

Together

for a thriving Porirua



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A milestone blessing



Over 200 people attended the blessing and turning of the sod ceremony to mark the start of the planned wastewater pipe upgrade through Bothamley Park. 3km of new pipes will deliver significant benefits to Porirua's environmental and community health.

Formalities began with a karakia by Dr Taku Parai, followed by an informative kōrero about the connection between people and the land. He spoke of how Papatūānuku (mother earth) sustains life on earth and how

the land nourishes us. This set an inspirational tone for the waiata, speeches, kai and the cultural performance that followed.

A number of key themes came through the kōrero including the importance of balancing the environmental and community benefits and also the need to work in partnership with, and for, the community.

A lovely morning made this a well-received event that gave the community yet another reason to feel proud to live in Porirua.

Local cadets for local jobs

In the last October school holidays, Porirua Development, in partnership with Spotless, ran our very first cadetship programme to provide local students the opportunity to experience work in the building trades. It's a programme designed to support senior college students into employment when they leave school.



Porirua Development Programme Director, Will Pennington said.

“This is a programme successfully run in other Kāinga Ora development projects around the country, resulting in a number of cadet graduates becoming apprentices when they finished school. We'd love to see the same in Porirua.”

Seven students (2 girls and 5 boys) graduated from the October programme with glowing references from their supervisors. They each received two-weeks of on the job training, giving them a good introduction to the building industry and the many specialist trades within it. They now have



knowledge to make a more informed decisions if building trades is for them when they finish school.

As this was our first year, we kept the numbers small but the plan is to keep growing the programme and giving more local students the opportunity to be involved.

Top Right: Trinity and Breezana

Bottom Left: Graduate Trinity, with whanau and Te Kura Maori

Gateway to construction



Top: Otis and Jerome

Bottom: Jordon with Hera from the Mana Tangata team

Three local Aotea College students – Jordon, Jerome and Otis - have completed the Gateway Programme and are now aspiring drainlayers working on projects that will benefit Porirua.

After hearing about Gateway through their college's careers programme, and visiting a construction site in Cannons Creek, the three signed up for the programme. Gateway is an initiative, funded by the Tertiary Education Commission, designed to support school students' transition into the workforce. In Porirua, students get an opportunity for a hands-on experience of a trade they may be interested in.

At the completion of their Gateway programme, all three students were given a certificate of completion, a prezzie card and their PPE safety gear to keep. Even better, all three students expressed an interest in a drainlaying career and were offered employment.

We love this programme because it helps local people into meaningful local work that supports our Porirua Development plans and therefore a brighter future for all of Porirua.

If you are interested in a career in construction talk with the careers advisor at your school or pop in and talk to the team at Le Fale.

Let's talk parks



Since we started the Porirua Development project, people across the community have told us that the health of te taiao (natural environment) is important and it needs to improve.

In late 2021 we asked how you use Bothamley Park, Cannons Creek Lakes Reserve and Cannons Creek Park, and how we can make them better. People told us to that the health of the environment, access and pathways, safety and park

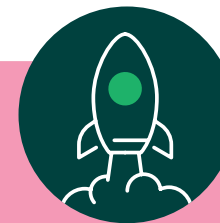
activities are priorities. And, that the community's cultural identity and practices should be reflect through the parks.

This feedback helped us create the draft Parks Landscape Plan,

outlining how we can best meet the needs of the community, now and for future generations. A direct result of the Plan is the work that kicked off last month in Bothamley Park to repair the leaking wastewater pipes. (see our Bothamley Park update).

The next big project proposed is the creation of a wetland at the bottom of Cannons Creek Park to improve water quality.

Late last year you gave us some excellent feedback on the proposed wetland – thank you. In the coming months we look forward to sharing the Parks Landscape Plan [that has been informed by the communities of eastern Porirua], and to having more conversations with people about the design for the Cannons Creek Park Wetland.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Sparking local innovation

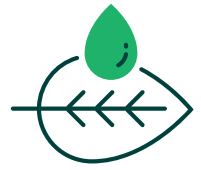
A key goal of Porirua Development is to create a sustainable, inclusive and thriving community. To achieve this we work alongside many community organisations with commercial and social initiatives that support the area's wellbeing. One of these great initiatives is Te Hiko.

