Waikato Regional update



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 and purchase over 850 new modern, warm and dry homes in the region over the next few years.

If you want to know more: www.kaingaora.govt.nz/waikato



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Here is a snapshot of activity occurring across our Waikato Region. **Recently Completed in 2023** (254 new homes)

- 143 two-bedroom homes
- 76 three-bedroom homes
- 34 four-bedroom homes
- 1 six-bedroom home



Approved Resource Consents, construction occurring or about to begin (643 new homes)

- 2 one-bedroom homes
- 320 two-bedroom homes
- 228 three-bedroom homes
- 83 four-bedroom homes
- 10 five-bedroom homes

Resource Consent Submitted to Council (82 new homes)

- 2 one-bedroom homes
- 44 two-bedroom homes
- 21 three-bedroom homes
- 13 four-bedroom homes
- 2 five-bedroom homes





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?

If you want to know more, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Kāinga Ora team.

Email:

Waikato.region@kaingaora.govt.nz

Our team are available to talk with people around any of our activity in the Region. We will keep our website updated as projects receive Resource Consent from Council. Across 2023 we will be at your local Community Centre every second month to continue these conversations.



Our Waikato Region

Kāinga Ora - Waikato includes homes within the following seven local Council areas:



Waikato District Matamata-Piako District Hamilton City Waipā District South Waikato District Ōtorohanga District Waitomo District

175 Households are new customers

Across the four months of July - October 2023 Kāinga Ora has provided a new home for 175 households who were on the Ministry of Social Development Housing Waitlist. Most of these new customers have come from emergency housing situations.

Community Partnerships

Kāinga Ora owns homes that border a paper road in Hamilton City that has experienced a number of issues over the years, including illegal parking, rubbish dumping and roaming dogs. Kāinga Ora has been actively working with Hamilton City Council to support the wellbeing of our customers living in the area, and address the issues being experienced. Over the last 6-months the greenspace has been cleaned up, public lighting improved, and new fencing has been installed that has created a safer environment in both the public space and individual homes.

During October another moment in this partnership was marked. Students from Hamilton Junior High School with the support of their EnviroSchools Facilitator planted fruit trees and began preparations for new community gardens.

Kāinga Ora is focused on delivering better homes and communities that connect people with jobs, transport, open spaces and the facilities that they need. The changes being initiated at Gudex Court are a great example of multiple people working together to enhance the lives of those living there. As we continue to deliver more warm, dry and safe homes across the city, we support our communities working together to enhance public spaces like Gudex Court.



Healthy Homes

Kāinga Ora currently has 4922 homes across the Waikato. 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 to ensure all our homes meet these standards. As at 30 September 2023, 4565 now comply, 68 have work in progress and the 289 remaining homes will be addressed before July 2024.

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