

Notice is given that a Submissions Hearing meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday 29 July 2025  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Meeting Room:** Tasman Council Chamber  
**Venue:** 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
**Zoom conference link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89383669256?pwd=9FuqQikBCOI4ahqffSfLpDdxd6aldv.1>  
**Meeting ID:** 893 8366 9256  
**Meeting Passcode:** 679016

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## **Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan Hearing & Deliberations**

### **AGENDA**

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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Councillor G Daikee
<b>Members</b>	Councillor J Ellis Councillor M Greening Councillor K Maling
<b>Matauranga Māori Experts</b>	R Love (nominated by Te Ātiawa)  U Passl (nominated by Ngāti Rārua)

(Quorum 4)

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## **AGENDA**

**1 OPENING, WELCOME, KARAKIA**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Recommendation**

**That the apologies be accepted.**

**3 REPORTS**

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3.2 Deliberations on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan ..... 132

**4 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

**5 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Nil

**6 CLOSING KARAKIA**

### 3 REPORTS

#### 3.1 SUBMISSIONS HEARING ON DRAFT RICHMOND WARD RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Decision Required

<b>Report To:</b>	Submissions Hearing
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	29 July 2025
<b>Report Author:</b>	Anna Gerraty, Senior Community Policy Advisor
<b>Report Authorisers:</b>	Richard Kirby, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure
<b>Report Number:</b>	RSH25-07-5

##### 1. Purpose of the Report / Te Take mō te Pūrongo

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to accept and hear the [submissions received](#) on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan.
- 1.2 The report does not include the staff deliberations report or an analysis of the submissions. This will be provided to the Hearings Panel in a separate deliberations report to the 29 July 2025 Hearing and Deliberations meeting.

##### 2. Summary / Te Tuhinga Whakarāpoto

- 2.1 This report is to enable the Hearings Panel to accept and hear submissions on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan (draft RMP).
- 2.2 At the meeting on 9 May 2025, the Strategy and Policy Committee approved the release of the draft RMP for public consultation (**refer to [Report RSPC25-05-3](#)**).
- 2.3 Submissions were open between 12 May and 16 July 2025.
- 2.4 We received [30 submissions](#) via the Council's online submission database and hard copy submission forms. We also received 'fast feedback' via Shape Tasman on key consultation questions relating to nine reserves:

Park/Reserve	Number of individuals who provided feedback
Paton Reserve	160
Jubilee Park	192
Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves	221
Easby Park	226
Central Park	182
Camberley Reserve	161
Lampton Reserve	166
Chertsey Reserve	146



Pukeko Park	150
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Personal contact information has been redacted from each submission.

2.5 There are two submitters who wish to be heard.

The schedule of presenters for this meeting is outlined in **Table 1 below**. Subsequent changes to the schedule will be advised before the hearing commences.

<b>Table 1: Hearing Schedule for Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan</b>		
Tuesday, July 29, 2025		Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street
Time	Duration	Speaker (Submission ID)
9:35 AM	(5 mins)	Mrs Katie Lavers (35221) Dog Owners Golden Bay
9:40 AM	(5 mins)	Mr Alastair Jewell (35218)

2.6 Submission details are included within the four attachments to this report, as follows:

2.6.1 Attachment 1: “List of submitters on the Draft Richmond Ward RMP” provides a summary of submitter details, listed in the order they were received. Information on this sheet includes the submission ID, name, whether they asked to be heard, the organisation they represent, town they’re from and whether there is an associated attachment to read (these are highlighted yellow).

2.6.2 Attachment 2: “Submissions to be heard on 29 July 2025”. Submissions are listed in speaker order.

2.6.3 Attachment 3: “All submissions sorted by theme”. Submissions are grouped by subject. Note that only key points from submissions with detailed attachments are included in this document. The ‘fast feedback’ we received via Shape Tasman and Council’s social media channels is included within Attachment 3.

2.6.4 Attachment 4: “Detailed submissions”. Submissions are listed in order of their submission ID.

2.7 Staff will prepare an analysis of the submissions received on both draft RMP documents for the deliberations meeting (also scheduled for 29 July 2025).

### 3. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūtohunga

**That the Submissions Hearing Panel for the Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan Review:**

1. receives the Submissions Hearing on Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan RSH25-07-5 report; and
2. receives and considers [all submissions](#) received during the consultation period of 12 May to 16 July 2025, on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan.

### 4. Background / Horopaki

4.1 At the 9 May 2025 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting, the Committee appointed a Hearing Panel comprising of Councillor Daikee (Chair), Ellis, Maling, Greening and up to two mātauranga Māori experts, to be appointed to the Mayor (refer to **Report RSPC25-05-3**). On 12 June 2025, the Mayor appointed Ursula Passl and Renée Love to the Panel.

4.2 The purpose of the Hearing Panel is to:

4.2.1 consider the views of submitters (from this hearing and from the written submissions);  
and

4.2.2 deliberate on changes that may need to be made to the draft RMP.

4.3 As part of the consultation process, submitters have the option of presenting their views to the Hearing Panel verbally.

