

## Update for Wellington

June 2021

It has been a very interesting and different past year for Promise Keepers as a ministry. With covid restrictions we had to cancel both our Wellington and Auckland event last year, which we have never had to do before. We had our first online event showcasing our Auckland speakers which was well received by the men that registered and participated. Our Christchurch event became a Saturday only event with more emphasis on connecting with other men and discussing what insights we had learnt from the different sessions. We also explored a new concept of PK Locals, these breakfast or morning events allowed PK to engage with men in other towns around New Zealand with the purpose of fellowship, food, teaching and encouragement brought by PK speakers. So far this year we have invested into eight different towns with our PK Local events.

We are also aware that over the last few years there have been changes with the Wellington PK event. One of the most noticeable change is the significant decline in the number of men attending these Wellington events and the number of churches that are still supporting PK. The PK Board and PK team have unfortunately decided to cancel the Wellington event. This was not an easy decision to make as we know that this will affect many committed PK supporters in Wellington and the surrounding areas.

However, our decision is not to completely leave the Wellington region, but instead we want to have PK Local breakfast or morning only events in areas like Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt and Porirua. (Once dates are confirmed these will be available on the PK website, [www.promisekeepers.nz](http://www.promisekeepers.nz)) We realised that PK's time, costs and resources would be more effective in partnering with a group of people to hold these three PK Local events and that through these events we would be able to engage, encourage and empower more men than what we have been able to do with our Wellington event. These local events will hopefully allow for a stronger connection and unity amongst the different churches in the different areas.

We are looking to having a continued presence in Wellington. Are you prepared to be a host church for one of these events?

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