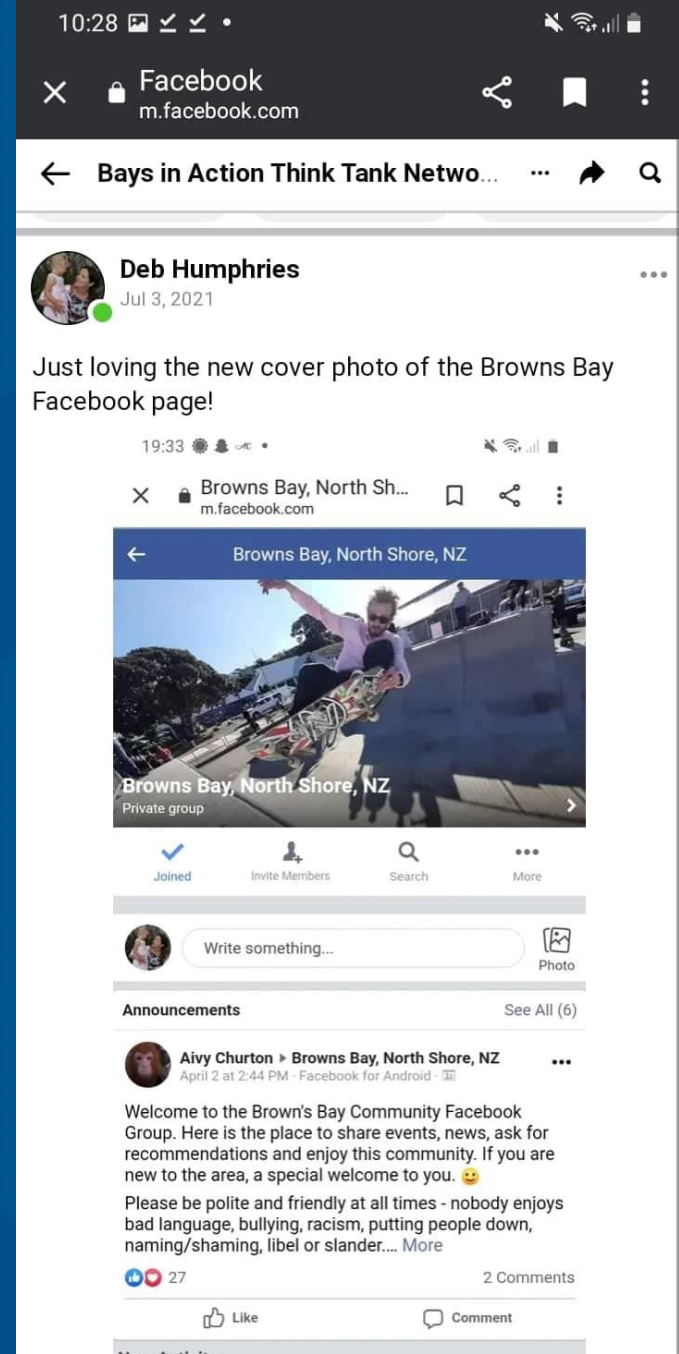
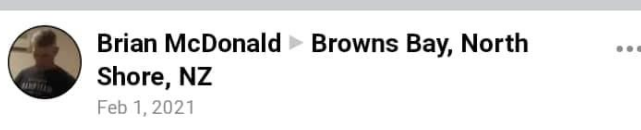
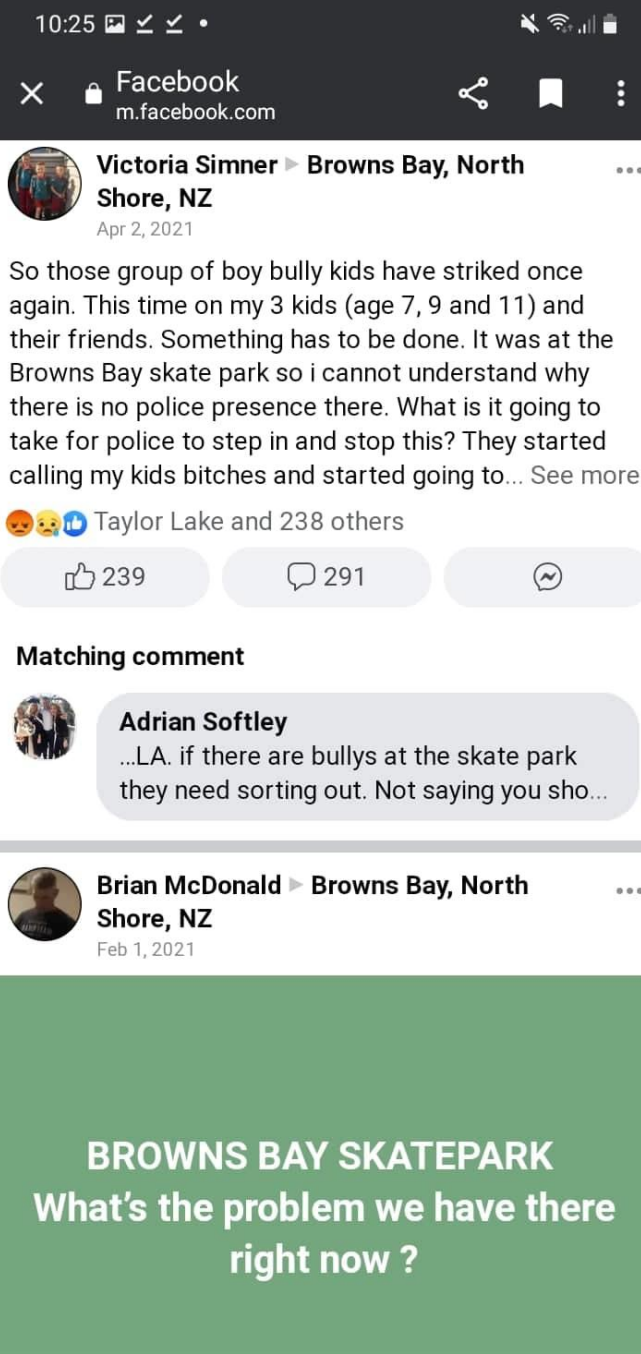
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Relationship focus / Responsiveness / To think & work Holistically





