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**Porirua City Council:
Our Interest in Education
Including Community Outcomes**

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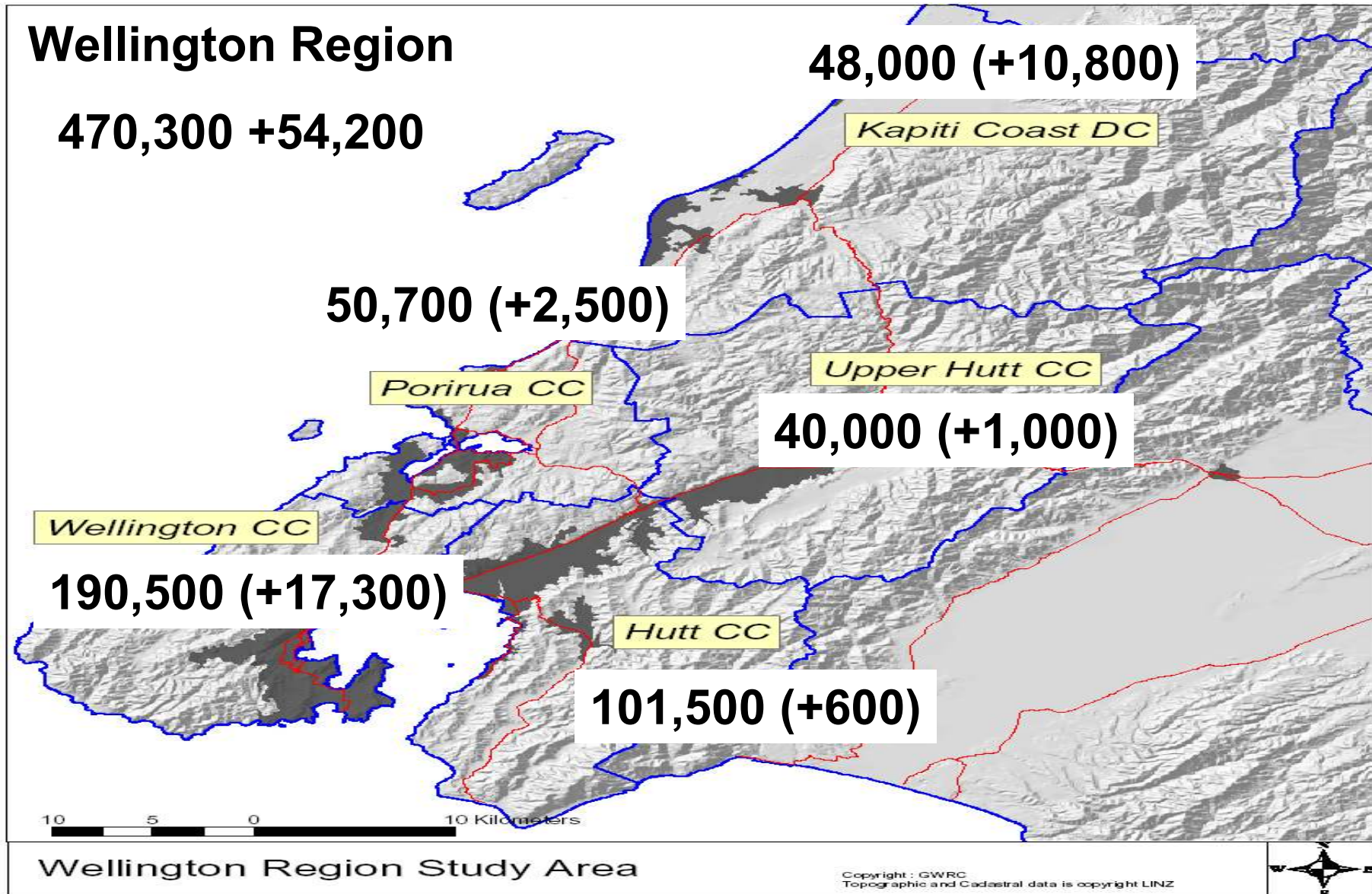


PORIRUA CITY - IT'S AMAZING

This presentation will cover ...

