

# South Waikato update

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*Clothier Street, Putāruru*

## **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 currently have plans to build and purchase over 850 new modern, warm and dry homes in the region over the next few years.

Here is a snapshot of activity occurring in Putāruru and Tokoroa.



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## **Kāinga Ora**

The primary role of Kāinga Ora is to provide public housing across New Zealand. We also administer a range of products to help people into home ownership and partner with Council's on larger community developments.

We not only work directly with people living in our homes, we also rent or lease properties to community organisations working with whaanau for supported housing. The homes that are currently being planned and built are the first homes Kāinga Ora are developing in the District since before 2000. Future redevelopment projects are being looked at as 70% of our homes were built prior to 1980. We are investigating the best use of all our houses to ensure they meet the needs of our customers.

## **Putāruru**

### **Recently Completed (4 new homes)**

- Clothier Street (3 three-bedroom and 1 four-bedroom homes)

## **Tokoroa**

### **Resource Consent Submitted to Council (13 new homes)**

- Clyde Street (7 two-bedroom, 3 three-bedroom, 2 four-bedroom and 1 five-bedroom homes)

## 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)



## Community Engagements

Community Engagement is ongoing. Our team are available to talk with people around any of our activity in the Region. We keep our website updated as projects receive Resource Consent from Council and progress through construction. Across 2024 we will be at Overdale and Tokoroa Community Centres every second month to continue these conversations.



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*The new homes for Clothier and Clyde Streets have been constructed off site and are delivered once the sites have been made ready.*

## Healthy Homes

Kāinga Ora currently has 40 homes in South Waikato District. 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. As at 31 March 2024, all our homes comply with the standards.

## Home Ownership Assistance

Looking at buying your first home but not sure where to start?

Kāinga Ora offers several products and resources that can give you a helping hand toward home ownership. These include financial assistance to help people afford a deposit or ongoing repayments. Have a look at what could be right for you.

This can be done through programmes like:

- First Home Grant (up to \$10,000)
- First Home Loan (up to 15%)
- Kāinga Whenua Loan (up to \$500,000)
- KiwiBuild (<https://www.kiwibuild.govt.nz/available-homes/>)

[Home Ownership :: Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities \(kaingaora.govt.nz\)](http://kaingaora.govt.nz)



Home / Available homes

**Overdale Estate,  
Putāruru**

*Kiwibuild homes available to buy, Overdale Estate, Putāruru*

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