



A Porirua City Community Outcome snapshot

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

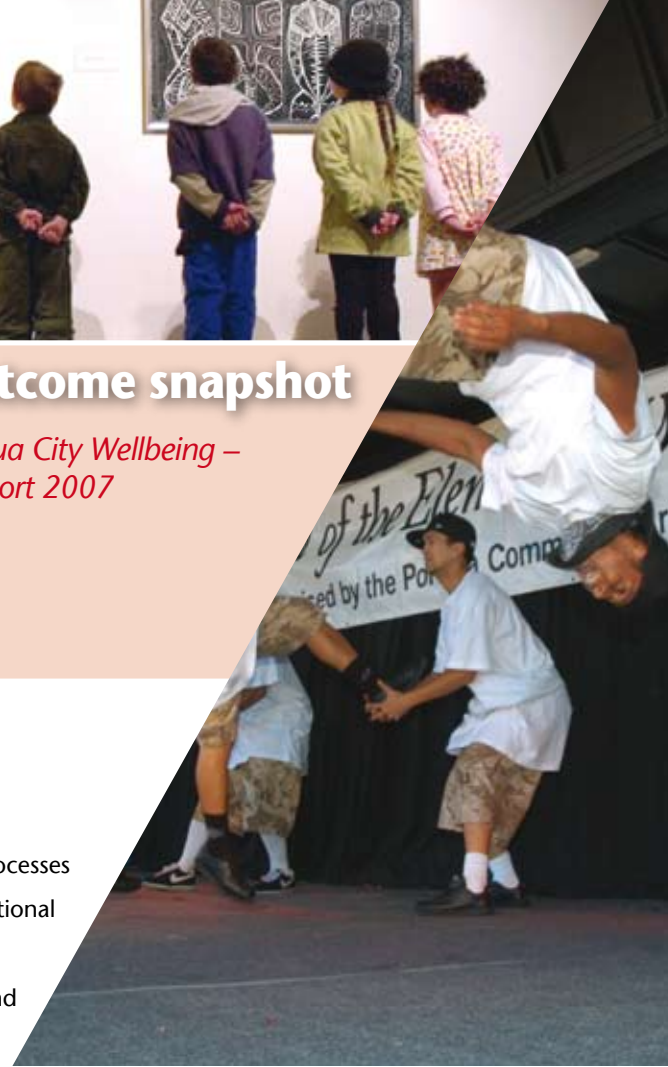
Outcome five

Young people

Young people are innovative, optimistic and energetic participants

Key indicators in achieving progress:

- Young people are participants in decision-making processes
- Young people participate in local recreational, educational and employment opportunities
- Young people are supported in their development and enjoy a sense of belonging in their communities



Heartening results

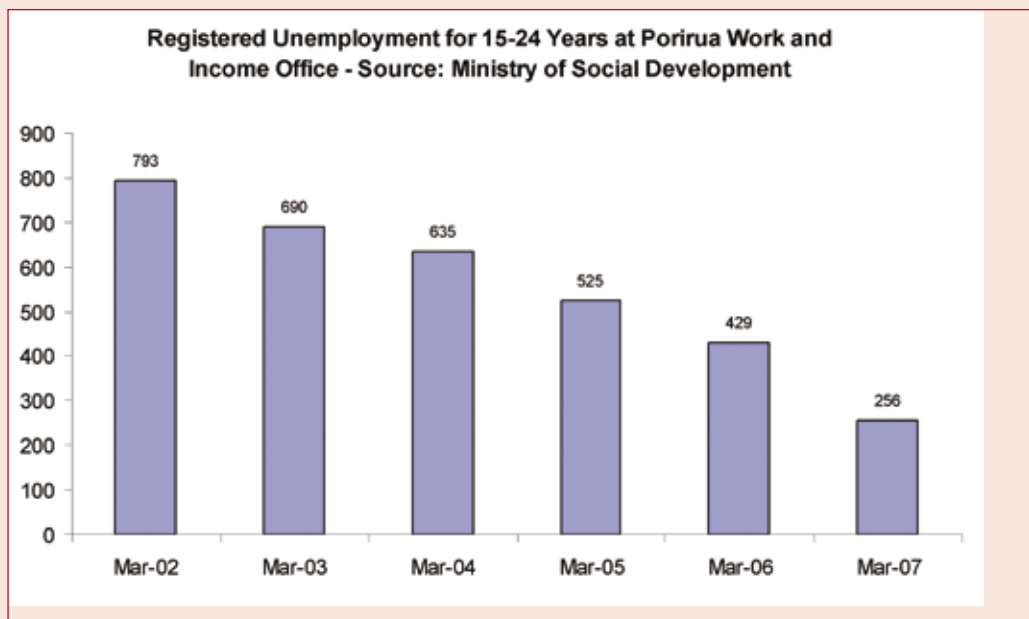
There has been a consistent decline in youth unemployment in Porirua City

Troublesome results

Young people in Porirua City have a low sense of safety in the City Centre after dark.

Youth unemployment – declining

From 2002-2007, the number of young people aged 15-24 years registered as unemployed at the Porirua Work and Income office (includes Tawa and Linden) declined by 537, from 793 to 256.





Youth safety – City Centre at night

Young people are especially vulnerable in relation to crime and safety. A recent survey of young people in Porirua found that they generally felt safe in their home and neighbourhood day and night, similar to other age groups. However, after dark, they were slightly less likely to have felt a sense of safety particularly in the City Centre.

	Porirua City 2006	12 Cities 2006
Safe in home in day (very safe, fairly safe)	97%	97%
Safe in home at night (very safe, fairly safe)	92%	91%
Safe in neighbourhood at night (very safe, fairly safe)	82%	75%
Safe walking alone in neighbourhood at night (very safe, fairly safe)	61%	63%
Safe in City Centre during day (very safe, fairly safe)	97%	94%
Safe in City Centre at night (very safe, fairly safe)	47%	53%

Local story: Y-XPress

Y-XPress is a quarterly magazine overseen by Porirua City Council's Youth Development Advisor, Awhina Buchanan, and published in the Kapi-Mana News community newspaper. The process of producing the magazine is structured so that the real power of Y-XPress comes from the young people involved. The wide range of tasks including identifying stories, conducting interviews, collecting information, writing, editing, photography and layout is all undertaken by young people. At the time of writing this report, Y-XPress has been published three times. The feedback has been very positive, particularly from those involved:

“ I enjoyed everything, meeting Spacifix, Y – Mag Team and the attention”

“ The opportunity, seeing the finished product, and lunch”

“ Getting to write”

“ Seeing the final product, and getting to do it was fun”

“ The opportunity, I liked the Spacifix story, the vocab – it's ours, we understand it”



Alegra Underhill-Baker, Sarah Garvin, Dominique Duffy, Josh Briggs, Jessica Smith, Patsy Schwalger, Lisa Duff, and Allan Hoeg reflecting on their involvement in the first edition of the Y-XPress youth magazine in 2007.

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.