## A SPOTLIGHT ON WOMEN & GIRLS in the Waikato region

WOMEN (18+) YOUNG WOMEN (12-17) GIRLS (5-11)



#### Women and girls' participation in physical activity is on the rise!



of females were active over the last 7 days (compared with 71% of males)

# But we can't stop there.



of females DO NOT do enough physical activity to positively impact their health\*

This is because traditional approaches to being active don't necessarily meet their needs and encourage continued participation over time.

#### WE WANT TO DO MORE

of women want to do more physical activity



76%

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WHAT WE

of young women want to do more physical activity

of girls want to do more physical activity

#### WE KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT

95% of women and girls understand why taking part in physical activity is good for them

### **OUR BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION**



of WOMEN say that other commitments are taking priority (work and family)

of GIRLS and YOUNG WOMEN say they are too busy

Women and girls experience a range of other challenges to being active:

Cost	Health	Social confidence
Ability	Appearance concerns	

\*For women this means that they are not doing at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week. For young women and girls, this means that they are not doing at least 420 minutes of physical activity per week.

**MOTIVATES** VOMEN 90% 89%

SOCIAL CONNECTION

WHAT

US?

**FUN** 

**HEALTH & WELLBEING** 

"Being physically active is very important for my physical health"

"Being physically active is very important for my mental or emotional wellbeing"

"Being physically active makes me feel good"

#### **YOUNG WOMEN**

92%

89%

"Being physically active makes me feel good"

#### Women and girls are more likely to participate in noncompetitive sport and activities.

of women participated in non-competitive sport or 72% activities only in the last 12 months WOMEN walking gardening individual running/ yoga/ workout jogging pilates running/ walking for playing workout games jogging fitness (weights/cardio) (eg. running around, (eg. tag, four climbing trees) square, bullrush) GIRLS playing on running/ playing cycling aames (eg. running around, playground jogging (eg. tag, four square, climbing trees) bullrush)

Want to better deliver to women and girls?

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HOW WE PARTICIPATE