

# Together

for a thriving Porirua



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Kia ora, welcome to Te Rā Nui – Eastern Porirua Development newsletter.

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## Celebrating Bothamley Park

**This World Water Day, we joined the community to celebrate the reopening of their taonga – Bothamley Park (The Old Road) and the significant infrastructure work that will help clean up Porirua’s waterways.**

After two years of significant construction work, it was great to come together to learn about the awa and taiao, play, run/walk and explore this beautiful space once again. From the speeches to reconnecting with the space and one another, kai and fun activities, this was a day to remember.

It was clear from early conversations that protecting and enhancing te taiao (the environment) was a priority for both mana whenua and the community. One of the most impactful ways Te Rā Nui could support this kaupapa, alongside enabling more houses for the East, was by replacing over 3 km of old wastewater pipes through Bothamley Park.

Every year, an estimated 40,000 m<sup>3</sup> of untreated sewage overflowed into Kenepuru Stream and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour. That’s enough to fill 16 Olympic-sized swimming pools!

To address this, Te Rā Nui installed larger, more resilient pipes through the park. “The new pipes have been designed to support current and future generations. They’re almost a metre wide (double the size of the old pipes), longlasting and durable, making them more resilient during natural events like earthquakes,” says Project Director Will Pennington.

But that’s not all. This project provided opportunities to improve the look and feel of Bothamley Park - from laying most of the pipes underground to removing the old

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## Celebrating Bothamley Park (continued)

pine trees so more light streams in and 70,000 locally grown native plants to be planted by residents in our Environmental Cadetship Programme. Even the carpark and 1.8 km of tracks have had a makeover, ready for our Porirua whānau to enjoy.

A huge thank you to our civil and infrastructure experts, Te Aranga Alliance (including Higgins, Brian Perry Civil, Goodmans, Beca, Orogen and Harrison Grierson), for completing the construction of this complex upgrade in just over two years.

And most importantly, thank you to the people of Porirua and the wider community for your patience as we've worked to enable the delivery of more homes in the East, while restoring te taiao for everyone to enjoy.



## Shaping the future of eastern Porirua's parks

**As eastern Porirua grows, it's important that our public parks and reserves meet the needs of current and future generations.**

To help, we've worked alongside community and stakeholders to create eastern Porirua's Parks Landscape Plan. It sets the long-term vision for:

- Bothamley Park (The Old Road)
- Cannons Creek Park
- Cannons Creek Lakes Reserve (The Duck Pond).

### Key focus areas

- **Mauri Tū & Te Taiao, Te Arawai (Environment & Waterways)** – enhancing natural habitats and strengthening people's connection to nature.
- **He Ara (Connections)** – improving access and pathways within the parks.
- **Ngā Mahi Whakakaha (Facilities & Activities)** – adding more seating, shelters and spaces for recreation.

- **Whakapapa & Mātauranga (Identity & Education)** – ensuring cultural identity is reflected in our parks.
- **Marutau (Safety)** – making parks safer for everyone.

### Next steps

This living document will guide future projects, and we'll continue to engage with the community as opportunities arise.

To read the full plan, visit our website: [teranuidevelopment.co.nz/news](https://www.teranuidevelopment.co.nz/news)





## Esk community celebration

**Our Esk development site (Matahourua and Castor Crescents) was the perfect location for a fang-tastic Halloween celebration!**

To mark the completion of major civil and infrastructure works, Te Rā Nui hosted an afternoon of community fun and exploration.

The day began at 7 am with Ngāti Toa Rangatira blessing and unveiling the names of three new streets that will connect new homes to the East:

- **Wairere** (Flowing Waters)
- **Karera** (Green)
- **Ngā Whetū** (Stars)

This was followed by an afternoon of fun, games and kai with the community.

### Milestones achieved

**26,000 m<sup>2</sup>**

of land prepared for new housing.

**100+ homes**

with 56 old homes removed, making space for 100+ new homes.

**Over 2,000 m<sup>3</sup>**

of contaminated materials and six abandoned vehicles removed.

**2,500 m**

of new pipes installed to bring clean water to homes.

