## ORANGA DEVELOPMENT

**PROGRESS UPDATE | SUMMER 2021** 

## **Constructive kids in Oranga**

BEING PART OF A KAINGA ORA DEVELOPMENT IN TAMAKI MAKAURAU CAN BE AN EYE-OPENING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. EARLIER THIS YEAR, A GROUP OF YEAR 5-8 STUDENTS AT TE PAPAPA PRIMARY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN SOME IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE WORK HAPPENING IN THEIR AREA.

They were part of a Junior Careers Day with Construction Plus, a programme run by Kāinga Ora. Students were able to talk to construction professionals about why the changes are happening, about how the development comes together – and about their own potential futures.

The Oranga Development programme team, headed by manager Nigel Chandra and Education Advisor Katie Dobson, worked with the students alongside members of our partner organisations Piritahi and Modul Homes. There were plenty of interactive, hands-on activities designed to plant the seeds (whakatokia ngā purapura) of ideas for possible career pathways.

Eight stations were run by engineering, urban design and project management teams. The students were divided into groups, then rotated through the stations, finding out what each team's day-to-day involvement was within the development, then spending ten minutes engaged in each activity – a fast-moving learning experience is a fun one!

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Piritahi's job is to prepare the land for building houses; they also upgrade infrastructure and public spaces. They ran three of the stations, where kids learned the rules of construction, literally from the ground up. They looked at excavating, the ins and outs of pipework, and how big machinery works – finishing with photo opportunities on a digger.

Our urban design planners had students thinking like architects and designers by drawing a map of the neighbourhood, with the first group starting with their own homes. Each group contributed another piece of the puzzle: schools, libraries, hospitals, shops and restaurants were gradually added to the new community.

At the project management station, the team had the kids looking at the big picture. A lot of work goes into ensuring all the projects needed to create a new housing development come together at the right times. By the end of the day, students had come to realise that developing a new community requires plenty of planning and collaboration.

There are many different roles within Kāinga Ora developments like Oranga, and it's just one of many projects happening around Tāmaki Makaurau. Construction Plus Junior Careers Day is a great way to get kids understanding some big ideas at an early age – a step towards their dreams of future careers.









# Ducting signed off

One of the engineering activities at the Construction Plus Junior Careers day saw groups of students checking out the ducting – an essential, but rarely-seen part of all new developments. Piritahi engineers talked about their roles and explained how the cables and ducting are put in place. Ducting is used to protect all the power and telecommunication cables that run underground to every building.

The students then got to sign some of the ducting which was later laid in place on the corner of State Avenue and Waitangi Road, creating a time capsule of their signatures which will be there for years to come.





## **Constructive Café**

Year 13 students from One Tree Hill College were working on designing a café for a spatial design project when their Design and Visual Communications teacher, Danielle Mill, decided to give her students a different learning experience from a real-life perspective.

She got in touch with Katie Dobson, the Education Advisor from the Kāinga Ora Construction Plus programme, who was able to arrange for Sean Park and Will Batts from Fletcher Living to come to the school. The pair made a presentation to the students about design elements, in building a space, after which the students were able to get feedback on their own designs.

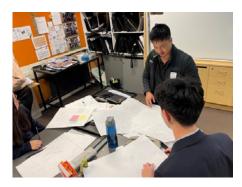
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Danielle said the input through the Construction Plus programme was valuable and inspiring for the students.

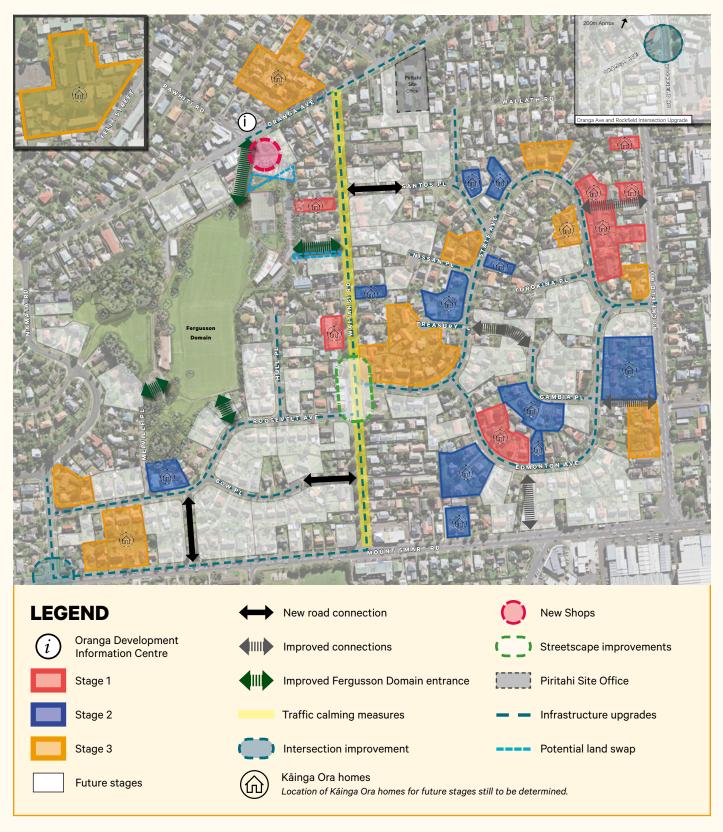
"Students felt they had a deeper understanding of the structural details of buildings around them, and the designers helped them develop their own ideas further," she said.







