



Winter 2019

Ōwairaka Development Progress Update

Hello
Kia Ora
Talofa lava
Malo e lelei
Ni hao
Namaste

ON YA BIKE! PLANS FOR GREENWAY TAKE SHAPE

Over forty Ōwairaka residents and community leaders joined the walking and cycling greenway hikoi and community workshop earlier this year.

Led by the team at HLC who is overseeing the Ōwairaka Greenway Programme, the event gave local community members the chance to join in discussions and identify opportunities for the neighbourhood greenway.

The Greenway Programme is about creating spaces that are usable, healthy, safe, and green. The Greenway will connect Ōwairaka to neighbouring amenities such as Murray Halberg Park, Alan Wood Reserve, Kukuwai Park and Mt Albert.

The day began with a group bike ride and walk around the streets and parks

to better understand the existing neighbourhood connections, the access ways to parks and open spaces, and pedestrian and cycle routes. Participants identified what worked well, what could be improved, and other opportunities to enhance the greenway.

The group then returned to the Ōwairaka Development Info Cube on Hendon Ave to share their thoughts from the hikoi using interactive workstations while enjoying some delicious hot soup generously provided by Ōwairaka Primary's Friends of the School group.

There were plenty of great ideas, including improved pedestrian access to the kindergarten and school, better recreation facilities and play areas at

Murray Halberg Park and Kukuwai Park, a 'food forest' of fruit trees and improved lighting, seating, and pedestrian access to parks and walkways.

HLC and design company Isthmus Group collated all the feedback from the workshop, which will now be presented to Auckland Council and Auckland Transport for consideration.



HLC will continue to work with residents on plans for the Ōwairaka Greenway Programme. If you missed out on the hikoi and workshop, you can still join the conversation by emailing us at info@owairakadevelopment.co.nz. We hope to be able to present an update on the Greenway Programme later this year.

Children play and learn at the community garden

The colder months may have arrived, but the community garden on Hendon Ave is still bustling with activity this winter, starting with a visit from year 3 and 4 students from Ōwairaka Primary School.

The students visited the community garden to learn about where food comes from, how to harvest produce



and the importance of preparing healthy and tasty meals. The children then participated in a cooking session making delicious green vegetable omelettes using eggs from the Ōwairaka Eco-Neighbourhood's movable community chicken coop.

At a more recent session, the kids got their hands dirty with the Loose Parts Pop-up Playground at the garden, which provides play-based learning opportunities around design and construction. The kids worked together to design and build a house with different sized pieces of wood, using sand from the sandbox as their 'mortar' and garden towels to spread their 'concrete'. They even included a composting system on one side of the house!

The garden is now proudly showcasing a colourful mural painted by Ōwairaka Primary students and represents the budding artists' interpretation of the theme 'a healthy community looks like this.'

Check out their handiwork at the community garden located at 116 Hendon Ave, and turn to the back page of this newsletter for a full list of upcoming events at the garden.



100 years of Marist



We extend our warm congratulations to Marist Rugby League Club, which celebrated its centennial over Queen's Birthday Weekend. The Marist Club is based at Murray Halberg Park, and celebrated 100 years of rugby league with a series of games across all age levels, a mix and mingle evening, and a black tie dinner. Congratulations!



Stage one progress update

Stage one of the Ōwairaka Development is in full swing. All of the older state homes as part of stage one have been demolished, making way for new, warm, dry homes for Housing New Zealand and the general market. We're working hard on these sites to make the land safe and ready to build on.

Construction of the first homes for Housing New Zealand is due to begin in the fourth quarter of the year. We're aiming to have the first lot of market and affordable homes available to purchase off the plans at the end of the year.

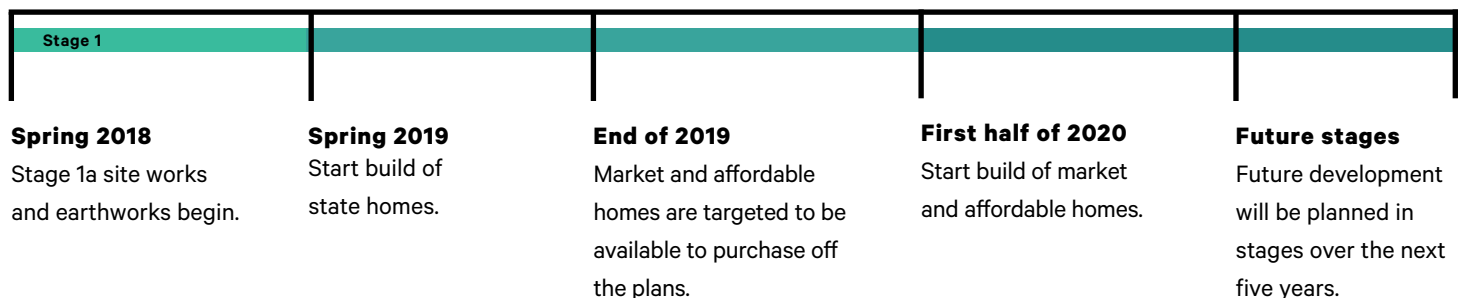
The Ōwairaka Development will be planned in stages over the next five years and we will keep you updated as we go.



Head to owairakadevelopment.co.nz for an interactive map and fact sheets on the development.

STAGE 1 Estimated Development Timeline

Timeframes are indicative only and can change.





**JOE
VIQASI**

Meet Joe from Piritahi

Joe is a Community Liaison Adviser with the Piritahi Alliance. The Piritahi Alliance is responsible for getting the land ready to build and live on.

Q: What does the role of Community Liaison Adviser involve?

A: My job is to develop and maintain high-quality communication and engagement between members of the Alliance and the people living in the development areas. This involves informing people in the community about upcoming work happening

in their area and answering questions about the development and sending updates and community feedback to the teams. You will have seen me around the neighbourhood making house visits, completing letterbox drops and playing with diggers at neighbourhood events!

Q: What do you enjoy most about your role?

A: I really enjoy meeting and interacting with a diverse range of people. Knowing that I can help people in the community understand the changes that are happening in their neighbourhood brings me a lot of joy.

Q: Before you joined Piritahi what were you doing?

A: I worked as a Tenancy Manager for Unison Housing and also a Sports Activities Coordinator for a local trust and community organisation in Melbourne.

Q: What's your favourite thing to do outside of the office?

A: I love music and being outdoors. On the weekends you'll find me on a walking or cycling track or at the beach! Most of all I love spending time with my son. He is three and a half and is just like his dad!



Join us at an upcoming community working bee



Date and times may vary. Head to **owairakadevelopment.co.nz** for more information.

Saturday 24 August

Organic garden workshop 10am - 12pm

Saturday 7 September

Spring gardening and eco-cleaning workshop 10am - 12pm

Saturday 21 September

Organic garden workshop 10am - 12pm

Saturday 19 October

'Honey on Toast' beekeeping workshop 10am - 12pm

Saturday 2 November

Family movie night at the gardens TBC

Saturday 23 November

Organic garden workshop 10am - 12pm

Saturday 7 December

Neighbourhood celebration and community working bee 10am - 12pm

Want to learn more?

Pop in and see us at the Information Cube at 116 Hendon Avenue every Saturday, open 10am - 4pm. If you can't make it on a Saturday head down to our new Mt Roskill Information Centre on the corner of Glynn Street and May Road, open Wednesday to Saturday from 10am - 4pm.

Visit **owairakadevelopment.co.nz** and sign up to receive regular email updates about the exciting changes that are happening in your neighbourhood.

