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## Share Your Voice – accessibility

**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 and concerns, and hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future.

We’ve put together what you said under topic headings: getting around, parks and open spaces, environment (plants and wildlife), town centres, housing, community facilities, hot topics, bright ideas and accessibility.

This document outlines what people said about accessibility – some of this may also overlap with other topics or belong in more than one place. All of the feedback will be used to inform planning and design and will be added to as more sessions are held.



### Cannons Creek

- No strategic routes between centres/schools for disabled pedestrians.
- Poorly designed and constructed crossings for the disabled crossings.
- Kneeling buses required for disabled/elderly.
- Cannons Creek town centre: poor access for differently abled



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- Bus access to Hampshire St if possible. Disabled access issues
- Need for regular rest stops on pedestrian pathways – older disabled
- Accessible footpaths
- Disabled access a key issue, specifically wheelchair is poor. Two aspects: 1 pathways are poor nothing in parks; 2 limited poor public transport connection. Challenge to team to try wheelchair access themselves
- Buses currently running do not have disability access. Only about 3 can meet up with kerbs
- Need for cycles and wheelchairs or pathways – limited cycling – a lot of wheelchairs
- Parks accessible to people with disabilities. AEG defibrillators on site, plus first aid facilities. Signage to overcome literacy issues. Rest stop seating. Or seating that accommodates wheelchairs, or walking canes. People with chronic conditions cannot climb up many stairs
- Roads/pathways are accessible for people with disabilities. Good signage for people with health literacy issues. Safe roads pathways for children and families
- More toilets around for people with disabilities
- Accessibility of houses and streets
- Elderly housing now not adequate to cater for their needs – upgrade house renovate – parents have no money, insurance, then own their house – disability voice – railings – walkways cater for wheelchair
- Bathrooms that are accessible for the elderly – ramps – proper insulation – fenced – garage – parks for children – system where you rent to buy
- Disability accessibility – designs have to cater for the growing disability population
- Well built homes, healthy well insulated, ramp access for our elderly and provide space for the extended family that care/look after their parents. Parks for the children to play in
- One storey to percent suicide, abuse etc. Complex that has an office for resources that is managed 24hrs for people with disabilities, language barrier, culturally competent and support to other services. Community cafe
- Intergenerational living to accommodate changing needs of families wider corridors, bathrooms, kitchens for people with poor health and disabilities. Chronic conditions
- We need a community hub where young and elderly can, people with disabilities can use to support socialisation and reduce isolation. The facility needs to be culturally appropriate for all to access that would accommodate large numbers. Porirua is a very diverse multicultural community. Need to respect this P.T.O The community Hub should employ people in the community. Consider also, health needs such as a place to accommodate death and dying – Palliative care. Most families in Porirua are poor and live in small houses that can't accommodate hospital beds or equipment. Most homes cannot accommodate dying relatives. Homes are not built to accommodate hospital beds and equipment etc.
- Car parking, Cannons Creek, disability parking not enough for everyone/ people
- Please consider the location of accessible homes to medical centres. Please look at increasing floor strength to accommodate electric wheelchairs



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- Human right for people with disabilities to create a hub within the Cannons Creek area for people with disabilities to come and sit, chat, support advocate for them to live a quality of life instead of getting frustrated at getting to an appointment because of time, carer support etc.
- People parking on disabled parking without a permit. Please show some decent respect
- Key medical services located together in a convenient location – x-ray – lab – physio – dentist – eye clinic – key government services located together in one place with good accessibility

## Waitangirua

- At parks closer parking for less able, elderly, young parents include covered areas with toilets
- Accessibility is so important for elderly prams wheel chairs
- Consideration of ease of public access to public transport for older people
- Public transport, limited busses (not enough), long way to walk to bus stops, limited rest stops. Too far apart to bus stops
- Charging spots for bikes & wheelchairs
- More speed calming measures on roads and streets where there are significant numbers of children and those disabilities
- Bring down speed limit for traffic on Castor Cres, Champion and Kokiri Cres
- Hard to get around on wheelchairs, obstructions by bus and crossings key
- Bring back Castor loop bus run
- Close parking for less able, elderly, young parents
- Include covered areas with toilets
- It's very important to us if you can create garden boxes at our back yards so we can plant our own vegetables and gardens to save money for buying food & for the elderly people of the families
- Places where elderly can do indoor seated activities while more able can enjoy open spaces
- Pathways within parks that don't get mucky/wet. More suitable for the elderly
- Town Centres accessible for the elderly and people with disabilities
- Electric scooter E-chargers/wheelchair chargers outside and accessible in town centres
- Accessibility is so important for elderly, prams, and wheel chairs in town centres and eastern Porirua
- All plans have 1st floor which is unsuitable for elderly, disabled, wheelchairs & children under 5. Need a mix of one level homes and lifts if multi-level
- Apartments to have lifts to enable those with disabilities to access wide range of housing.
- Accessibility in design of all houses!
- If town house/unit block at least 1 in each shared house must be fully accessibility friendly from design, not tacked on after
- Intergenerational living, and house designed for 3 generations including elderly, adults grandchildren
- Bigger hallways and bathrooms
- Larger wardrobes and linen cupboards especially for large families
- Don't want washing machine opening to living room