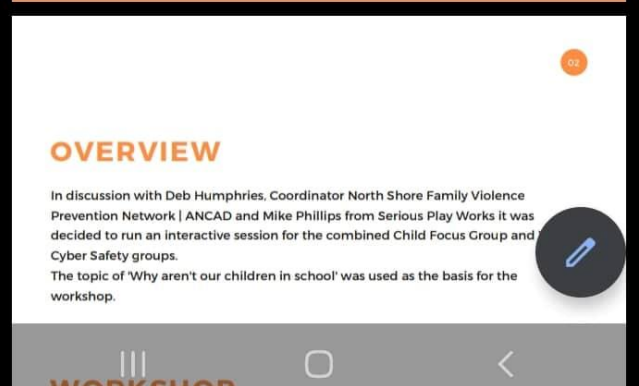
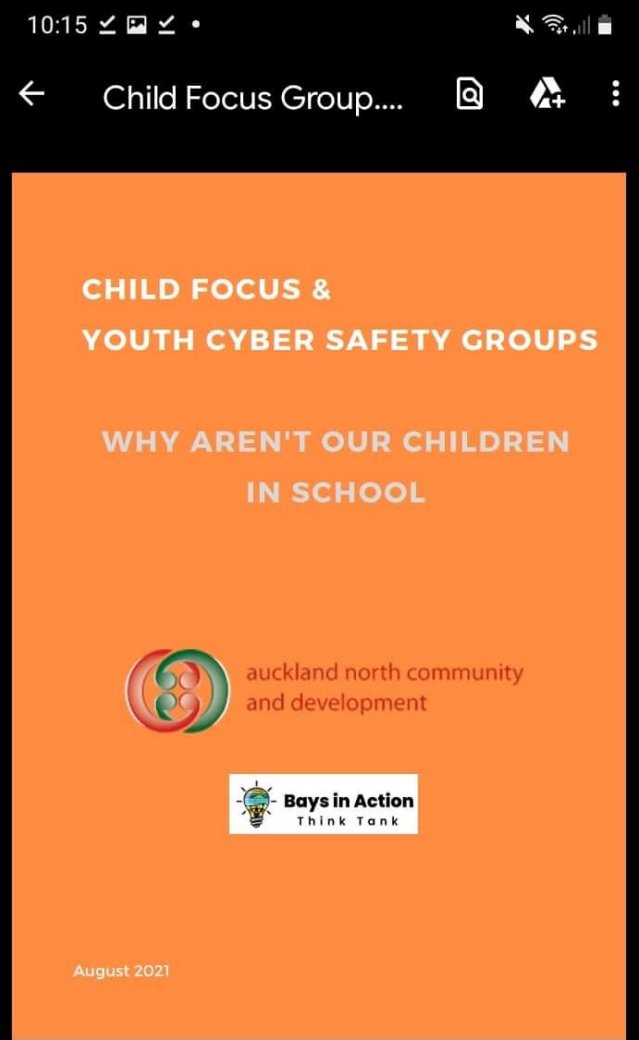
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What's the problem we have there  
right now ?





