



Porirua Development

Share Your Voice – Environment (plants and wildlife)

Thanks to everyone who came along to the “Share Your Voice” sessions about development in eastern Porirua.

Cannons Creek

- Fruit trees especially lemons and apples.
- Good feeling and apple picking
- Open steps up from safety perspective by Cannons Creek lakeside reserve
- Safety concerns by lake behind Glenview School
- Safety concerns by lakes and town centre at Cannons Creek
- Key wellbeing to access back block
- Astrolab St and Drivers Cres: block walls built by residents to direct secondary flows
- 75–77 Leicester ; ground is completely sodden sometimes – the water can't get through the clay underneath, so no soakage
- Overland flow by Brandon School (Drivers Cres) Astrolab St to the school
- Cannons Creek park: potential for dry path through the field
- Stormwater/flooding over Brandon School fields – but also houses in Drivers Cres have built their own protection as well (block walls)
- Poor water quality and siltation – raupo rotting
- Check sewage around Hampshire St
- Access to beaches. Need to protect. Bring more in city. More planting about bike track
- Driver Cres to Cannons Creek lake bad stormwater flows – spoke to Council – signs
- Save the beautiful native bush section next to 42 Waihora Cres – it is full of native birds
- Don't destroy trees and plants. Dump the Porirua Development project. Find a way to save as many trees and wildlife as possible. Dump the process
- Cannons Creek outlet area flooding houses along Mephram Pl area are effected by flooding issue. Poor Cannons Creek water quality
- Save and protect as many rivers lakes and some of the natural life and environment as possible – dump the process of the Porirua Development project
- Police station and health clinic also fire station – all should be consolidated as part of environment. Environment is not only about plants and wildlife
- Let the water have its freedom. Let it go and do what it wants
- Clean the waterways, more green incentives to grow natives in backyard, eco toilets on walks
- Better lighting in dark alleyways Better drainage in York Place when flooding overflows. Introduce garden initiatives for community to grow vegetables, fruit, flowers and plants

- McKillop / Maher – ground is damp, so houses get damp and mouldy – they can deal with the house but have to deal with damp, wet ground – can only gravel the outside but it's still wet (same story from Drivers/Astrolabe)
- Water: creeks contaminated. Heaps of springs. Climate change. Flooding!! How do we prevent it in new development?
- Water flowing off higher ground properties flows into lower properties and gets stuck – mud stays around for several days after rain stopped. Makes it hard to walk about and muddy. Hampshire and York Place. Pets go astray when flooding happens.
- It is important to see a lot of green space between homes. Consider the environment from all sides for safe and healthy homes. This will avoid a lot of health and safety issues
- More trees planted in the streets
- We'd like to ask if there could be swimming pool for families and children to join in Cannons Creek area and improve the mental health for families
- Environment what does that include?? What about the safety environment of the neighbourhood such as if some people have to play music at night, so how that will be safe environment for people there?
- Sewage: System old and munted!!! Stormwater mixes in sewage and lids pop off and crap flows into stream
- Clean the water, rivers, pond. Some areas smell badly. "Swampy." Let's have a well designed environment that can be self sustained by the people in the community lets make our environment beautiful with beautiful trees and gardens. Need to encourage better community integration with wildlife
- Housing NZ properties surrounding my house are not maintained tree and grass trimmings are not cleared. I feel awkward to ask them
- Eucalyptus trees to help with environment for the smell between overpass bridge to town centre smell is bad. Grow eucalyptus
- Mould and fungi build-up outside homes due to bad drainage not healthy – pollen in the air – asthmatic
- The Māori and Island ways are better! I can't collect firewood and make a fire in my yard or plant to feed myself, go get cockles, get a feed with no waste, no bad palagi food. Leave the natural things the way they want to be and the way god made them
- Shade for public spaces. Lots of it! Native plantings a priority. Clean water, Diverse areas, community gardens close/within housing areas, accessible, toilets
- Kenepuru stream. Erosion – going to harbour. This is really sad
- Toilets by stairs at Cannons Creek shops – floods when it rains, never enough toilet paper and soap
- Safety concerns in park (Bothamley) and area of Worcester-Hereford-Cheshire streets
- Flooding and damp, overflow from park, neighbours properties (cul de sac York Place)
- Smelly like poo around here sometimes (foot of Mungavin area)
- I have an issue with people not respecting parking around and on lawns that don't belong to them in Leicester St. Wrecks all up and around 81 and 83 Gear Ttce, sometimes noisy car outside that address, and gangs up top Gear Tce, loud noises and noisy motor bikes
- There need to be more work opportunities for the citizens of Porirua – for those more marginalised eg refugees people with mental health issues. Practical jobs – making clothes etc
- Don't put fences around houses. Put hedges and plantings instead. Create greener more attractive community