## Oranga Development Progress Update



At this stage, all plans are indicative only and we will keep you updated if there are any changes to the current plan.

### Around 1,200 new homes for Oranga

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE**

Our civil works alliance Piritahi has started utility (water, power and telecommunications) upgrades in the neighbourhood, they have completed the undergrounding in part of Waitangi Road, Treasury Place, Nissan Place, Gambia Place, Edmonton Avenue, Roosevelt Avenue. Melville Place and State Road: continuing in these areas in 2022. This involves digging trenches to replace old pipes, undergrounding power lines and once the undergrounding of services are complete they will be improving berms and footpaths and installing new streetlights. Traffic management will be in place for the safety of road users.

For any questions please contact Piritahi on 0508 PIRITAHI or oranga@piritahi.co.nz.

Head to our news section on the website to check out the video about these works and how they'll benefit the community.

#### **CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY PERIOD**

It's time for our teams to enjoy a few days in the sunshine after a busy 2021.

#### PIRITAHI

Piritahi will stop construction work in the neighbourhood on Wednesday 22 December at 4pm, starting again on Monday 10 January at 7am.

#### **INFO CENTRE**

The Oranga Development Information Centre team will be unavailable from 4pm Saturday 18 December and will be back at 10am on Thursday 6 January.

STAGE 1	25 Kāinga Ora state homes have been removed, making way for around 51 new state homes. Construction of the first 14 state homes on Waitangi Road, State Avenue and Rockfield Road is complete and tenants are settled into their new warm, dry homes. The remaining 37 state homes for Stage 1 are now under construction and are due to be completed early to mid-2022
STAGE 2	Stage 2 will deliver around 144 state homes. House removal and land remediation is underway, with 41 houses already removed. Construction of some state homes is already underway, with construction of the remaining homes for Stage 2 due to begin later this year. All Stage 2 homes are expected to be complete by 2023
STAGE 3	Stage 3 will see more state housing being built, as well as the first new market homes, including more affordable homes, available to buy off the plan. House removals have been completed and civil works have begun. Around 124 old state houses will be removed and replaced with 113 state and around 158 new market and affordable homes. The first market and state superlots are planned for handover to builder partners by the end of 2021 to begin the build process

#### TIMELINE

Timing is indicative only.

#### 2021

#### Winter 2021

Stage 1 and 2: Construction of homes continues, with more homes completed

Stage 3: Construction of state homes begin

Infrastructure upgrades continue.

#### Spring 2021

Stage 1: More state homes completed

Stage 2: Construction of homes continues, with more homes completed

Stage 3: Construction of state homes continues

Infrastructure upgrades continue.

#### 2022

#### Summer 2021/2022

Stage 1: All homes completed

Stage 2: Completion of more state homes. Construction of homes continues into 2022

Stage 3: Construction of state homes continues

# HOME OWNERSHIP IN ORANGA

WE'LL SOON HAVE NEW HOMES READY FOR SALE, BUT UNTIL THEY'RE AVAILABLE, HERE'S HOW YOU CAN BE PREPARED AND READY TO BUY WHEN THEY'RE ANNOUNCED.

## Financial Products that could help you with your finances.

If you've been thinking about buying in Oranga when homes become available, and you'd like to know whether you qualify for financial assistance, our 'First Home Decision' tool on the Kāinga Ora website is a great place to start. You could be in line for a helping hand with your finances – maybe a First Home Grant, a low deposit home loan, or bridge the gap between your deposit and home loan with First Home Partner.

Visit **kaingaora.govt.nz/home-ownership/first-homedecision-tool/** to find out if you qualify today.

