

QUARTERLY E-NEWS



Local tamariki enjoying Aveline Place Park, Glen Innes

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Tāmaki is a really special place, and when times get tough, the community comes together to support each other. There are enormous challenges facing many whānau in Tāmaki, as Covid-19 infections continue to increase. In Tāmaki, we have strong community leaders and groups who embrace the challenges to get things done. Whether it's delivering kai, organising local vaccination events, helping local students, supporting local businesses or just keeping people connected, it all makes a difference.

Through this Quarterly Update we'd like to share some highlights around Tāmaki Regeneration Company's activities in Quarter 2 (1 October – 31 December 2021). The Tāmaki Regeneration Company (TRC) works alongside the community and our partners, shaping the future of Tāmaki through an urban regeneration programme that is unique to Aotearoa. The regeneration programme embraces the diverse communities and heart of Tāmaki to reimagine three eastern Auckland suburbs: Glen Innes, Panmure, and Point England.

The Tāmaki regeneration programme is helping deliver better housing, infrastructure, transport, education and jobs, and enhancing wellbeing in Tāmaki – especially for Māori and Pasifika people. We are creating a place that is equitable for everyone, where new possibilities can grow and be nurtured. Read on for the latest programme updates around Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub, Affordable Housing and the Kererū Kidney Centre.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM Q2

We delivered a total of 23 homes in Q2, including three public homes, four TRC affordable homes, and 16 private market homes. This brings the total number of homes delivered in Tāmaki to 31 December 2021 to 905.



**23 NEW
HOMES
COMPLETED
THIS QUARTER**

Work on our first transitional housing site neared completion in Q2. The space has five modular units and one communal hub area, and is surrounded by attractive landscaping, close to local amenities. Local provider Island Child Charitable Trust will provide the day-to-day support required for the whānau in these homes.



**TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING
SET TO OPEN**

Ninety-seven local whānau have moved along the housing pipeline since the Tāmaki Affordable Homes programme began in 2017. Twenty-four percent of the whānau who have moved into TRC's shared equity homes began in public housing, and 86% were Māori and/or Pasifika.



**97 LOCAL
WHĀNAU
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THE HOUSING
PIPELINE**

Five shovel-ready infrastructure projects in Tāmaki have been allocated a total of \$36m. Kāinga Ora and its alliance partner Pirihati are delivering these on behalf of Auckland Council, and are already underway with the Taniwha Reserve and Tāmaki College projects.



**\$36M
ACROSS FIVE
INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS**

Through our Pathways to Housing Independence programme we support local whānau to get ready to buy a home. As of 31 December, there are 374 whānau in the programme who will be mortgage-ready within the next 3-36 months, of whom 239 identify as Māori and/or Pasifika.



**374
WHĀNAU
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CELEBRATING**

The Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub has helped over 1,000 local people into employment in the past six years, including 30 people finding a new job in Q2 despite Covid-19 restrictions. In the year to date, 73% Pasifika, 8% Māori and 19% European locals have gained jobs through the Hub.



OVER 1,000 LOCALS NOW IN JOBS

The team at the Tāmaki Jobs and Skills Hub (formerly Career Start) have grown in strength since the first candidate, Geraldine Lee-Kum, landed a position with SaveBarn back in 2014. Now the 1,000th person to be supported by the team, Lee Atuahiva, has just been offered a job with Mike Jarman Maintenance, who are contracted by TRC maintenance supplier Spencer Henshaw.

Lee first got involved with the Hub when his older brother went through the Career Start programme. Over the years Lee has returned to the Hub for support with his driver's licence and upskilling to apply for new roles. Lee says his confidence improved thanks to the support from the Hub. Lee says, "They talk to you like normal humans. You don't have to be nervous or anything. They understand you. With any situation you are going through, they understand."

The team at the Hub, who provide ongoing mentoring for their clients for up to a year after employment, have continued to support Lee in his new role with the local maintenance company. As an employer, Mr Jarman has also appreciated the support provided by the Tāmaki Jobs and Skills Hub, saying, "The Hub has always been very helpful, they've been with us the whole way. I'd encourage any employer to go through them and employ local."

The Tāmaki Jobs and Skills Hub evolved as a partnership between TRC and the Auckland Business Chamber, to create a welcoming space where the Tāmaki community can go for assistance with their job search. TRC General Manager Social Transformation, Afoa Tevita Malolo, says the Hub is more than an office; it provides a welcoming environment to help people feel comfortable from the moment they walk in the door. "The team at the Hub are very approachable and listen to jobseekers to understand what their needs are. They can then tailor their services to the individual's needs. This may be assisting with training, helping people get their driver's licence, preparing CVs, practicing interview skills, or just building confidence. They will also stay with the job seeker throughout the process of getting work-ready, applying for jobs and going to interviews. They continue to mentor jobseekers for up to a year after they find employment. We know the community appreciates this as they keep coming back."

Mr Malolo says an incredible example of the value the team at the Tāmaki Jobs and Skills Hub provides, is the 15 members of one local whānau who have been supported into employment by the Hub over the years. "This whānau now has greater aspirations and are looking at joining the TRC OWN IT programme which assists Tāmaki locals to work towards buying their own home."