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- Mother friendly environment!! Mother's areas: children are able to be children and have the helpful areas and space that they need to without feeling like they can't take their kids out because they are too loud, have accidents and people complain about them
- Pool, more of them and accessible hydrotherapy pool
- Communal cultural venue for many/all cultures that's accessible to elderly and all a place for networking and social
- Elderly outdoor spaces. Nice places to sit and gather
- Refuge shelter in winter and during storms for the homeless (NZ Maori wardens have rough sleeper's members)
- Safe space for the elderly and more activities for them
- Community shelters for homeless
- More housing/rest homes for elderly residents, more activities for elderly only (community engagements catered for elderly), Samoan games like Psylo, Porirua Sing Your Lungs Out
- Get regular bus services running off the main routes - eg Caster Cres loop?
- Need an Eastern Porirua business network, Pacific / Maori friendly rest home for the elderly, sports academy - export talent , arts /pacific languages and cultural academy
- create jobs for people with disability and jobs for older people as well could be jobs but also voluntary work in the community so we can give back and set a good example to youth
- Council and MOE co-ownership of shared community facilities ie school, Fields, halls, libraries, playgrounds, gyms, Pools, Community, meeting rooms, medical centres, social services, maker spaces, wifi, bike, accessibility
- Need a toilet near to the bus stop outside new world (Porirua CBD)
- Focus on road safety in particular please, addressing speed and reckless driving, road crossing need more calming areas on Mungavin, Warspite and Champion Streets
- The footpaths need attention
- Having public transport that take wheelchairs and mobility scooter
- Bus doors wide enough to take chairs and mobility scooters
- Flatter areas (calming and safe zones) at the same level
- More pedestrian crossings in the town centres especially Warspite and Mungavin Ave
- Closer pedestrian crossings
- Accessibility is important to me. Being able to cross the street safely ( blind in a wheel chair )
- I don't visit the town centres that much, accessibility issues getting into shops (wheelchair)
- Libraries are important and need to be larger and better accessible. Cannons Creek Library is too small. Porirua Library is fine and accessible.
- Community spaces all need accessible entrance ways.
- Need better parks and open spaces. Nothing there for me with disabilities
- No seating areas for disabilities
- All the parks and sport fields around Waitangirua don't accommodate for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. No hard surfaces to park mobility scooter
- Cannons Creek Pool – no access for please with disabilities
- I don't visit areas with plants and wildlife as they seem unsafe and hidden and I cant get around them



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- We have a more older generation, we need more housing, modern housing, homes that are accessible and easy to enter, to move around in, and enough space to manoeuvre wheelchairs and mobility scooters.
- Clear line of sight, not looking at high fences. Fences need to be only 3 – 4 feet high

## Rānui

- Transmission Gully link road entry to Warspite Avenue. The Marae regularly has tangis (nearly every day). During this time it is hard to drive/walk/ and for mobility chairs too hard to get around the area
- Bus system – good + link to train -increased parking at train station also noticed. Bike lanes on main road – wheelchair accessibility
- Warspite Avenue: street view in the mall area. Lighting is not bright enough, cannot see the footpath clearly at night. The footpath is uneven. Wheelchair access at crossing by Marae entry Points is steep and difficult with a wheelchair at both ends. Dangerous for me + speed of vehicles
- Accessibility. Waitangirua Mall: Only one shop in the mall we can go into with a wheel chair
- Buses, wheelchairs are too heavy. They only have 3 buses that we can use with these wheelchairs. Bus drivers do not have any safety thoughts to help us get on the bus. Need to be a lot more thoughtful. They often go before we are in place.
- Waitangirua needs a full audit on pathways. Same & uniform quality surfaces. Gradients from the road to driveways are variable. Parking on the grass or over footpaths so people with mobility issues can not travel far without walking onto a road. Resting place for walkers
- In Auckland they have the "link" for \$1 for a loop – this could go round the eastern ward? Collaborative taxis/buses by locals for locals. Aunty Daisys for elderly wheelchair friendly buses (not every second one)
- Keeping families together in rehousing – making the refurbished/new homes accessible for wheel chairs. Traffic concerns around Marae – unsafe crossing + not suitable for wheelchairs

## Ascot Park

- Need ramps at Cannons Creek Centre for all shops. Same at Waitangirua mall. Need a concrete path from the mall to Natone park
- Not enough buses with ramp for wheelchairs. I can't get inside most of the shops because it's not enough room for wheelchairs
- Accessibility for disabled people on bus transport
- Timber floors not good for wheelchairs. Curtains hard to use for disabled people



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- Accessibility key issue -width of doorways – 1950's houses not built for strength -joinery & kitchen equipment access -proximity of front doors to street
- Supported accommodation for people who are struggling; mental physical health re-integration and deinstitutionalisation PLAN FOR This!
- Elderly access inside the multi story building. Are lifts available? People are getting bigger, wheel chairs – do these plans cater for these?
- Need a larger pool to serve the east & Whitby including schools, people with disabilities
- Access to properties for disability impaired needs to be considered for different types of wheelchairs, scooters etc for houses, shops and community facilities Ramps are important too
- We need well monitored and accessible public facilities, toilets that are also attractive with good signage

## Porirua City councillors

- Pedestrian priorities and crossing at appropriate places
- Wider footpaths and shared pathways
- Mobility and accessibility of transport – connected to city centre
- Sealed pathway through to Bothamley Park with lights and more access
- Cannons Creek Park – children's play area. All interests to take into consideration
- Building on existing resources. Eg Porirua Park and Cannons Creek Park. Need to improve lighting. It would create a destination
- Accessibility for parking
- Access to / & for everyone, more – improved/quality, protected of the Cannons Creek lake
- Improved access to protected areas, make more use for everyone
- Enhance the swimming pool make it accessible for everyone
- Access to roading, parking is a problem. Roundabouts aren't sufficient

## New migrants

- Fixing roads and driveways
- 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