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- Community gardens in the street where people of all ages can take part, grow veges and flowers fruit to eat (save money and get more exercise) look prettier too (small but lots of them), small number of houses, neighbours free for everyone less screen time, berm gardens
- Great big tank flow on from Aotea
- Clean rivers from Waitangirua to Bothamley Park

Waitangirua

- Friends of Maharoa have done great work regeneration from Cannons Creek lakes up into Belmont. We could use the money and energy of redevelopment to align with their volunteer effort
- Better pest control programmes eg putting bells on all the cats
- Lots of erosion and sediment in the streams
- Porirua College, Brandon Intermediate, Glenview School, Corinna School and other schools have been developing kaitiakitanga and are keen to extend their learning in taking care of their neighbourhood
- No more public rubbish bins. Replace with recycling bins with instructions
- PCC should make a space for trailbikes to get them out of Bothamley Park
- Markets in Waitangirua are a real positive for the area and could be enhanced and supported
- Creating beautiful pathways with lighting that automatically switches on during night time
- Each suburb has a hui to share what is important eg ideas of sustainability related to health and wellbeing
- More areas for community gardens
- Want to feel safe on the pathways
- If all school grounds had miniature ecosystems on part of their land we could use the forest, wetlands and meadows as outdoor learning spaces
- Nice parks, nice trees, natives, leaves, cleared up big trees to climb up and build treehouses
- Environment needs to be number 1 priority
- Medium density rather than fewer parks
- Don't build on the parks
- Better public transport
- Recycle wastewater so this can be used for toilet flushing (only) in houses. Would require new piping infrastructure or collect rainwater for toilet flushing, washing cars, and watering gardens. We need to stop wasting drinking water
- Bothamley Park is a connecting space between all of the local neighbourhoods. There is more that we can do to make it a flourishing ecosystem. Trapping, repair sewage pipes, moderate storm water flow, and planting, interpretive wayfinding signs with distances
- Creating beautiful pathways with lighting, automatically switches on during night time
- Each suburb has a group to share with, what is planted and grown eg medicinal ideas of environment sustainability related to health and well being
- More animal and wildlife enclosures

- Museums small or big education centres. Cannons Creek has its own history Mungavin/Waitangirua, Whitby/Rānui, Nature walkways. Native plant & tree walkways and tracks
- Need an accessible recycling station in the area with education on how to use it properly
- Create incentives to use recycling
- Fiesta gates (TEDx Porirua talk) ideas in Eastern Porirua!
- How can you make sure that our waterways are not affected and dirty by the many building works? What are some environment options that you can provide to counter (eliminate) the amount of building work and wastes into our streams and harbour. What are some case studies and examples of new developments and how you managed to create this suitably?
- We want clean water and clear streams
- Kikau and Gardenia gardens for Pacific custom cultivation. Bothamley pathways/Ascot Park/Natone Park
- Community seedling nursery site at Maraeroa Marae to populate community gardens & gardens in homes/schools
- People need to understand the ecosystem of our environment. Ideas, education through our schools, which is already being done. Creating beautiful spaces our people compare how areas are being designed low socio-economic to higher income earning places
- Lots of rubbish in gullies that no one removes
- Important that people don't dump their rubbish over fence into reserves
- Sievers Grove, the council's native plant nursery could employ more locals and train them in horticulture and build the capacity locally to grow the plants that will feature in our local nursery
- Fruit trees in the walkways eg Bothamley Park walkway
- Lighting in some parts of walkway
- Open up the park a bit more, more visible to see and access walkways
- Waihemo Street playground lighting improve and a nicer connection to Bothamley walkway.
- Signage in Te Reo with distances between points reminding "Be a tidy kiwi", flora fauna info (like taupo "paper clip" signs) on the walkways and parks
- Make parks, walkways, green spaces, stream educational with historic flora, fauna signage so school groups can walk to these areas to study
- Papatuanuku must be the priority even before money \$
- Bothamley Park dog control, educate owners, to make it a safer public spaces
- Keep areas clear that need to be kept clear obviously around park benches
- More lighting in park entry and in streets
- The spaces for parking should be wider
- Will be good to have a big rubbish container for general public use
- Watercress, flax cultivation and harvest sites nurtured. What about swamp toro at Maraeroa Marae, Ascot Park and Bothamley Park. Protect waterway into back of Maraeroa Marae. Watercress patch here for cultural occasions. Use to get crawlies in there. Lots of runoff downstream
- Town belt /green belt to help reduce emissions
- Lights in new developments. Attractive street light pole and shade design. Make lights in new housing area attractive and more lights around parks, walkway entrances / exits and along Bothamley Park and around new housing and shops. The poles could be colourful in park areas or around shops
- 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 and for the elderly people of the families
- Make Bothamley Park more accessible



