

A Porirua City Community Outcome snapshot

some of the issues presented in *Porirua City Wellbeing – Community Outcomes Monitoring Report 2007*

Outcome three Education and training

The diverse educational and training goals of our communities are met

Key indicators in achieving progress:

- Education and training programmes are of the highest quality
- Education and training programmes are appropriate for people and meet their aspirations
- Education and training programmes prepare people for employment and further education

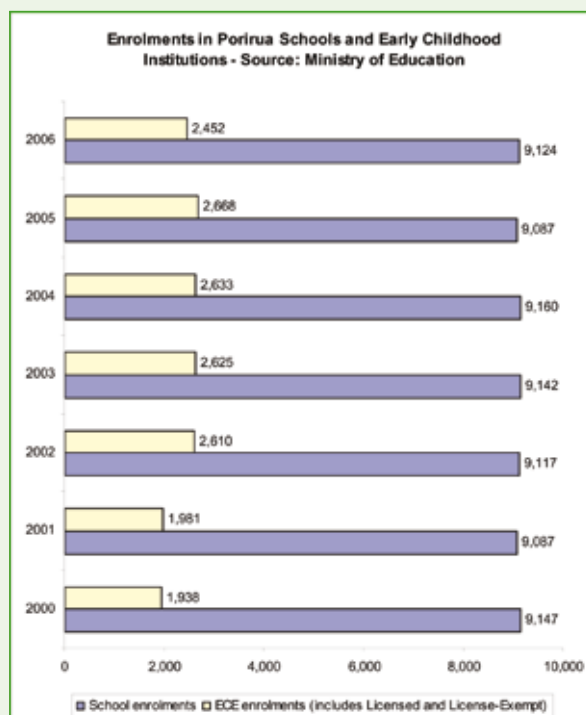
Heartening results

The number of children under five years of age enrolled in early childhood education programmes in Porirua City has increased

Increase in those 15 years of age and over with university or other tertiary qualification

Troublesome results

The level of school leavers with low educational attainment is higher in Porirua City than regionally and nationally



Early Childhood Education – overall enrolment increased

From 2000 to 2006, the number of children under five years of age in early childhood education programmes in Porirua City increased by 28.1% to reach 2,452. There was a slight decline in numbers between 2005 and 2006.

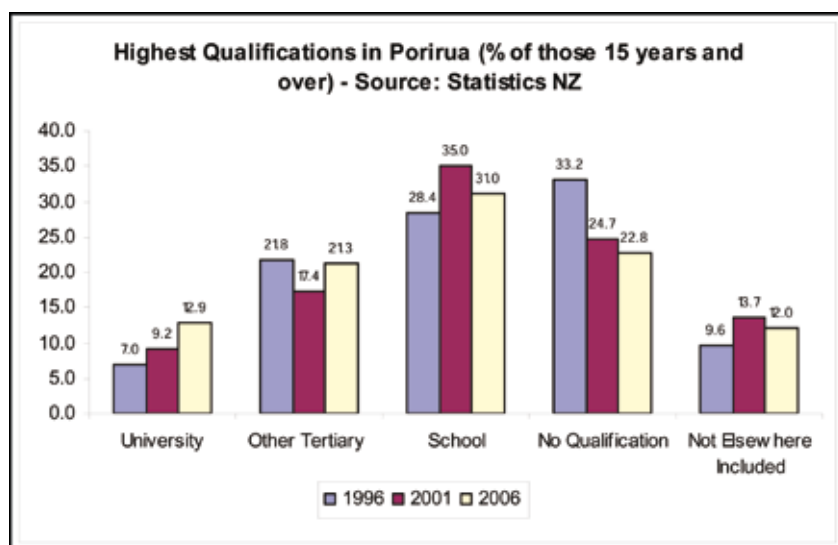


Percentage of School Leavers with Low Attainment (2003-2006)

Source:Ministry of Education

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Porirua City	25.5%	15.0%	24.0%	28.2%
New Zealand	15.3%	12.8%	12.9%	11.1%

The percentage of Porirua City residents aged 15 years and over with either university or tertiary qualifications increased and those with no qualifications declined.



Local story: School leaver into training or employment

Partners Porirua works with local providers to support young people through further education, training and employment. One of its clients, Awhi Ruwhiu, a young mother from Porirua East, was referred to an administration and computing course with the South Pacific Academy, through the Youth Transition Services programme, and is now working with the Department of Internal Affairs.



Before I started work I was just a mum and on the benefit – I wasn't going anywhere. That was my main aim, just to get a job, and I got one. I used to shy away in a lot of interviews. I am more relaxed now, not so tense and not so worried about what they are going to ask. With this job ... I think and do things differently."

Awhi Ruwhiu

Where to from here?

Council will be talking to a wide range of Government and City groups about how we can respond to these issues as a City. If you would like more information or want to be part of this work, please contact:

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Further information

This is just a small snap shot of the more detailed set of indicators and measures used to address progress toward this Outcome and other Community Outcomes that can be found in the Porirua City Wellbeing Report 2007 available from www.pcc.govt.nz or at the Council Offices, Cobham Court or at the central and local libraries.