Whatever stage you are at in your home buying journey, we can help with free advice and information. There are a whole lot of useful tips on our website **orangadevelopment.co.nz** to help you on your journey to buying a home. Our friendly Information Centre team will also be there to help you out.

## **kiwibuild**

You may also be eligible to purchase a KiwiBuild home. KiwiBuild homes are more affordable market homes designed to target first home buyers. They come in a range of sizes and typologies, like apartments or terraced homes. You can learn more about how KiwiBuild works and find out if you're eligible over on the KiwiBuild website at **kiwibuild.govt.nz.** 

### **Meet Heather Lyall and Crystal Mesui**

COMMUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT COORDINATORS



**Heather Lyall** 

#### What does your role involve?

**Heather:** I work in Community Engagement and Development in Oranga, and also in the Roskill Development areas of Ōwairaka and Wesley. I help local residents and groups build sustainable and thriving neighbourhoods, alongside warm, dry, high-quality housing for families.

**Crystal:** My role involves coordinating the development and engagement activities within the Oranga Development. This includes meeting people or key groups involved in the community to help them out with projects they've already set up, or collaborating with other groups on new community initiatives and events.

#### What do you enjoy most about your role?

**Heather:** I love supporting groups and projects to thrive and grow, and seeing new people and initiatives emerge that meet community needs. It's about connecting people. I believe everyone has something to offer and by working together, we can flourish.

**Crystal:** What I love most about my role is knowing that I'm contributing to thriving communities and changing livelihoods through the mahi that we deliver.

### What do you love most about the Oranga community?

**Heather:** I've only recently joined the team in Oranga but I'm excited to be working here because my beautiful Nana went to Te Papapa School as a young girl and used to tell me stories about her adventures. I look forward to sharing some kai or a cuppa and hearing what locals have to say about the neighbourhood!

**Crystal Mesui** 

**Crystal:** I love that Oranga is such a small community and that there is a sense of whanaungatanga, connectedness. I often think that this community feels like one big family.

#### What were you doing previously?

**Heather:** In my other mahi I work for the Albert Eden and Puketāpapa Local Boards with the Eco Neighbourhood project – this provides funding and support for sustainable living projects that people are passionate about in their own communities.

**Crystal:** I was a Project Coordinator in my previous role at Kāinga Ora. I was responsible for delivering professional, high volume, high-quality coordination and support services to the wider programme team.

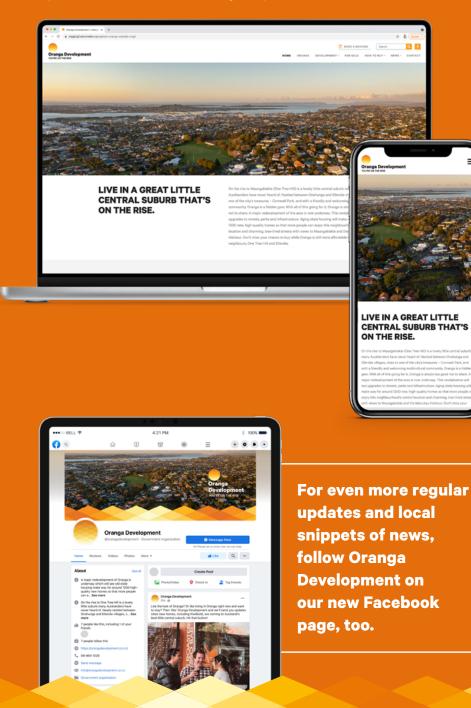
#### What do you like doing outside of the office?

**Heather:** I enjoy spending time with my husband and two children. I am also deeply committed to giving back to my own community – we're involved in lots of local activities.

**Crystal:** I'm very much a people person. I enjoy volunteering within the community and I have a few roles within my church, too. I just love being of service to people.

## ORANGA'S NEW WEBSITE NOW ONLINE!

Oranga Development now has a brand new website with all the information you need. There's a handy section on how to buy, an interactive map, FAQs, progress reports and of course the very latest news. Sign up for our regular updates too, for essential, up-to-date information emailed straight to your inbox.



#### WANT TO KNOW MORE OR GET IN TOUCH?



#### INFORMATION CENTRE 34 Oranga Avenue

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#### KĀINGA ORA STATE HOME TENANTS

If you are a Kāinga Ora tenant and have rehousing or tenancy-related questions, please contact the Tenancy Rehousing Team on **0800 801 601.** 



LAYING THE GROUNDWORK Piritahi is our civil works alliance. They prepare the land, remove old state homes and upgrade streets and infrastructure before building starts. For any questions about civil works please contact Piritahi on 0508 PIRITAHI or email oranga@piritahi.co.nz.



