

## COMMUNITY UPDATE SPRING 2021

## WINTON

### SUBDIVISION UPDATE

Construction is progressing well on Stage 2A with all services and infrastructure in place. The construction crews have worked hard throughout winter with final road sealing and landscape works expected to be completed in November. Stage 2A will see an additional 142 lots delivered to the Lakeside community.

Rimu Street construction is also nearing completion with all services and infrastructure in place. This key connection to the Te Kauwhata township is expected to be open by December this year and will provide a secondary vehicle link as well as a shared walking/cycling connection to the township.

Building consent applications have been lodged with the Waikato District Council for the Lakeside Village Centre, which will include an architecturally designed café/restaurant, childcare centre, general store and a two-storey retail and office building. Civil construction has commenced, and once complete building construction will get underway with an anticipated completion of late 2022.

The postie was the first Te Kauwhata resident I met – I think I was her first Lakeside mail recipient. She was just a bundle of knowledge and so obliging, answering my numerous questions. I have started providing Tai Chi classes in Te Kauwhata and Waeranga. These have been well attended and I'm thankful for the support and opportunity to share some of my skills and passions with my new community.

### IS THERE ONE STAND OUT FEATURE ABOUT LAKESIDE YOU CAN SHARE?

The night sky without all the city glow means that the stars are so vivid. Sunsets and sunrises are amazing too!

### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE NEW LAKESIDE COMMUNITY IN 5 YEARS' TIME?

I'm looking forward to the next influx of residents. Coming from Glen Eden in Auckland I value diversity. Sharing a neighbourhood with people of different ethnicity, a range of beliefs and values, at different stages of life - all of this has been very enriching. And can challenge the way we think and lead to the creation of opportunities.

### TE KAUWHATA IS A LONG WAY FROM GLEN EDEN, WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE A NEW HOME AT LAKESIDE?

Having sold my Auckland place, and nearing retirement age, I had a range of possibilities open to me. City apartment living, a townhouse in the suburbs, beach house or a do-up project all held appeal. My son suggested I look at Te Kauwhata. I spent a number of my childhood years in the Waikato and the thought of returning 'home' appealed. Like many New Zealanders, I'd never been to Te Kauwhata. It's only an hour from Auckland and 10 minutes off the Waikato Expressway. With my social networks in Auckland, the location was a deciding factor. I organised a tour of Lakeside with a real estate agent - my first visit to Te Kauwhata - and knew straight away this was the right home for me.

### OBVIOUSLY, LAKESIDE TICKED A GOOD NUMBER OF BOXES ON YOUR CHECKLIST – CAN YOU ELABORATE ON WHAT APPEALED?

My home has a sunny aspect, slightly elevated and a reserve on my north boundary. The garden is ideal, big enough for my garden projects but small enough to remain manageable. It was a new home so I wouldn't have to worry about maintenance. Lakeside is in a rural setting with lovely views.

### WHAT HAVE YOU ENJOYED MOST ABOUT BECOMING A PART OF THE TE KAUWHATA COMMUNITY?

Te Kauwhata residents are willing to share stories of their area, histories or information on useful connections in the community.



### OUR STORIES:

## An interview with Robin Champion.

Welcome to the first installment of 'Our Stories' where we speak to Lakeside resident Robin Champion. Robin has just embarked on an exciting new chapter in her life after 35 years of calling Glen Eden, West Auckland, home.

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT AT LAKESIDE?

I moved here in August 2020. Four other households, the first of the Lakesiders, moved in on the same day. We organised a barbecue and we've kept in touch, growing our network as more households have joined the community.



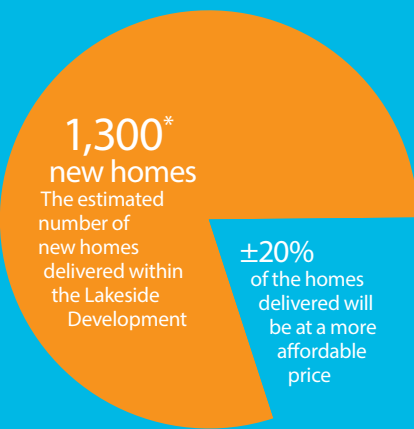




# LAKESIDE DEVELOPMENT

The land development work at Lakeside will take place in five stages over the next 7-8 years, with housing set to be constructed within the stages over the next 10+ years.