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- Look after the lake at Cannons Creek reserve. It's silted up and needs attention
- Lots of pipes crossing the stream, we can smell sewerage in Bothamley Park. The stream is overgrown
- Cannons Creek Park is a beautiful space, should be enhanced with a focus on safety, lighting, walkways, clearing away scrub and weeds
- More trees, cleaner rivers and more birds
- As we build more & denser homes how do we focus on mental health/community health, public spaces, connection with green and blue spaces, what about the elderly social connection, how do we get people out of their micro-communities?
- Erosion of the creek is a problem
- Trees, lakes and the natural environment must be nurtured
- Less pollution or more solutions. Free rubbish for general disposal of rubbish to help the impact of pollution in our environment. Active school educational programmes that teach the importance of what it means to keep our country/planet pollution free. Also teaching the impact on what pollution has on our environment/planet/country/area
- Another building like trash palace, better recycling stations, reducing our own goods, have give away community day somewhere where people/whanau can take away free items food/clothing/furniture less rubbish that can be upcycled

Rānui

- The unique character of Waitangirua and Cannons Creek are the Belmont hills and currently awesome parks such as Bothamley Park, Cannons Creek Park, Trust Porirua Park and reserve etc. It would be in the interest of our space to maintain these as spaces of beauty, recreational, environmental areas for community wellness/ orchards, community garden also as communal spaces
- Cannons Creek lakeside reserve – bird sanctuary – community orchards/garden or fruit trees. First planted all around. Preserve & enhance /enlarge current spaces eg Bothamley Park – blackberry patch. Fruit trees already planted behind – adopt-a -pot areas eg Glenview School – continue do develop this concept in the area
- Flooding house near Calliope Park towards Warspite Ave – house where driveway has holes and fills with water and floods – need to fix their driveway (marked on the map)
- Infrastructure – infra already not coping – reading, pipes streams. Cannons Creek lakes holding pond for Transmission Gully sediment! We need to right spend money on the unsexy stuff. Local school kids doing cool things w/ fish passage and then sheer volume of water coming down, & overflows from sewage esp. Mungavin Ave and Mungavin stream
- I see kids swim in Bothamley Park after rain it smells like sewer – below Aotea. Annual water testing & communication less crap trees more natives. More art more reminders on storm water what not to put down drain. More tree houses, fairy doors, more birds (variety) more fitting planting before it hits the harbour, monarchs
- Fence around duck pond (Cannons Creek)

- Liked the mid-1980s call to people to donate surplus pohutakawa seedlings and trees to be grown in the area
- Greener, cleaner waterways. How can we maintain clean waterways esp Bothamley Park with all the water (saw/stw) discharge into streams and estuaries? What are environmental designs & case studies that we can draw ideas of better design water/storm water discharge into Porirua harbour? I will be keen to know.
- How is this new development going to be different to existing ones like the Aotea block's developments with massive housing, which also means more loads on storm water/water
- Discharge into Porirua stream & harbour. Safe guarding land from erosion because of building/roads activities
- Streams also flood lead to harbour life blood of our environment. Rats – more catching. Lighting – Porirua is bad. Walking under the underpass scary. More history plaques, more trees
- Maintaining sumps to help with flooding. Leachate runoff – no walkways across hills (under Transmission Gully) to the Hutt. In Cannons Creek lakeside reserve (for recreation + for resilience (EQ))
- concrete slabs with gently sloping /curved edges, so your foot doesn't fall off the edge/make your trip or should be properly sunk into earth
- Everyone who lives here should have walkable access to a permanent forested area. Cannons Creek is named after the man who cut down the forest. It should be known for healthy forest again
- Walking more through green spaces to facilities – natural walks
- Ways to get on foot/bike without worrying about crossing roads, safe for kids alone & me (woman) – from Cannons Creek/Waitangirua to the city centre
- Underpass under War Spite Avenue by Tauranga School (marked on map) makes park easier to use
- Not enough lighting in parks – Calliope Park, no toilets even, no lights – street lights – not enough
- More fish passages, what table do I talk about spiritual development in regards to the whenua & recycled hāra. Repeating unhealthy cycles due to land not being cleared. (Not turning the soil!) Cloud catching sails, save the rain water! Self sufficient water storages rather than drawing from the Hutt. Accessing springs here rather than Petone – (behind Takapuwahia)
- Flash flooding in Waitangirua (access + safety) – local knowledge of geography, history, land use shared. More visibility. Naming of streams – where did it come from? Bothamley Park
- People in general – renters, landlords, home owners- don't tend to care, have skill and the East looks like it. People should have pride of place, but that's not something government can impose from outside. How do we stimulate pride of place from within the community?
- Water runoff to the harbour – getting the balance right between water quality and development. Rain gardens etc – need to make sure maintained properly – do less, well rather than more badly maintain
- More birds and trees – more cats and dogs – animals eg possums, hedgehogs – more natural nature
- Walkway to Transmission Gully link (up into hills) road from Waitangirua – more nature walks – trees to support bird life – storm water (backyard used to flood) – rubbish an issue
- Possible historical significance at Natone Park + nearby school. Storm water runoff coming down from Transmission Gully – concerned about flooding issues at Marae
- "The lakes" – fish stocking – clean out to improve recreation value (probably eels there now)