IMPACT OF REGENERATION

- By providing inclusive employment services that enable whānau and future generations to connect and identify work opportunities, the government will empower people to improve their social and economic wellbeing.
- TRC identified that the diverse communities in Tāmaki wanted secure, sustainable employment; but could not access the support to upskill, connect and locate appropriate job opportunities.
- Since inception in 2013, the Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub have created a bespoke service which engages, innovates and connects. In addition to 1031 job placements, 600 people have gained driver's licenses, and dozens of programmes have been running at local schools.

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CELEBRATING



IMPACT OF REGENERATION

- TRC identified that the diverse communities of Tāmaki wanted stable, secure and affordable homes. An additional 1,500 affordable homes were approved by Minister Faafoi in FY21.
- By providing affordable housing choices that give real-life options, the government can make it possible for people to create thriving communities.
- To date, 97 whānau have realised their dream through TRC's affordable housing programme, and by working with the TRC team, a further 374 whānau are in the housing pipeline, with 239 of those identifying as Māori and/or Pasifika.
- We created a series of five videos featuring whānau who have bought a home through our affordable housing programme. Most can be found at www.tamakiaffordablehomes.co.nz. One version is in Māori where we meet a te reo Māori lecturer and mum, Mārena, who bought her whare through the programme. Find out what she learned on her journey to homeownership and what she says to others in her community who would love to own their own home but don't know how to get there.



HOME OWNERSHIP DREAMS DO COME TRUE

Sally Va'afusuaga has made homeownership history – she has bought her home outright after 14 months in TRC's affordable housing programme. "There's a sense of stability and security when you own your own place. I've always had the big picture in mind" Sally says.

TRC helped Sally, a teacher at Point England School, buy a home in Glen Innes using our shared equity scheme which allows people with a strong connection to Tāmaki, such as Sally, to team up with TRC to buy a home in Tāmaki together. Now Sally owns her home outright after purchasing TRC's shares earlier this year – a first for the programme. Eventually, all whānau who have bought a home through the scheme will have the opportunity to buy back TRC's shares when they are able to.

"Buying out TRC's shares has given me a sense of achievement and I'm feeling really blessed," Sally says. Her homeownership journey began back in 2016 when she heard about the programme at a community meeting. "It sparked my interest in housing in the area. Working at Point England School, I knew there were some changes happening in Tāmaki."

The next step for Sally was attending Pathways to Housing Independence workshops at Tāmaki College, which helped her work out what she could afford and provided her with confidence that she was mortgage-ready at the end of the course.

Sally went on the waiting list, and after a couple of years of hard saving, a two-bedroom house became available, which

Sally bought in partnership with TRC in January 2020. "My intention was always to buy back the shares as much as I could. I saved hard, particularly during the Covid-19 lockdowns. Teachers were also given a pay increase, so I was able to afford it."

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Sally has many connections to the Tāmaki area, which made her eligible for the programme. Her links to Tāmaki stretch back to the mid-1960s when her family lived in a state home for a short time on Pilkington Rd. "Three of my older brothers went to Point England School and the eldest brother went to St Pius before the family moved out south. Today, some of my family still live and work in Glen Innes." Sally has worked at Point England School since 2000 and before that, worked at a bank in Panmure.



KIDNEY CENTRE LIFE-CHANGING FOR TĀMAKI LOCALS

The new Kererū Kidney Centre is now open at Point England, making treatment more accessible for locals. Many dialysis patients live in the Tāmaki regeneration programme areas of Glen Innes, Point England and Panmure, alongside neighbouring suburbs.

TRC has provided Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) with the land to build the new centre which will offer

community dialysis treatment and other kidney healthcare. Education about kidney health will also be a strong focus at the centre and will be provided with the help of the Kidney Society.

Auckland DHB renal service clinical director Dr. David Semple says building the new centre in Tāmaki is exciting. “Having a purpose-built centre where it’s most needed, in the community,

will help us reduce the impact of kidney disease on patients and their whānau. It will also allow us to get to know the community better and work more closely with the other health providers in the areas.”

IMPACT OF REGENERATION

– Partnership and Access to Healthcare

- Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) identified that the diverse communities of Tāmaki needed access to quality kidney medical care. With a high number of the ADHB’s existing dialysis patients living in Tāmaki it made sense to investigate a convenient and easier option to serve the community.
- By partnering with TRC, land was made available to ADHB on a peppercorn lease, so that a purpose-built relocatable kidney facility could be produced to service the local areas and support demand.
- The Kererū Kidney Centre opened on 1 November, 2021, and has since given local people convenient access to quality kidney health care, education for the surrounding schools and comfort for local whānau knowing their loved ones are well supported.



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING READY FOR TĀMAKI WHĀNAU

On Friday 25 February, the Minister for Housing, Dr Megan Woods and local MP Jenny Salesa, officially opened the first transitional housing space in Panmure. This space is now ready to welcome local whānau in need of short-term emergency accommodation. It has six brand-new, fully furnished units set up and ready to go, on land that is temporarily vacant and awaiting development.

Five of these units are for whānau, and the sixth is a central hub for hui and communal activities.

Island Child Charitable Trust New Zealand (ICCT) is working in partnership with TRC to support whānau in Panmure, Glen Innes, and Point England into homes. ICCT are managing this space by providing wraparound services to support families. Danielle Bergin, CEO of ICCT, says: “We have created a great sense of whanaungatanga through this kaupapa, coming together for a common cause to make a real difference to people’s lives.”