- Our diverse population
- Community outcomes – the big City issues and their connections

POPULATION: NOW TO 10-20 YEARS



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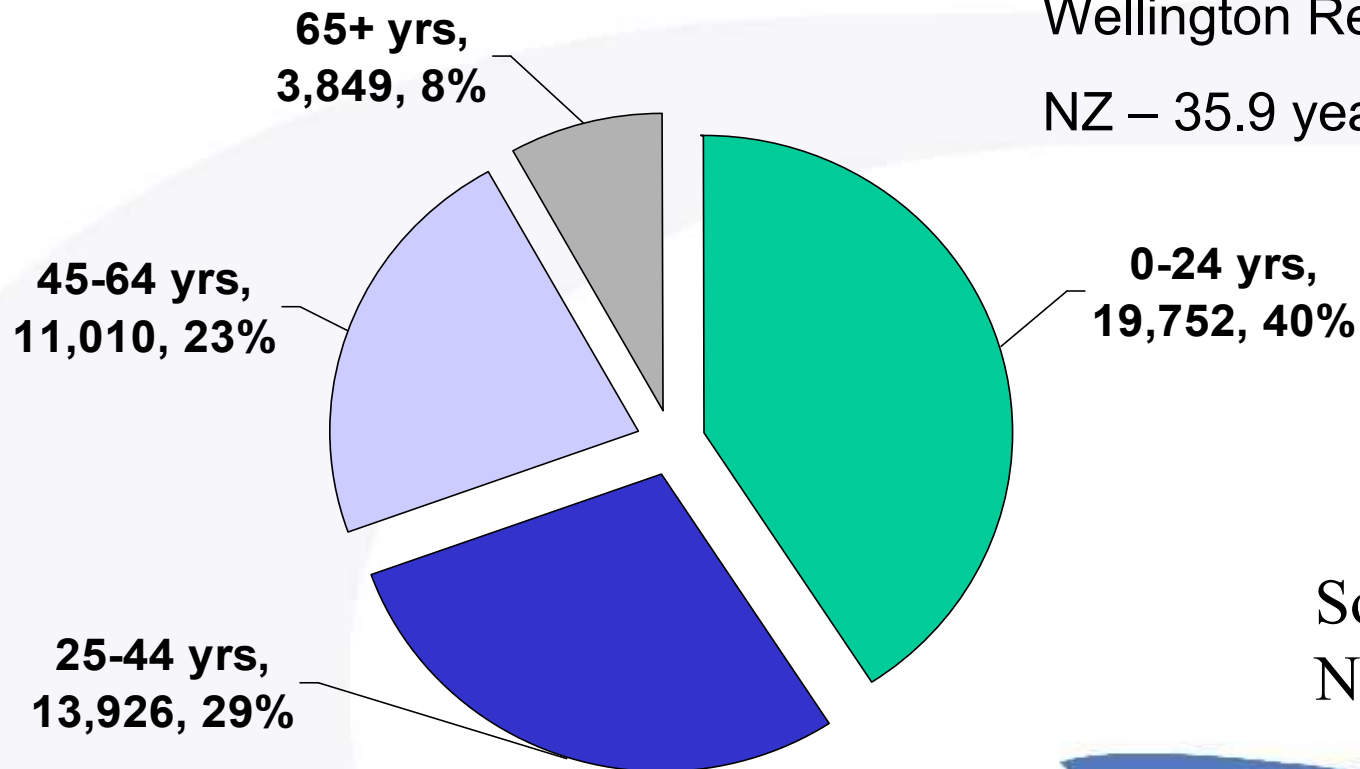
Porirua has a young population

Median age:

