

# Working together to shape environments that support Pacific wellbeing

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**E dua na liga  
e sega ni bau  
tara na koro**

**One hand alone  
cannot build a  
village**





# Pacific wellbeing is holistic and relational



Source: Fuimaono Karl  
Pulotu-Endemann

# Environments shape wellbeing



## **Individual framing**

**Why don't people make healthier choices?**

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## **Environmental framing**

**What choices are realistically available, affordable, safe and culturally meaningful?**

## Individual framing

**Why don't people make healthier choices?**



## Environmental framing

**What choices are realistically available, affordable, safe and culturally meaningful?**

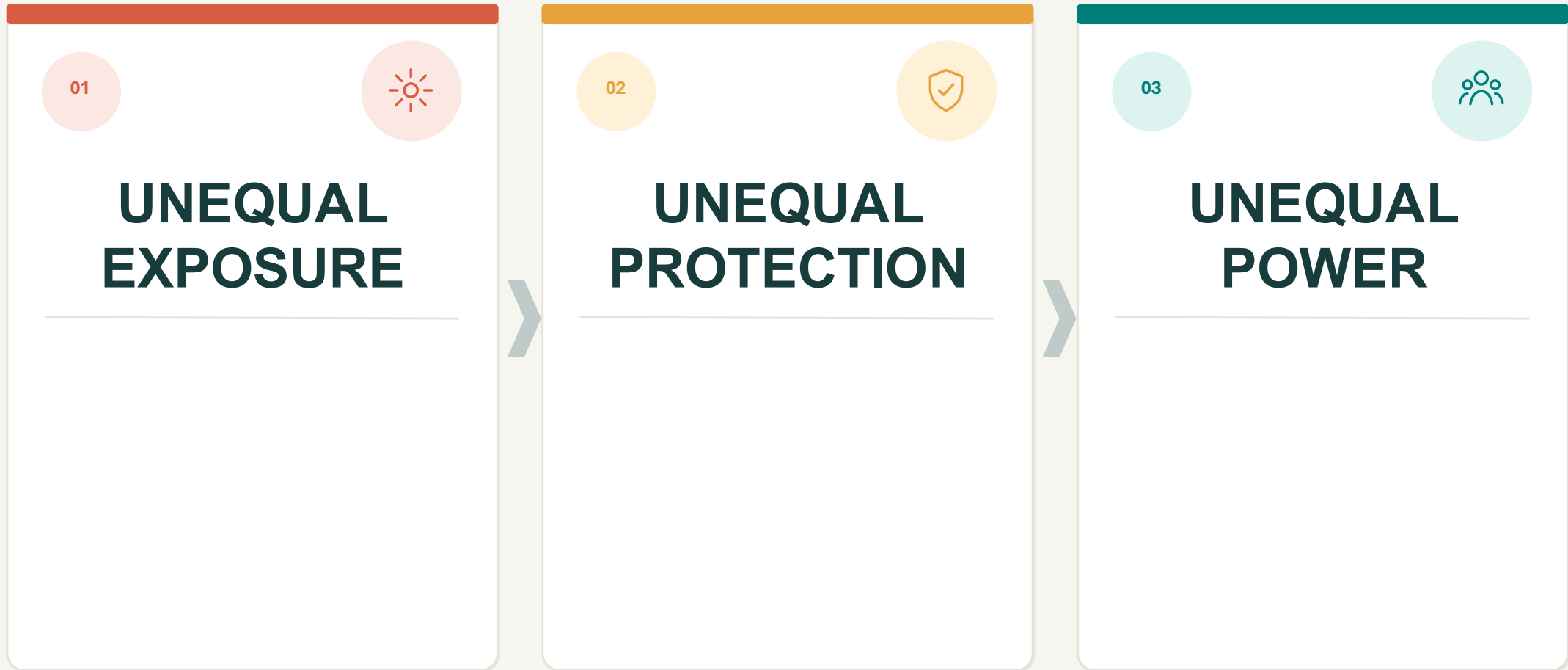


# Wellbeing-supportive environments

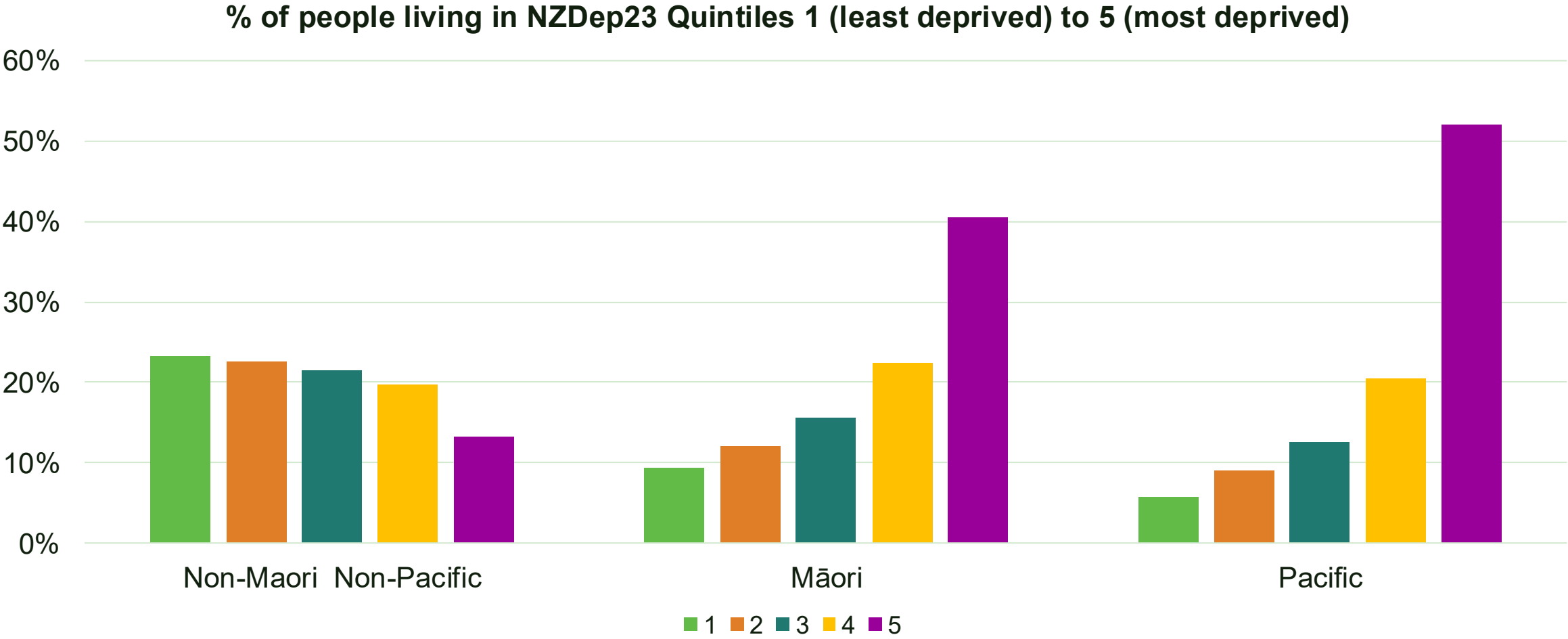
- Healthy by default
- Community-led
- Safe
- Connected
- Culturally sustaining
- Equitable
- Future-focused



