

Papakainga Solutions support Nga Potiki a Tamapahore develop kaumatua housing



Minister for Maori Development, Hon Te Ururoa Flavell officially opened the Nga Potiki/Pirihima Housing project in Tauranga on Saturday 30 August. CHA member group Papakainga Solutions supported local iwi group Nga Potiki a Tamapahore in partnership with the Pirihima Maori Land Trust in Tauranga to build six two-bedroom accessible homes for the elderly. A further four, four bedroom homes are planned to be built as stage two of this Papakainga known as Te Ohaaki o Miriama.



The new homes are ideal for kaumatua because they have been designed as affordable rental accommodation close to marae and services. Victoria Kingi, project co-ordinator of Papakainga Solutions, said “Ngai Potiki had worked together with the Pirihima Papakainga Trust on the project and that has gone extremely well. The project is an example of local collective partnerships achieving better housing outcomes”.

This is one of a number of Papakainga housing projects that have been supported by Nga Potiki and the iwi intends to expand and grow its housing aspirations to meet the growing need of people experiencing severe housing stress in the Tauranga area. Plans are underway to develop 50 acres in Papamoa for housing at scale and they are looking at the government’s Social Housing Reform Programme intended for Tauranga.