



# PPG Completes COLORFUL COMMUNITIES Project at Whare Koa Mangere Community House in New Zealand

12/21/2016

PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PPG (NYSE: PPG) today announced the completion of a COLORFUL COMMUNITIES™ project in Mangere, New Zealand, near Auckland that helped to revitalize Whare Koa Mangere Community House. The *Colorful Communities* program provides PPG volunteers and products along with financial contributions to bring color and vitality to communities where the company operates around the world, such as in Auckland, where PPG has an industrial coatings manufacturing facility and a multibusiness sales office.

The project brought together more than 15 PPG volunteers and community volunteers, who worked collectively for 12 days revitalizing the Whare Koa (Maori, meaning "Happy House") Mangere Community House. PPG provided 200 liters (about 53 gallons) each of WEATHERTOUGH™ Exterior paint and of Ultimate Alkyd Semi-Gloss paint products for the project.

Auckland Council is responsible for Whare Koa Mangere Community House, which was built around the 1930s and is currently an archaeological site as defined by the Historic Places Act 1993. Over 300 people per week currently participate in community programs at the site, such as a free community soup kitchen, Pasifika arts and crafts activities, church services, youth groups, counselling support, and health and fitness classes.

Fatima Vaaga, Auckland Council program coordinator, people and places, programs and partnerships, arts, community and events, said the diverse local community and Auckland Council are very excited to partner with PPG and return Whare Koa to its former splendor as the local "Happy House". The project restores the aesthetic appeal of the community house, emphasizing its cultural value for present and future generations and reflecting the bright and colorful Maori and Pasifika people who have come to call it their second home.

"This *Colorful Communities* project enabled PPG to engage with and beautify part of the local community in Auckland, and it also offered a meaningful opportunity for our employees to work as a team whilst 'giving back' something tangible to the local community," said David White, PPG general manager, New Zealand. "PPG is committed to improving our communities and encouraging our employees to participate in activities that highlight our positive culture. We will continue to provide opportunities for employees and their families to engage with local communities where we feel we can make a difference."

Tim Martin, PPG regional sales manager, architectural coatings, said, "It has been a pleasure helping the community restore this special meeting place to its former glory. The vibrancy, color and passion of the community have been truly reflected in this makeover."

The *Colorful Communities* program is PPG's signature initiative for community engagement efforts, with the aim to protect and beautify the neighborhoods where PPG operates around the world. The program increases PPG's commitment to invest in communities by adding \$10 million to support efforts made during a 10-year period. It supports projects that transform community assets, providing PPG volunteers and donated PPG products. PPG completed 11 *Colorful Communities* projects in 2015, and it expects to complete more than 30 this year.

PPG and the PPG Foundation aim to bring color and brightness to PPG communities around the world. We donated more than \$7.8 million in 2015 to hundreds of community organizations across 20 countries. By investing in educational opportunities, we help grow today's skilled workforce and develop tomorrow's innovators in industries related to coatings and specialty materials. Plus, we empower PPG employees to make an impact for causes that are important to them by supporting their volunteer efforts and charitable giving. Learn more at [www.ppgcommunities.com](http://www.ppgcommunities.com) and follow [@PPG\\_Communities](https://twitter.com/PPG_Communities) on Twitter.

## PPG: WE PROTECT AND BEAUTIFY THE WORLD™

At PPG (NYSE:PPG), we work every day to develop and deliver the paints, coatings and materials that our customers have trusted for more than 130 years. Through dedication and creativity, we solve our customers' biggest challenges, collaborating closely to find the right path forward. With headquarters in Pittsburgh, we operate and innovate in more than 70 countries and reported net sales of \$14.8 billion in 2015. We serve customers in construction, consumer products, industrial and transportation markets and aftermarkets. To learn more, visit [www.ppg.com](http://www.ppg.com).

*We protect and beautify the world* and *Colorful Communities* are trademarks and the *PPG Logo* is a registered trademark of PPG Industries Ohio, Inc. *WeatherTough* and *Weather Tough* are trademarks of PPG Industries Australia Pty Ltd.

View source version on businesswire.com: <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20161221005655/en/>

Mark Silvey, +1 412-434-3046

Corporate Communications

[silvey@ppg.com](mailto:silvey@ppg.com)

[www.ppgcommunities.com](http://www.ppgcommunities.com)

Source: PPG