# Healthy environments: Pacific peoples face unequal challenges



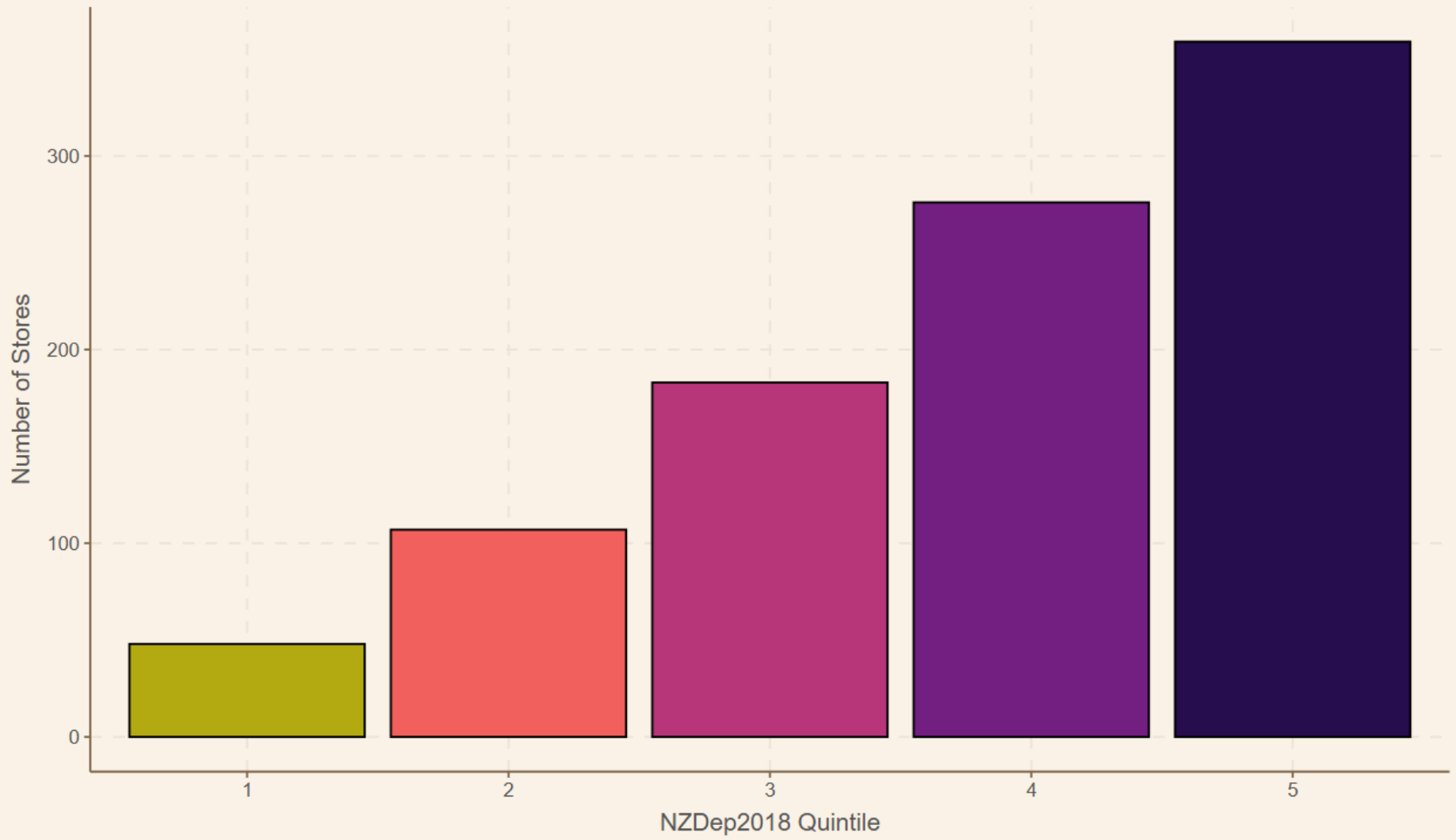
# Neighbourhoods experiencing socioeconomic challenges



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# Number of Vape Stores

By NZDep2018 SA2 Quintile



1 - least deprived and 5 - most deprived

[Source: Breaking through the cloud: Vaping in Aotearoa New Zealand – Geospatial Research Institute Toi Hangarau](#)

*"I feel it's unsafe to walk":*  
Impacts of alcohol supply  
on public space in eight  
neighbourhoods, and  
residents' input to alcohol  
licensing decisions

## Final report

Steve Randerson, Liz Gordon, Sally Casswell, Judy Lin,  
Belinda Borell, Marta Rychert and Taisia Huckle

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## Bottle shops harder to open in rich areas, says research report

