



# WAIKŌWHAI PROGRESS UPDATE AUTUMN 2025

## KIA ORA!

From the long-awaited partial reopening of Molley Green Reserve to the hands-on learning experiences at Waikōwhai Intermediate School, a lot has been going on here in Waikōwhai! This issue of the progress update brings you the latest development updates, and stories from the community.

There's something for everyone to enjoy, so let's get into it!

## MOLLEY GREEN PICNIC IN THE PARK

*It was just like unwrapping an early Christmas present, but this one was for more than 300 people.*

And instead of gift paper, 'unwrapping' meant holding a dawn karakia before moving construction fences back to welcome locals along.

So what was the gift? It was the return of a cherished community space, newly restored and upgraded for generations to come. On Friday 13 December, after a year-long closure for significant infrastructure works, Molley Green Reserve was partially reopened to an awaiting and wishful Waikōwhai.

"It was amazing to see around 300 people from our community come together, thrilled to reclaim their basketball courts and enjoy the evening," says Claire Hansell, Programme Manager - Placemaking at Kāinga Ora.

Claire was among a cast of 15 local volunteers and teams from Roskill South Hub, Aftermath, Tā Tātou Māra Kai, and locally owned business Serendipity Events, who all worked together to host Picnic in the Park. The evening event was a chance to celebrate the work that has been completed so far, while officially opening part of the reserve for the community to make the most of summer.

A new pathway, picnic courtyard and barbeque area, toilet block, learn-to-ride cycle track and basketball full- and half-courts were opened for all to enjoy – and many were quick to take that opportunity as dozens of rangatahi rushed to shoot some hoops, hours before the event officially started. From 6pm, a bouncy castle, face painting, craft workshops and a basketball competition kept people engaged and entertained.

Food and cold drinks were served, and many joined the scavenger hunt in Tā Tātou Māra Kai, the community garden and food forest. When the sun set, whānau could then kick back and enjoy an outdoor movie screening – complete with freshly-served popcorn for all ages. "It's events like this that remind me why we do what we do," says Claire.

"The smiles, the laughter, and the feeling of community on the night were all thanks to the hard work of everyone involved – for the event itself but also from our Roskill Development and LEAD Alliance teams in making sure this space was ready for our community."

In 2025, the rest of Molley Green Reserve will be opened after additional upgrades are completed. These include access to the newly daylighted stream, viewing platform and boardwalks, freshly sown field and upcoming playground – set to include māra hūpara (natural play) and mahi toi cultural elements.

The reserve now has more than 26,000 new plants and 119 trees, and the rejuvenated stream has meant native eels are already returning to its waterways. And as well as again becoming a place for the community to gather, connect and enjoy its new features, the reserve will also provide important infrastructure for the Waikōwhai neighbourhood and up to 1,150 new homes under Roskill Development.

Upgraded roading, water supply, wastewater and stormwater services will mean Molley Green isn't just a great space to connect, but a place that will protect and provide for the people who have always treasured its significance.



# WAIKŌWHAI NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRESS UPDATE

The development in Waikōwhai is replacing old social homes that are past their best with up to 1,150 brand-new, warm, dry, healthy homes—a mix of social homes and homes to buy.

Eighteen Kāinga Ora homes have been completed as part of Stage 1, and LEAD Alliance is well underway with land remediation and civil works in Stage 2. This phase is due to be completed in early 2025 before the next phase of work begins.

Some of the sites intended for market homes have taken longer to sell than anticipated due to the current market conditions. We are committed to working hard to get things moving again, and the neighbourhood will see much more house construction underway in 2025, including the first market homes for Waikōwhai.

Design is underway for Te Auaunga ki Tai, as well as Stages 3 and 4. Stage 3 site investigations are complete, with Stage 4 site investigations due to take place in 2025.

“Te Auaunga ki Tai” is a project name gifted to us by Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua, and was formerly referred to as ‘McKinnon Reserve’. The name translates to “Te Auaunga towards the sea.”

