



WEEKLY REPORT

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities

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1. Updates

Work started on former Boulevard Motel, Rotorua

This week work started on upgrading the former Boulevard Motel on Fenton Street in Rotorua, which will provide over 80 people including families, with transitional housing. Settlement on the purchase and immediate commencement of work at the former motel took place last week at Covid-19 alert level 3.

Safety and security fencing has been installed, and local contractors have commenced interior work, as well as removal of overgrown vegetation at the rear of the site. The motel sign will be removed next week.

A staged approach to delivering the units is planned, and there is expected to be an initial delay in this due to the impact of alert level requirements on the settlement date, materials supply chain, and from the lead contractor being Auckland based. The first units are now expected to be available in late October.

The units will be managed by experienced local provider of housing and support services, Wera Aotearoa Charitable Trust, with 24/7 onsite support available.

The 0.66-hectare site was also purchased for its redevelopment potential for mixed housing further down the track, and is well located close to transport, services and the city centre.



Daniel Soughton
DCE Te Puku Ikaroa - Central

Five Systems Research and Development Programme

The Five Systems Research and Development Programme has been shortlisted for one of 12 places at the United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP26) summit in Glasgow, UK, in November 2021. This represents an opportunity to internationally showcase some of the proactive work that Aotearoa New Zealand is doing to mitigate climate change. We were notified of the shortlisting on 1 September and have been asked to make a submission for the final selection process by 9 September. The submission will include a written document, video content and digital material. If successful, final submission will be 27 September.

Caroline McDowall
GM Commercial

Consentium wins innovation award

Kāinga Ora Building Consent Authority (BCA) Consentium won the Innovator of the Year Award at the Building Officials Institute of New Zealand (BOINZ) Excellence Awards. The team is also a finalist for two further awards in the RICS Awards 2021 (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors). Winners for these awards will be announced in early September.

Consentium has been in operation since March 2021 and provides consenting services exclusively to Kāinga Ora for public housing of up to four levels. As New Zealand's first nationally accredited and registered non-Territorial Authority BCA, Consentium was innovative in its very establishment.

A BCA which was not managed by a Territorial Authority had not been considered in the Building Act (2004) and Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Regulations 2006. Consentium's establishment, therefore, required consideration and, at times, collaboration. Likewise, audit programmes and assessment methods needed to be updated by the regulator MBIE and assessor International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) to meet the new requirements.

Consentium also takes an innovative and proactive approach to its day-to-day operations and this is reflected in the way it addresses newer technologies, such as Off-site Manufacturing (OSM). The team is developing a Memorandum of Understanding to provide a streamlined consenting pathway for homes built using OSM methods. They expect to share the learnings and processes with their counterparts in other BCAs in due course.

Nick Maling
GM National Services

Sandringham Drop in Session

Prior to COVID-19 Level Four, on 5 August 2021 Kāinga Ora held a drop in session to share information on plans to build new, warm and dry homes in Sandringham. These homes will see replacement of existing older Kāinga Ora homes and delivery of different typologies of housing to meet demand.

The community event was held in the evening at the Sandringham Community Centre, with Kāinga Ora having subject matter experts attending to answer the different questions that arose. In total, 75 people attended the event, from Kāinga Ora customers, neighbours, community groups and community members.

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It was a lively engagement, with some positive responses and support that was summed up in an email post event. The housing designs were positively received by the community and they welcomed more events in the future.

Caroline Butterworth
DCE Northland and Auckland

2. Advice sent in the past week

Due date to Minister's Office	Title	Minister(s)	Contact person
8 September 2021	Ad hoc Land acquisition process AH 21 056	Hon Dr Megan Woods	Caroline McDowall

3. Upcoming advice to be delivered in the next month

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4. Kāinga Ora OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Topic	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
OI 21 345	Office of Nicola Willis	<i>686 Swanson Road</i> Request for emails and reports relating to the property	Tbc	7/7/2021
OI 21 353	Member of the public	<i>Waratah Street</i> Request for information and documents relating to this street	n/a	10/9/2021
OI 21 361	Office of Nicola Willis	<i>686 Swanson Road</i>	At office of Hon Woods	10/9/2021

