



Porirua Development NEWS

Kia ora, welcome to the Porirua Development newsletter, issue 8. If you're not subscribed, email poriruadevelopment@kaingaora.govt.nz to sign up.

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PROJECT DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



Tēnā koutou katoa, it's been an exciting few weeks with great progress made on providing new warm, dry homes in eastern Porirua.

At the end of July, we held a blessing and open home for the first 10 homes completed in Castor Crescent. It was a great occasion, with many of those present the driving force behind getting the work off the ground.

The highlights of the day included Minister Faafoi's moving speech recalling the community-wide efforts to get the houses underway on the vacant lot, and seeing the tenants' reaction to their new homes.

Meanwhile, work continues on the remaining 43 homes in Castor Crescent and the 14 new one-bedroom homes in Champion Street, with move-in dates later this year or early next.

We are also pleased to announce 18 new homes in Niger Street, with initial work due to get underway later this year. You can read more about that below.

Will Pennington

Project Director

NEW HOMES COMING TO NIGER STREET

The next stage of development work in eastern Porirua is about to get underway, with the announcement of 18 new warm, dry state homes to be built in Cannons Creek. These are the first homes announced as part of the second stage of work in the area, and will be a range of sizes, from one-bedroom to five-bedroom homes. The homes will be built on existing Kāinga Ora land and, before these new homes can be built, eight existing state houses will have to be vacated and demolished.

Kāinga Ora will be lodging the first resource consent application in September 2020 for the 18 new homes to be built on the site, which has frontage to Niger Street, Castor Crescent and Miranda Street.



BLESSING OF NEW HOMES AT CASTOR CRESCENT



Ngāti Toa kaumātua Ta Matiu Rei opened the morning proceedings with a blessing of the 10 new Kāinga Ora homes at Castor Crescent, the first of 53 homes at the site.

Associate Minister of Housing (Public Housing) and Porirua MP Hon Kris Faafoi, Porirua Mayor Anita Baker, Kāinga Ora Deputy Chief Executive, Construction and Innovation, Patrick Dougherty, Kāinga Ora staff, key stakeholders and members of the community were also present.

This development has special significance for the community of eastern Porirua, with many of those attending the blessing having been involved in campaigning for the homes to be built.

HE ARA PATHWAYS TO BETTER HOMES,
GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



CHECK OUT OUR NEW KĀINGA ORA HOMES

Here's a look at some of our latest warm, dry and healthy Kāinga Ora homes.



CASTOR CRESCENT OPEN HOME

On Friday 31 July, we held an open home at Castor Crescent for tenants and the community to take a look around two of the 10 new Kāinga Ora homes. The eight two-bedroom and five two-bedroom homes are fully landscaped and come complete with a herb and lemon tree.



The Samoan Methodist Church Youth Group provided a fun and lively atmosphere, with a sausage sizzle and music. It was great to see the neighbours checking out the homes they had watched being built and the Porirua community enthusiastic, supportive and excited about the new development.



MEET SOME OF OUR NEW CASTOR CRESCENT TENANTS



Left: Anne Petersen and mokopuna Aaliyah (11). Right: Toni Pukeroa with TJ (5) and Hope (3).

A WELCOME SURPRISE



Tenants moving in to new Kāinga Ora homes in Castor Crescent will be greeted by a "Kia Ora" welcome mat when they arrive, made from coir found in coconut husks and sourced from local Porirua company Moana Road.

Kāinga Ora Project Manager Matt Serle says Kāinga Ora likes to give an extra little touch to each of their new homes, and one of the welcome mats, initially gifted by Moana Road for creating the open home invitation, caught his eye.

NEW MURAL PART OF VISION FOR PORIRUA

Local Porirua artist Liana Leiataua, who specialises in siapo and working across various disciplines, was tasked with creating a visual landmark in the heart of the Cannons Creek shops, as part of the Ka Mua Ka Muri project last year.

Workshops were held to develop a vision of what the community wanted to see and could identify with. While many of the artworks went up last year, Liana's mural was only recently installed above the Cannons Creek Pharmacy.

