

# Waikato Regional update



Tawhiwhi Lane and Hazelmere Cres, Te Awamutu

## 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 are on track to build and purchase over 1000 new modern, warm and dry homes in the region between 2023 and 2025.

If you want to know more:  
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## Here is a snapshot of activity occurring across our Waikato Region.

### New homes completed January 2024 - September 2024 (448 new homes - 1166 new bedrooms)

- 7 one-bedroom home
- 219 two-bedroom homes
- 170 three-bedroom homes
- 49 four-bedroom homes
- 3 five-bedroom homes



### Approved Resource Consents, construction occurring or about to begin (372 new homes - 981 new bedrooms)

- 16 one-bedroom homes
- 172 two-bedroom homes
- 125 three-bedroom homes
- 49 four-bedroom homes
- 10 five-bedroom homes



Kainga Ora 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 70% of our homes were built prior to 1980.

## 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](mailto: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 2024 we will continue to 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



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## 871 Households moved into a new home

Between July 2023 and June 2024, 871 households moved into a new home, 647 of these were new customers who were on the Ministry of Social Development Housing Waitlist.

Most of these new customers have come from emergency housing situations.

## Community Partnerships - Support to Settle

Our Community Partners are key supports to the whaanau who live in our homes. With their support, they can be a major part of our whaanau settling into and thriving in their new home.

Our housing managers have been working with our Community partners to welcome whaanau into their new home and community. By not only providing information, but making connections that will support them to navigate settling into our homes.

Recently one of our community partners, Glenview Community Centre launched their Community Caravan. The caravan is more than just a vehicle, it is a bridge connecting agencies and community members. Breaking down barriers to engagement with seamless mobility across different locations. Glenview Community Centre provides a safe place for whaanau to visit and feel welcome, and now they can be out and about in the community providing much needed support and manaaki.

We have been working with the team at Glenview and our other Community Centre's around the region on ways to support our whaanau and their wider communities.



## Healthy Homes

Kāinga Ora currently has 5240 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 has been completed to ensure all our homes meet these standards. As at 30 June 2024, 5239 now comply, We continue to work with the 1 remaining household to complete this work.

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