**960 m**

of new wastewater pipes installed for safe resilient sewage disposal.

**An elephant!**

1 km of stormwater pipes laid, some as big as an elephant!

**Rain gardens**

Two new rain gardens to filter water before it reaches waterways.

**3,000 m<sup>2</sup>**

of new roads and 7,200 m<sup>2</sup> resurfaced.

**Safety**

2,900 m<sup>2</sup> of footpaths with 20 new streetlights.

**88 trees**

Beautiful new trees planted.

**Pocket park**

A new pocket park for families to enjoy.

A huge thank you to everyone for your patience as we undertook this massive project. Although much of the work is underground, it will have a lasting positive impact for the East.



## New homes on Mexted



**The local community gathered to celebrate the completion of four brand-new, warm and dry homes in Rānui.**

Residents had the chance to explore the new homes, meet the local team and connect with neighbours. Tamariki enjoyed fun activities, while everyone shared delicious kai from the BBQ.

In the last year, Te Rā Nui have:

- delivered 22 new homes
- upgraded 36 older state homes
- enabled land for over 100 new homes
- started construction on 16 new additional homes.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating this milestone – we loved sharing this special moment with you!







## Progress update

### Estimated development timeline

With Te Rā Nui completing significant civils and infrastructure upgrades across multiple development sites, you may have seen a bit of activity happening around Cannons Creek. This important work has created build-ready land, which will see over 100 new homes delivered for the East. Currently, Central Pacific Collective is constructing 18 affordable housing units for Pacific fanau on one site, and construction on new state housing is now well under way on Matahourua Crescent, Justine Street, Astrolabe Street, Bellona Place and Dido Place.

#### Spring 24

- Construction of 14 new homes on Matahourua Crescent and two on Dido Place under way.
- Completed four homes at Mexted Crescent.

#### Summer 24/25

- Completed pipe ramming under SH59 ahead of schedule.
- Reopened main track in Bothamley Park.
- Completed upgrade of 1.8 km of new tracks through Bothamley Park.
- Resource consent and Reserves Act applications granted for wetland and park upgrades in Cannons Creek Park.

#### Autumn 25

- Completed project installing over 3 km of wastewater pipes through Bothamley Park.
- Delivered six new, off-site manufactured homes.

#### Winter 25

- Completed 16 new homes on Matahourua Crescent and Dido Place.

In the warmer months, construction is scheduled to start on key infrastructure projects (the reservoir and the wetland), along with our cadets continuing their great work to plant and grow native plants through Bothamley Park.



## Will's note



**Will Pennington**  
Project Director

**Following two years of intensive construction, we are proud to have completed the upgrade of over 3 km of wastewater pipes through Bothamley Park.**

This significant infrastructure project will enhance the health of Kenepuru Stream, Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and the local environment, while enabling the delivery of additional homes in eastern Porirua.

Led by Te Aranga Alliance, this technically complex project – one of the first fast-tracked under new legislation during Covid-19 – ensures long-term environmental protection and supports future growth.

We acknowledge the pivotal contributions of our partners Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Porirua City Council and the people of Porirua, whose support and patience during necessary disruptions have been invaluable.

In the coming months, local cadets will plant over 70,000 native plants across the park.

## Renovating for the future

We're working hard to upgrade and improve some of our older homes in eastern Porirua so our tenants have warm, dry and functional places to call home. Alongside delivering new homes, Te Rā Nui is focused on renovating existing ones – adding another 50 years of life to each property.

While the scope of work varies, standard improvements often include full insulation, double glazing, new heating, better ventilation and upgrades to kitchens and bathrooms. Where possible, we also modernise living areas, improve accessibility and create open-plan layouts.

Each retrofit takes around three to four months, including time for tenants to move in to a temporary home – usually another state house nearby.

By mid-2025, Te Rā Nui will have upgraded 79 older state homes. We're also trialling a new kind of retrofit in collaboration with tenants and their whānau, adding an extra bathroom and bedroom to better suit growing household needs. So far, four of these extended retrofits have been completed, with more on the way.

## Want more information?

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