By Will Trafford, Whakaata Māori

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Members of Communities Against Alcohol Harm protesting outside a liquor store in Ōtara.  
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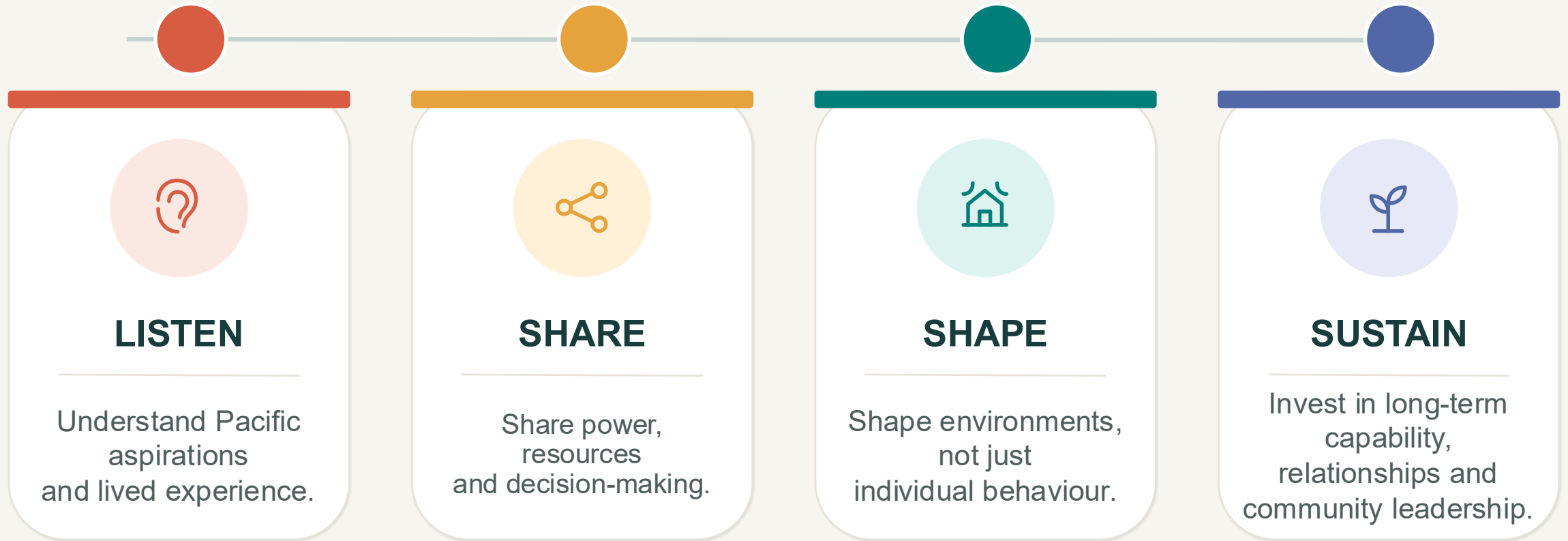
# Strengths of Pacific communities



- Family and community relationships
- Churches and faith networks
- Pacific providers and workforce
- Cultural knowledge and leadership
- Collective care and responsibility
- Youthful populations and emerging leadership
- Experience in community-led emergency responses