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### COMMUNITY READINESS TO ADDRESS FAMILY VIOLENCE TOWARDS YOUNG PEOPLE AND PROMOTE THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE EAST COAST BAYS



This research was commissioned by the Safe, Strong Families and Communities team within the Ministry of Social Development. The purpose of the research is to inform the development of local efforts to address family violence towards young people and to promote the safety and wellbeing of young people in the East Coast Bays. The research was completed in partnership with the North Shore Family Violence Prevention Network, which is umbrellaed by ANCAD (Auckland North Community and Development).

The research project was led by Dr Cristy Trewartha, Director of Change Strategy and Research. A big thanks to the interview participants for making space for this research during the pressured time of COVID-19 lockdowns. Thanks to the transcriber and scorers. Ngā mihi nui to Dr Pauline Gulliver and Dr Charlotte Moore for their insightful peer reviewer. A special thanks to Deb Humphries for her contributions to this project.

Suggested citation: Trewartha, C. (2022). Community readiness to address family violence towards young people and to promote the safety and wellbeing of young people in the East Coast Bays in 2021. Wellington; Ministry of Social Development.



### BAYS IN ACTION COLLECTIVE ACTION AGREEMENT

*A local collective focused on youth wellbeing*

#### Purpose

Bays in Action (BIA) is a community-owned collective. The purpose of BIA is to:

- Increase youth voice in decisions that impact on young people
- Increase youth wellbeing
- Address issues impacting on youth safety and wellbeing
- Promote diversity and inclusion
- Support shared decision making in the Bays for positive youth outcomes
- Increase opportunities for youth development including youth leadership development
- Activate and engage local community members in efforts to support young people

#### Membership

Bays in Action is a community-owned collective that is run and supported by a large and diverse group of community members, young people, practitioners, local organisations and businesses.

Individuals, groups, organisations and businesses are invited to sign this Agreement to show their support. However, anyone participating in BIA activities can consider themselves part of this initiative.

**Young peoples' voices**  
BIA is currently working out how to engage meaningfully with young people and will outline what young people would like membership to look like for them in the next version of this Agreement.

**Community members**  
Much of the connection to BIA for community members is through the facebook page and participating in events and activities. This informal connection to BIA is at the heart of this community-led approach. BIA supports community members to come and go as suits them.

**Practitioners and organisations**  
Practitioners and organisations who sign this Agreement are understood to have the support of their manager and organisation to do so, otherwise they can sign as an individual.

#### Ways of Working

Our Ways of Working guide our interactions. All members are responsible for modelling and promoting our Ways of Working.

- Our Ways of Working include:
- Youth-led: elevating youth voices and youth participation in planning, decision making and projects
  - Being strengths-based, respectful, mana-enhancing (uplifting) and solutions focused
  - Fostering healthy and respectful relationships between BIA members and the community
  - Fostering positive collaboration
  - Working to include diverse youth voices, including the voices of young people who are struggling as well as those who are going well
  - Demonstrating our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and responsiveness to rangatahi Māori and whānau
  - Demonstrating commitment to fostering inclusion and diversity – increasing visibility of Māori, Rainbow, Asian, Pasifika communities and people with diverse abilities



# Challenges and successes

- COVID!
- Deciding which amazing ideas and initiatives to start with!
- Balancing community development with service needs and response
- Collective activation funding from Hibiscus and Bays Local Board!
- Development of our Bays in Action Collective Action Agreement
- Development of our collaborative Bays in Action Work Plan





