



KIA ORA!

Welcome to the Autumn Wesley Neighbourhood Progress Update! It's getting chillier here in Tāmaki Makaurau, so grab a hot drink and keep reading to find out what's been happening in Wesley, including the latest community news, and development updates.

Ngā Mihi,
Roskill Development team



WORKING WITH WESLEY:

SHARING THE PLANS FOR STAGE ONE

While youngsters stacked Lego bricks into brightly-coloured homes, the Wesley community heard how its own building blocks are falling into place.

About 70 locals stopped in at Roskill Development's Wesley Information Stall last month so the Kāinga Ora team could share detailed plans for the first stage of the neighbourhood's development.

Proposed new parks, public spaces, local infrastructure and homes on their way were all up for discussion, while visitors enjoyed snacks from Banaadir African Restaurant and all ages got stuck into some Lego building.

And just like the blues, greens, reds and yellows in the Lego kit, Wesley's future is looking bright.

"We want to make sure that our community – both its residents and our local businesses – are kept informed and actively engaged while we work on Wesley's transformation over the next 10 years," says Karla Beazley, Kāinga Ora Community Development and Engagement Coordinator. "That means taking people through our traffic management plans and showing how

our projects are carefully planned to make any disruption as manageable as possible," Karla says. "It's about making sure we're keeping our community informed, and that residents and business owners know our teams will work with them throughout and bring them on the journey with us."

Local MP Dr Carlos Cheung, Puketāpapa Local Board members Fiona Lai and Mark Pervan, and Albert-Eden-Puketāpapa Ward Councillor Julie Fairey all joined the Kāinga Ora team at the information day, representing their community and to discuss the development planned for Wesley.

The representatives spoke with local business owners, Kāinga Ora social housing customers and private homeowners from the neighbourhood, many of whom expressed how happy they were to have the Kāinga Ora team there to help them through the process, Karla says.

"Events like this are just one of the ways we can show how dedicated our team is to ensure Kāinga Ora remains a positive member of this community."

WESLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRESS UPDATE



The planned development in Wesley will bring a range of new warm, dry homes and offer people a modern, urban lifestyle in a neighbourhood where they can walk to nearby parks, local shopping hubs and services.

There'll be more new homes in the neighbourhood, including social homes, homes to buy, more affordable homes, and homes to rent. There will also be proposed new infrastructure upgrades and amenities to support the growing community.

The redevelopment of social housing is planned to happen in stages. Kāinga Ora will work closely with our customers to find a new home while new, warm, dry social homes are being built.



WESLEY (WEST)

Development has begun in Wesley (West). The first stage involves the removal of around 33 existing social homes that are no longer fit for purpose, and replacing them with around 320 brand-new, warm, dry, healthy homes planned across the whole of the development. 60% of the homes are planned to be market and more affordable homes available to buy. The Kāinga Ora Customer Liaison Team has begun working with customers affected by Stage 1 of the development.

During the early stages, we investigate ground conditions to create detailed construction plans. There will occasionally be temporary detours around investigation sites to keep the community and our construction teams safe. Often, the work involves drilling down to see what's beneath the surface so there are fewer surprises during the construction.

There's a lot happening in the Wesley area, so we're making it easier to stay informed by giving each area of the development its own project name. This will help our community keep track of everything happening, as well as where it's all taking place.

Kāinga Ora refers to the project locations as Wesley (West), Wesley (East), Wesley (North) and Wesley (South of SH20). Together, they make up the Wesley neighbourhood.

TIMELINE

MID 2024	END 2024	EARLY 2025	FUTURE STAGES
Stage 1 house removal starts. Infrastructure design and stakeholder engagement continues.	Demolition and house removal commences.	Civil works start with land remediation to make it safe to build and live on.	Future development for Wesley (West) will be planned in stages over the next ten years.

NGAHERE IN WESLEY

Kāinga Ora has been working closely with arborists and urban designers to assess the current ngahere (forest) in Wesley (West), capturing the health and species of the trees to determine which trees can be retained on site or are suitable to be found a new home.



