

A Porirua City Community Outcome snapshot

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

Outcome four Natural and physical environment

The natural and physical environment is valued, clean, safe, attractive and sustainable

Key indicators in achieving progress:

- Ensuring built environments provide for community safety, accessibility and attractiveness
- Maximising recycling and minimising waste
- Ensuring that people have access to the natural environment and that its uniqueness is valued and protected

Heartening results

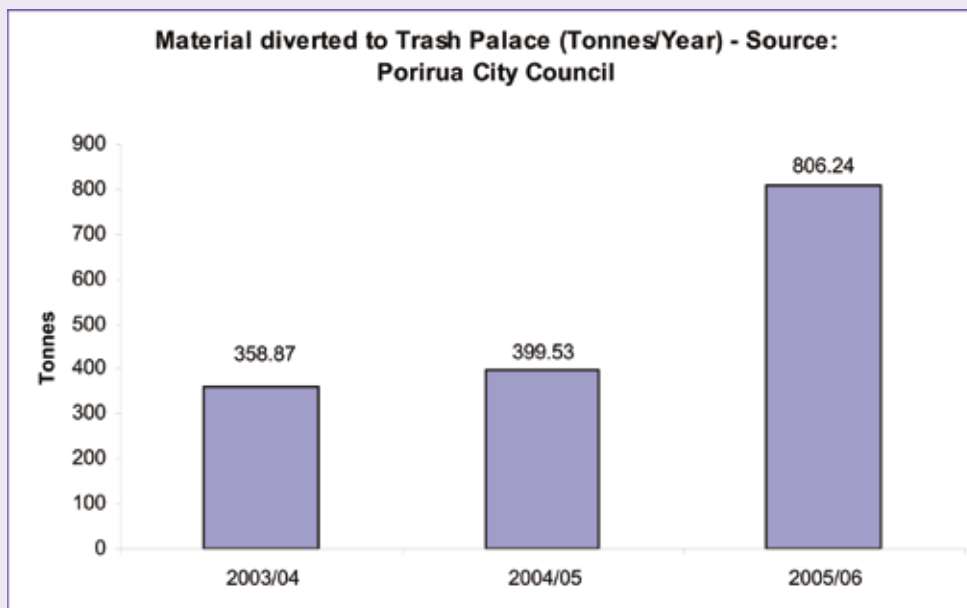
Increasing amount of material diverted to Trash Palace for recycling

Troublesome results

Poor quality of stream and coastal water

More material going to Trash Palace

From 2003/04 to 2005/06 the amount of material per person diverted to Trash Palace doubled.





Porirua Harbour – our most distinctive geographical feature

Porirua Harbour with its two inlets is the most distinctive geographical feature of the City and has considerable aesthetic, amenity, cultural, spiritual, recreational, and environmental values. The health and status of the Harbour is therefore of great importance.

Overall existing condition rating for Porirua Harbour’s Inlets

Site	Sediment	Nuisance growths	Disease risk	Contaminants	Habitat loss	Invaders	Shellfish issues
Pauatahanui Inlet	low-med	low	moderate	low	moderate	low	low
Porirua/Onepoto Inlet	moderate	moderate	high	low-mod	high	low	moderate

Local story: Cleaning up the foreshore

“Cleaning up the harbour gave me an insight on how some people just don’t care about the sea (our harbour). It showed me that people are so careless that they don’t care what harm they might be doing to the sea, because of all the rubbish that was lying around. Fish and other sea creatures cannot survive in dirty water. It made me want to pick up or throw my rubbish in the bin.”

“The harbour was disgustingly dirty, it was an insight on how much people littered. I felt great giving back to both the community and to the environment. Seeing so much litter was revolting. I am definitely not littering again.”

Aroha Matthews and Rangiuunu Heke, participants in the Ministry of Youth Development Programme supporting iwi and Council initiatives to clean up Porirua Harbour in May 2007 (Source: Keep Porirua Beautiful section of Council’s website).



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.