4.4 There are two submitters who wish to be heard verbally at the hearing on 29 July 2025.

4.5 Staff have contacted all submitters that wish to be heard and have booked a time for each submitter to speak.

## 5. Analysis and Advice / Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu

### The hearing process

5.1 The schedule of this hearing is provided in Table 1 (see paragraph 2.7 of this report).

5.2 Each submitter has been allowed a maximum of five minutes to speak to their submission. This time includes any points of clarification from the Hearing Panel.

5.3 Submitters have confirmed that they will both be present in person.

## 6. Financial or Budgetary Implications / Ngā Ritenga ā-Pūtea

6.1 The Strategic Policy budget includes funding for costs associated with hearings.

## 7. Options / Kōwhiringa

7.1 The options are outlined in the following table:

Option	Advantage	Disadvantage
1. Receives and considers all submissions, including any late submissions up until the deliberations meeting on 29 July.	All submitters who wish to be heard can be heard.	Any late submissions may not be able to be incorporated into the deliberations report in time.
2. Receives and considers all submissions received during the consultation period.	Submissions can be fully analysed for the deliberations report on 29 July.	Submitters wishing to place a late submission may not feel they have been heard by the Council.

7.2 Option 1 is recommended.

## 8. Legal / Ngā ture

8.1 At the meeting on 9 May 2025, the Strategy and Policy Committee resolved to publicly notify the draft RMP and to hold a submission hearing so that the public can present their views verbally.

- 8.2 A [public notice](#) was published on the Council's website on 12 May 2025, inviting submissions on both draft RMP documents. Detailed information was also published on [Shape Tasman](#) during the submission period (i.e. between 12 May and 16 July 2025).
- 8.3 The consultation process is being carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and the Local Government Act 2002.
- 8.4 The Minister of Conservation has delegated the power to adopt final Reserve Management Plans to local authorities, but this power cannot be further delegated. The role of the Hearing Panel is to consider and deliberate on all submissions, direct staff to amend the draft RMP and recommend the final version of the RMP to Full Council for adoption.
- 8.5 To ensure due process, it is important that the Hearing Panel receives and considers submissions with an open mind.

## 9. Iwi Engagement / Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Māori

- 9.1 Staff attended the in-house hui with iwi held early in 2023 to introduce the two reserves projects (i.e. proposals to classify existing reserves and review RMPs). At the same time, information about these projects was first published to the Council's online iwi engagement portal and emailed to each of the eight Te Tauihu iwi Trusts. Initial draft versions of the RMP were emailed to all eight iwi and uploaded to the portal in March and April 2025, so iwi could review the draft documents.
- 9.2 We offered to meet with each iwi kanohi-ki-te-kanohi (face to face) to talk through the draft RMP and understand any concerns they may have had. Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Kuia and Te Ātiawa provided written feedback on an earlier draft, which was incorporated into the version publicly notified on 12 May 2025. Iwi could also choose to write a submission/ speak at a hearing on the draft RMPs; however, no submissions were received.
- 9.3 In May, the Mayor wrote to all eight iwi Trusts inviting nominations for mātauranga Māori experts on the Hearing Panel for the draft RMP. Two nominations were received: one from Te Ātiawa (Renée Love) and one from Ngāti Rārua (Ursula Passl). Both nominees were appointed to the Panel on 12 June 2025.

## 10. Significance and Engagement / Hiranga me te Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Whānui

- 10.1 Overall, the significance of the decision is low, as outlined in the following table.

	Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
1.	Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Low	Low level of public interest and moderate/high interest for any late submissions that come in.
2.	Are there impacts on the social, economic, environmental or cultural aspects of well-being of the community in the present or future?	Low	This decision is to accept the submissions received. No decisions are sought on the substantive issues.

	Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
3.	Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	High	This is the only opportunity for any late submitters to be heard.
4.	Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	No	The decision does not relate to a strategic asset.
5.	Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	The decision does not change any level of service.
6.	Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	No	This decision is to accept submissions, which does not have any budgetary implications.
7.	Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	No	This decision does not have any impact on a CCO or CCTO.
8.	Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	No	This decision does not involve a private sector partnership or contract.
9.	Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	No	This decision does not involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities.
10.	Does the proposal require particular consideration of the obligations of Te Mana O Te Wai (TMOTW) relating to freshwater or particular consideration of current legislation relating to water supply, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and services?	No	This decision does not require consideration of Te Mana o te Wai

## 11. Communication / Whakawhitiwhiti Kōrero

- 11.1 All submitters have had the opportunity to indicate whether they would like to speak to their submission at a hearing. Those who indicated that they wished to speak have been contacted to arrange a time during the hearing.

## 12. Risks / Ngā Tūraru

- 12.1 There is a low level reputational risk if late submissions are not accepted, as submitters may not feel that they have been heard by the Council.

## 13. Climate Change Considerations / Whakaaro Whakaaweawe Āhuarangi

- 13.1 There are no climate change considerations associated with the decision to accept submissions.

## 14. Alignment with Policy and Strategic Plans / Te Hangai ki ngā aupapa Here me ngā Mahere Rautaki Tūraru

- 14.1 Not applicable.









## 15. Conclusion / Kupu Whakatepe

- 15.1 This report recommends that the Hearings Panel accepts the submissions received on the draft RMP during the consultation period of 12 May to 16 July 2025.
- 15.2 The report provides details of all submissions received and the schedule of speakers to be heard at the hearing. Staff will provide a separate report to the Hearing Panel for the deliberations meeting on 29 July 2025.