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- Bothamley Park is a magnificent asset. It should be developed more, with service areas. Don't break it up with roading or a place for more houses
- Good birdlife in Ranui from trees planted in people's backyards – not sure if it's because of natural increase or pressure on some other birds due to development. In the last few years more-pork are back. Trees very important to encourage birdlife
- Community Gardens – shared veggies + fruit

Ascot Park

- Stormwater attenuation and cleaning up the rubbish in the stormwater – maybe on-site could work
- Why does the Aotea block drain into Bothamley Park? It's washing it out!
- Increasing awareness through education – how our actions impact the environment, the importance of caring, & how to take action
- Flooding in Warspite Ave in the gullies. Sewage needs upgrading now before our environment is affected by raw sewage
- More native plants! Increase birdlife. Make Porirua a healthy habitat for birds
- Well done on the dog park at Ascot Park
- Flooding springs appearing (South of Champion & Windley Streets intersection)
- 32–42 Champion Street flooding – random streams appear everywhere – like springs
- Reduce pollution of waterways/harbour/beaches. Why is it smelly around harbour? Need to make Porirua harbour a main attraction
- Can houses be made to have rainwater tanks, to save water, emergency water supply
- The redevelopment of the area (increase number of residential units) will place great pressure on the infrastructure – sewers can't cope under existing conditions with overflows into the streams & harbour. This development offers the opportunity to upgrade the aging infrastructure of Porirua with benefits to the natural environment. Remove sewers from stream crossings – Kenepuru Stream!
- Has Bothamley Park got the right "status"? Also, nothing grows under the pines. Also, what about more sculptures and rock art?
- Porirua Harbour needs to be better utilised. Lots of potential to create a more welcoming space around Wineera drive. Sewage smell needs to be dealt with as well
- Find & explore new ways to recycle and reduce pollution through creativity
- Cleaner waterways – duck pond at Cannons Creek
- Consulting our expert, such as Mike Joy, to get best practice
- Need to increase the tidal flow
- Owners of rental properties need to care for them (paint) + ensure they are healthy to live in
- Native bush – clean water to drink + to swim in. Sites important to mana whenua protected.
- Clean up the harbour!
- All rivers/streams that have disappeared due to urban development need to be re exposed to allow natural light for nature to revive – wildlife (eels, whitebait, freshwater crayfish)

- More areas for watercress to grow for the locals without pollution. This is important for Maori especially.
- Storm water + drainage systems need to be regularly maintained
- Healthy water ways because it has an effect on wildlife and people

Lao community

- Government should help to PLANT FRUIT TREES to teach children to care for the environment

Porirua City councillors

- Trees and plants on berms
- Accessibility for parking
- Infrastructure for the long-term
- Access to / & for everyone, more – Improved/quality, protection of the Cannons Creek lake
- Enhance the swimming pool make it accessible for everyone

New migrants

- Fish ponds and small water features with trees and flowers in the park
- Broken glass, paper and bottles in Cannons Creek, would like a clean, healthy area to live in
- Fish ponds and small water features, with trees and flowers in the park
- Fruit trees in public spaces/roadside – free for all
- Fix flooding problem
- Better flood drainage, flood protection, clean the drains and more rubbish bins
- Less litter – more rubbish bins
- Environment – it is very good, little rubbish. More plants and open spaces would be good
- Veges and fruits garden are good for health and save money