Porirua - 32 years

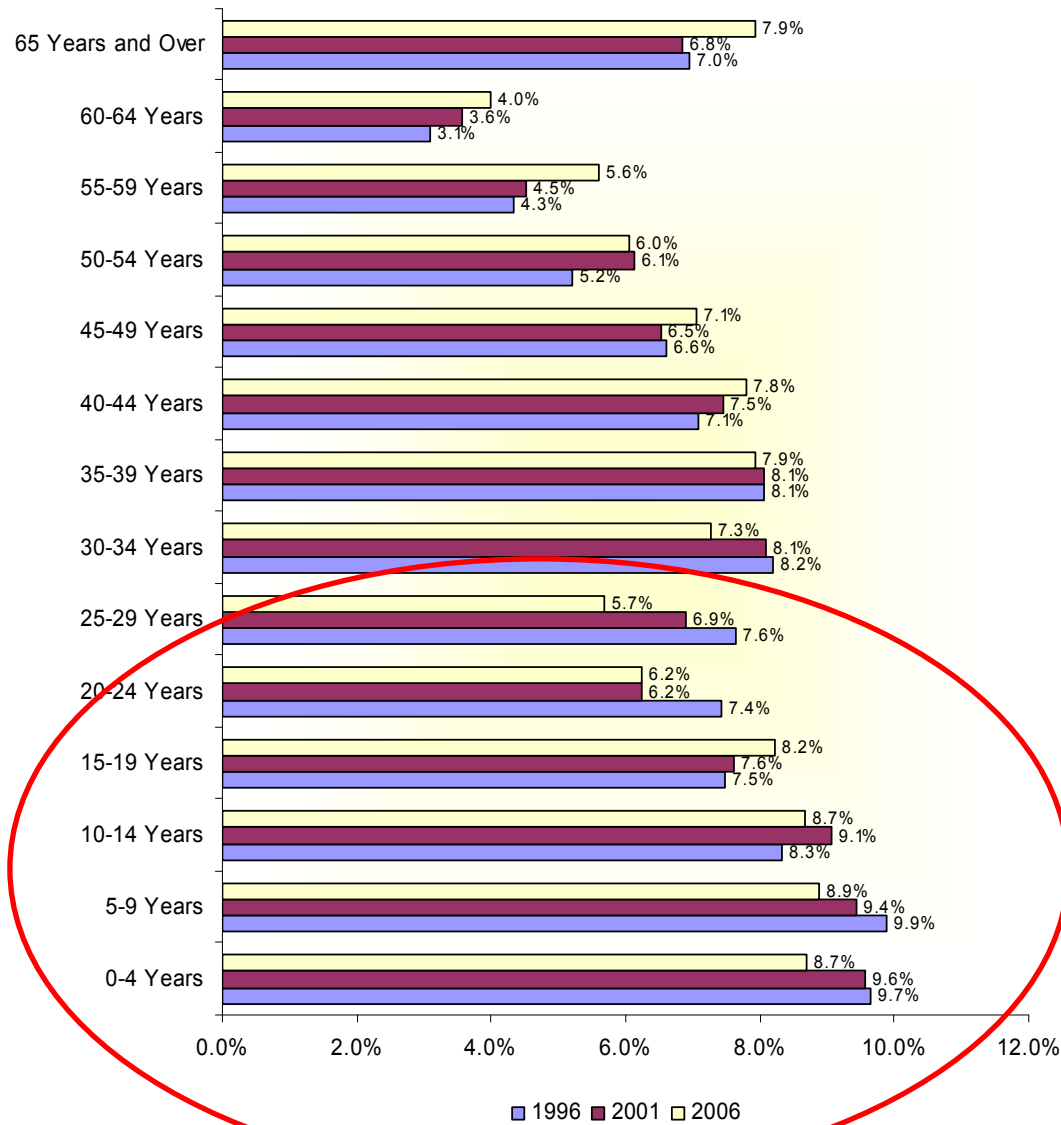
Wellington Region – 35.3 years

NZ – 35.9 years



Source: Statistics
NZ, 2006 Census

**Age Structure for Usual Resident Population - Porirua City,
1996-2006 Census**



Of our total population:

