

Healthy Homes Initiative

Five year outcomes evaluation

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Supporting whānau to thrive through warm, dry and healthy homes



From left: Michelle Bartlett, Monique Heke, Bronwyn Petrie, Hon. Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health, Gaylene Leabourn, Melissa West, Emma Solomon.

Kia ora

On the 29th of November, **Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora** released the [Healthy Homes Initiative: Five Year Outcomes Evaluation](#). We want to say a big thank you to everyone who has been involved in this amazing mahi, we appreciate you all.

Since its inception in 2013, the Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI) has supported over 200,000 people across Aotearoa to create healthier living environments

and improve their overall hauora (wellbeing). The service includes education, interventions, wrap-around support, referrals and advocacy so that whānau can thrive.

The Five Year Outcomes Evaluation reinforces that good quality housing is a cornerstone of health and wellbeing. By targeting support to improve homes for vulnerable whānau, we're seeing fewer hospitalisations, improved school attendance, and greater economic stability for whānau.

Meri Kirihimete, we wish you all a fun and restful summer break. See you in 2025!

Ngā mihi,
The National HHI Team
(Monique, Mel, Michelle, Emma and Gaylene)



FIVE YEAR OUTCOMES EVALUATION KEY FINDINGS

200,000

New Zealanders supported through the Healthy Homes Initiative

18.6%

reduction in hospitalisations per person per year

5%

reduction in school absences among children per year

\$1=\$5.07

every **\$1 spent** on the Healthy Homes Initiative equated to **\$5.07 health savings** over the five year period

"I think if it wasn't for the Healthy Homes... I think he would've been a sickly boy and would've been in and out of hospital"

Mapihi



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The HHI is an excellent example of social investment and collaboration across multiple stakeholders including healthcare professionals, kaupapa Māori providers, government ministries, commercial and philanthropic funders, Iwi and whānau/families/aiga.

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