# Taking collective action

**Listen first. Share genuinely. Shape collectively. Sustain for the long term.**



# Shared roles, collective impact



## Pacific communities

Lead solutions  
Define aspirations and success



## Government

Policy  
Funding  
System setting



## Local government

Housing  
Transport  
Public spaces



## Health organisations

Prevention  
Care  
Advocacy



## Pacific providers & workforce

Leadership  
Trust  
Culturally grounded solutions



## Churches

Reinforce connection  
Community mobilization  
Local leadership



## Researchers

Evidence  
Data sovereignty



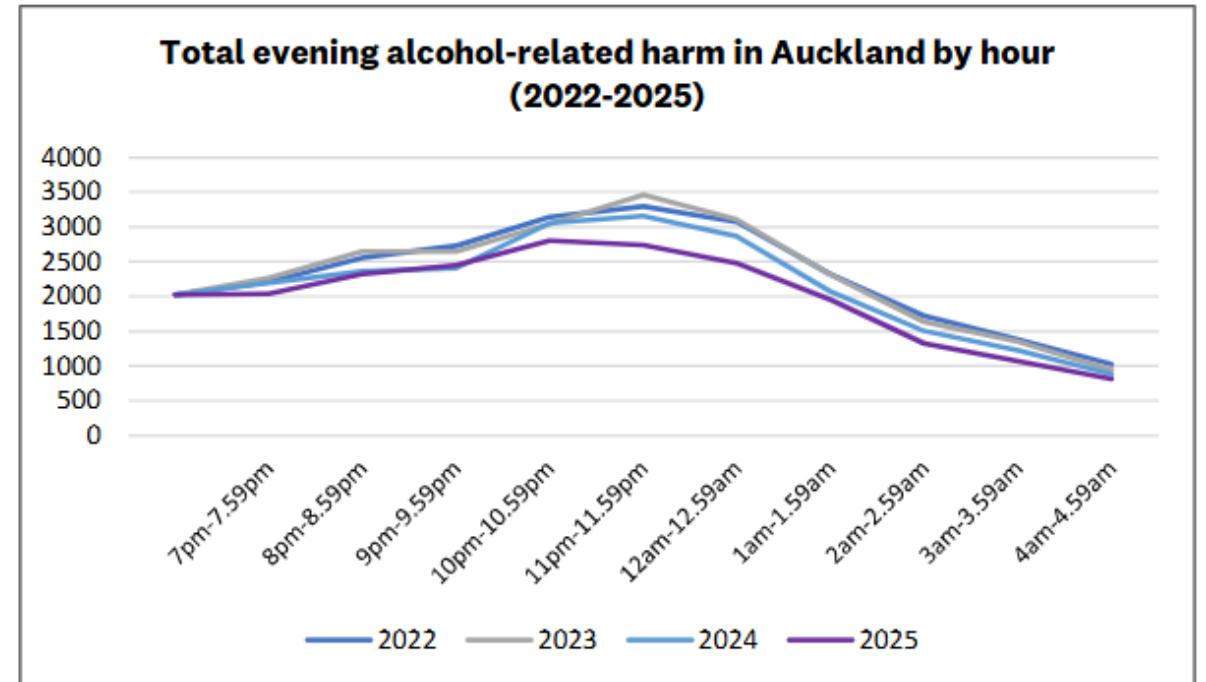
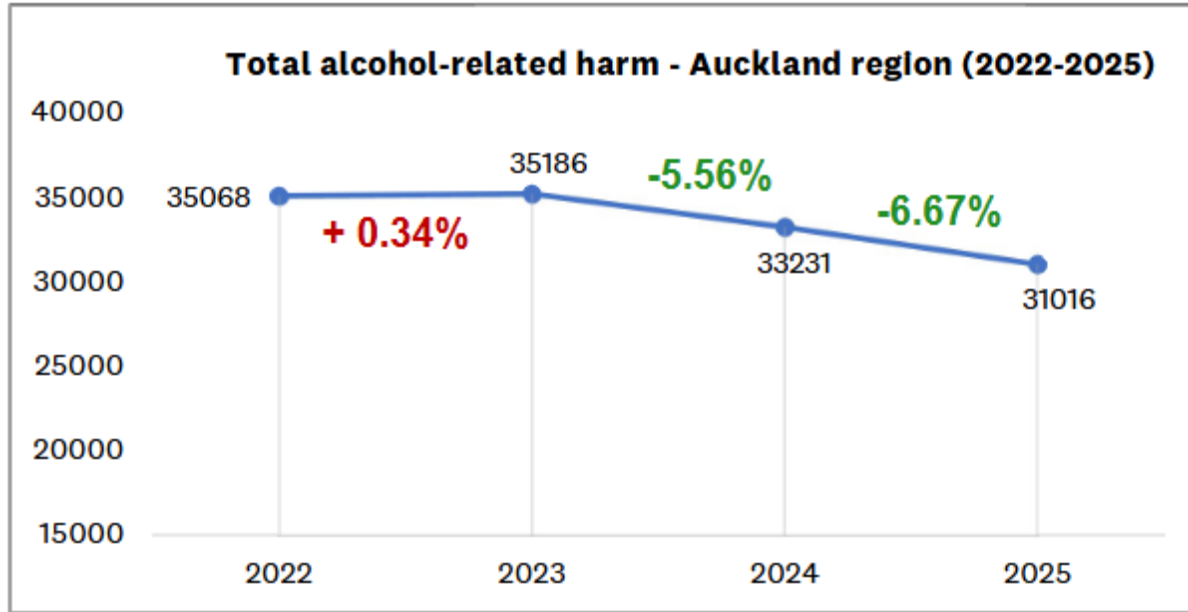
## Schools, business and industry

