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Eastern Porirua summary baseline report

Monitoring long-term outcomes

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**Nāu te rourou,
nāku te rourou,
ka ora ai te iwi**

*With your food basket
and my food basket
the people will thrive*

Ngāti Toa Rangatira acknowledge the need to follow outcomes as eastern Porirua undergoes redevelopment. The whakataukī presented above speaks to community, to collaboration and a strengths-based approach. It also recognises that as change transpires, all sectors of the community have something to offer, a piece of the puzzle, and by working together everyone can flourish.

“Research can be a powerful tool in community development. However, it is important that when research is carried out in eastern Porirua, it is done so alongside existing community objectives. This Baseline Report pulls together critical information on eastern Porirua in a way that reflects our community’s values, diversity and collective input. The report also provides our community with a starting point as we undergo significant change, ensuring that redevelopment benefits our people as much as possible. We look forward to an ongoing partnership that keeps community perspectives at the centre of redevelopment.”

*Chair Te Pae Whakahou Hapori
Magele Maria Uluilelata, 2024*

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Key summary highlights

Eastern Porirua is a vibrant community undergoing extensive redevelopment over the next 20 years. Kāinga Ora partnered with Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Porirua City Council to form the large-scale project known as Te Rā Nui, Eastern Porirua Development. Since 2019, Te Rā Nui has invested in significant civils work and three water infrastructure upgrades. These will enable the redevelopment of over 2000 social housing homes and the building of 2000 market or affordable homes, along with anticipated improvements to green spaces, facilities and transport.

With significant change happening in eastern Porirua, it's important that we get this right. We will use existing data to help track how Te Rā Nui investments impact a wide range of community outcomes. This summary Baseline Report presents key community indicators from 2013-2024 to show what the community was like before Te Rā Nui started in 2019 and in the early stages of the large-scale project.

The report uses multiple outcome measures because large-scale redevelopment will affect the community in different ways. The information comes from existing surveys (e.g. Census and Quality of Life), as well as group conversations and a community survey conducted by Kāinga Ora in 2023-2024.

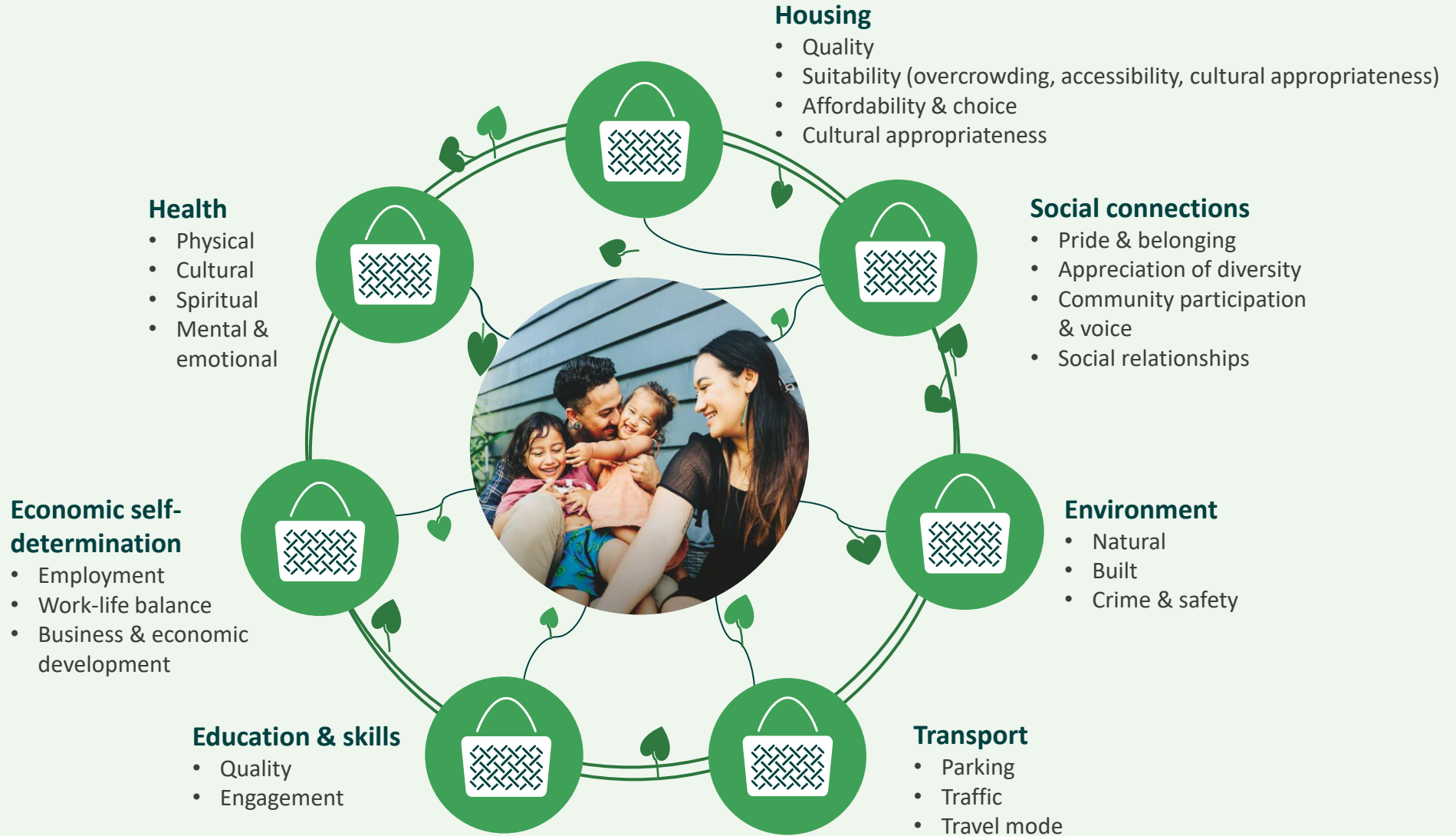
The key highlights in this summary report represent only a fraction of the information gathered for this effort and focus on the desired community outcomes where Te Rā Nui will be able to make a significant contribution through its redevelopment investment.

