



# Porirua Development

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## Share Your Voice – New migrants – Wednesday 28 August

**Thanks to everyone who came along to the “Share Your Voice” sessions about development in eastern Porirua.**

People talked about what was important to them and what they valued – and shared their ideas, concerns and hopes and dreams/aspirations for the future. We’ve put together what people said at the session for refugees and migrants under topic headings below.

We’re also pulling everyone’s feedback together and sharing it, along with people’s thoughts and ideas by each topic.



### Getting around

- Not enough bus stops – 40 mins walk to train station
- Fixing roads and driveways
- Better transport, using buses with free wifi
- More and better space and covered seats at the bus stops during windy and rainy days
- More parking spaces in town
- Reliable and improved timetables for buses – sometimes buses leave early



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- Better bus service – picked up on time so I'm not late
- I like it as it is
- Wider road on motorways
- Surface water – bad flooding on Mungavin Av/near Windley
- Happy with buses, but more would be good
- The train station is far

## Parks and open spaces

- Good for exercise and rest
- More plants and open spaces would be good
- Parks that will be good for children's holidays and get cleaned often
- Need more public toilets and needs to be clean
- More play parks for little ones and bigger children – make it more good or them
- More picnic and barbeque spots
- Outdoor space for exercise e.g. outdoor exercise machines
- Places to play basketball and volleyball, football pitches etc
- I want sport equipment's for all sports in the park and gym in Cannons Creek – free park for training with the team
- A park for athletics – running track, high jump and marathon runner
- Playground, sports venues, water zones and ponds
- Need more bike parks, skate parks and riding tracks
- More parks near houses

## Environment (plants and wildlife)

- Fish ponds and small water features with trees and flowers in the park
- Broken glass, paper and bottles in Cannons Creek, would like a clean, healthy area to live in
- Fish ponds and small water features, with trees and flowers in the park
- Fruit trees in public spaces/roadside – free for all
- Fix flooding problem
- Better flood drainage, flood protection, clean the drains and more rubbish bins
- Less litter – more rubbish bins
- Environment – it is very good, little rubbish. More plants and open spaces would be good
- Veges and fruits garden are good for health and save money

## Town centres

- Shop for Muslim clothing – dresses and scarves
- More schools with better parking space and playground
- More parking with wider space to get in and out of the car
- Large supermarket with plenty of parking
- Internet café – free wifi. Spark NZ (free wifi)
- Clothing shops like at Porirua North City mall & Johnsonville Mall
- Pak'nSave in Cannons Creek



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- I want a new shop for seafoods and need more vegetables and fruits plantation
- I want a new school and a new car park in Cannons Creek
- City Green in Cannons Creek
- Would be very good to have Pak'nSave & City Green local
- Another A&E – not just Kenepuru
- Halal meat shop – we are driving to Wellington to buy halal meat
- Local movie in Waitangirua. The women & children's part is very small. Need more space
- Cheaper food - Pak'nSave, the Warehouse, Kmart and halal butcher shop
- Lebanon bread shop (its only in Wellington)
- Playground, sports venues and gardens
- Reading cinemas and bakery

## Housing

- Bigger bathrooms – it is small, no good for people with disabilities. Stairs also a problem – are narrow. Steep steps to access the house – Father can't leave the house
- New houses – make sure there is room for vege garden
- Water, carpark, new toilet and a tool shed
- Houses with garages, a proper washing line, garden for growing vegetables, a fence and carpark
- Like single, bigger houses. No town houses, 1 heat pump, separate bath and shower
- Laminated flooring
- More houses with more bedrooms 2, 3 or 4 bedrooms and 2+ bathrooms. Fence around the house and a bigger kitchen
- Laundry house – nice and big
- Need a good kitchen, like a good stove
- Want HNZ to fix problems – eg broken tap, leaks. Affordable house to buy. Keep outside space for a garden. House with 2 toilets for families. Government finds good home if I have to move.
- Want warm/dry homes
- Houses for refugees – fast resettlement and enough parking with shelter
- Hose in bathroom by toilet for washing after toilet
- Swimming pool at my house. A takeaway in Porirua in the church
- The most important thing for me is that my house will be saved, warm and dry because my house is really cold
- Better drainage, too wet outside when it's raining. More child safe eg fences and gates with locks
- Not glass doors as I don't feel secure/safe. Solid doors, more security lighting/sensor light
- Single level house for children and older people
- Cars are not safe –no garage

## Community facilities

- Women only swimming lessons and swimming times
- More libraries, swimming pools with picnic spot
- Need more public toilets and needs to be clean
- Free (fast) wifi, large community hub/centre for meetings and event/festivals



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- Community gardens for veges and fruits
- Building for a temple and more space
- More cleaner toilets
- Better library
- English language classes
- More community services
- Pasefika Centre with indoor volleyball court
- I want a big stage in the community Centre. I want free wifi anywhere in Cannons Creek
- I want to have a place in Cannons Creek which can offer activities for the old people
- Community hub for gatherings, advice, celebrating our diversity, developing relationships, after hours for ESOL or mother language classes
- Language school facilities – more buildings to rent to operate needed courses (i.e. English language)
- Bigger library
- I want a special Buddhist temple – large enough for special events
- Need accident & emergency hospital

## Other thoughts

- Lower city council rates - very expensive for home owners
- More Christmas lights and decorations
- Celebration of different festivals
- More halal butchers or more halal meat available in the supermarkets
- More halal takeaways - as there are only 2 halal takeaways in the entire Porirua Area (Curry village and Masala Lounge)
- We would need more takeaways such as fish'n chips pizzas and more
- Celebrations regularly of diversity - International day and important days of each culture
- Build more factories in Porirua - For more job opportunities

## Accessibility (collected from topics above)

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