Opportunity  
Inclusion  
Economic wellbeing

# Auckland's alcohol policy showing early signs of success

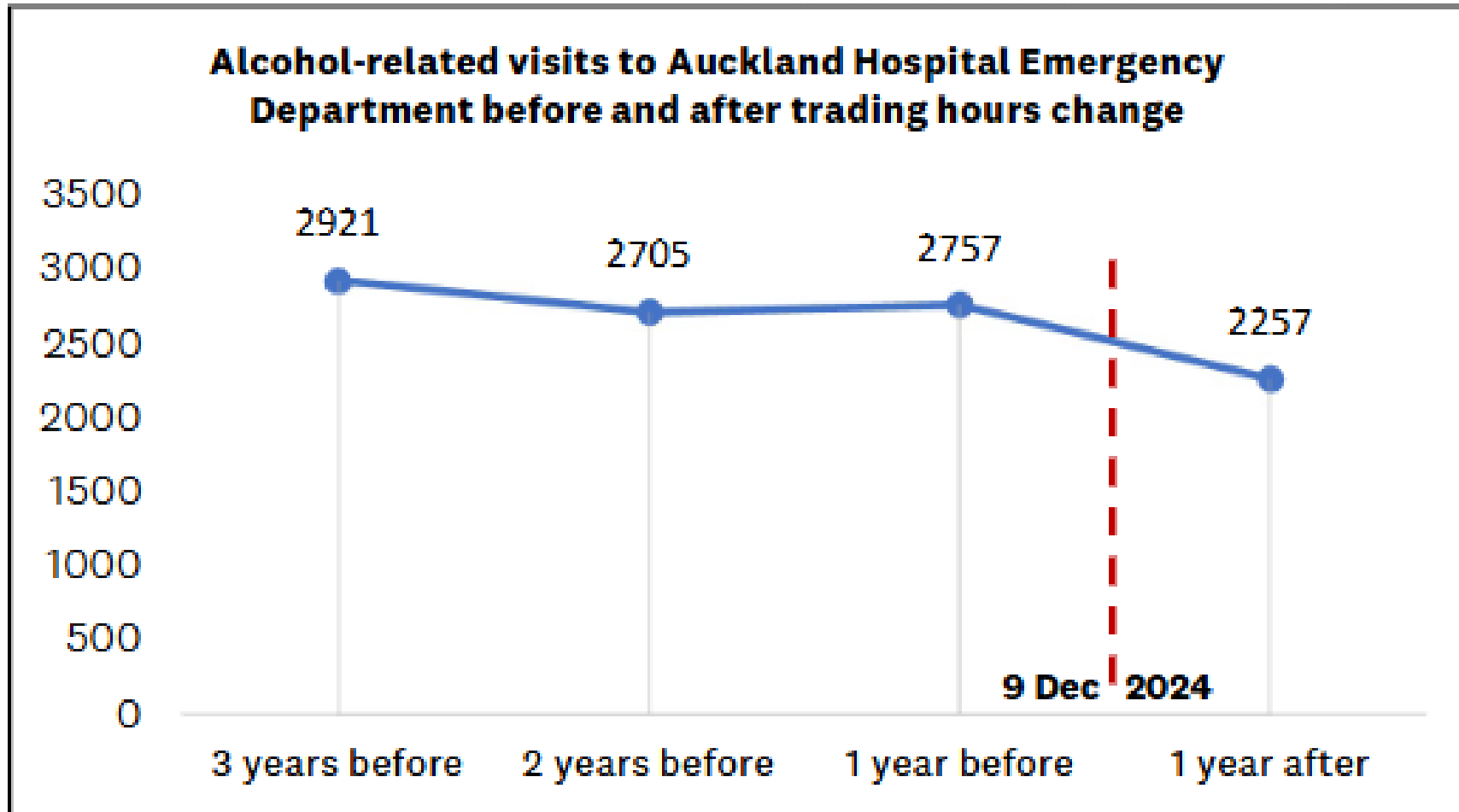
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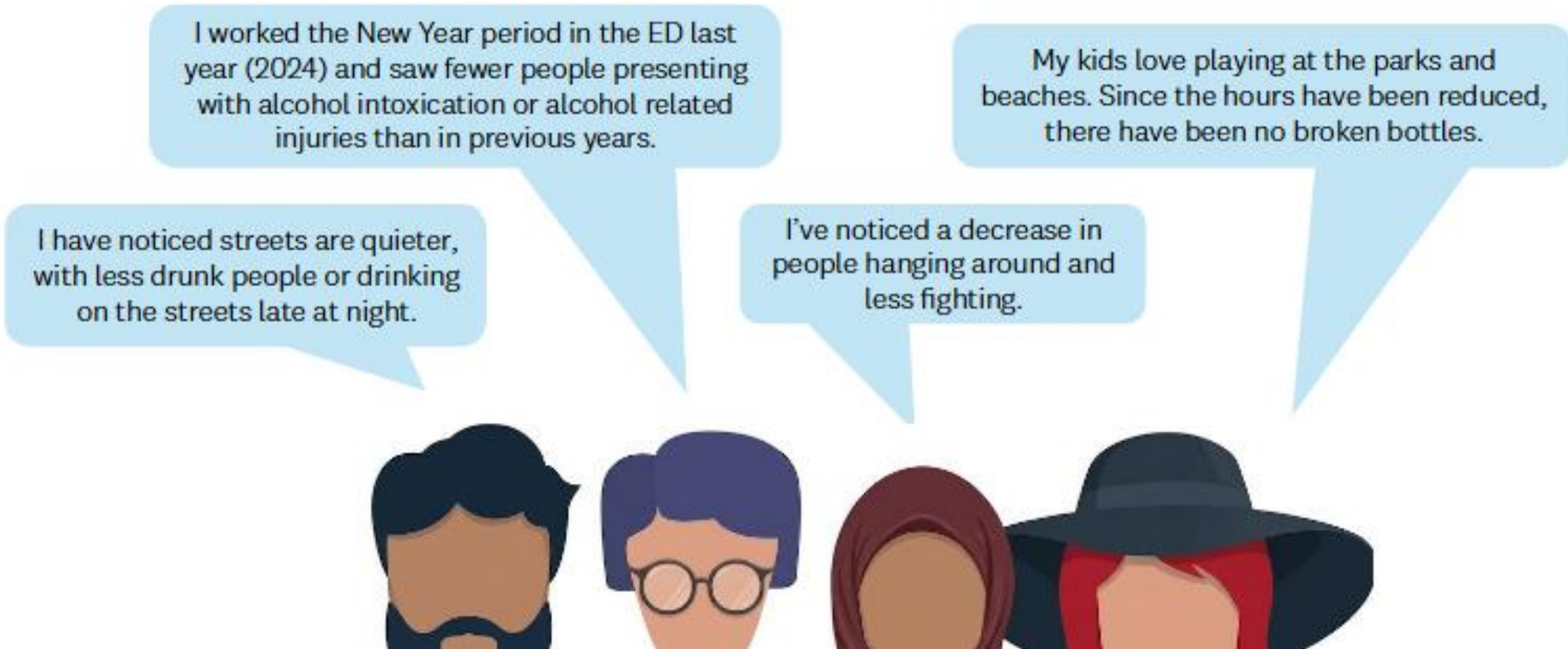
Source: Auckland Council [Resolve Regulatory And Safety Committee](#) (23 July 2026)

# Auckland Hospital Emergency Department



Source: Auckland Council [Resolve Regulatory And Safety Committee](#) (23 July 2026)

# Community and stakeholder perspectives



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# Working together

**E so'o le fau i le fau**

*A thread can't hold its own – its strength comes from being interwoven with other threads to create the fine mat.*





Ngā mihi nui  
Fa'afetai lava  
Malo 'aupito  
Fakaaue lahi  
Vinaka vakalevu