Outcomes are measured across 7 interconnected kete, or outcome areas, illustrated on the next page. The full Eastern Porirua Baseline Report can be accessed [here](#).


All information in this summary report refers to eastern Porirua residents unless otherwise mentioned.



The eastern Porirua outcomes framework




Key highlights – Housing

Baseline indicators	Desired HOUSING outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
<p>59% rated overall quality of their home as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2024)</p> <p>49% rated home warmth in winter and privacy from neighbours as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2024)</p> <p>44% rated noise inside home as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2024)</p> <p>44% said they have mould ‘all/some’ of the time in homes (2024)</p> <p>41% rated accessibility of their home as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2024)</p> <p>51% of social housing rental homes were crowded (2018)</p> <p>54% rated layout or design as meeting household’s cultural needs as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2024)</p>	 <p>Quality People living in new houses in eastern Porirua feel their homes are of high quality, including levels of warmth, dryness, quietness and privacy</p> <p>Suitability Housing suits the needs and aspirations of eastern Porirua residents, including for accessible and culturally appropriate homes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✔ Completed 88 new warm, dry Kāinga Ora homes✔ Retrofitted 74 existing Kāinga Ora homes to make them warmer, dryer and more suitable for tenant needs✔ Started significant infrastructure upgrades to improve stormwater management and enable more housing to be built in eastern Porirua✔ Built some homes on Castor Crescent with accessibility features✔ 69% of Kāinga Ora homes matched the household size living in them✔ Enabled land so Central Pacific Collective can partner with Ngāti Toa Rangatira to build affordable, culturally-informed homes for Pacific peoples


