

COMMUNITY UPDATE

MARCH 2020

Welcome He Puna Taimoana!

This month saw the formal blessing of He Puna Taimoana in the lead-up to the public opening of the hot pools. The unofficial “Mayor of New Brighton”, Alan Cockburn, led the speeches followed by Christchurch City Councillor Phil Mauger, DCL Chief Executive Rob Hall and long-time pools supporter and Pier and Foreshore Society representative David East. It was an extremely touching occasion as community members and project teams came together to celebrate the completion of this long-awaited facility.



Community members and staff arriving for blessing.

Rob Hall says the blessing was a significant occasion for those who had the original vision as well as those who were involved in the planning and construction of the facility and for local community representatives. “This facility will be a real catalyst for the regeneration of New Brighton as we continue to work with the public, business and private developers on options for the commercial centre and surrounding housing development,” Mr Hall says.



A great day for a blessing!



A stunning lightshow from Mother Nature and He Puna Taimoana.

GET IN TOUCH

We are always keen to discuss the New Brighton Regeneration Project with the community. We would love to hear what you think about the work we are doing. You can contact us at the email address below.

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Community has a say on old New Brighton School site

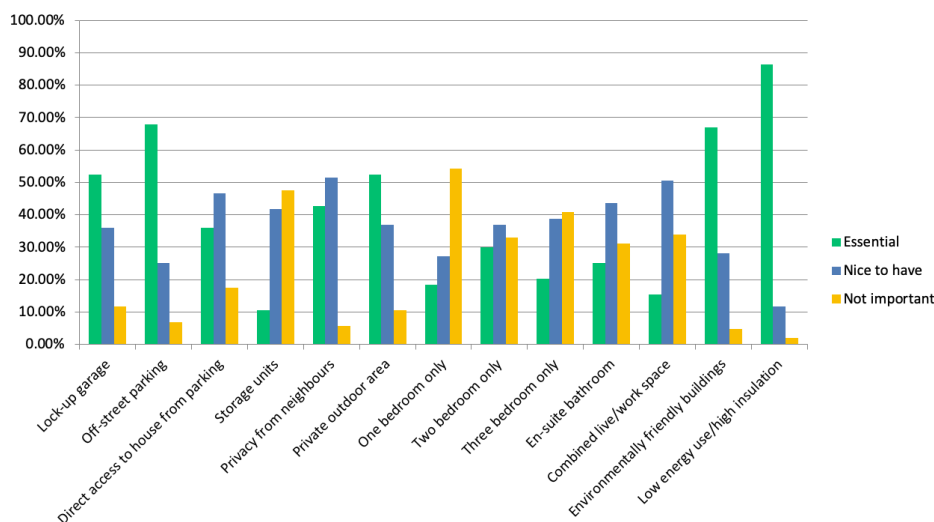
In late 2019, DCL ask the local community for feedback and ideas for the future of the old school site. DCL recognises that people are the key to the successful regeneration of New Brighton, encouraging more people to live close to the local shops and businesses will create more foot traffic and ultimately more life in the area. DCL secured the old school site with a view to encouraging the future development of housing on the site.

Staff have since been working with the community to explore options that will work on the site in the future.

As well as discussions with current tenants, the community board and feedback from potential developers, New Brighton residents were asked what types of housing would work best in the area and what sort of associated community activities could be included in future development. People were encouraged to participate in the survey through a combination of facebook posts, flyers in the local library and

personal interactions between DCL staff and community members – 103 responses were received. The survey found that the majority of respondents want to see a mixture of housing types developed at the site. A significant majority (85 per cent) said low energy use and high insulation was essential. In addition, two thirds of respondents want to see future developments include community and arts activities at the site and a number of respondents raised the importance of Roy Stokes Hall as community asset.

The graph below shows the responses to each of the features and how they were ranked by respondents.



NEXT STEPS

All the feedback is being fed into future development plans which will ultimately be led by a private developer. DCL is continuing to progress the master planning of the site. You can view the full report here: <https://dcl.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NBRP-Housing-Survey-Responses-Feb-2020.pdf>

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