



# Porirua Development

## Share Your Voice – community facilities

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 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 community facilities – 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

- Car parking – Cannons Creek disability not enough. Everyone fighting for 1 spot at the shops
- Butcher shop in Cannons creek
- Laundromat – need more to cater for overload

- Cannons Creek businesses need to clean their outside areas. Bad smell, seagulls hanging around, birds on food etc
- Homeless sleep here (Cannons Creek Park)
- No Post Office in eastern Porirua – shortage of post boxes
- Post box in Cannons Creek Library – not accessible
- Day care – older people. There is (currently) a drop in one day a week
- Anti-social behaviour in park
- For everyone: multi-functional community facility Cannons Creek or Waitangirua
- Cafe, linked to health and well-being. Cannons Creek
- Community one-stop shop
- Activity hubs for young people eg for music classes etc. Bring people together with healthy activities eg free exercise classes. Things for elderly
- Not just food shops – need something like 'the warehouse' – electrical -household – cheapish
- Lacking variety in play equipment, like flying foxes
- Community noticeboard
- Community Police in Cannons Creek – should be easy to access Police
- Community house for new citizens Myanmar community in Cannons Creek as the community is growing
- Community patrol base for community patrol groups in Cannons Creek
- Police back in Cannons Creek neighbourhood, team base back and team back presence wise
- Youth space needed. Keep them off the street engaged and excited about their future
- We would like to have a community house/venue for new citizen Myanmar/Burma community as the community is growing and it is hard to find space for our community activities and events
- Communal youth space – creative arts areas – places for young people to gather positively, practice cultural song and dance together
- We'd like to have outreach community medical centre because we don't have ED and it will be accessible for the community in Cannons Creek eg taking blood pressure, diabetes tests, health education, information sharing
- Rebuild Cannons Creek opportunity centre – youth space provides for late night options
- Is important to see more public transportation for older people and connection for all streets. Also, good to see rest places around city people can sit and have rest
- We need a community hub where young and elderly and 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. 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.
- Do something about vacant buildings – makes them feel abandoned
- Community garden, community recycling, community composting. Greater community, cleaner Cannons Creek, Allotments of England
- Car parking, Cannons Creek, disability parking not enough for everyone/ people
- Community info centre in Cannons Creek – big bill board, street names
- Butcher shop in Cannons Creek, Laundromat need to cater for overload



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- Children's child care centre, close to home. Safe. Life skills for youth (diet) One stop place for all community – in Cannons Creek. Teach all languages from all cultures
- People don't know about facilities (health)
- What the heck is this looks abandoned, neglected, waste of space
- Community house
- Community cafe that is not attached to an organisation or church but allows people to pop in, have a chat. Information centre. Skilled listeners and mobiliser. Access for people regardless of disability, race, religion, ethnicity, gender
- A close rest home for the elderlies. Better shopping centre in Ascot Park area. A local area for the elderlies

## Waitangirua

- 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.
- One session is not enough to get round all the tables too much info too soon. Groom the event prior with thoughts to ponder before the actual event. I've been here one hour & only hit one table & find it exhausting. I will do one more table & then try hitting more up??
- Art space / hub for young people with room to create and store art and start up a career. Network and share their art/ pop-in space
- 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.
- To open more Arabic or Middle Eastern restaurants. Because I am not able to find any food from my culture in Porirua city. Will be good to encourage people to open more restaurants
- Open, free community spaces which support cultural identity, and small business initiatives, community owned and accesses makes space, Tivaevae quilting space and resources, display of what we create. Learning space integrating community, knowledge and kids learning
- More educational facilities on a smaller scale. Keeping the community connected. Smaller would be more cost effective educationally. Tertiary institutions cost our people money.
- More, shopping, better range in Waitangirua
- Elderly outdoor spaces. Nice places to sit and gather.
- Dry walking tracks - makes it easier
- Market space in town centre location
- Performance arts centre rehearsal spaces.
- More meeting venues for younger generation to share their ideas - another purpose built area
- Refuge shelter in winter and during storms for the homeless (NZ Maori wardens have rough sleeper's members.
- A park like the one at Aotea lagoon in Cannons Creek / Waitangirua
- Swimming pool - Cannons Creek has been upgraded but an extra pool would be good - like CC but bigger (more like Te Rauparaha pool)

