

Progress Update

Summer 2023

Te Ararata



Graeme Stands Tall and Proud

A Kauri tree, donated by Takana Nurseries, was planted in Mangere's Old School Teaching Gardens in honour of Graeme Hansen, the CEO who helped this charitable trust grow from strength to strength. 'Graeme the kauri' now stands tall and proud overlooking the garden and community he loved.

Old School Teaching Gardens are an extension of the traditional community gardens concept, supporting communities to eat healthy and economically. Yvonne Thomas, one of the trust's founders, tells us that what makes this venture unique is the work they do – especially with local corrections organisations – to teach life-long gardening skills.

Yvonne hired Graeme as a mentor but quickly realised he had the passion and skills to bring gardens, and the communities around them, to a new level. Graeme very soon became the CEO, overseeing all 7 local gardens. Yvonne says "He understood that these were more than just gardens but places for communities to connect, foster and become self-reliant. He always sought to promote diversity, inclusion and understanding."

Graeme passed away in 2022 and Yvonne had planned to plant a tree in his honour. "Takana Nurseries offered a tall kauri-tree that carried itself with mana. The other similarity it had with Graeme was the slight bend in its back. We knew immediately that this was the right tree for Graeme." Yvonne said.

Many locals, including teams from corrections, all pitched in to dig a hole big enough to plant 'Graeme the kauri.' He now stands in the centre of a clearing, with five smaller trees – representing his five siblings – surrounding him.

The spot chosen for Graeme allows him to see down to the nearby stream, meaning he retains oversight on his vision of returning all this area to natives. The work has begun and over 40 natives have already been planted. Yvonne says "Graeme would have loved it here. He can see everyone coming down the road to his beloved gardens."

Graeme's wife has taken over the CEO role, continuing his legacy, with Graeme standing right there providing her with his never-ending support.

HOMES FOR SALE NOW

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Hello Kia ora Talofa lava Malo e lelei 你好 Namaste



Te Ararata Stream Clean-up

Earlier this year more than 50 Kāinga Ora team members got together with the Te Ararata Stream Team, and other volunteers, to mulch, collect rubbish, build new pathways and restore nests for the eels that call the river home. This was the start of a long-term partnership we want to foster.

In early October we had the privilege of participating in a walk-through of the Te Ararata Stream with the Stream Team. The objective was to help us better understand some of the key challenges they are facing and the ways we could further support them.

This walk-through proved to be highly informative and provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen our relationship. During the walk-through, we addressed a number of concerns about our empty sites, with key priorities being illegal dumping, damaged fences, and pest-weeds.

We are actively collaborating with our contractors and will continue to work with the Stream Team and other agencies to support the community in resolving these concerns.

The Mangere Development team will continue to support the Stream Team with their mahi in Mangere West. “We are part of this community, so we’re keen to keep working with our neighbours to make this an even better place to live”, says Wayne Kennar, Stakeholder Relationship Manager.

Stormwater Kōrero

Firstly, a big thank you to the **I AM Māngere** team for their massive mahi in organising these kōrero sessions. And thank you to everyone who came and shared their heartfelt stories with us. We heard the voice of a community still dealing with loss and in need of further support. As a result, we joined up with the Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Office to provide useful information and contacts that can help address many of your questions and concerns.

Please visit mangeredevelopment.co.nz for more info.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Thank you for sharing your feedback with us through our Street Chats. We'll look to have another hui in **early 2024** to provide an update on progress with stormwater planning.

Community Enviro Hub Opening



An exciting hub where you can come together and unite our voices, energy and efforts to improve our community. The space is on the corner of Elmdon Street and Watchfield Close and is ideal for groups with a strong environmental focus and connections to Papatūānuku (Earth Mother). If you're interested in co-sharing the space, please get in touch with Toni at I AM Māngere.



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Local School Embraces Construction Plus

Construction Plus, Kāinga Ora's innovative programme to support local communities through urban development, is launching in Te Aratata in early 2024. Viscount School is the first local school to embrace the programme.

Construction Plus helps local communities impacted by urban development, by connecting ākonga (students) with local training, employment and industry opportunities. The scheme is also designed to provide greater awareness to communities about the large scale developments in their area.

Viscount School will introduce the 'Plant the Seed' programme in the first term of next year. This introductory programme, designed specifically for primary and intermediate students, offers an interactive ways to learn about the different parts of urban development and the career opportunities it offers.

Plant the Seed is one of five programmes offered through Construction Plus, using local projects as learning and

work experience opportunities for primary, intermediate and secondary students. The pinnacle of the programme is a 16-20 week paid cadetship, that gives school leavers an opportunity to gain the specific construction skills and experience needed to kickstart their career in the industry.

Since it was established in late 2019, nearly 150 people have been engaged through Construction Plus. Of these, nearly half have gone on to become employed, according to Construction Plus Manager Nigel Chandra.

Mr Chandra says "the programme continues to be a success, reinforcing Kāinga Ora's values of working closely with other organisations (Mahi Tahī), supporting communities (Manaakitanga), and being bold (Whanake) in enabling workforce development."