		Request for information about 686 Swanson Road		
OI 21 365	Member of the public FYI website	<i>Property in Timaru</i> Request for square meter cost to build a property	n/a	13/9/2021
OI 21 386	Member of the public	<i>First Home Grant</i> Request for number of First Home Grants approved	n/a	16/9/2021
OI 21 331	Member of the public	<i>Rotorua motel</i> Request for the valuation report	n/a	16/9/2021
OI 21 326	Office of Nicola Willis	<i>Rotorua Motel</i> Request for information on the purchase of a motel	9/9/2021 Hon Woods	16/9/2021 extended
OI 21 328	Media	<i>Rotorua Motel</i> Request for information on the purchase of a motel	9/9/2021 Hon Woods	16/9/2021 Extended
OI 21 304	Media	<i>Arlington demolition</i> Request for information about hazardous materials found at site	9/9/2021 Hon Woods	16/9/2021 Extended
OI 21 371	Member of the public FYI website	<i>Application to the IAF</i> Request for information regarding an application to the IAF	9/9/2021 Hon Woods	16/9/2021 Extended
OI 21 373	Office of Chris Bishop	<i>Wood Street</i> Request or information about this development	10/9/2021 Hon Woods	17/9/2021
OI 21 374	Member of the public	<i>Onehunga development</i> Request for all information about this development	n/a	17/9/2021
OI 21 376	Member of the public	<i>Building costs</i> Request for the building costs of various Kāinga Ora projects	n/a	17/9/2021
OI 21 356	Media	<i>Tenancy Tribunals</i> Request for information about losing Tenancy Tribunal decisions	10/9/2021 Hon Williams	17/9/2021 Extended
OI 21 355	Member of the public	<i>Auckland Council</i> Request regarding development contributions	n/a	20/8/2021 extended
OI 21 378	Member of the public	<i>Auckland Region</i>	n/a	23/9/2021

		Request about Kāinga Ora homes in the Auckland region		
OI 21 380	Member of the public	<i>IAF application</i> Request or information regarding an IAF application	n/a	23/9/2021
OI 21 381	Member of the public	<i>Land at Matai Moana</i> Request for information about use of land at Mount Crawford	n/a	23/9/2021
OI 21 383	Member of the public	<i>Complaints</i> Request for complaints made about a customer	n/a	23/9/2021
OI 21 384	Member of the public	<i>Various projects</i> Request for updates on various Kāinga Ora projects	n/a	27/9/2021
OI 21 385	Member of the public	<i>Hamilton properties</i> Request for number of properties purchased between 2017 and 2021	n/a	27/8/2021
OI 21 326	Office of Jan Logie	<i>Accessible Housing</i> Request for documents on accessible housing and universal design	21/9/2021 Hon Williams	28/9/2021
OI 21 386	Member of the public	<i>Pets</i> Request regarding properties allowing pets	n/a	28/9/2021
OI 21 387	Member of the public	<i>14 Bristol Street</i> Request regarding property t 14 Bristol Street	n/a	29/9/2021
OI 21 389	Member of the public	<i>Letters</i> Request for previous tenant letters	n/a	1/10/2021
OI 21 390	Member of the public	<i>Property in Whangarei</i> Request about tenant behaviour	n/a	1/10/2021
OI 21 391	Member of the public	<i>Tenant behaviour</i> Request regarding Police visits	n/a	1/10/2021
OI 21 392	Office of Michael Woodhouse	<i>Dunedin</i> Request for properties built in Dunedin since 2017 and future builds	28/9/2021 Hon Woods	5/10/2021

OI 21 393	Member of the public	<i>Files</i> Request for files regarding a leaky home	n/a	5/10/2021
OI 21 341	Media	<i>External contractors</i> Request for the amount spent on the top 10 external contractors over 2020/21 FY	1/10/2021 Hon Woods	8/10/2021

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