## 16. Next Steps and Timeline / Ngā Mahi Whai Ake

- 16.1 Deliberations will also be held on 29 July 2025, after the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan hearing concludes.
- 16.2 The final version of the draft RMP will be presented to the Tasman District Council 25 September 2025 meeting, along with recommendations from the Hearing Panel, for approval and adoption.

## 17. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri

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| 3.   | All submissions sorted by theme                   | 14  |
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**Attachment 1: Submitters on the Draft Richmond Ward RMP**

The following table provides a summary of submitter details, listed in the order they were received. Information on this sheet includes the submission ID, name, whether they asked to be heard, the organisation they represent, town they're from and whether there is an associated attachment to read (highlighted yellow).

Submission ID	Name	Speak	Designation	Organisation	Town
34862	Ms Irene Minchin	No			Mapua
34913	Scott Burnett	No	Regional Manager	Forest & Bird	Nelson
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	No	Secretary	Keep Richmond Beautiful	Richmond
34988	Dr Ross Cullen	No			Richmond
34993	Megan Walsh	No			Richmond
35122	Tracey Barron	No			Richmond
35126	Mr Jack Currie	No			Richmond
35139	Mr Paul Chester	No			Richmond
35176	Mrs Linda Mortimer	No			Nelson
35178	Dr Kathryn Crosier	No			Richmond
35187	Mrs Joanna Collins	No			Nelson
35193	David Burt	No	Committee member	Keep Richmond Beautiful	Richmond
35198	Mr David Sissons	No		Waimea Inlet Forum working group	Waimea Inlet
35201	E Johnson	No			Richmond
35206	Mrs Brigid Graney	No			Richmond
35207	Sarith Dewundarage	No			Richmond
35208	Home Owner	No			Richmond
35209	Mr DM Malinda Dinalankara	No			Richmond
35210	Andrew Buynham	No			Richmond
35211	Matt Port	No			Richmond
35212	Diane & Bob Hancock	No			Richmond
35213	Home Owner	No			Richmond
35214	B Arrowsmith	No			Richmond
35215	Grace Lee	No			Richmond
35216	Ryan Hone	No			Richmond
35217	Kelly Osborn	No			Richmond
35218	Mr Alastair Jewell	Yes			Richmond
35219	Mrs Donna Hayday	No			Richmond
35220	Mr Lance Roozenburg	No			Richmond
35221	Mrs Katie Lavers	Yes	Advocate	Dog Owners Golden Bay	Collingwood

**Attachment 2: Submissions to be heard on 29 July 2025**

Submissions are listed in speaker order. The table contains the full contents of each submission. None of the speakers provided additional detailed attachments.

Detailed Hearing Schedule for Submission Round: Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan		
Tuesday, July 29, 2025		Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street
Start Time	Duration	Speaker (Submission ID)
<b>9:35 AM</b>	<b>(5 mins)</b>	<b>Mrs Katie Lavers (35221) Dog Owners Golden Bay</b>
	00a Any other comments about the draft RMP?	Dogs are only mentioned under issues. Why are they not discussed under values? Nowhere does it mention that dog walking is an activity that is valued under any of the parks. This is a gross failure to listen to your community under the LGA. I completely disagree with sneaking in more dog prohibitions at coastal sites and at Kingsland park at the next dog bylaw review. A third of households have dogs that need to be walked, you need to add visibility to the activity of dog walking in the document which cannot stand as it is. It is not a true reflection of the community values at all. DOGB once again call for a moratorium on further prohibitions on dog walking. Dogs need to be walked off leash and you do need to provide this. DOGB would like to see dog walking included in the values sections of the document. Regarding the underpinning documents-we request a review of the Kotahitanga mo te Taiao policy which was created against the ombudsman's call for transparency in a workshop with Forest and Bird. These people do not reflect the true wishes of the whole community alone and this document is biased and lopsided as a result. It should be clear to you that dog walking is valued by the community. Why are we being ignored? This is completely unacceptable.
	01 Do you support or oppose the idea of adding a third playground area at Central Park? Please explain your reasons why.	Oppose: Let dogs run free there instead.
	02 Do you fully support, partially support, or oppose the draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve?	Oppose:

	<p>03 The concept plan for Camberley Reserve includes the following features: central lawn area, circular paved pathway, feature trees, playground, shade sail, picnic tables, fruit trees, feature rocks, soft landscaping and natural play features. Which of these features do you support, and are there any others you would like to see included? Please list or describe your preferences below.</p>	<p>I would like to see dog walking.</p>
	<p>05 Do you fully support, partially support, or oppose the draft concept plan for Lampton Reserve?</p>	<p>Oppose:</p>
	<p>08 Do you fully support, partially support, or oppose the draft concept plan for Chertsey Reserve?</p>	<p>Oppose:</p>
	<p>12 What should the area currently referred to as 'Pukeko Park' be known as in future? Tell us your suggested name for the Park.</p>	<p>Dog park</p>
	<p>21 Do you support or oppose the proposal to create a separate walking-only track near the southeastern boundary of Easby Park, with the existing track dedicated to mountain bikers?</p>	<p>Oppose: Allow dog walking.</p>
	<p>23 Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding Easby Park and/or Kingsland Forest Park?</p>	<p>Allow dogs off leash. You could equally come to the conclusion that the issue of dogs off leash in an on leash area shows the need for more off leash areas.</p>



<b>9:40 AM</b>	<b>(5 mins)</b>	<b>Mr Alastair Jewell (35218)</b>
	00a Any other comments about the draft RMP?	See attached detailed submission
	00b Any comments about other reserves in Richmond Ward (please name them)?	See attached detailed submission
	19 Do you support or oppose the proposal to install a beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter of Chelsea Avenue Reserve and the adjoining Harriet Court Reserve? Please explain why	See attached detailed submission (also relates to Easby Park).

