# ා Porirua Development **NEWS**

**Kia ora,** welcome to the Porirua Development e-newsletter. If you're not subscribed, email **poriruadevelopment@kaingaora.govt.nz** to sign up.

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### **PROJECT DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Tēnā koutou katoa, as we head towards the end of 2020 we can reflect on what a year it has been. As a community we have had to adapt and adjust to a new way of living with the impact of Covid-19. Despite that, there has been many accomplishments we have made in eastern Porirua.

Earlier this month we held a blessing for 29 new Kāinga Ora homes in Castor Crescent, which brings the total of completed homes to 45. This is exciting for those families that move into their new homes in time for Christmas. With other developments things are progressing well with resource consent being submitted for Niger and Esk Place, you can keep up-to-date with the progress of these developments on our website.

Another highlight was our first Bothamley Park Community Clean-up in late October, which was a great success with over three truck loads of rubbish collected. A big thank you again to everyone who braved the elements and gave their time to join us and help give our much loved space a spruce up.

Following on from conversations with the Porirua City Council Partnerships Team and interest from the community, we organised a Multicultural Night Market at the Laneway at Cannons Creek Shops this month. This was a way for us to come together with an emphasis on whānau, fun and supporting our local community post Covid-19. We hope to see this community led event become a regular fixture in the east.

On behalf of the Porirua Development Team, I would like to acknowledge and thank you all for the ongoing support and trust you have in the project. We look forward to 2021 and continuing to deliver high-quality, warm and energy efficient homes for our Kāinga Ora tenants. Ngā mihi o te kirihimete me te tau hou, Merry Christmas and a Happy NewYear.

Will Pennington Project Director

#### CASTOR, ESK AND NIGER STREET UPDATE

Forty-five Kāinga Ora homes have been completed in Castor Crescent, with 29 homes recently delivered; the final nine homes are due for completion early next year.

A draft application for review to undertake earthworks and road construction on Esk Place, has been submitted to Porirua City Council (PCC). PCC has given an undertaking that they will respond with a request for information prior to Christmas, with a formal application to be made in late January.

The same application will be made to the greater Wellington Regional Council following current discussions being undertaken relating to the treatment of storm water and the impact on local streams. Niger Street is progressing with resource consent and is currently with the PCC.

At Esk Place Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities is proposing to build 67 new warm, dry state homes in eastern Porirua, with a mixture of one, two, three, four and five bedroom homes and the creation of 42 affordable or market homes.



#### **CASTOR CRESCENT BLESSING**





Will Pennington at one of the engagement sessions last year

#### BOTHAMLEY PARK COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP





Together with Porirua City Council, we held our first Bothamley Park Community Clean-Up on Saturday 31 October. Approximately 30 members of the community including Deputy Mayor Izzy Ford and the Porirua Development team, braved the wind and rain to give this much-loved space some TLC by picking up rubbish.

Over three truck loads of rubbish was collected on the day, which is an impressive effort.

Thank you to everyone that came to muck in and help out. It proves that consideration and kaitiakitanga for our environment is strong within the Porirua community. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and website when the next save the date will be. We look forward to doing it all again next year.







This month we held a blessing for 29 of our new Kāinga Ora homes in Castor Crescent, led by Ngāti Toa kaumatua Taku Parai together with Callum Katene. Porirua Mayor Anita Baker, MP for Mana Barbara Edmonds, Kāinga Ora Regional Director Wellington and Kapiti Greg Groufsky, Porirua City Council staff and elected members, Kāinga Ora and Porirua Development staff, key stakeholders and community members also attended. These are the second lot of new warm, dry and energy efficient homes for Castor Crescent.

#### VIRTUAL OPEN HOME FOR CASTOR CRESCENT



With the success of our Virtual Open home for Champion Street, we decided to do it again.

You can take a virtual tour around our newest warm, dry and energy efficient five-bedroom Kāinga Ora home on our website: www.poriruadevelopment.co.nz







## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS – TEAM DAY WITH NGĀTI TOA RANGATIRA

Last month Porirua iwi, Ngāti Toa Rangatira hosted Porirua Development at Takapūwāhia marae.