- Arts hub is important for youth and community engagement. Available for events, projects, programmes and rehearsals, which support and encourage participation
- It is important for me to have community space hall or parks for gathering and knowing each other I want practice my language to speak with others
- Safe space for the elderly and more activities for them
- Similar to Aotea Lagoon, to have exercise machines around Ascot Park and Cannons Creek Park etc. but more and like Levin adventure park area has lots of fun apparatus and exercise circuit, example located on the main road south end of Levin, need to have parks/spaces like Levin's with path around park for bike circuit
- Youth facilities and outdoor spaces that encourage them to
- Library and swimming pool very important extra swimming pool needed
- Post Office please with full services
- 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

## Rānui

- Pools – better if close to people not just in Porirua city centre
- Cannons Creek library needs to be expanded x10 to include homework facilities & community spaces etc... Offer internet, Wi-Fi for people to have more access and opportunities to grow
- walkable access to facilities is important
- More opportunities for marketplaces for local farmers especially refugees farmers to sell their crops. A bigger library in Cannons Creek – more options. Night markets so locals and refugees can sell their food
- Can we please have a new community police base for Cannons Creek Neighbourhood Police Teams since they already have relocated to Waitangirua community police base since last year 2018
- Include volleyball – community will come. For youth to come too
- Community meeting spaces – community hub – space for free stuff and shared resources. Opp shops and free shops – community cafe in Cannons Creek
- Hui spaces for koha. Real coffee in the sun. Art space hub – chess table/chairs - memorial space to reflect loved ones gone. Rotunda / after marriage – sound shell clam shell neutral space. Unity project Epuni hub in the creek Marae! Fale, culture centre outdoor auditorium by the lake? markets (day/night) solar lighting in dark spaces. The koha shed Cannons Creek neutral space. More toilets (public) – Bombing wall for our graffiti artists
- Sense of community – Ranui. Issues of homelessness/beggars walking community gardens/spaces that are alive. movies on Mungavin hall wall – outside. Fewer churches. Mungavin hall needs an upgrade and use free to community
- requirement for emergency housing in the Porirua region
- Info centres – used to be the hub -place to ask directions get local info
- Justice of the Peace availability around community at a set place and time. For easy community access
- Indoor netball courts – convert Mungavin to indoor units + add parking at Ranui or build in Cannons Creek
- Community Gardens – shared veggies + fruit
- Cannons creek library needs a make-over. Improve the way it looks to make people fall in love again... or for the first time with their library. Modernize it with the latest technologies
- Communal eating areas with food stalls around it.



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- Community facilities alongside shopping centres but some facilities separate like halls, places of worship
- Safe environment for our community. Youth resources, social services working together. Council resources one stop loop link to library etc.
- Sports fields we have are good and well maintained – reasonable amount, high quality
- Pools are a good resource for children – libraries as well in Waitangirua where the supermarket use to be
- Creative hub for Cannons Creek to harness the vast + creative arts talent in the area from being a hobby into full time professionals. Earning an income from their talent. eg "AS 220.org" example arts hub in Canada. – We already have a trust for this "EAST5024" & are looking to grow this...
- Night markets 'popup shops' shared community spaces. Containers – cafes, crafts etc. In Cannons Creek "creative spaces" galleries, cafes, performance hubs
- "Night market" sheltered – for small local businesses families etc. To earn an income in Cannons Creek.
- A creative hub for youth & community "space to shine" talents to fine tune their craft – art, music, dance, gallery, performance space – workshops. Outcomes- opportunities to develop into further creative jobs – professional. We have our creative organisations EAST5024 ready to start art and music – we just need resources & space to create
- Walking tracks – bush
- Attractive shops + local community hubs that mean people can walk to things that they like to do in the community eg sports, social events arts/culture rather than need to go in a car our of the area