### Attachment 3: All submissions sorted by theme

This document contains the full contents of each submission received, with the exception of three detailed submissions (these are provided in Attachment 4). Feedback received via Shape Tasman and Council's Facebook page has been included, along with submissions received via Council's online submissions database and hard copy submission forms.

#### SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT RICHMOND WARD RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP)

Central Park in The Meadows .....	2
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Lampton Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan) .....	9
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Hope Reserve .....	57
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Paton Reserve (concept plan) .....	82
Other Comments .....	95

## Central Park in The Meadows

### Central Park - Add a third playground?

The two playgrounds at Central Park have proven to be immensely popular. If there is enough interest, the developer may consider converting the smaller of the two remaining oval areas into a similar playground, with different equipment, to complement the other two spaces. Do you support converting another grassed area into a new play space at Central Park?

This poll has concluded.

Yes



No



Not sure



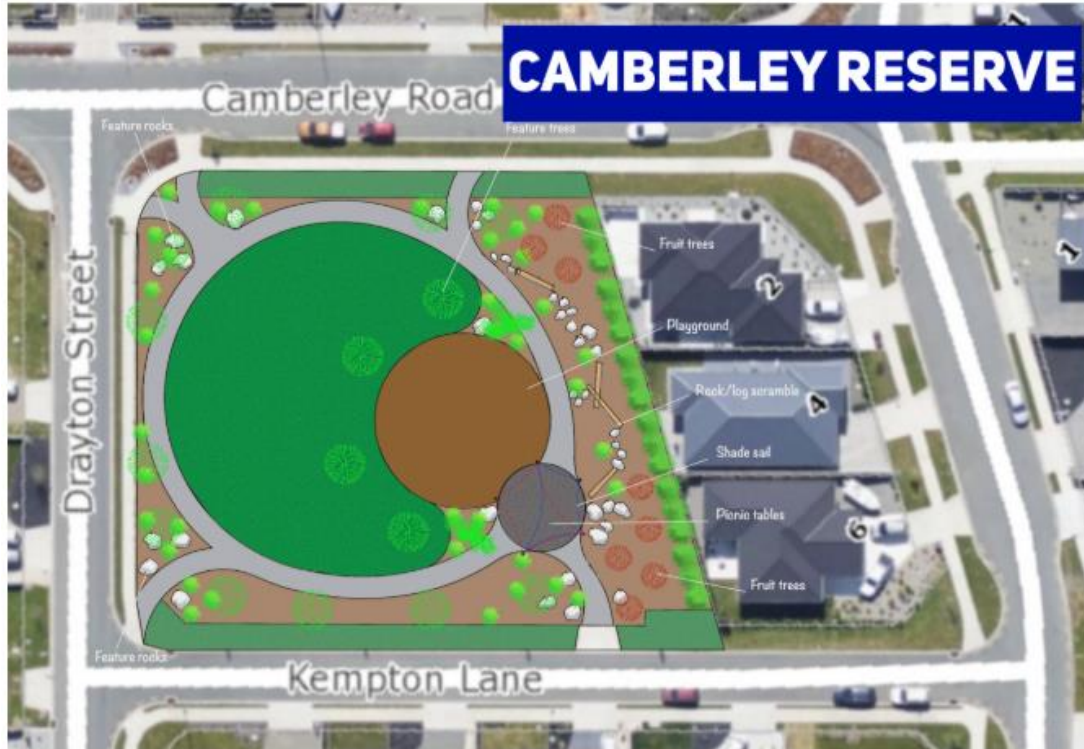
Total Votes: 182

## Submissions database response

Q1: Do you support or oppose the idea of adding a third playground area at Central Park? Explain why.			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow		Where is Central Park?? I have lived in Richmond 50 years and never heard of it??
35221	Mrs Katie Lavers	Oppose	Let dogs run free there instead.
34913	Scott Burnett	Support	See attached. Forest & Bird generally supports the provision of playgrounds.
34993	Megan Walsh	Support	The two current playgrounds are really popular and often full, having extra play space wouldn't go astray. A bike rack beside the existing playground (south end, maybe on the grass opposite the Sprig) would be nice too, in summer a lot of people travel on bike would be nice to have somewhere to park them
35122	Tracey Barron	Support	As this reserve is situated within the hospitality precinct of The Meadows in Richmond, this is the most sensible place to create areas for young families across all ages.
35220	Mr Lance Roozenburg	Support	A third playground at central park catering for primary and intermediate aged groups would fill a much needed play gap within this popular area.