373

A survey of 373 trees was carried out.



24%

Twenty-four percent of the trees were native species, including Pōhutukawa, Tōtara, Karo, Tītoki, Tī kōuka and Nikau.



55%

Fifty-five percent were exotic trees, including eucalyptus, Japanese cedar, Norfolk Island pine and willow.



21%

Twenty-one percent were pest plants, such as Moreton Bay fig trees, privet and lilly pilly.



93

93 were fruit trees.



27

27 significant trees that stood over 10 metres tall were identified.

The information collected in this survey allows us to assess each tree and ensure that the right plants and trees are planted in the right places. It allows us to have the information to work with Auckland Council, community, Mana whenua and local boards to ensure protection of important trees, and also plan the new planting for the area. The next step is to work on the tree planting strategy which we'll share when ready.

CULTUREFEST CELEBRATES 25 YEARS IN ROSKILL



The carved entrance-way welcomed them to te o Māori. Then it was over to Japan for a session of Seido karate. In India, a Bollywood dance workshop, to China for meditation, to Brazil to train in capoeira, and then West African drumming and Pacific Island dancing.

All without leaving Mount Roskill War Memorial Park!

People from more than 70 cultures were there to showcase their heritage with food, art, dancing and performances. The team from Roskill Development and Kāinga Ora were there to support the event.

“There was a fantastic vibe at our stall, creating a welcoming and fun space for all ages to come and chat about all things Kāinga Ora,” says Karla Beazley, Community Development and Engagement Coordinator.

Over 100 people visited the Roskill Development stall throughout the day, where the team and visitors got involved in traditional Māori flax weaving while discussing the new homes, infrastructure and amenities coming to their area.

“We always strive to have a presence at events like this, which are a great way for people from all walks of life to come together and celebrate the beautiful cultures that make Auckland unique,” says Karla.

“It’s also an opportunity for us to share the plans for Roskill Development, to make sure the community has a clear understanding of what we’re delivering and can come on the journey with us.

“It was great to hear from community members who were happy to see us there, and are excited about what’s coming to Wesley.”



MEET BRITTANY KITHULAGODA

Assistant Development Manager, Urban Development & Delivery, Roskill Development

What does your role involve?

Being an Assistant Development Manager is really diverse. I work very closely with the Development Manager and Project Management Team on the overall delivery of Wesley from the initial masterplanning and infrastructure planning for the neighbourhood, through to the delivery and completion of homes. I get the privilege to work with mana whenua and iwi, the community and our community-based teams, our infrastructure and civil partners LEAD Alliance, and all the wonderful people in between. It's a super varied role where I get to be involved in every aspect of delivering new, warm homes for our community.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I love the diversity it brings. My team at Kāinga Ora is really supportive and makes it such an awesome place to come and work every day, and working with our community and their manaakitanga is truly inspiring. It is a privilege to be able to work alongside them.

What do you love most about the Wesley community?

They go above and beyond for each other and are always there to lend a hand to whoever needs it. I love their passion and commitment to the community. It is a beautiful community to be a part of and one I strive to celebrate and cherish in everything I do.

What were you doing previously?

I have been at Kāinga Ora for 2.5 years now but before that, I have a background in Urban Design and worked at Auckland Transport as an urban designer and then in the Design Review Team at Be. Lab, a not-for-profit organisation where we assessed existing buildings and design plans to rate their accessibility.

What do you like doing outside of the office?

Spending time with my family and friends, being at the beach, reading, I am a sucker for a good romance so anything with a great love story has me hooked. I love to be outside and going for long walks.

KEEN TO KNOW MORE? GET IN TOUCH

Visit our information centres to learn more about what's happening in your neighbourhood. Pop in for an in-person chat, or book an appointment in advance. Our friendly info centre team is also available on live chat via the website.

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LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

LEAD Alliance is our expert civil works partner. They prepare the land, remove existing public homes and upgrade streets and infrastructure before home construction starts, so that we're able to get more homes built faster in Roskill. For any questions about civil works please contact LEAD Alliance on 0508 747 48 244.