"We hope to see more local schools, and their students, embrace the different programmes offered by Construction Plus in the year ahead."





KEY

- Māngere West Site Boundary
- Stage 1
- Stage 2
- Future zones
- Future reserves
- Proposed walkways
- Cessna Place cul-de-sac extension

Note: Boundaries are indicative only, update as of March 2022.

Te Ararata Development Progress Update

Development work in Māngere West is a 5-7 years project that will be completed in stages.

Civil works like roads, drains and pathways for stages 1 and 2 are now all completed. We're excited to have completed construction of more houses in stages 1 and have also commenced construction of some houses in stage 2.

We are also undertaking detailed infrastructure investigation and design for future stages.

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Visit mangeredevelopment.co.nz/te-ararata



WHAT'S COMING UP IN TE ARARATA?

Winter/Spring 2023

- More Stage 1 KiwiBuild houses are now completed and available on the market for eligible purchasers.
- Customers have moved into the newly built 18-unit Bader Ventura passive house, the first public housing building in Australasia built to certified Passive House standards.
- Planning for future stages continues.

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- Collaborating with Auckland Council, mana whenua and local community groups to develop stormwater management solutions for Te Ararata Stream.
- Progressing construction of more Stage 2 houses.



MEET SOANA AFU! MANGERE DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION CENTRE ASSISTANT

What does your role involve?

My role involves helping customers with homeownership and answering any queries or concerns they may have within the community. I ensure voices are heard and issues are resolved.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I enjoy being able to make a difference. It makes me happy seeing a customer leave our centre well informed and reassured. Having the opportunity to help people find and purchase their first home is very exciting and I feel very honoured to be a part of their journey. Turning dreams into reality, making what seems impossible, possible.

What do you love most about the Mangere community?

When I think about Mangere, I think of home. I love everything from the culture, the food, and scenery. What I love the most is how amenities are nearby and accessible. Locals look out for each other, and people are kind and helpful.

What were you doing previously?

Previously, I was a university student while also working as a casual retail sales-assistant. My previous experience made me who I am today, and I am very blessed to now have a stable career with a supportive team behind me.

What do you like doing outside the office?

I love doing a range of things... I love spending time with my family and friends, they forever keep me entertained and busy. I enjoy travelling, going to concerts, the gym and shopping.

WANT TO KNOW MORE OR GET IN TOUCH?

Information Centre

12 Waddon Place

Wednesday – Saturday 10am – 4pm

Pop in for an in-person chat, or book a one-on-one appointment in advance. Appointments can be made via the website, email or by calling the Information Centre. Our friendly Info Centre team is also available on live chat via the website.

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Kāinga Ora Public Home Customers

If you are a Kāinga Ora customer and have rehousing or customer-related questions, please contact the Customer Liaison Team on **0800 801 601**.

New contract, new name

In August we extended the agreement with our civil works partner for another five years. This will enable around 6,000 new homes – laying the groundwork for safe, resilient and attractive neighbourhoods. Along with the new contract is a new name, LEAD Alliance. LEAD stands for Land Enablement and Delivery. For any questions about civil works please contact LEAD Alliance on **0508 74748244 (ext 5)** or email mangerewest@leadalliance.nz

Homes for sale in Mangere

Here's a snapshot of the quality, new KiwiBuild homes available to buy in Mangere. Could one of them be yours? See more at mangeredevelopment.co.nz/for-sale/

APARTMENT



\$499,000

**APARTMENT 9,
CESSNA CRESCENT**



 1  1

- Open plan kitchen, living and dining
- Quality fixtures and fittings
- Spacious outdoor patio or balcony
- Available to move in last quarter 2023

Mike Greer Homes – Sales Team: info@mikegreerhomes.co.nz

APARTMENT



\$649,000

**APARTMENT 1,
CESSNA CRESCENT**



 3  1  1

- Open plan kitchen, living and dining
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- Spacious outdoor patio or balcony
- Available to move in last quarter 2023

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APARTMENT



\$599,000

**APARTMENT 8,
CESSNA CRESCENT**



 2  1  1

- Open plan kitchen, living and dining
- Quality fixtures and fittings
- Spacious outdoor patio or balcony
- Available to move in last quarter 2023

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APARTMENT



\$500,000

**APARTMENT 4,
CESSNA CRESCENT**



 1  1  1

- Open plan kitchen, living and dining
- Quality fixtures and fittings
- Spacious outdoor patio or balcony
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A HELPING HAND INTO HOMEOWNERSHIP

Kāinga Ora offers and supports, several products to help New Zealanders into home ownership. If you are thinking about buying your first home, but are not sure where to start, use our tool to see what could be right for you.

kaingaora.govt.nz/home-ownership/first-home-decision-tool/

Would you love apartment life?

It's the cost-effective way to buy a quality home in a sought-after neighbourhood, where low-maintenance living frees up time and money, and local amenity replaces arduous commutes. The Mangere Development will see a range of apartments (including more affordable apartments) suitable for all ages and stages delivered to the area. Keep reading to see why you'll want to get ready to nab one for yourself.