Shape Tasman feedback on Central Park
Make it toddler friendly
Regarding Central Park and playgrounds in general, you've made them too safe and anodyne, which actually makes them less safe in the long run. If there isn't sufficient risk for kids, they will use the equipment in an even less safe way. For example, the playground at Central Park is so unadventurous that kids end up climbing onto the roof
More playgrounds please 🙏 There are so many children in the area that we need more. The big kids climb all over the small playgrounds in Central Park and the toddlers get knocked over. We need more for our big tamariki but also safe places for our little tamariki. Adding more to Central Park is a must. It is a hugely popular area. No bark please. The rubber matting at Central Park is amazing for toddlers and babies.
Maybe one of the playgrounds would be more suitable for under 3yrs or a water park activity.
The thing missing with the current Ascot Street playground and central park.. 2 normal swings and a baby swing...so 3 swings in total. Also with the Ascot Street Playground the top platform of the slide is unsafe from being too small. Don't make this mistake with future playgrounds.

## Camberley Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan)



### Camberley Reserve – Village Green Gathering Space

We're proposing a relaxed, community-focused design for Camberley Reserve – with a central lawn, picnic areas, trees, and natural play features. Here's what we want to know:

**Overall, how do you feel about the draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve?**

This poll has concluded.



Total Votes: 161

## Submissions database response to three questions about Camberley Reserve:

Q2: Do you fully support, partially support, or oppose the draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve?			Q3: The concept plan for Camberley Reserve includes the following features: central lawn area, circular paved pathway, feature trees, playground, shade sail, picnic tables, fruit trees, feature rocks, soft landscaping and natural play features. Which of these features do you support, and are there any others you would like to see included? Please list or describe your preferences below.	Q4: Do you have any other feedback on the concept plan or draft policies for Camberley Reserve?
35221	Mrs Katie Lavers	Oppose	I would like to see dog walking.	
34913	Scott Burnett	Support in full	<b>See attached.</b> We support the "village green" concept with a central lawn, pathway, playground, shade sail, fruit trees, and natural play features. Prioritise native species for feature trees and soft landscaping.	
34993	Megan Walsh	Support in full	Looking forward to seeing this developed as we live nearby. Love that fruit trees are being planted in these area's too.	
35122	Tracey Barron	Support in full	<b>See attached.</b> These reserve areas surrounded by homes and should be kept as 'green spaces'. I fully support planting fruit trees and natural areas for all ages to enjoy.	
35193	David Burt		Picnic tables.	Keep Richmond Beautiful Committee could make picnic tables for cost of materials.
35201	E Johnson	Support in full	Supports development of these amenities: central lawn area, feature trees, feature rocks, soft landscaping, natural play features.	Prefer a meandering pathway instead of proposed circular path; seats placed around the park instead of picnic tables; and would like to see the park fenced on three sides.
35214	B Arrowsmith	Support in full	Support all features (i.e. Central lawn area Circular paved pathway	Go for it.

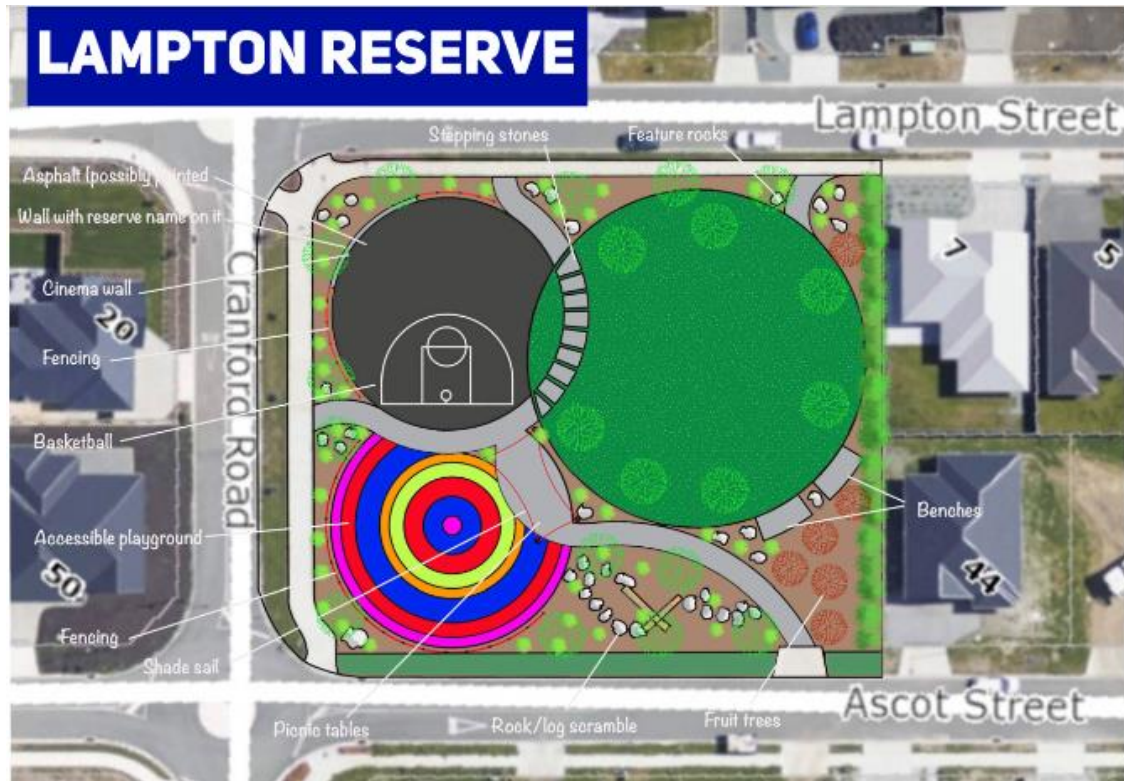
			Feature trees Playground Shade sail Picnic tables Fruit trees Feature rocks Soft landscaping Natural play features)	
35216	Ryan Hone	Support in full	Support all (i.e. Central lawn area Circular paved pathway Feature trees Playground Shade sail Picnic tables Fruit trees Feature rocks Soft landscaping Natural play features)	
35215	Grace Lee	Support in part	Central lawn area Circular paved pathway Playground Shade sail Picnic tables Soft landscaping	Want more shade and picnic table area(s)
35217	Kelly Osborn	Support in part	Playground Shade sail Picnic tables Natural play features	Lots of kids around, a playground would be great. Please provide a kids play area :)