Te Hiko, the Centre for Community Innovation, is run by Wesley Community Action. Their mahi is all about supporting communities develop innovative ideas that make people's lives better. Hiko means to stimulate and that's exactly what they do, turning a spark of an idea into an innovative solution to a local challenge.

Recently they launched their great new website tehiko.org.nz. It has a community innovation library with excellent examples of community innovation projects in action, as well as tools and resources to



support community change. We encourage everyone to have a look – you never know what great ideas it may spark.



New homes for locals



We knew our work was about creating new warm, dry homes for the residents of Porirua, but what we didn't know was this also included the area's natural inhabitants.

As part of the Bothamley Park wastewater upgrade, replacing the leaky pipe impacting the health of our environment and community, we're working closely with ecological experts to minimise the impact of our work on the park's lizards, birds and fish.

Lizards like warm dry places, such as long grass or decaying logs, and that's why there are a couple of areas in the park where they love to congregate. Working with specialist Ecologists, we've got the lizards out of harm's way before undertaking our work.

Rehousing lizards is easier said than done and this started with the building of artificial covers as temporary houses to keep the lizards in one area. As the move

date approached, we collected these lizards and put out safe 'pitfall' traps that caught more lizards. The rest however needed to be caught by hand!

A new shelter area was created for the lizards in another part of the park, where they were released. Our lizards took to their new home straight away and set off to explore their new surroundings and to find a fresh batch of insects to eat.

The fantastic team of Ecologists also worked with us on surveying for native bird's nests to make sure we didn't disturb any new born babies while working on the pine trees in the park. They also helped us make audio recordings in the park to confirm that there weren't bats in the pine forested area.

Chloe and Tim, our project Ecologists, alongside Tuteremoana, Kaimanaaki Awa from Ngāti Toa spent several wet afternoons and mornings catching and relocating fish at the upstream

end of Champion Street carpark. This included 30 short and longfin tuna, a giant kōkopu; giant bullies; hundreds of inanga; and many common bullies and smelt. Nearly 500 fish have been safely moved away from the works area to date.



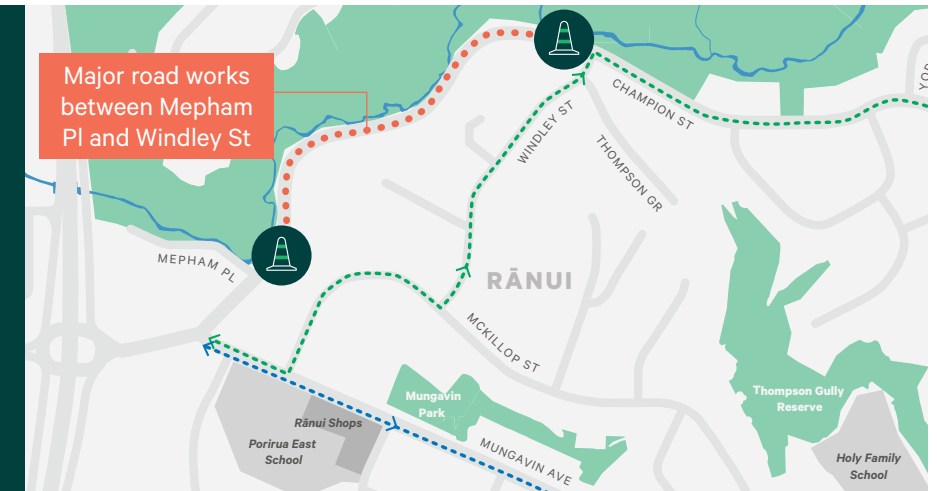
Finding so many indigenous fish highlights the value of the stream and why we need to focus on improving its water quality. It also reinforces the importance of relocating them before undertaking planned work.

We're excited that our work in Bothamley Park supports a healthier taiao / environment for everyone and everything that calls Porirua home, including our lizard, bird and fish friends.



Short term disruption for long term gain

In late 2019, we asked the community to tell us how to make Bothamley Park better for them in the future. You told us that the taiao (environment) was important and the priority was fixing the wastewater pipe that regularly overflows into Kenepuru Stream and Te-Awarua-o-Porirua.