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<p>32% of social housing renter households spent more than 30% of their income on rent (2018)</p>	<div data-bbox="955 425 1116 572" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="955 606 1477 649">Affordability, choice, stability</p> <p data-bbox="955 656 1567 949">People in eastern Porirua have affordable and diverse housing choices, no matter what their household size or income, allowing them to remain in the area if they so choose</p> <div data-bbox="955 1085 1605 1316" data-label="Text"> <p><i>“Rent is too high but it's so hard getting into a Kāinga Ora property” (Community Survey 2024).</i></p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1745 371 2382 506">✔ 4 First Home Partner (shared-equity) applications approved from eastern Porirua, 1 went on to purchase <li data-bbox="1745 542 2420 678">✔ 139 First Home Grant applications helped pay for for properties in eastern Porirua <li data-bbox="1745 714 2433 792">✔ Completed houses are a mix of different sizes and types <li data-bbox="1745 828 2395 906">✔ Enabled land for construction to start on first market or affordable homes <li data-bbox="1745 942 2382 1163">✔ 91% of Kāinga Ora tenants relocated due to development stayed within eastern Porirua (the remaining 9% chose to be relocated outside of the area) <li data-bbox="1745 1199 2382 1285">✔ 41% of relocated tenants had more than one house offer to choose from
<p>29% of residents were homeowners (2018)</p>		
<p>‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ there are good housing opportunities to rent or buy an affordable house in eastern Porirua (2024)</p>		
<p>36% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ there are a good range of housing types (standalone houses, terraced houses, apartments etc) in eastern Porirua (2024)</p>		
<p>22% of residents had lived in eastern Porirua for 15 or more years</p>		
<p>‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ there were good housing opportunities for their family to live intergenerationally in eastern Porirua (2024)</p>		


Key highlights – Health

Baseline indicators	Desired HEALTH outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
<p>70% rated their physical health as ‘excellent’, ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2022)</p>	 <p>Physical and mental health People in eastern Porirua have good physical and mental health</p> <p>Healthy environments The built and natural environments in eastern Porirua support health and healthy lifestyles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ 100% of Kāinga Ora homes in Porirua (most of which are in eastern Porirua) meet Healthy Homes standards ✔ Supported local whānau wellbeing and men’s health events ✔ Facilitated attendance of emergency services at Porirua Night Markets to promote whānau emergency preparedness ✔ Supported Porirua Park Runs at Bothamley Park ✔ Developed Eastern Porirua Parks Landscapes Plan to improve safety, accessibility and whānau spaces in Bothamley Park, Cannons Creek Park and Cannons Creek Lakes Reserve
<p>68% rated their mental health as ‘excellent’, ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2022)</p>		
<p>45% reported at least one person in their household had a disability, mental health or long-term condition (2024)</p>		
<p>MORE than NZ hospital discharges for cardiovascular, respiratory and ambulatory sensitive reasons (per 1000 people, averaged 2017-2022)</p>		
<p>SIMILAR to NZ emergency department discharges (per 1000 people, averaged 2017-2022)</p>		
<p>46% reported 30+ minutes a day physical activity at least 4 days a week (2022)</p>		
<p>71% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ that eastern Porirua’s natural environment improves their family’s health and wellbeing (2024)</p>		


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Baseline indicators	Desired HEALTH outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
<p>77% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ there are opportunities to practice their cultures/s and language/s in eastern Porirua (2024)</p>	 <p>Cultural health Different cultures and languages thrive in eastern Porirua</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✔ Supported improvements to the Te Akapuanga Kuki Airani – Cook Islands Community Centre, Cannon’s Creek
<p>46% spoke 2 or more languages (2018)</p>	<p>Spiritual health People in eastern Porirua feel their religious beliefs and spiritual connections are respected</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✔ Translated the Eastern Porirua Community Survey into te reo Māori and Samoan and promoted it through community and church events
<p><i>“I feel like I learn my Samoan culture in Porirua since there are more islanders”</i> <i>(Community Survey 2024).</i></p>	<p><i>“We attend a local church and enjoy the social and spiritual connections we have with others in our community. I sometimes volunteer for cleanups ... and attend any event connected them”</i> <i>(Community Survey 2024).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✔ Member of the Porirua Pacific Services Network
<p>63% had at least one religious affiliation (2018)</p>		
<p>39% regularly helped or volunteered with church or faith-based activities in their neighbourhood (2024)</p>		