35220	Mr Lance Roozenburg	Support in part		<p>While the elements within the Camberley Reserve and the development of the village green feel are sound, further exploration into the cultural history of Berryfields as a whole and precinct development is required to create an inviting and enriching space.</p> <p>The circular paved pathway duplicates the roadway footpath. It appears that there would be benefit in reducing this pathway to avoid redundancy and enhance the overall design.</p> <p>Cross Boundary Effects: The location of the playground and seating area is situated closer to the neighboring residences. This seems counter to ensuring peace and privacy for the neighbors. Relocating these elements could help maintain a tranquil environment for nearby residents.</p> <p>Nature Play: Rocks and logs have been significantly overused in our local play network. As the concept develops, it should explore alternatives that represent the local character and provide a fresh, engaging experience for children.</p> <p>Maintenance : Small slivers of planting are proposed. These generally result in plant failure, material spill, and higher maintenance requirements. Further concept development is needed to reduce operational expenditure (Opex) for this reserve and ensure sustainable, low-maintenance landscaping.</p> <p>Play elements: Ensuring that play elements are tested for variety against the wider play network is crucial. This approach will help ensure that each local reserve offers unique and engaging play experiences. By limiting overlap between local reserves, we can create a diverse and stimulating environment that caters to the varied interests and needs of our community.</p>
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Shape Tasman feedback on Camberley Reserve
The playground aspects need to be as far away from houses as possible. So on the other side of the park. Minimise noise for houses.
I can't speak for all the kids but I know mine and a few others would love some monkey bars. Great for hand eye coordination too. We are opposite the Camberley Road reserve.
Feel camberley and or cherysey needs either a basket ball or netball court or some sort of hard ground as there are plenty of youth in this part and only a young kids playground in both won't be enough
Include in the Camberley plan, prevention for vehicles to drive onto the green spaces - assume gardens and planting could be used for this
Why do all the park spaces need to be turned in to playgrounds? Lots of people use the wide open space in Camberley to walk their dogs on a long line or off the footpath away from other dogs or people. If you turn all parks in to playgrounds the neighbourhood will only suit small children and no one else
I especially like the Camberley road concept. We live across from it and think it will be a wonderful addition to our neighbourhood
I partially support the Camberley Reserve concept plan. The amenities I want to see developed are: circular paved pathway, playground, shade sails, picnic tables and fruit trees.
Want a pump track for bikes at Camberley Reserve.
I oppose the concept plan for Camberley Reserve. Leave it as a field. There are enough developed play areas/planned areas. Leave a park for kids and dogs. Council don't enforce off-leash walking of dogs. Too many off-leash or not fenced-in dogs mean nowhere to exercise dogs, leaving only fields. If you take this away, dog bites will increase.

## Lampton Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan)

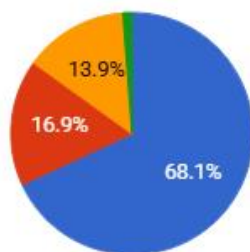


### Lampton Reserve – Active Play and Social Space

Lampton Reserve could become a hub for active play – with a basketball court, cinema wall, accessible playground, and picnic zone.

#### Do you support this active play-focused plan for Lampton Reserve?

This poll has concluded.



