

Waikato District update

JUNE 2023



Baker and Leather Streets, Raahui Pookeka



Kia ora neighbour,

With the strong and increasing demand for housing in the Waikato, Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities has a large build programme underway. We currently have plans to build over 850 new modern, warm and dry homes in the region over the next few years.

Here is a snapshot of activity occurring in Te Kauwhata, Raahui Pookeka (Huntly) and Ngaaruawaahia.



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Kāinga Ora

The primary role of Kāinga Ora is to provide public housing, but we also administer a range of products to help people into home ownership and partner with Council's on larger community developments.

We not only work directly with people living in our homes, we also rent or lease properties to community organisations working with whaanau for supported housing. We are investigating the best use of all our houses to ensure they meet the needs of our customers. The homes that are currently being planned and built are part of our response. Future redevelopment projects are being looked at as 60% of our homes were built prior to 1980.

Healthy Homes

Kāinga Ora currently has 427 homes in Waikato District. The Residential Tenancies (Healthy Homes Standards) Regulations (2019) sets out minimum standards for heating, insulation, ventilation, moisture ingress/drainage, and draught-stopping. Kāinga Ora has to ensure all homes across our portfolio comply with these standards by 1 July 2024. Work is underway in the District to ensure all our homes meet these standards. As at 30 June 2023, 373 now comply, 37 have work in progress and the 18 remaining homes will be addressed before July 2024.

Who will live in the new homes

Kāinga Ora will match homes to families to be their long term homes, with priority given to those in greatest need, while considering location due to work, wider whaanau, and education.

Questions?

Kāinga Ora staff remain available to talk with people about any of our activity in the community.

Email:

Waikato.region@kaingaora.govt.nz



Community Engagements

Community Engagement is ongoing. Over the past six months we have engaged with the Waikato District communities through individual conversations, emails, and letters. Through these conversations, we have been able to talk through plans and hear concerns, feeding these back to the appropriate Kāinga Ora staff to incorporate in our planning. Across 2023 we will be at Te Kauwhata Community House, Huntly West Community Centre and Ngaaruawaahia Community House every second month to continue these conversations.



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Te Kauwhata

Resource Consent Submitted to Council (6 new homes)

- Waerenga Road (1 two-bedroom, 1 three-bedroom and 4 four-bedroom homes)

Raahui Pookeka (Huntly)

Completed (2 new homes)

- Porritt Avenue (2 two-bedroom homes)

Approved Resource Consents, construction occurring or about to begin (1 new home)

- Harris Street (1 three-bedroom home)

Resource Consent Submitted to Council (12 new homes)

- Baker and Leather Streets (2 two-bedroom, 2 three-bedroom and 2 four-bedroom homes)
- Blundell Street (2 two-bedroom, 2 three-bedroom, 1 four-bedroom and 1 five bedroom homes)

Ngaaruawaahia

Completed (2 new homes)

- Durham Street (2 four-bedroom homes)

Home Ownership Assistance

Looking at buying your first home but not sure where to start?

Kāinga Ora offers several products and resources that can give you a helping hand toward home ownership. These include financial assistance to help people afford a deposit or ongoing repayments. Have a look at what could be right for you.

This can be done through programmes like:

- a. First Home Grant (up to \$10,000)
- b. First Home Partner (up to 25% or \$200,000)
- c. First Home Loan (up to 15%)
- d. Kāinga Whenua Loan (up to \$500,000)
- e. KiwiBuild

Home Ownership :: Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities (kaingaora.govt.nz)



Waerenga Road, Te Kauwhata

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