Key highlights – Economic self-determination

Baseline indicators	Desired ECONOMIC SELF-DETERMINATION outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
45% employed full-time (2018)	 <h3>Employment</h3> <p>People in eastern Porirua can secure stable forms of employment which satisfy their personal needs and enable families to be self-sufficient</p> <p><i>“Regarding employment services such as Le Fale – these services need to be sustained for the community” (Community Survey 2024).</i></p>	
9% unemployed (2018)		
39% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ their family’s employment goals can be met in eastern Porirua (2024)		
47% rated employment services in eastern Porirua as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2024)		
51% of young people worried about problems with getting a job (2024)		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">✔ Supported the creation of Le Fale Job and Skills Hub in 2022. From August 2023 to January 2024, Le Fale actively supported 497 eastern Porirua residents, placed 107 into work readiness training, and placed 36 into employment✔ Partnered with Spotless to provide local senior college students with work experience in the building trades✔ Supported 3 local college students to complete the Gateway Programme (funded by the Tertiary Education Commission) to assist student transitions into the workforce✔ Partnered to create the Environmental Cadetship Programme, which is providing 6 eastern Porirua residents with qualifications and job training. One cadet has been hired as a Park Ranger, with recruitment for another 24 cadets over the next two years✔ Supported Porirua Careers Expo with over 2000 residents attending and 50 CVs prepared on the day


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Baseline indicators	Desired ECONOMIC SELF-DETERMINATION outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
<p>51% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ that planned development in eastern Porirua will create jobs for locals and improve the economy (2024)</p>	 <p>Business and economic development The eastern Porirua community is prospering and provides fulfilling employment options for future generations</p> <p>Work-life balance People in eastern Porirua have work that fosters personal growth and allows for quality time with their families</p>	<p>✔ Built Tū Kotahi portal to increase the visibility of Porirua businesses to government contractors, so they can be considered when procuring local goods and services</p>
<p>28% learned about work or business opportunities through a neighbour at least once a month (2024)</p>		<p>“I have known families who have struggled when it comes to the availability of housing. Families who are struggling to make ends meet with the cost of living. The issue with having to find the funds for private housing etc due to the high cost of living/demand” <i>(Community Survey 2024).</i></p>
<p>57% were ‘very satisfied’ or ‘satisfied’ with balance between work and other aspects of life (2022)</p>		<p>“Low-income families need more financial support and more outreach health services” <i>(Community Survey 2024).</i></p>
<p>41% reported having ‘more than enough’ or ‘enough’ money to cover everyday needs (2024)</p>		


Key highlights – Education and skills

Baseline indicators	Desired EDUCATION AND SKILLS outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
62% rated schools in eastern Porirua as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2024)	 Quality People feel the education systems in eastern Porirua are of high quality Engagement and achievement Students and their families are engaged with schools in eastern Porirua and succeeding in ways that align with their family goals <i>“Schools, Kindergartens, playschools and Early Childhood Centres have issues with resources and funding. There’s a huge equity issue” (Community Survey 2024).</i>	
72% rated kindergartens, playschools and early childhood centres in eastern Porirua as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2024)		 Collaborated with Porirua College on the youth version of the Eastern Porirua Community Survey <i>“Do not like that there are not enough Māori immersion kura or Puna and kohanga, more funding is needed to develop the Māori education facilities so Māori children are not missing out of learning in Māori learning environments” (Community Survey 2024).</i>
43% of youth worried about problems with the quality of schools and other educational opportunities (2024)		 Invited schools to participate in Hui Tahi Tātou o Porirua to give feedback on the Spatial Plan in 2023, with 13 schools attending
16% had at least Level 5 or 6 diploma qualification or higher (2018)		 Alongside many other activities, a variety of community-led classes are held in Te Pātē Community Space
46% of secondary students living in eastern Porirua stayed in the community to go to school (2023)		