Yes, it's a great fit	68.1%
Mostly yes, but some changes needed	16.9%
No, I'd prefer a quieter or different use	13.9%
Not sure yet	1.2%

Total Votes: 166

**Submissions database response to three questions about Lampton Reserve:**

Q5: Do you fully support, partially support, or oppose the draft concept plan for Lampton Reserve?	Q6: The concept plan for Lampton Reserve includes the following features: circular asphalt area with basketball half court, wall with reserve name facing road, doubling as cinema wall on interior, circular accessible playground, partial fencing of both play areas near road boundaries, shade sail, picnic tables, circular lawn area with stepping stones, feature trees, bench seats, fruit trees, feature rocks, soft landscaping, natural play features. Which of these features do you support?	Q7: Do you have any other feedback on the concept plan or draft policies for Lampton Reserve?
35122	Tracey Barron	Oppose
<p><b>See attached.</b> Remain a green space with some feature trees, fruit trees and soft landscaping. I totally oppose a cinema wall and a basketball court.</p> <p>1. Noise and Disruption: A basketball court and outdoor cinema wall are likely to generate a high level of noise, both from sporting activity and potential late-night gatherings, which would disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighbourhood—especially during evenings and weekends. These facilities will attract people to bring food and beverages, potentially alcohol into unsupervised location without any rubbish facilities.</p> <p>2. Safety Concerns for Children: The reserve is often used by families with young children as a safe space to play and relax. Introducing large-scale structures that attract unsupervised older youth and adults may compromise the safety and suitability of the area for young families.</p> <p>3. Traffic and Parking Pressures: Increased foot traffic and possible vehicle congestion from non-local visitors could put additional pressure on local streets, many of which are narrow and not designed for high traffic volumes.</p> <p>4. Change in Character of the Reserve: The proposed changes significantly alter the quiet, green, and community-focused nature of the reserve. Residents chose to live in this area in part because of its tranquil, family-friendly environment.</p>		<p><b>See attached.</b> I strongly urge the Council to reconsider this development and to engage with local residents to explore alternative sites that would be more suitable for such facilities—perhaps locations that are already designated for community sport and entertainment, and not within close proximity to family homes as this reserve is located in the heart of a residential area and is closely surrounded on all sides by family homes with young children.</p> <p>While I appreciate the Council’s intent to promote community engagement and active lifestyles, I believe this particular proposal is inappropriate and not safe for this location.</p>

35209	Mr DM Malinda Dinalankara	Oppose	Partial fencing of both play areas near road boundaries Shade sail Picnic tables Circular lawn area with stepping stones Bench seats Fruit trees Soft landscaping	Object to basketball half court. A circular asphalt area with basketball half court is the one we thoroughly don't like to have. This is a peaceful residential area and a BB court will make continuous loud banging noise throughout the day. We need to save our peace of mind with our lovely neighbourhood so please don't plant this proposed basketball half court.
35221	Katie Lavers	Oppose		
34913	Scott Burnett	Support in full	See attached. The concept for active play (basketball, cinema wall, accessible playground) is supported. Again, prioritise native species for feature and fruit trees.	
34993	Megan Walsh	Support in full	Again love the fruit trees and what an awesome idea to make the fence usable as a cinema wall	
35207	Sarith Dewundarage	Support in full	Shade sail Picnic tables Circular lawn area with stepping stones Feature trees Bench seats Fruit trees Feature rocks Soft landscaping Natural play features	Kia ora team. Thanks for asking our opinions on this. We would appreciate if you could make this more like a nature walk area with native trees and fruit trees.
35208	Home Owner	Support in part	Wall with reserve name facing road, doubling as cinema wall on interior Partial fencing of both play areas near road boundaries Shade sail Picnic tables Circular lawn area with stepping stones Feature trees Fruit trees Soft landscaping Natural play features	The circular asphalt area with basketball half court could be on Chertsey Reserve, as too close to road at Lampton Reserve. Would like some green space where kids can run around.

35210	Andrew Buynham	Support in part	<p>Wall with reserve name facing road, doubling as cinema wall on interior</p> <p>Partial fencing of both play areas near road boundaries</p> <p>Shade sail</p> <p>Picnic tables</p> <p>Circular lawn area with stepping stones</p> <p>Feature trees</p> <p>Bench seats</p> <p>Fruit trees</p> <p>Feature rocks</p> <p>Soft landscaping</p> <p>Natural play features</p>	<p>Would also like a pond and Japanese gardens. Opposes playground and basketball half court (already have a playground in Ascot Street).</p>
35211	Matt Port	Support in part	<p>Wall with reserve name facing road, doubling as cinema wall on interior</p> <p>Shade sail</p> <p>Picnic tables</p> <p>Circular lawn area with stepping stones</p> <p>Feature trees</p> <p>Bench seats</p> <p>Fruit trees</p> <p>Feature rocks</p> <p>Soft landscaping</p> <p>Natural play features</p>	<p>A nature walk here would suit the area nicely. Opposes the basketball half court and playground. There is already a playground 290m away at the other Ascot Street reserve.</p>
35220	Mr Lance Roozenburg	Support in part		<p>Accessibility: Stepping pavers are proposed within the paved network, presenting a potential hazard to mobility-impaired users. Additionally, there are no accessible routes to gain access to the proposed benches, which limits the usability of the reserve for all community members.</p> <p>Location of cinema wall: A great idea. This wall however, should be placed adjacent to a lawn area to ensure it can actually be feasibly utilised. Its unlikely that the community would entertain sitting on hard surfacing for hours.</p> <p>Play Elements: while light on details, accessible play elements should be tested against the wider community play network to ensure variety. This approach will help ensure that each local</p>

