



# WEEKLY REPORT

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities

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### 1. Updates

#### Whangārei engagement

A community drop in session took place on 21 September 2022 in the suburb of Tikanga in Whangārei. About 40 local people came along to kōrero with us about upcoming plans for new homes in the area. Kāinga Ora staff were on hand to talk to community members about our plans to bring more than 100 new, warm and dry homes to the area over the next few years. The majority of attendees were supportive of new public homes being built, although some raised concerns about housing density.

The most significant of the projects discussed was Wanaka Street, a 55 home development we will be acquiring from Soho Group. It will provide three-level walk up apartments and two level terraced housing of one-to-three bedrooms, alongside a multi-purpose community room, shared green space, a play area and a bike shed. Regional Director Jeff Murray was also interviewed at the event about Wanaka Street development by a reporter from The Northern Advocate.



Caroline Butterworth  
DCE Auckland / Northland

## New homes being delivered in Blenheim

Fourteen new two-bedroom homes are due to be completed in Brewer Street, Blenheim, in late October 2022. The redevelopment is the largest in Marlborough to date. It is also believed to be the largest number of homes we have built in the region at any one time in at least two decades. The homes are accessible and close to the central city, schools, kindergartens and a park.

Kāinga Ora worked with Whitney School pupils to come up with a name for a new street, Pahūahi Street, which has been created as part of the redevelopment. The name for the new street, which translates to 'fireworks' in English, gets its inspiration from an annual event called Lights over Marlborough. It was created by Whitney Street School in 1983, and is now a major fireworks event in Marlborough.

Julia Campbell  
Acting DCE Te Waipounamu

## Energy hardship update

Kāinga Ora Briefing Note BN 22 041 seeks joint shareholding minister approval (yourself and the Minister of Finance) to issue an indemnity of up to \$1.06 million to electricity retailers to trial a capped energy bill for up to 1,200 customers over the next two winters. This briefing follows on from:

1. BN-21-018 that outlined a proof of concept pilot that will improve government understanding of the energy use of our customers and provide insights about the interventions and measures that best low income individuals and families to obtain adequate energy services to support their health and wellbeing, and
2. a conversation you had with Kāinga Ora in March 2022 where we were asked to continue working with agencies to pursue joint Ministers' approval to issue a low risk indemnity and process an amendment to the social security regulations to ensure that the financial support of the capped energy bill product was exempt from the definition of income under the Social Security Act.

For Kāinga Ora to continue with this work and begin the research in winter 2023, we require both yourself and the Minister of Finance to agree to the request to issue an indemnity to electricity retailers. You may also wish to forward this briefing onto to the Minister for Social Development following approval to highlight the requirement for amendment to the Social Security Regulations.

Ideally we need the indemnity to be approved by the end of October 2022 to allow sufficient time for a two-stage customer recruitment process and for the income exemption Cabinet process ahead of final customer recruitment. Approval later than October may delay the proposed May 2023 start date of the pilot.

We have engaged with the relevant government agencies and their views on this work are outlined in the briefing.

