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Cities that are equitable places for *all* whānau, reflecting Māori values and identity.

PORIRUA COMMUNITY USE AND NEEDS SURVEY

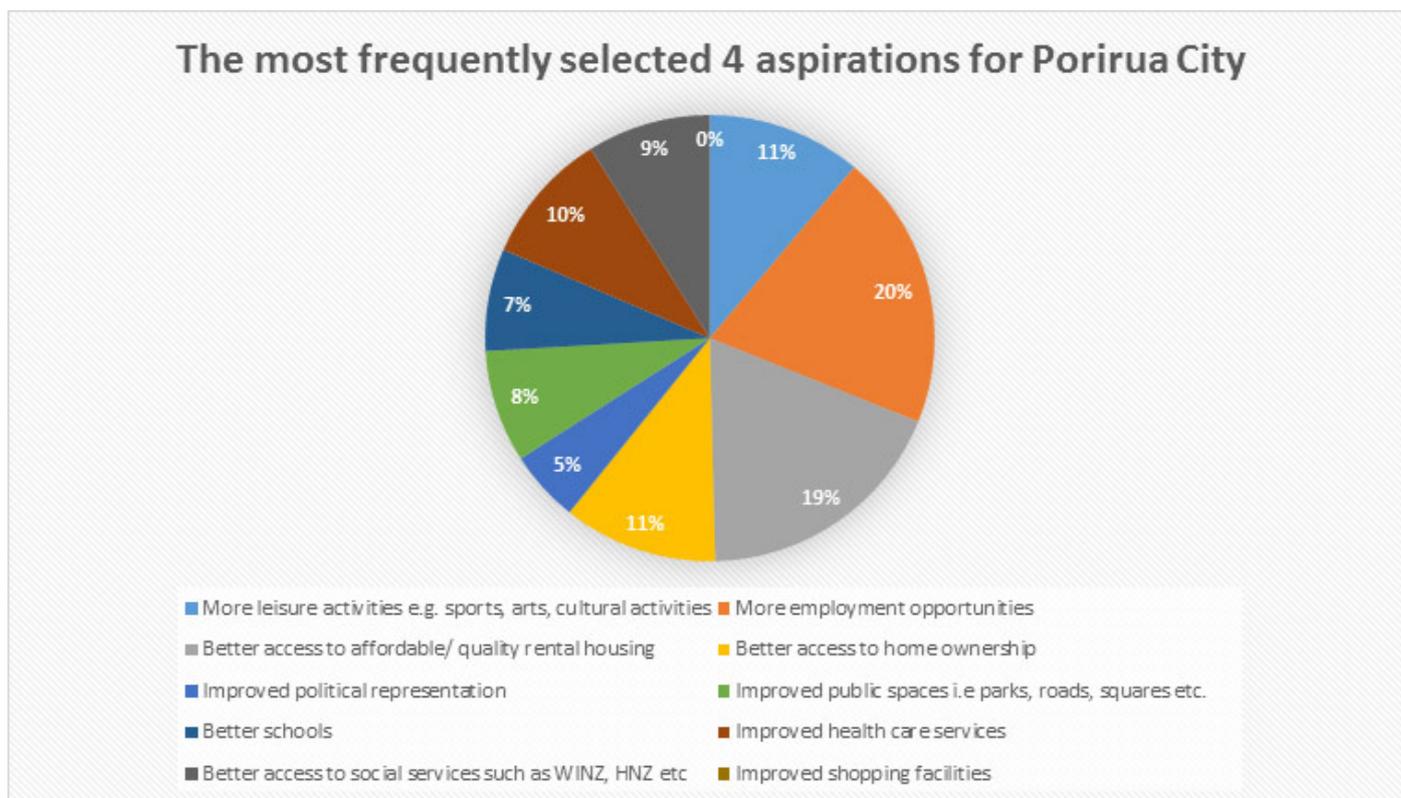
The research team undertook a survey designed to discover which elements of the city were the most important to the community, while also revealing the strengths and future opportunities for Porirua. It also allowed for the participants to highlight the areas in the city they believed needed support. These surveys were distributed to a number of sites in Porirua, and a team of researchers conducted a number of these surveys face to face at a community event.

46 total surveys were completed, 37 of these by Porirua residents. Over 48% of those who lived in Porirua had been doing so for over 15 years. It was completed by people of a wide range of ages and by a relatively even gender mix (25 females, 21 males). Those under 16 were not included in the survey due to ethical exclusions.

When participants were asked to select all the facilities they use in Porirua, the most frequently selected was the shops, followed closely by sports facilities, then recreation facilities that are free e.g. parks, walking and cycling tracks. Healthcare, sports and recreation facilities that cost money to use were the next most frequently selected facilities.

Participants were then asked to select up to four listed facilities that were the most important to them or their family. 29 people identified sports and recreation facilities that are free e.g. parks, walking and cycling tracks as one of their top four facilities. 25 people selected shops, 25 healthcare and 24 selected schools. The top four strengths of Porirua as identified by aggregated survey results showed that sense of community was ranked as the number one strength of Porirua tied with public spaces e.g. green spaces, parks, town squares etc. Location was the second highest ranked strength, followed by access to cultural activities. The most frequently highlighted challenge for Porirua was access to affordable & quality housing. This was followed by a lack of employment opportunities, meeting basic needs such as food, power, and then concerns about the natural environment.

As shown in the graph below, the Porirua community members surveyed wanted to see more employment opportunities, better access to affordable/quality rental housing, better access to home ownership as well as more leisure activities e.g. sports, arts and cultural activities.



Qualitative results demonstrated that some survey participants were concerned about gentrification and environmental issues such as concern for the harbour and flooding. Others also mentioned the need for more cultural spaces such as a performing arts centre.

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