



# Porirua Development

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## Share Your Voice – Lao community – July

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, concerns and hopes and dreams/ aspirations for the future. We’ve put together what people said at the session with the Lao community under topic headings below.

We’re also pulling everyone’s feedback together and sharing it, along with people’s thoughts and ideas by each topic.



### Parks and open spaces

- More space – looking after our people is extremely important
- Community land where people can hold allotments to grow their own food



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## Environment (plants and wildlife)

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

## Housing

- Affordable housing is a big issue facing our community and especially first home buyers or families on a single income
- A roof over your head is a basic human need. This project can help address this
- I am very pleased to hear good news from the government to give away big money to develop Porirua City
- I hope this money will help our community project, so we can have a temple or community hall and somewhere to go to

## Community facilities

- Need you to support Laos temple – because we need a place to practice our religion, in a safe place and in a communal space
- We need a hall for the Lao community – with our families, it is important to uphold traditions & culture
- I need land to build the Buddhist temple
- We need Laos school for our kids
- We, as Buddhist people need a temple where we can do ritual ceremony in Porirua!!! On behalf of Lao students studying in Wellington and nearby
- We would like resource consent to build a Lao Temple/Chapel – we require a community hall for the community. This Temple will accommodate monks who will live in the Temple
- Dear Sir/madam, I am the president of the Lao Temple, we need a section around 2000 square metres to build our Temple area in Porirua

## Other thoughts

- As residents of Porirua who some have lived here for over 25 years and will continue to live here for the rest of their lives, we need a representative of the Lao community to be the voice for our community on local central government
- Lao Youth initiatives - Lao language classes
- More education services
- Positive development - So that everyone can be happy
- More opportunities for migrant communities to be apart of the bigger picture, to speak on behalf of our community because we are shy and embarrassed to speak up. But someone from our community can represent us on local boards or local council