

# South Waikato update



Artist impression, Clyde St, Tokoroa

## 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 are on track to build and purchase over 1000 new modern, warm and dry homes in the region between 2023 and 2025.

If you want to know more:

[www.kaingaora.govt.nz/waikato](http://www.kaingaora.govt.nz/waikato)

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 whānau 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 - January 2024 to September 2024

### Recently Completed (4 new homes)

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

## Tokoroa

### Approved Resource Consents, constructing occurring or about to begin (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. There are a number of ways to reach out to us.

We keep our website updated as projects receive Resource Consent from Council and progress through construction. Email us at:

[Waikato.region@kaingaora.govt.nz](mailto:Waikato.region@kaingaora.govt.nz)

Our team are very responsive.

We can also be found at the Overdale and Tokoroa Community Centres every second month to continue these conversations.



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*Clothier St, Putaruru*

## Healthy Homes

Kāinga Ora currently has 41 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. 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 Loan (5% Deposit and other criteria apply)
- Kāinga Whenua Loan
- Kiwisaver First Home withdrawal
- KiwiBuild (<https://www.kiwibuild.govt.nz/available-homes/>)

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



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

[New Zealand Government](http://www.govt.nz)

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