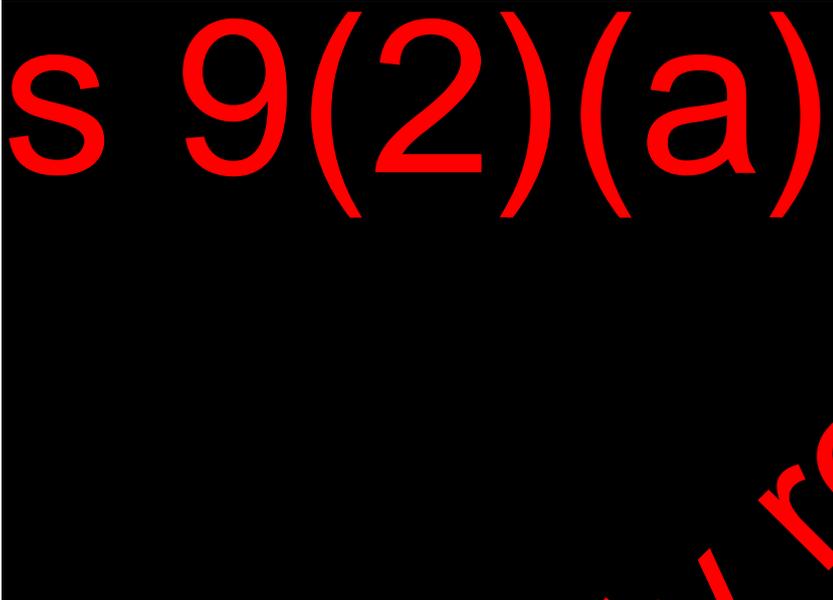
Nick Maling  
GM National Services

### Spring Street Freemans Bay Auckland Community Day

Auckland Central and East team, supported by their families and wider team, hosted a community day at Spring Street, Freemans Bay which consists of 42 pensioner units. The day involved a community clean up, BBQ, and was a great opportunity to build relationships and trust within the community. Food parcels were donated by local community organisations and distributed amongst the residents.

The day was successful, as evident by the number of tenants who attended and who asked for help to remove inorganic rubbish from their homes, talked through any concerns, and shared a meal with the Kāinga Ora team.

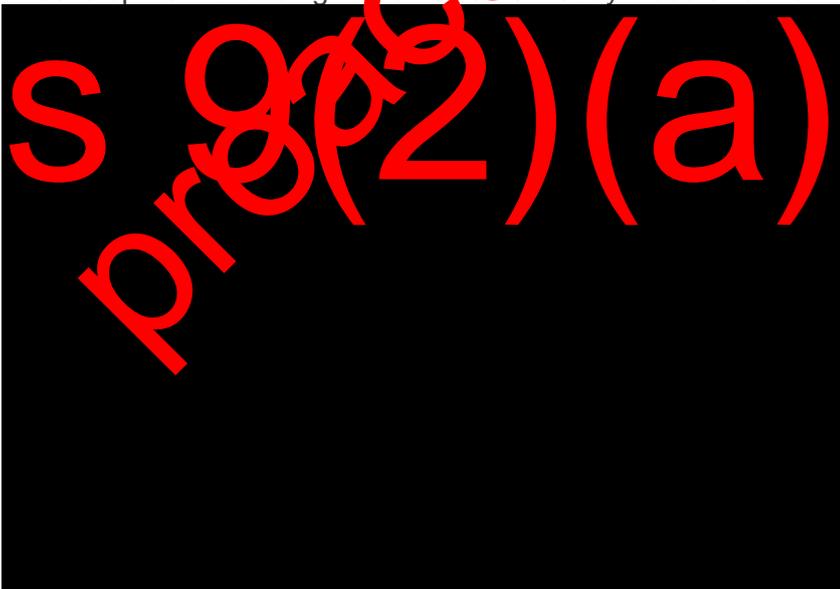
Caroline Buxton  
DCE Auckland / Northland



### Board visit to Rotorua

Last week Regional Director, Darren Toy supported the Kāinga Ora Board on a visit to meet with local partners in Rotorua. It was a chance for the Board to gain a better insight into the challenges the city is facing and the opportunities for Kāinga Ora to contribute to change. The Board met with Monty Morrison of Ngāti Whakaue, mana whenua of Rotorua, and Hon Steve Chadwick, Mayor of Rotorua. They visited 2six5 Fenton Street – a new supported transitional housing site, the Rotorua Boys High Trade Training Academy, and took a tour around some of the sites which are under various stages of development including Rannolf Street / Malfoy Road and the KiwiBuild site.

Al Witcombe  
Director, Governance



The Kāinga Ora Board and Wera Aotearoa Charitable Trust team at 2six5 Fenton Street