This name acknowledges Te Auaunga awa (Oakley Creek) and its tributary, which flows through Te Auaunga ki Tai, heading north

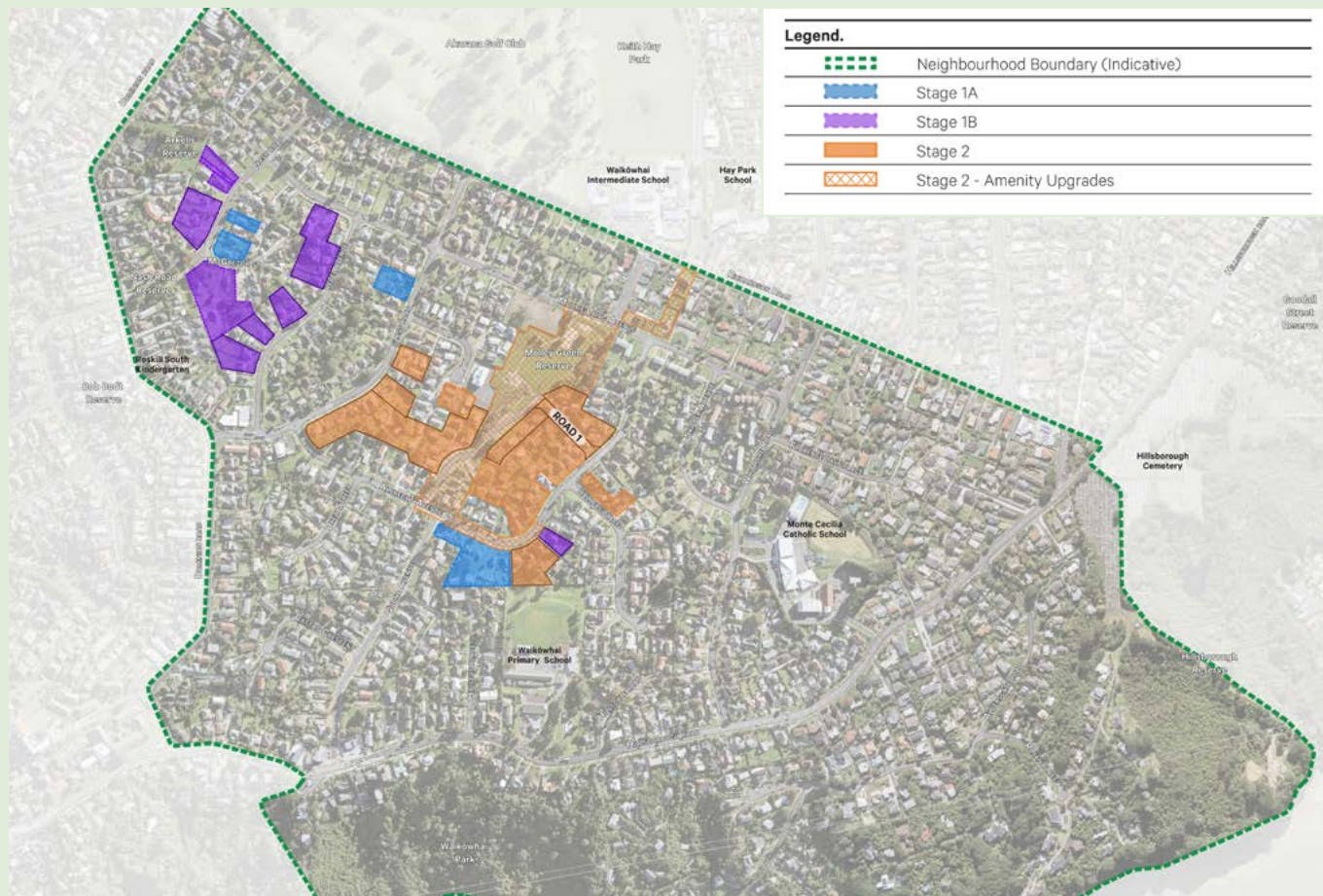
towards Te Waitematā (Waitematā Harbour). As a tupuna awa (ancestral stream), this waterway holds deep cultural, spiritual, and ecological significance to Mana Whenua.