The stage one sales process has just closed which means you may see a bit more activity on site before Christmas. We will be announcing more builder partners and launching the remainder of Stage 1 homes in the New Year.



\* Kāinga Ora homes



Aerial photo of Lakeside Stage 1



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## Predator free Lakeside initiative underway

Several Lakeside residents have formed a working group to help eradicate rats before the spring influx of birds and amphibians to the local area. Intended as a pilot project over the next six weeks, the group approached Kāinga Ora for support and we provided 10 tunnel traps to target rats in backyards.

Predator Free NZ recommends one trap at least, for every five properties, in order to run an effective pest control programme in communities. Our support will allow the project to cover close to half the current properties at Lakeside and provide a good gauge of the neighbourhood rat population and activity.

If the pilot is successful and there is enough interest the group will then look at next steps to grow the project.

If you are interested in taking part in this initiative, or would like more information, please feel free to get in touch:

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## HELPING OUR NATIVE FERNBIRD TO THRIVE

Te Kauwhata is a special place with a warm, welcoming community and a beautiful natural environment. The iconic wetlands of the area are home to native birdlife, and are literally part of the local area's backyard.

When the Lakeside brand and development was launched we wanted to create a feeling of 'home' with a strong connection to 'place'. The mātātā, otherwise known as the native New Zealand fernbird, can be found in the Whangamarino Wetlands.

The little fernbird is an indicator species which means it creates positive change in its natural environment. Sadly, the fernbird population is in decline and there's work to do to protect the wetlands they live in.

We're looking at ways we can support the good work of the Department of Conservation (DOC) to sustain the fernbird's habitat. To help restore local wetlands, DOC has been putting down rat traps, planting and weed busting. They are also monitoring a number of native female bird species (including the fernbird) and looking to trial a thermal imagery drone to help with this.

We'd love to see the community involved and look forward to sharing our plans to support this work. We'll keep you posted on how you might be able to get involved.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The fernbird's nest is resilient, weather-proof and very well built. We think that's a great analogy for both the homes we're building and the community Lakeside is a part of. For these reasons the fernbirds profile has been incorporated into our logo. Can you spot it peering out from within the letters?



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Photo credit to Josh Matthews

## Meet Caitlyn Mentzer

ASSISTANT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities

### WHAT DOES YOUR ROLE INVOLVE?

My role as Assistant Development Manager involves assisting our Development Manager in the successful delivery of the Lakeside development. Together we work closely with internal and external stakeholders to ensure development outcomes are met.

### WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR ROLE?

I enjoy the fast-paced ever changing environment, no one day is the same. I really like building connections with all our stakeholders and seeing the project come to life.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT LAKESIDE AND ITS COMMUNITY?

I love the diversity and amenities Lakeside is bringing to Te Kauwhata. Te Kauwhata is so close to Auckland and Hamilton with a classic Kiwi rural town feel, friendly locals and a really strong community. It's great to be able to bring more people to the area and show off what the Waikato has to offer with ease of access to nearby cities.

### WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN YOUR PREVIOUS ROLE?

In my previous role at Kāinga Ora I was working in a coordination role within the Commercial Office working across many of our Developments and also potential new opportunities for Kāinga Ora to deliver housing outcomes or new ways of contracting.

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE DOING OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE?

In my spare time I enjoy getting outdoors into nature. In the winter you will find me playing competitive hockey or off hiking in the mountains with friends. In summer, you will likely find me near the water fishing, or setting up camp near the beach in my roof tent.



### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

To find out more about Lakeside, visit our website [lakeside.nz](https://lakeside.nz) where you can also sign up to receive regular updates.