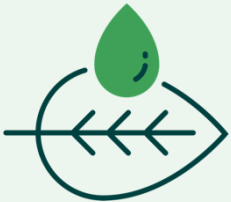
Key highlights – Social connections

Baseline indicators	Desired SOCIAL CONNECTIONS outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
<p>84% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ I belong here [eastern Porirua] (2024)</p> <p>66% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ eastern Porirua is a good place to grow up or bring up children (2024)</p> <p>56% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ I feel pride in the look and feel of eastern Porirua (2024)</p> <p>39% said ‘yes’ eastern Porirua history is reflected enough around the community (2024)</p> <p>55% said they had ‘some’ or ‘good’ knowledge and understanding of Ngāti Toa history in eastern Porirua (2024)</p> <p>78% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ the eastern Porirua community is welcoming to different types of people (2024)</p> <p>12% had personal experience of prejudice or intolerance because of their ethnicity (2022)</p>	 <p>Pride & belonging Existing and new communities identify eastern Porirua as a great place to live and have a sense of pride and belonging in their neighbourhoods</p> <p>Appreciation of diversity People in eastern Porirua respect and value those from different backgrounds to themselves</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Perema Leasi Lane named to honour a local church minister✓ Ngāti Toa Rangatira gifted names for Waka Ama Street and Matahourua Crescent. Three other names are in the process of being gifted to streets✓ Included a pocket park in the Waka Ama development✓ Used local facilitators to run 42 talanoa with different language, cultural and faith groups as part of Hui Tahī Tātou o Porirua in 2023✓ Supported and attended CreekFest and the Porirua Night Markets


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Baseline indicators	Desired SOCIAL CONNECTIONS outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
<p>80% visited/hosted friends or family that live in eastern Porirua at least once a month (2024)</p>		
<p>59% offered to help or are helped by a neighbour at least once a month (2024)</p>		
<p>74% said there is a culture of caring and giving for others and the environment in eastern Porirua (2024)</p>		
<p>36% helped or volunteered with community activities INSIDE eastern Porirua (2024)</p>	<p>Strong social relationships People in eastern Porirua have strong family, friend and neighbour connections, and can meet their cultural obligations to others</p>	<p>✔ Supported community aspirations to develop Tē Pātē Community Space in Cannons Creek</p>
<p>53% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ the eastern Porirua community works together on shared goals and issues (2024)</p>		<p><i>“Ou te mana'o, ia maua e tagata uma o lo'o nonofo i Porirua i Sasa'e le fiafia ma galulue faatasi, i mea e manuia ai le afioga o Porirua i Sasa'e ... I want all the people who live in Eastern Porirua to be happy and work together for that will benefit all of Eastern Porirua ...” (Community Survey 2024).</i></p>
<p>43% said all groups in eastern Porirua are involved enough in decisions about the community ‘some’ or ‘all’ of the time (2024)</p>	<p>Community participation and voice People in eastern Porirua are involved in decision-making about their neighbourhood</p>	<p>✔ Ensured a diverse range of community voices we consulted on the Spatial Plan through Hui Tahī Tātou o Porirua in 2023</p>
<p>24% said they participated in Te Rā Nui engagements (2024)</p>		

Key highlights – Environment

Baseline indicators	Desired ENVIRONMENT outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
<p>94% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ it is important to protect eastern Porirua’s natural environment (2024)</p> <p>35% have participated in a community activity to protect eastern Porirua’s natural environment (2024)</p> <p>50% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ Te Rā Nui is protecting eastern Porirua’s natural environment (2024)</p> <p>69% are ‘very satisfied’ or ‘satisfied’ with the community’s parks and reserves (2022)</p> <p>70% considered water pollution a ‘big’ or ‘bit’ of a problem (2022)</p> <p>Sufficient or poor e.coli levels in Kenepuru Stream at Mephram Place and Bothamley Park</p>	 <p>Natural Environment</p> <p>People of eastern Porirua have safe and equitable access to the community’s natural environment and the built environment enhances the health of te taiao</p> <p><i>“I love the parks, natural spaces of our area and enjoy walks in the bush, beside streams, up hills, etc., especially in Cannons Creek Reserve and in Bothamley Park stop” (Community Survey 2024).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Removed pine trees in Bothamley and Cannons Creek Parks to improve safety and visibility for the community ✔ Revegetation plan for Bothamley and Cannons Creek Parks developed. Through the Environmental Cadetship Programme over 100,000 native plants will help restore environmental balance ✔ Undertook ecological work to protect native wildlife (birds, fish and lizards) as part of the Bothamley Park wastewater upgrade ✔ Partnered with schools for neighbourhood clean-up events, providing free rubbish bags and skip bins ✔ Created the Parks Landscape Plan, with community input. This outlines planned improvements to Bothamley and Cannons Creek Parks, Cannons Creek Lakes Reserve and water quality in Kenepuru Stream ✔ Held educational sessions with schools and broader community on wetland to be developed as part of Cannons Creek Park