To learn more about what’s happening in Waikōwhai, visit [roskilldevelopment.co.nz/neighbourhoods/waikowhai](https://roskilldevelopment.co.nz/neighbourhoods/waikowhai)

## Proposed homes in Stages 1 and 2

NEW HOMES*	STAGE 1	STAGE 2
SOCIAL	18	5
MARKET	102	171
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>176</b>

\* Approximate numbers only. We will provide updates if there are any changes to the plans.



## ESTIMATED DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

### Autumn 2025

- » Construction of social homes continues.
- » Te Auaunga ki Tai resource consent lodgement.
- » More house removals to begin.

### Winter 2025

- » Molley Green Reserve fully open to the public in mid-year.
- » Te Auaunga ki Tai remediation works start.
- » Molley Green playground works due to begin.

### Spring 2025

- » First market homes start construction.
- » First market homes completed.
- » Te Auaunga ki Tai construction start.
- » Molley Green playground completed.



## CONSTRUCTION PLUS AT WAIKŌWHAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

*Despite the cloudy skies and occasional rain, enthusiasm was high at Waikōwhai Intermediate School as Year 8 students participated in an interactive session designed to introduce them to various career paths in urban development. This event provided students with hands-on experiences and a look into the roles that contribute to building and maintaining their community.*

This event came to life with help from LEAD Alliance, the Waikōwhai Development team, Pipe Vision, Skills VR (who provided virtual reality headsets for immersive experiences), Community Engagement & Partnerships Team (CEP), the Placemaking team, and Construction Plus. Each group played a key role in making sure the students had a fun and meaningful experience.

The event aimed to expose students to a variety of roles in urban development, let them try hands-on activities that show the daily responsibilities of professionals in the sector and help them explore possible career paths as they move into secondary school.

Students gained practical insights into development management through a hands-on session on project planning and oversight. Digger explore let them interact with heavy equipment and learn its role in construction, while site surveying introduced them to measuring and mapping land for development.

Drainage and water treatment activities highlighted the importance

of infrastructure maintenance, demonstrating advanced technology used to inspect underground systems. In placemaking and design exercises, students contributed ideas for functional public spaces, such as designing a playground.

Additionally, stormwater management activities emphasized environmental considerations in urban planning, and VR simulations provided an immersive experience in construction-related skills.

Despite the mixed weather, students remained engaged throughout the day, rotating between indoor and outdoor activities. The staff at Waikōwhai Intermediate were incredibly helpful, and the students were enthusiastic and keen to learn about the different roles and responsibilities involved in urban development. Their curiosity and interest made the event a success, showing the importance of hands-on learning experiences.

The event was well-received, with encouraging feedback from the school.

“The day was well organised and the content was rich and engaging. Our students all came back to class buzzing and had a greater appreciation for all the work that goes into a project, such as the one across the road.” said a teacher in charge.

Everyone played an important role in making this event a valuable experience. With ongoing urban development projects in Waikōwhai, this fun day gave students and the school community a fresh perspective on the changes in their neighbourhood. It also helped connect industry professionals with young people, inspiring future talent in the urban development sector.

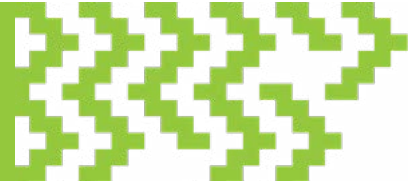


# DIG IN AT THE MOLLEY GREEN FOOD FOREST

Discover the magic of our community food forest garden. Join the Friends of Molley Green Reserve to learn about regenerative gardening, then roll up your sleeves and get your hands in the soil alongside fellow garden lovers. No experience needed, just bring your enthusiasm.

Join free garden sessions every Tuesday, 9am – 12pm, at Molley Green Reserve (access via Morrie Laing Ave).

To get involved, scan the QR code and follow Friends of Molley Green on Facebook for more details on upcoming events!



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### LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

LEAD Alliance is our civil works partner. They prepare the land, remove existing social homes that are no longer fit for purpose, and upgrade streets and infrastructure before building starts. For any questions about civil works please contact LEAD Alliance on **0508 747 48 244** or email [kirrily.watson@leadalliance.nz](mailto:kirrily.watson@leadalliance.nz).