The siapo side panels of the mural represent's change through the four seasons (summer, winter, autumn and

We had the pleasure of meeting two of the lovely tenants and their whānau at the recent open home. It was great to see what they had to say about the anticipation of moving in to their new whare.

Anne Peterson with her mokopuna Aaliyah Lacey was pleased to be moving in to one of the two-bedroom homes. "I'm very excited. It's lovely to get something brand spanking new. It's so cool. I'm excited to be down here and see it happen. I love my lemon tree. I just love it here. And I like the no-mow grass," she says.

Toni Pukeroa, who was there with her tamariki, Hope and TJ, was excited. "We've been living across the road and have watched the whole thing being built. It was just a big empty section. Our current house is so cold and we've been getting sick during winter, so I'm looking forward to having a warm, dry home more than anything," says Toni.

PORIRUA PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN – PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL WANT TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS



Porirua City Council (PCC) has publicly notified the Porirua Proposed District Plan, which will be open for submissions until 20 November 2020 and PCC wants to hear from as many people as possible. We encourage you to have your say.

The District Plan is the rulebook for how land can be used in Porirua City. It applies to every property in the city and sets the rules for subdivision, use and development. It also identifies those things in the city that we value, including significant natural areas and

spring) as well as the flora and fauna of Aotearoa. The middle panel symbolizes the four winds, depicting the community coming through the tide of change. Community input, especially that of the rangatahi, was instrumental and at the forefront of this project for Liana. “They have a strong idea of who they are, and what they want to live in,” she says.



TE PAE WHAKAHOU HAPORI WELCOMED



Te Pae Whakahou Hapori members were formally welcomed by our regeneration partners at Pātaka last month. Te Pae’s role is to hold the vision and objectives of the Porirua Development project and will hold the partners to account with respect to the regeneration of eastern Porirua.

Te Pae is made up of seven members: Ranei Wineera-Parai (Chair), Maria Uluilalata, Danny Mareko, Shayne Warren, Tuaine-Nurse Robati, Lynell Huria and Simon Phillips.

You can read more about the Advisory Panel here on the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development website.

sites of cultural or historical significance and sets out how these will be protected.

The Proposed District Plan contains rules that apply to every property in Porirua and will inform how the city changes and grows. It includes rules controlling things such as the maximum height of buildings as well as rules to protect special features such as indigenous biodiversity and notable trees. It sets out those activities that are permitted and those that require resource consent from the council.

The planning rules and framework to support the wider regeneration work in eastern Porirua are included as part of the Proposed District Plan. We have been working with PCC to ensure that these proposed planning provisions enable the objectives of the regeneration project.

How do I view the Proposed District Plan? The Proposed District Plan is available online in an e-Plan digital format at the following address: www.porirua.govt.nz/proposeddistrictplan

Here you can read the Proposed District Plan, view the planning maps, do a property search and print hard copies (note: The e-plan works best in Google Chrome).

It can also be inspected at:

- Porirua City Council, Administration Building, Cobham Court, Porirua
- All Porirua libraries

BOTHAMLEY PARK COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP



We have a confirmed date and time for the Bothamley Park Community Clean-up **Saturday 31 October from 1-4pm.**

We're still teaming up with Porirua City Council, the Bothamley Park crew, neighbours and the community to pick up rubbish and give this much-loved space a bit of a spruce up. Gloves will be provided as well as some kai to share.

The clean-up will be subject to any COVID-19 requirements and we will confirm these closer to the date. Nau mai, haere mai, all are welcome.

COMMUNITY INFO HUB TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Our Community Info Hub at 26 Warspite Ave is temporarily closed due to Covid-19 level 2 restrictions. Keep up to date with what's happening at the hub on our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying the space as soon as things get back to normal.



Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities has two key roles: being a public housing landlord, and partnering with the development community, iwi and Māori, local and central government, and community organisations to deliver urban development projects of all sizes.

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