Key highlights – Environment

Baseline indicators	Desired ENVIRONMENT outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
<p>49% ‘very satisfied’ or ‘satisfied’ with overall water management (2022)</p>	 <p>Built Environment People in eastern Porirua have a quality range of amenities in their community</p> <p><i>“What I like most about eastern Porirua is the artwork we see around Waitangirua and Cannons Creek with the amazing paintings and the showing of cultural significance and people who become well known who lives and grew up in Porirua and that artwork makes the town feel more vibrant” (Community Survey 2024).</i></p> <p>Crime and Safety People in eastern Porirua feel safe in their community and that crime and delinquency is decreasing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Upgrade of 3km of wastewater pipe in Bothamley Park underway, which will prevent approximately 16 Olympic swimming pools of raw sewage from flowing into local waterways annually ✔ Funding secured and plans underway for larger, more resilient water reservoir to be completed by end of 2025 ✔ Engaged with local schools to enhance signage, greenways and accessible shared pathways ✔ Housing Support Managers liaised with police to improve communications around disruptive behaviours ✔ Collaborated with Porirua Pacific Safety Patrol to address community questions on safety and crime
<p>72% ‘very satisfied’ or ‘satisfied’ with the city’s water supply (2022)</p>		
<p>41% ‘very satisfied’ or ‘satisfied’ with roads, footpaths and cycle ways (2021)</p>		
<p>55% rated open spaces, parks and playgrounds as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ (2024)</p>		
<p>45% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ crime is a concern near their home (2024)</p>		
<p>53% of young people worried about problems with drug and alcohol use (2024)</p>		
		<p><i>“I don’t like the high number of meth and drug related crime” (Community Survey 2024).</i></p>

Key highlights – Transport

Baseline indicators

- 22%** used **public transport** at least weekly (2022)
- 66%** ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ it’s easy to **get around without a car** (2024)
- 58%** ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ **public transport is convenient and reliable** (2024)
- 16%** travelled to work by **bus, train, bicycle, walking or jogging** (2018)
- 14%** households **without a car** (2018)
- 2.0** average **number of motor vehicles** per household (2024)

Desired TRANSPORT outcomes



Travel mode

People in eastern Porirua have improved access to amenities, work and education no matter what their travel mode. Transport issues do not inhibit eastern Porirua residents’ ability to connect with each other

*“Overall I like the transport, it’s very convenient when you don’t have a ride and you’re running late”
(Community Survey 2024).*


Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024

- ✓ Partnered with Porirua City Council and Waka Kotahi New Zealand to develop Integrated Transport Plan (funding pending)

*“Very poor roads, curbs etc compared with other areas of Porirua - hard to push pram”
(Community Survey 2024).*

*“I mostly like the people. I do not like the flooding when it rains and the potholes in the roads”
(Community Survey 2024).*

Key highlights – Transport

Baseline indicators	Desired TRANSPORT outcomes	Te Rā Nui progress towards outcomes by June 2024
<p>71% considered traffic a ‘big’ or ‘bit’ of a problem (2022)</p>	 <p>Traffic Traffic safety and congestion problems are reduced in eastern Porirua</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Constructed temporary roundabout on Mungavin Ave to help with traffic flow✓ Resealed roads and paths around development sites and created new roads and paths to improve access through neighbourhoods
<p>72% considered dangerous driving a ‘big’ or ‘bit’ of a problem (2022)</p>	<p>Parking People in eastern Porirua have sufficient parking to meet their needs without compromising sustainability objectives</p>	<p><i>“I love the people, I just don’t like how the council are charging everywhere for parking and how they’re taking away most of the parks around Fantame shops” (Community Survey 2024).</i></p>
<p>43% considered limited parking in the city centre/local area a ‘big’ or ‘bit’ of a problem (2022)</p>	<p><i>“Yeah like if you have one car park at your house then it’s just going to look like that [congested on] the whole street ... and then you can’t see if cars are coming from the turning” (Rangatahi talanoa).</i></p>	
<p>37% ‘strongly agreed’ or ‘agreed’ there is enough public parking for disabled peoples (2024)</p>		
<p>53% ‘very satisfied’ or ‘satisfied’ with the availability of on-street parking (2022)</p>		

Ngā mihi ki a koe

Thank you

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