The current wastewater pipe that runs through Bothamley Park and under Champion Street is in poor condition and regularly overflows when it rains. The new, larger pipe, along with the wastewater storage tank being constructed beside

SH59, will prevent the equivalent of 16 Olympic swimming pools of raw sewage from flowing into our waterways each year.

The important mahi to complete the wastewater pipe upgrade at Champion Street will soon be

underway. The final plans are nearly completed.

Please watch out for future updates on how these works will affect traffic routes in and around Champion Street. Follow us on **Facebook/poriruadevelopment**

Want to know more? If you would like more information on the work being undertaken at Bothamley Park, phone Te Aranga on **0800 832 726** or visit our website poriruadevelopment.co.nz/parksproject

Waka Ama Street paves the way for new housing in Porirua



The official blessing and naming of Waka Ama Street in Cannons Creek will see work get underway on new homes in Niger Development, part of the Porirua Development.

Local iwi blessed the newly completed Waka Ama Street in late March, enabling construction to begin on 18 new warm, dry, healthy homes in the area.

The name Waka Ama was gifted by Ngāti Toa Rangatira. Kaumatua Taku Parai says the name is steeped in the history and tradition. "Waka Ama is not just a sport but a vehicle for identity, pride and community," he said.

Mayor Anita Baker joined Ngāti Toa and Kāinga Ora representatives to welcome residents, community stakeholders, iwi and project partners to the celebration, kai and kōrero.

Porirua Development Project Director Will Pennington says the street naming is an exciting milestone, celebrating both the importance of local identity and a much-needed housing boost to the area. "These new homes will be a mix of one, two, three, four and five-bedroom homes including a number of homes with accessible features," he said.

Construction starts on site this month with completion expected around mid-2024.

Project Director's update



Will Pennington
Project Director

The last six months have been very busy. I have been at many hui with community leaders and groups, sharing where we are at with the plans for eastern Porirua and hearing their feedback. Late last year, we had the welcome announcement of an extra \$204 million from the Housing Acceleration Fund, giving us the certainty to move forward with key infrastructure and building works.

We started the important work of replacing the wastewater pipe through Bothamley Park. This much needed infrastructure work will improve the health of the environment and support new homes being built in the area.

One other exciting development we will see our first Offsite Manufacture (OSM) homes delivered. These are houses built offsite and then transported to the site to be installed and connected to services.

In the coming months, we will be in the community again to discuss our vision for eastern Porirua, developed from the kōrero sessions we held over the last few years. Come and see how your ideas have been turned into a guiding plan for eastern Porirua. Your feedback will drive how we take these ideas forward.

Progress update

To build more warm, dry homes over the next 20–25 years, there are a few steps we follow:

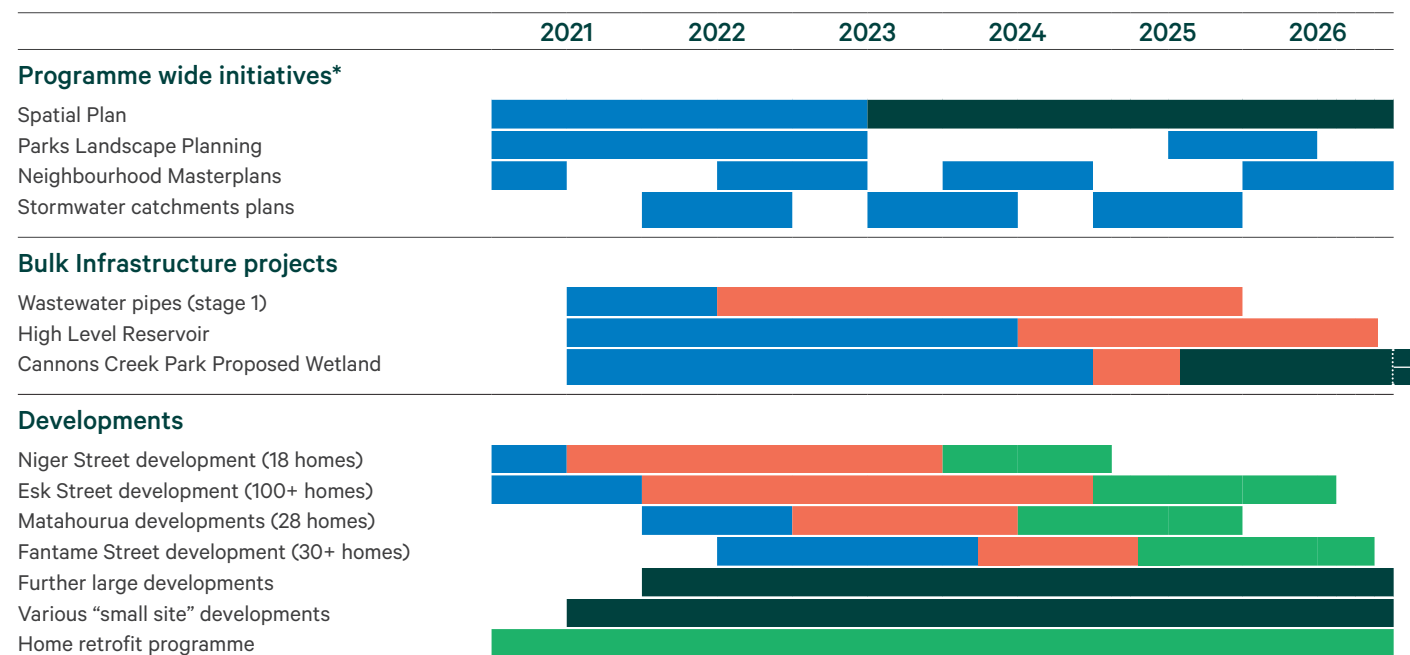
- We start by working with all our customers who need to move out of their homes to allow the new homes to be built. This is a progressive process over a number of years.