## Ascot Park

- Safe/visible youth centre/hub not just well lit but visible. To secure their needs according to them. Designed for arts, sports, hui, korero. Multicultural
- Free shuttles to & from library and other core services. More resources at the mall
- Social cohesion needs to be supported through provision of natural meeting spaces & facilitated events / happenings. I don't think we can rely on it just "happening" any more. Each town centre needs something like this.
- Extend cannons creek library – make a mobile book service. Clean toilets. More gaming hubs – Arepa. Better access to health care. Art spaces.
- Investing in the communities – market under cover to grow & contributing to the economy of Waitangirua township. Fully equipped performance – multipurpose art centre. Need a larger pool to serve the east & Whitby including schools, people with disabilities. Assisting community groups into their own gathering places – make villages more of a community feel – suiting elderly
- Indoor sporting facilities that are easily accessible. Free to access by youth. Gold coin donation access

- Indoor sports facilities it'd be good to see more of these / for it to be easier to set one up & more all weather outdoor facilities
- Having a multipurpose community hub similar to the the Walter Nash centre in Taita that encourages community to use & connect in different ways. Meeting rooms, library, cafe, arts & sports facilities in Porirua East
- Each 'town centre' having an accessible, attractive hub, with multipurpose spaces that support arts, fitness, health/wellbeing etc. A place for people to "bump into each other"
- Community environment hub, incorporating educational seminars on how to grow your own food, compost, & drawing emphasising the connection between the health of us & the environment
- Need more pools and to make sure people can afford to go there
- Spaces where whānau/community can come together – parks that include BBQ, seating & community garden, SAFE. Recycling / upcycling sharing of experiences knowledge = intergenerational sharing
- Visible /central youth centre – non religious & multicultural. Community hub event venue (big & small) affordable
- 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
- "One stop" youth shop that has a wide range of youth services, especially health
- A skateboard park in central Cannons Creek :) a skating rink :) a community hub, meeting rooms, new library facility, kitchen for community drop ins, public hall
- Unused shops/vacant shops that have been empty for a long time to open up to other opportunities & ideas for local businesses to access. These vacant shops to work with communities – allow ideas to flourish into businesses, ventures
- Important to make sure tangi etc at Maraeroa marae is not disrupted by heavy traffic coming off link road & consider lights, parking, access & synchronised lights
- Cannons Creek pool is awesome but not always available to the public. Could be bigger / more multi-purpose well used by schools
- Community gardens to encourage social gathering and healthy eating
- Cost of hiring community facilities eg Te Rauparaha and halls is too high and it's difficult for the community to meet the cost when hosting
- More spaces for creative arts (eg dance studios & art studios). Venues that youth can 'hire' for free. Study spaces/study cafes – spaces that are accessible at night
- Local community multi-sport facility which is affordable to the local community
- Public toilets to be regularly maintained
- Consider gathering facilities to enhance good values for the next generation – this can be achieved by either investing in different ethnic communities – being provided with a council property or low cost renting to enhance well-being
- Community hub with meeting rooms large/small facilities clean/well lit and accessible (look at Churton Park)
- Waitangirua mall to be better utilised. Lots of potential to create a community hub for local residents, youth and visitors. Redevelop the mall into a shopping mall again. Bring back the arcade!
- Parks that are suitable for all ages, all abilities in all weather places for neighbour to socialize

## **Lao community**

- Need you to support Laos temple – because we need a place to practice our religion, in a safe place and in a communal space



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- 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

## Porirua City councillors

- Cannons Creek Park – children’s play area. All interests to take into consideration
- Facilities up to standard – access and lights
- Build upon existing facilities
- Plan for resilience
- Cannons Creek park should be multi-purpose sports and up to standard for lots of sports
- Building on existing resources. Eg Porirua Park and Cannons Creek Park need to improve lighting. It would create a destination

## New migrant

- Women only swimming lessons and swimming times
- More libraries, swimming pools with picnic spot
- Need more public toilets and needs to be clean
- Free (fast) wifi, large community hub/centre for meetings and event/festivals
- Community gardens for veges and fruits
- Building for a temple and more space
- More cleaner toilets
- Better library
- English language classes
- More community services
- Pasefika Centre with indoor volleyball court
- I want a big stage in the community Centre. I want free wifi anywhere in Cannons Creek
- I want to have a place in Cannons Creek which can offer activities for the old people
- Community hub for gatherings, advice, celebrating our diversity, developing relationships, after hours for ESOL or mother language classes
- Language school facilities – more buildings to rent to operate needed courses (i.e. English language)
- Bigger library
- I want a special Buddhist temple – large enough for special events
- Need accident & emergency hospital