



# Porirua Development

## Share Your Voice – town centres

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 town centres – 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

- Build a big shopping centre like Queensgate in Lower Hutt (Cook Island hall site)
- Community outreach medical centre (Cook Island hall site)
- Sport and music centre (alternative school site)

- Signage or promotion of the walks behind Cannons Creek
- CC needs to be cleaned = fresh start
- Around the lakes doesn't feel safe too many trees
- Post shop!
- Slow cars down, need speed bump (Mungavin by mobil station)
- Please no (more) beggars – community safety – get rid of charity clothing bins as the beggars are stealing from them
- Community. Sanctuary
- Feels safer than it used to. People are friendlier
- Alleyways should have more lighting. There is one with four light posts and only one has got lights on and the others are "off"
- Restore not rebuild! Leave natural stuff alone!
- Connections – me to get to you. Gardens for community
- More nature. Kids should have connections to trees
- Roads/pathways are accessible for people with disabilities. Good signage for people with health literacy issues. Safe roads pathways for children and families
- Liquor ban not working in Cannons Creek. Problem with people drinking in parks
- Community Police base at Cannons Creek
- (Waitangirua) Re-open the mall
- (Waitangirua) Need new supermarket
- Add more activities and expand the pool
- Tall trees around houses branches should be trimmed for safety. Trees are hiding the sun
- Family friendly facilities – suitable for kids – suitable for international families and communities
- The communication with the community should be ongoing and regular. Don't wait for a year!
- It is important to see the beauty of the city but more important to be safe. Build more Police stations and build more venues for community use to have more events together
- Safety: loose handrails going down steps, broken footpaths, fence around properties, wooden fences
- Friendly, welcoming, safe represents the community it serves. Toilets. Easy to get to supermarket at Waitangirua
- Waitangirua – the Saturday market, free fruit and veges, playground, good parking
- More toilets around for people with disabilities
- Community cafe with information for people with a pop in – there for a chat
- Fix the bridge and entranceways, put art work, lighting, LED markets along the water
- Polynesian market zone to reflect 2nd largest community in Aotearoa. Art centres, performing centres, markets that we can showcase our cultures, studio spaces and accommodation
- Fix up our bus stop make it a depot for long distance travel to the north
- Youth space (need more). Services accessible for youth less crime – hopefully. What's important? The people – strong community
- Good access to public transport. More walkways and lighting in alleyways. Taxi stand more visible. Info hub for visitors
- The library as it is a community hub. Friendly people warm. Information. The fish shop. And green grocer as it sells things I like to eat. Friendly personal service. Swimming pool good for cheap family recreation



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- 1. We need handy car parks for the shopping centre in Cannons Creek 2. The humps for vehicles in Waitangirua are too high. They need to be lowered for safe driving
- Recreation – back Cook Islands Hall. Library. Taxis should be back where they used to be, not in the present location. Consider relocating taxi stand from Mungavin to car park (as above) where they used to be – no one parked in taxi stand
- What you like about Eastern Porirua – community spirit, community groups
- Some of the footpaths could do with improving – remove mud
- Use housing in Cannons Creek. Great facility, free wifi good, welcoming and friendly people. Programme for kids (but they can be noisy). Use parks, lots of walking etc. Good selection of shops – new food store is good. Saves going to town centre

## Waitangirua

- Importance of a safe space for individuals and families to meet, as in a cultural whare
- On consultation day record conversations because some people can't write! Or have great talking but no writing
- The story of the area, Maori history, urban settlement, local heroes
- Accessible for the elderly and people with disabilities
- Spaces for mums/dads and their babies (parking /change rooms), areas to play music where possible please
- Lollypops at zebra crossing outside Maraeroa, especially when transmission gully starts
- Electric scooter E-chargers/wheelchair chargers outside and accessible
- New public toilets
- A sheltered market
- A memorial space to remember loved ones
- Water blasting annually
- A closed spot, contained for skips/ waste in one area
- More trees!
- Community orchards
- The park needs more attention
- Exercise machines
- The mall needs upgrading internally
- Creek CBD 60s fitted then its expired needs to be pulled down turned around facing south. Once shops are turned around the original carpark can be a green space connection to the creek
- Lake needs major attention, it's a puddle
- More connections of wide smooth paths leading into CBD for prams like paths on Bedford Park
- Accessibility is so important for elderly prams wheel chairs
- More carparks lit up for security cameras?

- 20km zone entering CBD, Hereford west end of Bedford
- Centralised shopping facility, less travel
- Children and parents still need coverage where the old sails were down town. Main centre for kids to play at park even in the rain and not only shade from the sun
- They need a water park down town too. Keep kids occupied and happy
- Take down the old Waitangirua mall and do up better shops. Earthquake safe and secure. To let to local small business people
- People love coming back home and to NZ for the food, more food stores. I encourage this healthier way to feed our families, a subway franchise in Waitangirua
- I would like to see Waitangirua mall operating again as shopping mall. Sad to see it not used. Perhaps a market inside the mall. Local events held inside ie concerts and movies
- Lack of public toilets in CBD near long distance bus stop
- Need a petrol station in Waitangirua
- Porirua centre really needs a lot of decent shops. The Porirua shopping centre really needs a major upgrade
- Youth & young children events and projects available at community centres. More street lights in rural areas. Waitangirua area in particular
- Poor access to quality food, only access from trucks or dairy's. Expensive food leads to debt. Food truck, the good shop to order online with eftpos rather than internet banking or credit card Salvation Army, able to order for in store prices with no interest loans, to counter predatory shopping trucks
- Schools need security cameras, all schools. It's really important to protect our children and to have this security for us as parents as well not only for children. This is for outside and around the schools in Porirua. Highly recommended
- Cannons Creek shops and Porirua centre needs to be bowled and start again. Some years ago, Vic uni architecture students presented to PCC youth council AMAZING model designs. None were considered sadly. Time to get these ideas back to completely redesign these 2 centres
- Priority Waitangirua mall shops, bowl it and build like Whitby shops (without a bottle store or TAB), modern attractive buildings for hairdressers, CAFE!!, hotspot area so groups can "rent rooms", food shops, laundromat, and space for intellectually disabled to work in these businesses, social services here for refugees, inside space for Saturday market, link road brings in business to Waitangirua
- Accessibility is important to me. Being able to cross the street safely ( blind in a wheel chair )
- I don't visit the town centers that much, accessibility issues getting into shops (wheelchair)
- The shops in the town centers are not the shops that I want to visit
- Waitangirua Mall could be a supermarket or a larger Library.
- I would like a chemist open in the weekend
- I want a post shop near by with the full Post Shop services