40% 0-24 yrs

0-4 years 8.7%

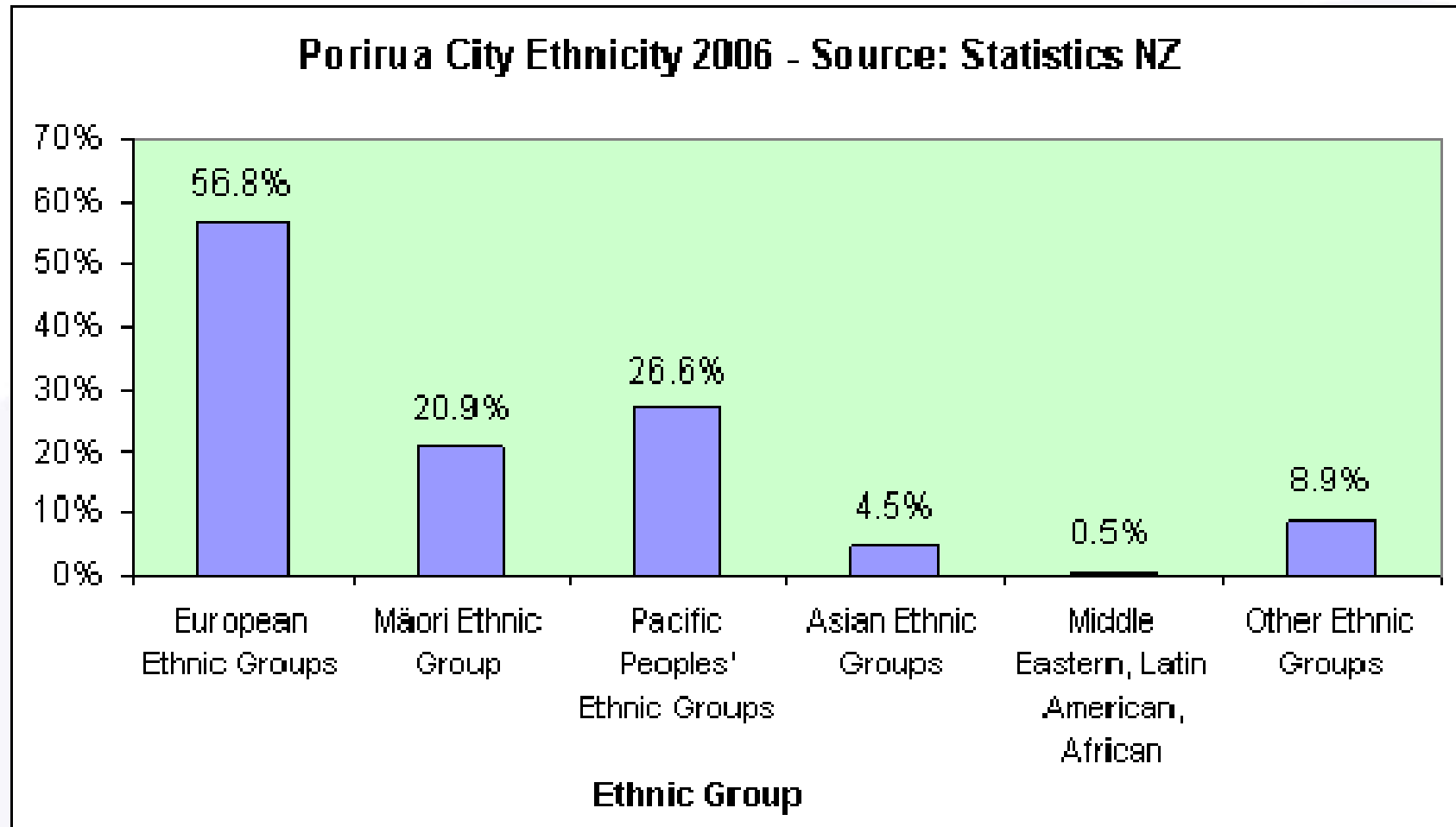
5-9 years 8.9%

10-14 years 8.7%

15-19 years 8.2%

20-24 years 6.2%

Porirua is ethnically diverse

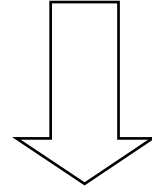


Porirua City – our projected changes

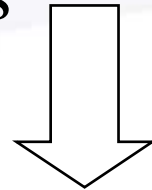
Porirua's population is expected to:

- grow slowly
- become more ethnically diverse
- become older
- have smaller households and changing family structures
- continue a distinct contrast in socioeconomic status
- have ~10% with some form of disability (influencing independence, access, participation)

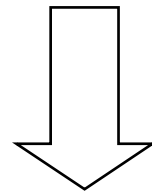
- Education & training is influenced by, and in turn, influences many other parts of life and society



- For education & training opportunities to have the opportunity for success, we need supportive local social & physical environments



- Local social & physical environments are influenced by many sectors



- We need a coordinated approach

How do we identify & tackle interrelated priority issues across the City?