The team day was aimed at building our partnership and cultural capacity as well as strengthening understandings of Ngāti Toa Rangatira. This also provided Ngāti Toa an opportunity to outline their aspirations for the future. "Ngāti Toa has a partnership with Kāinga Ora and other organisations for a range of different developments that are mutually beneficial. We talked about partnering with iwi in the right way, and why it's important," says Shane, Pou Tāhuhu / Senior Advisor Māori Outcomes.

The day commenced with a pōwhiri, which was a new experience for many. This is an important part of Māori protocol and a way of participating and learning about tikanga. This was followed by whakawhanaungatanga, which helps establish links, relate to others and connect. A site of significance tour provided an opportunity to learn about Ngāti Toa CEO Helmut Modlik spoke to the group about the need to shift thinking to achieve quality outcomes for housing and what a partnership with Kāinga Ora means to Ngāti Toa. The day ended with a hāngi – another traditional part of tikanga Māori by expressing manaakitanga to manuhiri and acknowledging the work undertaken together to strengthen partnerships and relationships.

## MULTICULTURAL NIGHT MARKET

Together with community, we helped facilitate a Multicultural Night Market at the Laneway at Cannon's Creek shops. This was an opportunity to get together and celebrate our community. The focus was on fun, whānau, crafts, celebrating our diverse cultures and of course great kai!

The night showed how vibrant we are as a Community in eastern Porirua. DJ Vinnie helped create a great vibe, our mātua and elders showing some competitive spirit playing suipi and Wellington basketball legend Kenny McFadden hosted street ball with our young people.

Thank you to the Porirua Whanau Centre team and our wonderful stall holders that helped pull it all together and everyone that came along and helped support this event. We hope to see this as a regular occurrence in our community.









## **COLOURS OF EASTERN PORIRUA**

Over the next 25 years approximately 4,000 new homes will be built in eastern Porirua. For each home choices are made regarding interior and exterior colour. We know colour choice can have a big impact on how the new homes settle into each neighbourhood and how they can add to the personality of eastern Porirua.

Colour can impact how we feel about a building or a place – whether it feels safe, calm and inviting; energetic or dull; cohesive or jarring. The Porirua Development team would like your help. We want your ideas on how to use colour in our new houses, buildings and public spaces. We would love to see your photos that capture the colour of your neighbourhood, which will help guide us in creating a range of colours to use on the new houses. Let's work together to explore what the colours of eastern Porirua could look like, and how we can use them to help the new houses be great additions to the character of your street, neighbourhood and suburb.

What colours do you think represent eastern Porirua? Inspiration can come from everywhere; it could be the colours of our local parks, bush and maunga, or the many vibrant communities and cultures that call eastern Porirua home. They could be the colours of existing homes, which could be continued onto the new houses? How should we use these colours when designing new houses, to both create a backdrop to our streets and highlight special parts of the homes?

Submission of photos need to be sent to poriruadevelopment@kaingaora.govt.nz by 1 February 2021. They will be posted on our Facebook page where you can vote on your favorite photo. There will be prizes for the most loved photos, our design team will use the colours you have selected to create a range of colours for the development. This means when architects are designing new houses in eastern Porirua, they can use the colour range you helped create. The range can be used by anyone living and working in eastern Porirua – new schools or shops; new playgrounds, neighbourhood signs and public art. Your photos, of your neighbourhood, will help colour the future of eastern Porirua!

Please send your photos to poriruadevelopment@kaingaora.govt.nz by 1 February 2021. Please include your name and a contact phone number (in case you win a prize). By submitting your photos, you are confirming permission for the photo to be used in this colour exercise, which may include publishing it in promotional material.



### **COMMUNITY INFO HUB CHRISTMAS HOURS**

Our Community Info Hub will be closed during the Christmas and New year period. The hub will be closed from 22 December and will reopen on Tuesday 26 January. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities has two key roles: being a public housing landlord, and partnering with the development community, iwi and Māori, local and central government, and community organisations to deliver urban development projects of all sizes.

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