



# Porirua Development

## Share Your Voice – bright ideas

Thanks to everyone who came along to the “Share Your Voice” sessions about development in eastern Porirua. At these sessions 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 people 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 people’s bright ideas – 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

- Driver licence school for youth – youth venue – community garden
- A place for old peoples day care – a place for residents to share their history, stories of the living term in Porirua – It's making the history of Porirua a living document and process, not from experts but from people whose journey make history
- Not so much of a division between Aotea block and what it looks like to the rest of Porirua

- And i will like a place where kids would like to do in the future like i wanna draw for like the rest of my life so i wanna place where kids can do what they like to do so if they like drawing they can get more practice there or for example if they like singing or making music they can do it there. make this change!
- Sport and music learning centre – bigger stages community hall for big event – more parking spaces – more clean river and garden
- Community "micro-loan" service where we can recycle the money into our community to grow our community – business mentoring by Porirua business people for Porirua business people. Grow the polytech / tertiary. Bring back the arts faculty etc.
- Small business opportunities – jobs/training for people
- A market where people can buy things important culturally to them – enough parking in town centres to allow people to do everything they need to
- Affordable community space is needed as Porirua is becoming diverse community. Outreach community medical centre, community health promotion centre – community hub centre where we can find all information that is available
- Community gardens providing teaching opportunities for agriculture, which is not part of school curriculum
- 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
- Well located and good variety of places to eat – well located emergency services eg fire, police, ambulance
- Community facilities for mothers to join together and do activities e.g. crafts
- Cafe with community resources in Cannons Creek
- Neutral (not affiliated to a particular group community facilities that suit many uses for young and old
- Improved awareness of new and existing communities
- A stronger, cheaper, more accessible connection with Wellington communities – make it easier for both populations to broaden horizons
- Can we connect Aotea with Porirua east?

## **Waitangirua**

- Too many little old schools. Condense rebuild, regenerate
- Inorganic recycling again 1xyear, free/swap space shop easier access to skips rubbish
- Get regular bus services running off the main routes - eg Caster Cres loop?
- What we need is more play areas for children to safely walk too 2 – 5 minutes walk away from their homes

## **Rānui**

- I have a question for Ngāti Toa – where are they? Karakia timata by our Samoan resident from Waitangirua is nice but unusual
- History plaques / interactive history / stories – centralised online stories – art project apart from murals – open air movie cinema at Mungavin hall – flax growing – making paper/recyclable materials – reduce fast food shops fix up shops. Bring Whitireia arts back – arts center
- Schools become hubs for neighborhoods. Free community activities. Sports clubs. Not just locking the gates at 3pm. make sure families can participate, available sports gear. 3rd community space



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- How to include local businesses (small local) like cleaners, painters, plumbers in the work available
- Multilingual communities/schools focus on The Reo / Taranga Maori outside stuff! Life skills! Will small schools close? Choice of schools. Creative thinking. Maria wants more writing. Good food choices. After/before school programme
- With increasing to medium density housing what plans are in place to encourage the families to send their children to the local schools. What improvements & upgrades in facilities are on offer
- Education opportunities that lead to employment. No more private training establishments! No fees!
- Make sure local kids go to local schools
- Interschool friendly community sports competitions + shared community events
- A 'course' run by HLC for locals to group together to build a house for one of their families. The group learns to build and all associated skills. One of the building groups puts their kiwi saver into a deposit and it becomes their house. Cost is reduced due to labour. Community ownership of the houses. Skills developed to gain jobs in the construction project.
- Cultural tourism – we already have all the different cultures here eg Pacific, Maori, Pakenham, Asian, South American.... Singing, dances, customs, traditions etc. can turn into a business
- Indoor sports and creative spaces. Popup market shops. Cafes – galleries (community) community indoor Arena (Performance)
- Business incubator space ideas & help to get them going
- Small businesses training support – access to set up funds. Support on accounts & taxes. Understanding banking. Understanding record keeping.
- Future thinking about how Cannons Creek East + Waitangirua connect to land corp's farm with future development for housing or parkland in mind
- Sheltered night market opportunities for locals to earn more income
- In Porirua CBD – stadium like cake tin. Auditorium. Roller skating rink!! Nets under Cannons Creek Bridge. Sensor map every time an earthquake show where water pop up in creek. Night market – & twilight festival Bothamley park top to bottom ending Waitai end drives with community fire pit / food
- Apprenticeships for the youth: builders and buildings, electrician, plumber. Food stalls, cafes

## Ascot Park

- On behalf of the Lao community: 1. a community space for gatherings, temple and language school. They have been looking around the Elsdon area for a venue to create something for the community. 2. Unused buildings to be considered for community purposes – subsidised by council?
- How are healthcare providers going to cope when they are already overloaded and understaffed?

- Creating a pipeline of local workers to ensure they are the ones getting into sustainable careers. Education – early engagement & schools
- Are we planning places for people to live in or just as dormitories?
- More thinking about the way people are going to live in the future, including socially & culturally
- Promote local business opportunities especially in sector/industries which may be relevant to the regeneration
- Eastside schools have established school communities which should be involved in planning, especially when changes to schools are possible
- Social procurement with contractors i.e. hire X amount of local people & contractors built into contract. Transition transmission Gully workers. Upskill community to medium, high skilled roles
- Cultural centre – available for different community groups to access for language classes, youth activities and cultural activities. A place to help communities facilitate and uphold their traditions and culture by providing them a space to do so