- The “Community Outcomes” process offers an opportunity
- Community outcomes are: agreed, important, local goals (economy, environment, health, education etc)

Community Outcomes provide:

- A City-wide focus
- Opportunity to identify those who are able to influence
- Opportunity for partnerships & interagency effort
- Regular monitoring & reporting of progress
- Recognition of interrelated issues
- Recognition of overarching principles
- Opportunity for regular adjustment of priorities
- Opportunity to consider local, regional, national and international issues

Community Outcomes – What is Council's role?

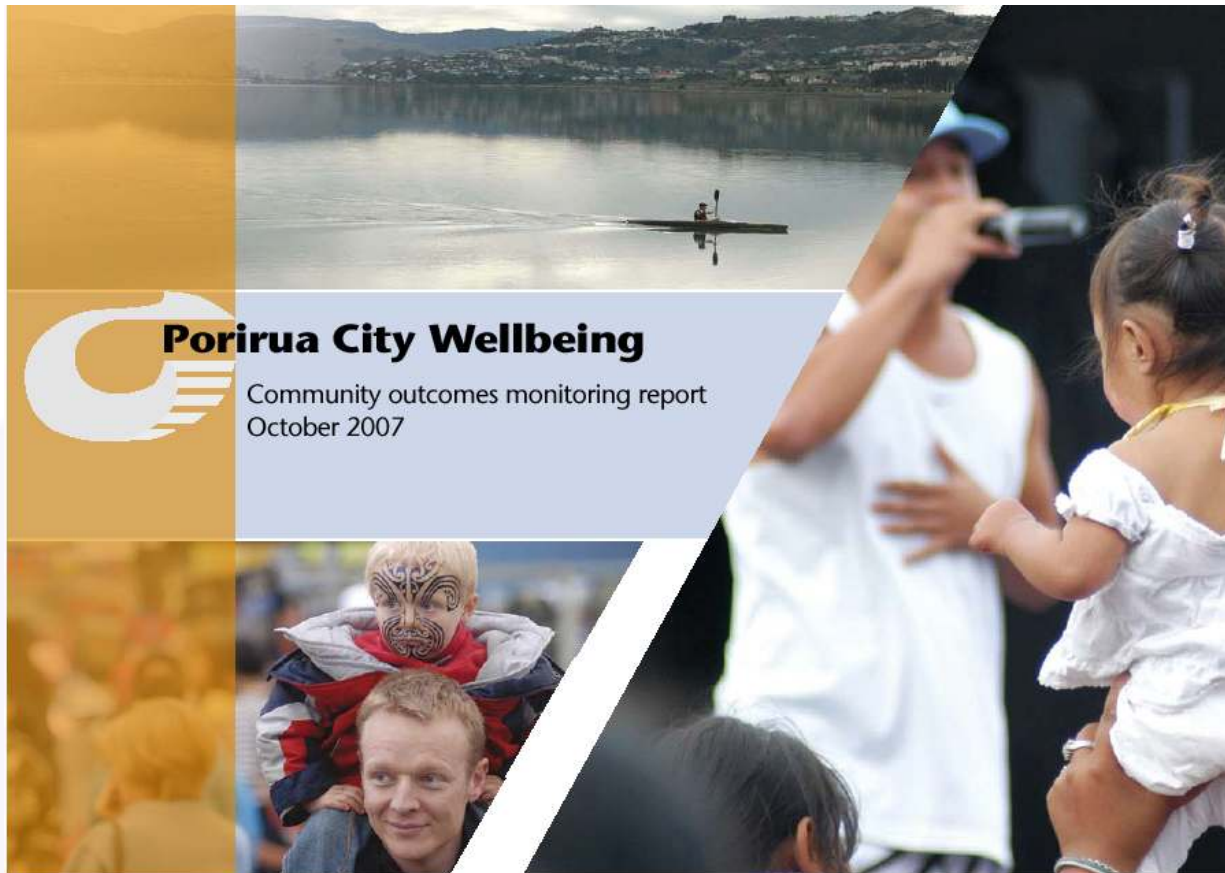
At least every 6 years, Council is to ...

