



Winter 2019

Roskill South Development Progress Update

Hello

Kia Ora

Talofa lava

Malo e lelei

Ni hao

Namaste

As salaam
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Building the foundations for a healthy home

Ben Finau and his family recently moved into a brand new state home on the corner of Youth Street and Dominion Road. The move was a welcome one - Ben's now one-year-old daughter fell ill last year, and after Ben and his family were rehoused into a brand new Housing New Zealand home, her health has improved significantly.

"She's really, really good now. She's running around, she looks happier and feels warmer," says Ben.

Ben's new home is one of the first Housing New Zealand homes to be built as part of the Mt Roskill South Development which are designed to be warmer, drier and cheaper to run than the older state houses.

"Our new home has double glazing which keeps all the heat inside. It's so warm inside, I don't even need a blanket!"

Ben is an excavator operator for JFC, the construction company that prepares land to be built on, including the land under which Ben's house now sits. So when Ben was told he was moving into one of the new state houses on his old work site, he couldn't believe it. "It was so unexpected," says Ben, "I thought I was preparing the land so that new houses could be built for other people to live in!"

"It's so cool to live in a house which I helped build the foundation for. Not many people can say that."

Ben lives with his wife and four young children. The eldest is five and Ben says he is settling in well at his new school. "He loves his new home so much that he tells me he can't wait to come home. He's always talking about it."

Ben has already met his new neighbours who have also moved into brand new Housing New Zealand homes. "I've spoken to everyone. They all say the same thing - that they feel warmer and more comfortable, and that their new house actually feels like a home."

Ben Finau outside his new home with his son, Ben Junior.



Community celebrates opening of Information Centre

The Mt Roskill Development celebrated the opening of its brand new Information Centre in June of this year with a day of festivities for the whole community.

The celebrations kicked off at dawn with a special blessing of the centre, led by Mana Whenua representatives from Te Ākitai Waiohū and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

Later that morning HLC and Housing New Zealand were joined by the community, May Road School, local community groups, the Puketāpapa Local Board and local MP Michael Wood to officially open the centre.

Throughout the day, the children from May Road School's kapa haka and Samoan cultural groups got the crowd going with some lively performances, and Puketāpapa Local Board member Ella Kumar led a Bollywood-style dance performance with audience participation.

There were a number of activities set up outside the Information Centre including learning the art of crochet with textile artist Lissy Cole,



archaeology with Dr Hans-Dieter Bader from Archaeology Solutions, and photo opportunities for the kids with representatives from the New Zealand Police, Mt Roskill Community Patrol, Mt Roskill Fire Station and on top of diggers courtesy of HLC's civil alliance partner Piritahi. Walking tours to view a newly-completed Housing New Zealand home also proved popular.

A steady stream of visitors dropped by the Information Centre throughout the day, with many local residents meeting and greeting members

of HLC and Housing New Zealand and asking questions about the development project. HLC received lots of feedback about the proposed upgrades to Freeland Reserve and public transport options in the area.

Located on the corner of Glynn Street and May Road, the Information Centre is a place for the community to go to find out more about the changes happening in their neighbourhood. Opening hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.



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Construction of 23 Housing New Zealand homes on the corner of Youth Street and Dominion Road, and Kallu Crescent are now complete and tenants have moved in.

We have begun construction of more state homes on three sites along Freeland and Burnett Avenues as part of Stage 2. These are due to be completed in the first half of 2020. The first market

homes for purchase off the plan will be available later this year/early next year.

Planning and site investigations for further stages are currently underway. Pop in and see us in the Information Centre for more information about the Mt Roskill South Development or visit our website to see an interactive map of the work happening in your neighbourhood. mtroskillsouthdevelopment.co.nz



Estimated Development Timeline

Stage 1 (Previously developed by HNZ)		Stage 1a	Stage 2	Stage 3		
Winter 2019 Housing New Zealand homes complete	Winter 2019 Families move into first completed homes	Spring 2019/ Winter 2020 Remaining homes complete	Winter 2019 Construction of Housing New Zealand homes as part of Stage 2 of the development begins	Summer 2020 First more affordable and market homes* available for purchase off the plan	Winter 2019 Tenant moves	Spring/Summer 2019/2020 House removal and civil construction begins

*More affordable homes include KiwiBuild and long term rental options. Around 50% of the market homes will be in a more affordable price range (i.e. priced from \$500,000 to \$650,000 delivered under the KiwiBuild programme. To register your interest in KiwiBuild homes and check your eligibility, please visit kiwibuild.govt.nz. We will also let you know when homes are available through our website. Sign up for updates at www.mtroskillsouthdevelopment.co.nz



**JOE
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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!

Community Crochet

Textile artist Lissy Robinson-Cole together with the Mt Roskill Development team have been holding drop-in crochet workshops at the recently opened Information Centre, giving Roskill locals the chance to learn the art of crochet. Participants enjoyed yarn bombing the neighbourhood too, helping to decorate site fences during the early stages of construction.



Want to learn more?

For more information on the Roskill South Development pop in and see us at the Mt Roskill Development Information Centre on the corner of May Road and Glynn Street from Wednesday – Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Or, head to our website mtroskillsouthdevelopment.co.nz and sign up for email updates while you're there!



Did you know?

The Mt Roskill South Development team has filled 19 utes with vegetation from the development sites and delivered them to the Auckland Zoo to feed the animals.