1. Upcoming events and opportunities

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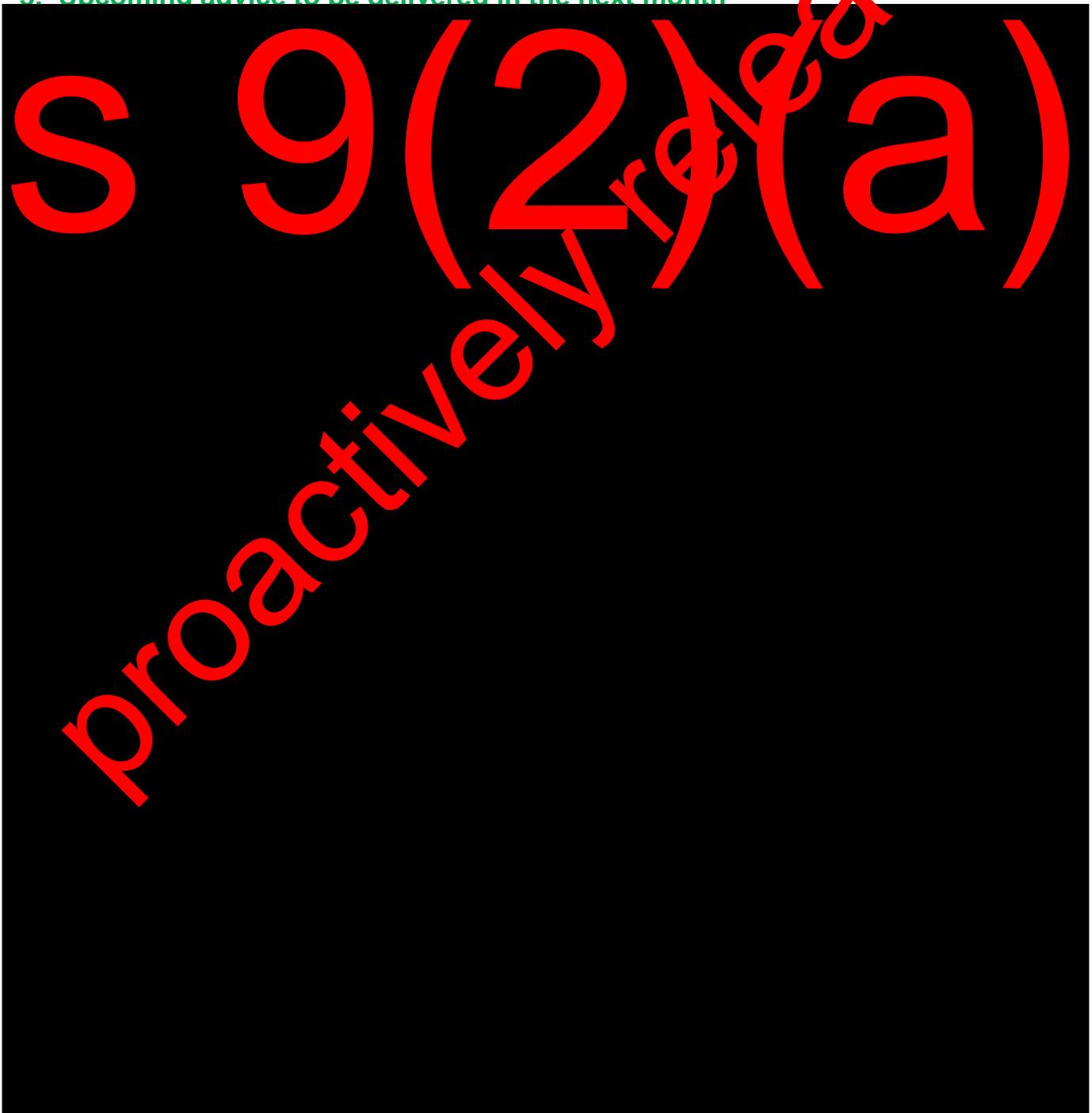
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## 2. Advice sent in the past week

Date due to Minister's Office	Title	Minister(s)	Contact person
28 September 2022	<b>Ad Hoc</b> Wilson Road opening AH 22 096	Hon Carmel Sepuloni	Rachel Kelly
28 September 2022	<b>Ad Hoc</b> Te Pae Community Advisory Panel – Communication and Engagement Plan AH 22 098	Hon Dr Megan Woods	Daniel Soughton