# Where to from here?

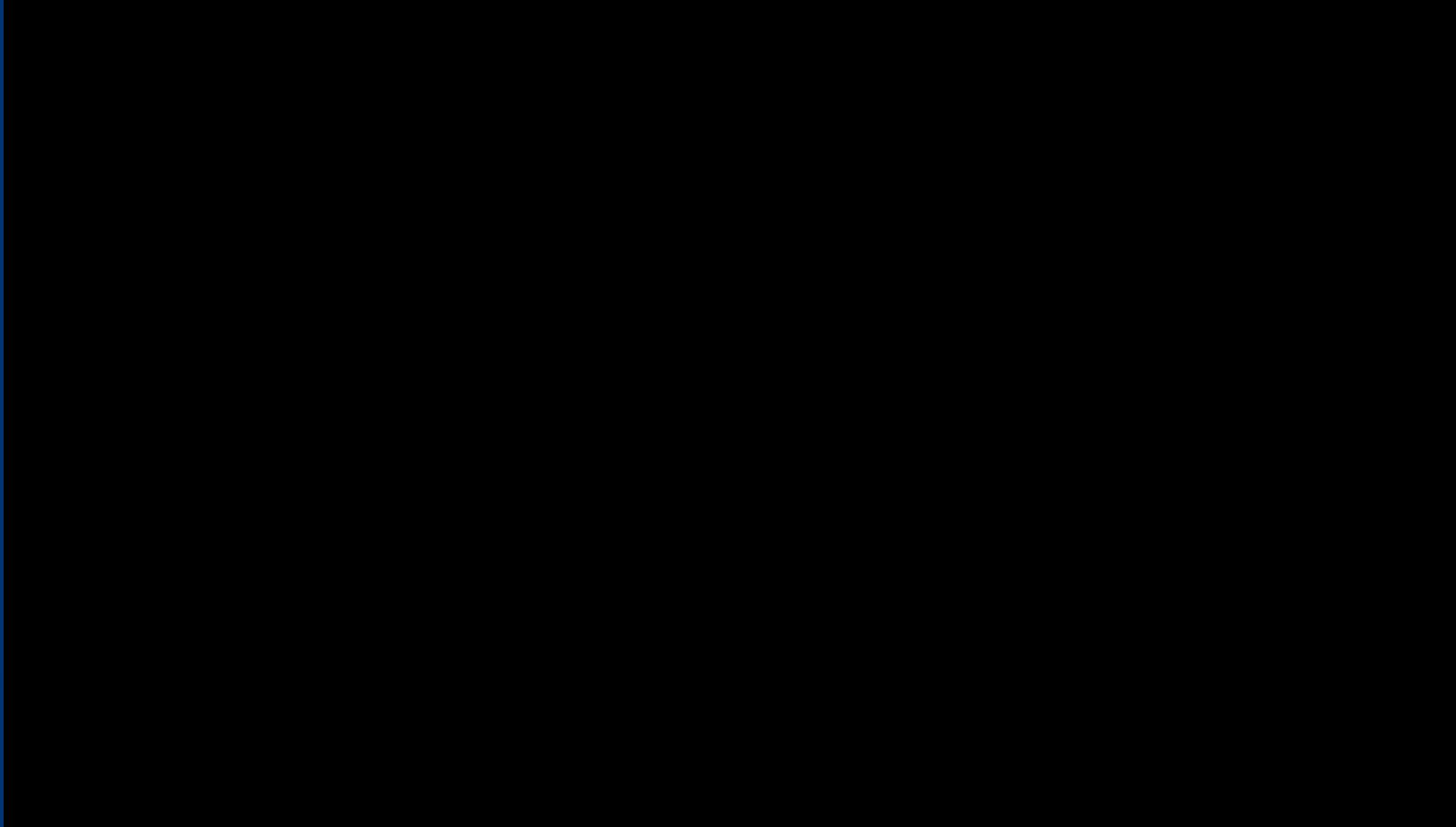
2022 OCTOBER – DECEMBER (and on-going!)

- Bays Youth Voice
- BiA Youth Development Coordinator
- School Attendance Support initiative
- Hibiscus and Bays Youth Providers and Schools Hui
- Heart for Youth Trust – Youth Mentoring training and Parenting Adolescents programme
- Careers Expo in collaboration with Heart of the Bays
- Underpinned by Tangata Whenua collaboration / partnership development



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# Leaving you with a bit of BiA Awesome...



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