- As we have the conversations with customers, we are designing what needs to happen on each site – like new infrastructure and approval processes – to support the planned new houses.
- Te Aranga Alliance prepares the land for building. This involves

removing old houses, upgrading the water, power, and wastewater pipes to support the new homes. This is referred to as civil works.

- These first steps above can take approximately two years.
- When the above work is complete we then start building homes.

Porirua Development – Projects timeline



* More community engagement required

KEY ■ Design/Consentation ■ Civil Works ■ House Construction ■ Other

Save the Dates!

26 May – 10 June 2023.
Kāinga Ora, Porirua City Council and Ngāti Toa Rangitira invite you, and your whānau, to come see how your feedback and vision for eastern Porirua have come together to shape our guide for the Porirua Development.

RETROFIT NUMBERS

23 Completed Retrofits
11 Under construction
122 In the Pipeline

What happens to the existing houses?

Where possible, old houses are relocated to a new area to serve a new purpose. However, if we can't remove a house, for safety or practical reasons, our team will recycle as much as we can. Some materials can't be recycled for a number of reasons, such as the presence of asbestos or rot.

KEY

- Completed development
- Active development site
- Park landscape plan
- ★ Porirua Development Info Hub; Le Fale jobs and skills hub; Community park
- 💧 Reservoir

Meet Ashley Carter

Development Manager



What does your role involve?

I look after the development and delivery of multiple housing developments across Porirua. Mostly I'm focused on houses

that are built off-site and can be delivered faster, and with less hassle, than traditional building.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

There are lots of good things about my role. Mostly I love that the work I'm contributing to is creating warm, dry houses that will benefit Porirua families for many generations to come. I also love that the industry is dynamic and challenging. It means I'm always learning new things and growing in my role.

What do you love most about the Porirua community?

That's easy, it's the vibrant and warm community around me every day. They are so welcoming

and really excited about the work we are doing. It makes me smile just thinking about it.

What were you doing previously?

I was a property consultant, working on many projects ranging from developing landowner strategies through to historic property research and a whole lot of other things in-between!

What do you like doing outside of the office?

I'd love to go out running more often than I do, but I have two small children that keep me very busy.

Community info

**26 Warspite Ave, Cannons Creek.
Tuesday – Thursday
from 9:30am – 2:00pm.**

Pop in for an in-person chat, or book a one-on-one appointment in advance. Appointments can be made via the website, email or by calling the Information Centre.

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Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities

If you are a Kāinga Ora customer and have rehousing or customer-related questions, please contact the Customer Support Centre on **0800 801 601**.



Laying the groundwork

Te Aranga Alliance is our civil works partner. They prepare the land, remove existing public homes and upgrade streets and infrastructure before building starts.

For any questions about civil works please contact Te Aranga on **0800 832 726** or email **hello@tearanga.co.nz**