- co-ordinate identification of outcomes with key groups and the public (ie “*what*” & “*who*”)
- Eg in 2008 Steering Group established, progress reviewed, workshops held, separate interagency report to be prepared

At least every 3 years, Council is to ...

- report on progress toward all outcomes (ie “*how are we doing?*”)
- Eg in 2007 published the *City Wellbeing Report*

Monitoring Community Outcomes – what did we find?



Porirua City Wellbeing

Community outcomes monitoring report
October 2007

City Wellbeing Report 2007

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Education & Training – key points from *City Wellbeing Report 2007*

Successful Results	Challenging Results
✓ Increase in children (<5yrs) in early childhood education	✗ Lower attendance in kindergarten in particular for Pacific Islands and Other ethnic groups
✓ Improved school rolls for all ethnic groups	✗ Larger proportion of residents with no qualifications than Wellington
✓ Growth in tertiary education enrolment	✗ Higher number of school leavers with low attainment than NZ
✓ Increase in industry-based training and modern apprenticeships	
✓ Increase in proportion of residents >15yrs with tertiary qualifications	

Young People – key points from *City Wellbeing Report 2007*

Successful Results	Challenging Results
✓ Opportunities for youth participation (eg <i>Y-XP</i> youth news resource)	✗ 15-24 year old males at fault/ partly at fault in road traffic injury crashes
✓ Decline in youth unemployment	✗ High rate of young single parents
✓ Increased youth awareness of pollution, graffiti	✗ Low sense of safety for youth in City Centre after dark
✓ Decline in proportion of students receiving early leaving exemptions	✗ High proportion of school leavers without NCEA Level 1 credits in numeracy and literacy

Business & Employment – key points from *City Wellbeing Report 2007*

Successful Results	Challenging Results
✓ Employment up / unemployment down	✗ Economic base reliant on a few sectors
✓ 1st for GDP growth, 2nd for employment growth in NZ (2006)	✗ Māori & Pacific people are larger proportion of registered unemployed
✓ Average personal & household income higher than NZ average	✗ Personal & household earning disparities by community & ethnic group

Porirua Community Outcomes Review – *Porirua – Our Place, Our Future* Recent Workshops

- Discussed current outcomes and suggested new outcomes
- Discussed overarching principles
- Looked at successes and challenges
- Identified 2-3 priority projects per outcome

**Porirua Community Outcomes Review –
*Porirua – Our Place, Our Future***

Overarching Principles

- Some things are essential to our society and we call them ‘overarching principles’ that guide our work in Porirua:
 - Te Tiriti o Waitangi
 - Interdependence & Participation
 - Sustainability
 - Social Justice & Equity
 - Collaboration & Partnership

Porirua Community Outcomes Review

Changes to Headings

<i>Current Outcome Headings (2006 - 2009)</i>	Proposed Outcome Headings (2009 onwards) <i>Porirua – Our Place, Our Future</i> <i>Porirua is ...</i>
<i>Health & Housing</i>	Active & Healthy
<i>Business & Employment</i>	Prosperous
<i>Education & Training</i>	Learning for Life
<i>Natural & Physical Environment</i>	A Valued Natural Environment
	Sustainably Designed & Built
<i>Young people</i>	Strong Families & People, Young & Old
<i>Transport</i>	Well Connected & On The Move
<i>Welcoming & Creative City</i>	A Safe City
	Multicultural & Creative

Proposed community outcome for education and training

Outcome:

Porirua is Learning for Life

Statement:

“Diverse life-long learning opportunities supported by quality educational facilities and programmes.”