## **Rānui**

- Hang out spaces (for males) older & younger eg mechanics yard
- More shops at Cannons Creek
- Multi-purpose performing art space 700 seats... would possibly build on Cannons Creek park top field & middle field for car parking. We have a lot of performing arts groups here. eg 1. Local pacific cultural groups 2. Many bands 3 performing arts eg Le Moana – Tupe Lualua – Whitireia performing arts. 4 LEART 5 visual artist- Moses Viliamu
- Any plans to include Rānui shops in improvements



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- Supermarket at Waitangirua!
- Waitangirua mall a focal point
- Cannons Creek shops harder to upgrade – multiple ownership
- Business & employment space – flexible office space
- E-scooters in the East! & CBD
- My parents
- More businesses space – flexible offices aim for locals to work locally – more factories on this side of Porirua (Porirua East) that can provide work for local people – no travelling out
- More night markets / ethnic markets
- Good that PCC-Porirua City Council & HNZ-Housing New Zealand working together
- Question: Is there nowhere else to put ATM machines within Cannons Creek shopping centre so that beggars don't have to stand in front of them?
- All crossings & roundabouts in Porirua basin need to be raised (above road surface)
- It's good to have council involved in the housing development project
- Get rid of the telephone boxes – Haven for anti social behaviour
- Big community centre linking library, indoor sports arena, performance space, cafes and other resources
- A small plaza in the Waitangirua mall. Coffee shop. Supermarket
- Don't like the car park at Cannons creek – bad layout because it needs to be clean, its so important to us
- PaknSave at Waitangirua
- More reliable buses
- The seats and the wall
- Listen to the people
- 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

- Bring in small businesses – create a small town – mini mall
- Fix and clean Cannons Creek lakeside reserve. Please more families/people will use it then up into Belmont Park.
- Art space!! Kids/youth need an outlet to express them.
- More food markets down town. Fresh as kaimoana available – fish market (Finding ways to increase our kaimoana in all areas of Porirua)
- Community gardens / Permaculture. Encourage healthy eating – sugar tax at local dairies
- Need ramps at Cannons Creek Centre for all shops. Same at Waitangirua mall. Need a concrete path from the mall to Natone park
- Computers in libraries should be free at 30 minutes at a time. Like in Invercargill – limit 2 x per person – per day

- Not enough buses with ramp for wheelchairs. I can't get inside most of the shops because it's not enough room for wheelchairs
- More freight containers – shops along the Porirua Harbour, with local businesses
- Rounding around the mall – back of the mall. Youth hub – space for young mums – free courses. Protection for Maraeroa Marae
- People have right of way over cars!
- Cafes / Coffee shops – potentially around the harbour
- Creekside: more community spaces where only people can be (no cars): clean the Cannons Creek lake area: cleaner and safer walkways around the city
- Safety around Waitangirua mall: better lighting: remove bottle store?
- Villages rather than town centres. Village has meaning to people living in this area. The village plan exists: build on the community knowledge & action to develop the village plan
- "Village" not "Town Centres"
- Make sure Waitangirua community park is protected into the future as a safe community space (the village heart)

### **Porirua City councillors**

- Community hub/centre – a place to hang out or a meeting space
- Narrative – stories of how people & cultures are reflected
- More art work – dislike garage doors
- More lighting – ownership and self maintained
- More coffee shops/café
- Orientation of the centre is important
- Community hall for groups to use – different cultures
- Seeing Cannons Creek as a whole – connected to the pool
- Access to road, parking is a problem. Roundabouts aren't sufficient
- More murals, colour & lighting – make it safer
- More community ownership

### **New migrants**

- Shop for Muslim clothing – dresses and scarves
- More schools with better parking space and playground
- More parking with wider space to get in and out of the car
- Large supermarket with plenty of parking
- Internet café – free wifi. Spark NZ (free wifi)
- Clothing shops like at Porirua North City mall & Johnsonville Mall
- Pak'nSave in Cannons Creek
- I want a new shop for seafoods and need more vegetables and fruits plantation
- I want a new school and a new car park in Cannons Creek
- City Green in Cannons Creek
- Would be very good to have Pak'nSave & City Green local
- Another A&E – not just Kenepuru
- Halal meat shop – we are driving to Wellington to buy halal meat
- Local movie in Waitangirua. The women & children's part is very small. Need more space
- Cheaper food - Pak'nSave, the Warehouse, Kmart and halal butcher shop



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- Lebanon bread shop (its only in Wellington)
- Playground, sports venues and gardens
- Reading cinemas and bakery