## 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 22 342	Member of the public	<i>Heat pump maintenance</i> Request for information about maintenance of heat pumps	n/a	03/10/2022 extended
OI 22 355	Media	<i>Quarterly Report</i> Request for a copy of the Quarterly Report	17/10/2022	24/10/2022 extended
OI 22 386	Media	<i>KiwiBuild</i> Request for information about the KiwiBuild programme	16/09/2022	26/10/2022 extended
OI 22 388	Member of the public	<i>Property activity</i> Request for information on activity between 2000 and 2022	n/a	20/10/2022 extended
OI 22 336	Media	<i>Ka Awatea</i> Request for correspondence between Kāinga Ora and Ka Awatea	n/a	27/09/2022 extended
OI 22 341	Media	<i>Board minutes</i> Request for Board minutes from April 2021 to December 2021	28/09/2022	05/10/2022 extended
OI 22 403	Member of the public	<i>Correspondence</i> Request for correspondence between landlord and Kāinga Ora	n/a	30/09/2022
OI 22 406	Member of the public	<i>M. Maunganui</i> Request for development plans	n/a	03/10/2022
OI 22 407	Nelson Tairāwhiti Housing Trust	<i>Statistics</i> Request for statistics for their survey	n/a	04/10/2022
OI 22 409	Member of the public	<i>Stormwater tanks</i> Request for development requirements	n/a	06/10/2022
OI 22 410	Member of the public	<i>Mangere stormwater</i> Request for information on the infrastructure project	n/a	10/10/2022
OI 22 411	Member of the public	<i>Security</i> Request for information on cost of security	n/a	06/10/2022

OI 22 412	Member of the public	<i>Records</i> Request for tenancy and maintenance records	n/a	12/10/2022
OI 22 414	Member of the public	<i>KiwiBuild</i> Request for pipeline information	n/a	11/10/2022
OI 22 415	Member of the public	<i>North Growth Area Porirua</i> Request for analysis information	n/a	11/10/2022
OI 22 416	Member of the public	<i>Ka Awatea</i> Request for verbal conflict declaration information	06/10/2022	13/10/2022
OI 22 417	Media	<i>First home grants</i> Request for breakdown of pay-outs	n/a	13/10/2022
OI 22 418	Member of the public	<i>Healthy homes</i> Request for assessment information	n/a	14/10/2022
OI 22 419	Member of the public	<i>Development</i> Request for Prebensen Drive, Napier, planning information	n/a	13/10/2022
OI 22 420	Media	<i>Ka Awatea</i> Request for payment information	n/a	14/10/2022
OI 22 421	Otago University	<i>Development</i> Request for information Eastern Porirua development	n/a	18/10/2022
OI 22 422	Media	<i>Correspondence</i> Request for correspondence from the Plasterboard taskforce	12/10/2022	19/10/2022
OI 22 423	Member of the public	<i>Statistics</i> Christchurch antisocial behaviour statistics	n/a	17/10/2022
OI 22 424	Office of Simeon Brown MP	<i>Ka Awatea</i> Request for all documentation around conflict of interest	11/10/2022	18/10/2022
OI 22 425	Office of Simeon Brown MP	<i>Ka Awatea</i> Request for all internal correspondence in relation to WQ29763	11/10/2022	18/10/2022
OI 22 426	Member of the public	<i>Healthy homes</i> Insulation information request	n/a	19/10/2022
OI 22 427	Media	<i>KiwiBuild</i> Buyer surveys	19/10/2022	26/10/2022
OI 22 428	Member of the public	<i>Staff information</i> Request for information about tertiary qualifications	n/a	19/10/2022

OI 22 429	Member of the public	<i>Various developments</i> Request for information on various developments	n/a	19/10/2022
OI 22 430	Member of the public	<i>Maintenance</i> Request for information on plumbing and upgrades	n/a	20/10/2022
OI 22 431	Member of the public	<i>First Home Grant</i> Price caps	n/a	20/10/2022
OI 22 432	Member of the public	<i>Consultancy</i> Request for contract information	17/10/2022	25/10/2022
OI 22 433	Member of the public	<i>Redevelopment</i> Request for plans		25/10/2022
OI 22 435	Member of public	<i>Maintenance</i> Request for building report		17/10/2022

### 5. Ministerial OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Topic	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
OI 22-122	Member of the public	Whangārei	14/09/2022	19/10/2022
OI 22 385	FYI website	Request for documents about Whangārei		

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