Porirua is Learning for Life

Includes:

- Early childhood
- Parents as teachers
- Primary and secondary education
- Tertiary education
- Community education
- Vocational training

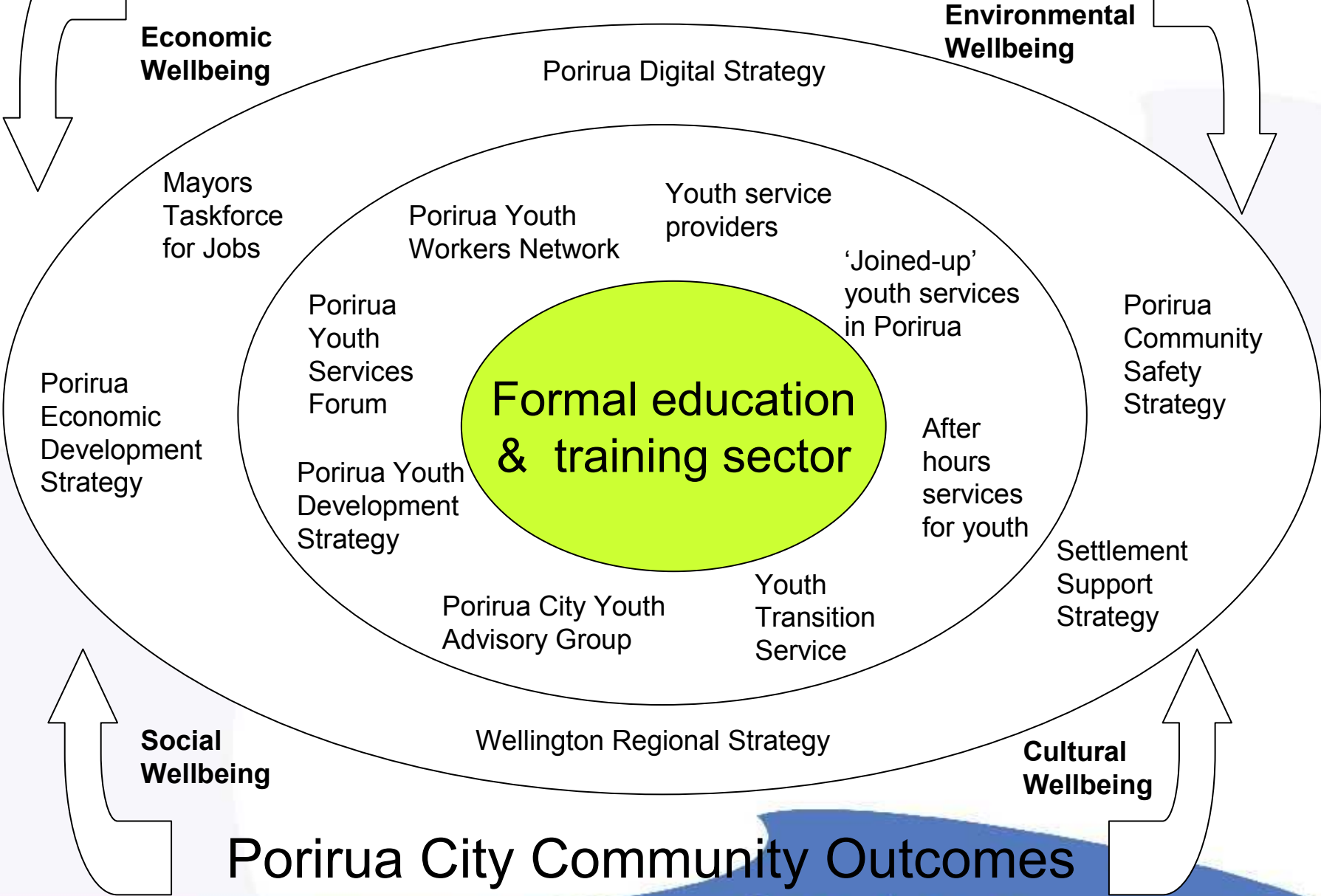
Priorities:

- Early Childhood Education
- Celebrating Educational Excellence
- Increasing achievement rates for NCEA

How do we know we are making progress?

- As part of the Porirua Community Outcomes Review, we will be seeking agreement on the important aspects of education and training that we should be measuring in Porirua

Porirua City Community Outcomes



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Caring Community



Young



Fun



Cultural Richness

**PORIRUA – OUR PLACE,
OUR FUTURE**



World Class Industries



Ethnic Diversity



Lifestyle



Stunning Environment