				reserve offers unique and engaging play experiences. The location of the accessible play area may be better centrally located within the park given the site is not fully fenced Shade: The orientation of shade structure running east west is unlikely to provide significant shade to the seating area
35193	David Burt		Picnic tables and bench seats.	Keep Richmond Beautiful Committee could make both for cost of materials.
<b>Q11: Do you support the way the three draft concept plans for Camberley, Lampton and Chertsey Reserves have been themed and arranged? Lampton Reserve – active play focus (e.g. basketball court, cinema wall). Camberley Reserve – village green and gathering space. Chertsey Reserve – quieter thoroughway and local play space. Or would you prefer a different arrangement of activities across these three reserves (e.g. locating active play features at Camberley or Chertsey instead)? Please explain why.</b>				
35122	Tracey Barron	See attached.	No I do not support the Lampton Reserve theme which includes a cinema wall and a basketball court. This is NOT a green space which these internal reserves should reflect. Bringing a cinema wall into the middle of a residential subdivision is quite frankly a stupid idea.	

### Shape Tasman feedback on Lampton Reserve

#### Lampton Reserve Proposal

I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed installation of a cinema wall and basketball court in Lampton Reserve, The Meadows. This reserve is located in the heart of a residential area and is closely surrounded on all side by family homes with young children.

While I appreciate the Council's intent to promote community engagement and active lifestyles, I believe this particular proposal is inappropriate for the following reasons:

1. Noise and Disruption: A basketball court and outdoor cinema wall are likely to generate a high level of noise, both from sporting activity and potential late-night gatherings, which would disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighbourhood—especially during evenings and weekends. These facilities will attract people to bring food and beverages, potentially alcohol into unsupervised location without any rubbish facilities.
2. Safety Concerns for Children: The reserve is often used by families with young children as a safe space to play and relax. Introducing large-scale structures that attract unsupervised older youth and adults may compromise the safety and suitability of the area for young families.
3. Traffic and Parking Pressures: Increased foot traffic and possible vehicle congestion from non-local visitors could put additional pressure on local streets, many of which are narrow and not designed for high traffic volumes.
4. Change in Character of the Reserve: The proposed changes significantly alter the quiet, green, and community-focused nature of the reserve. Residents chose to live in this area in part because of its tranquil, family-friendly environment.

I urge the Council to reconsider this development and to engage with local residents to explore alternative sites that would be more suitable for such facilities—perhaps locations that are already designated for community sport and entertainment, and not within close proximity to family homes.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this feedback. I would appreciate being kept informed about the progress of this proposal and any future community

consultation sessions. Owner [number redacted] Ascot Street
For Lampton street, don't make a basket ball court, better make it something else coz residents need some calm and quietness.
Definitely not a basketball court or a movie place in a residential area. Make it somewhere away from houses. It will be too noisy and won't have a peaceful time for the residents live by
no basketball
I live opposite the lampton street reserve and it is really nice with the peace and quiet without children. I understand it being a family friendly area, but instead of multiple playgrounds can we do some sort of picnic area/community garden that everyone of all ages could use.
Need to think about lighting for the basketball court at Lampton Street. It needs to be well enough lit (or lights turned off early enough) not to become a hangout for teenagers at all hours.
Dispense with the rainbow stuff for fear of the area becoming stigmatised. We cater for everyone. Otherwise all good.
Carparking, hood infrastructure and toilets are what is needed. Low maintenance. Focus on wide roads and classic basketball hoop, an area to kick a ball and somewhere to ride a scooter or skateboard and of course swings and a cool slide
Lampton Reserve - make the cinema wall also usable for a tennis rebound wall. The half basketball court is a good idea. Could add more natural features like a teepee, water play, mounds, bike track. There are so many slides and swings throughout the subdivision, it would be good to have something completely different.
I love that there are so many parks and play spaces going in. The cinema wall is a great idea as it encourages people to gather in the park and use our green spaces, but I wonder if it would be better located in another park (not beside a basketball court in the active play one). It would be great to have trees that create shade, and inclusive play spaces for kids of all ages.
Keen on somewhere to play basketball!!
Particularly love that Lampton caters for teens as there are a lot living here. The basketball hoop is great as there are no schools near here so there are no hoops nearby
A good quality basketball hoop, e.g. with a transparent backboard would be great. Parents of young kids would love a fenced playground too.
Basketball courts! Yes!
It would be great to see a basketball court with 2 hoops and also a soccer area with fixed goals. Creating more sport opportunities for kids to play with friends.
Could the basketball court on Lampton reserve be also have lines painted for pickle ball. Thanks
Definitely need a basketball 1/2 court, and some bigger kid play areas.
A netball hoop and shooting circle installed at the basketball court at Lampton Reserve would be great!



## Chertsey Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan)



### Chertsey Reserve – A Quiet, Natural Retreat

We're proposing a quieter reserve at Chertsey – with trees, a small playground, a circular lawn, and spots to sit and relax.

#### How well does this plan reflect how you'd like to use Chertsey Reserve?

This poll has concluded.




Total Votes: 146



## Submissions database response to three questions about Chertsey Reserve:

Q8: Do you fully support, partially support, or oppose the draft concept plan for Chertsey Reserve?			Q9: The concept plan for Chertsey Reserve includes the following features: two circular lawn areas connected by a grass path, circular paved pathway, feature trees, playground, benches, fruit trees, feature rocks, soft landscaping, natural play features, and bike rack. Which of these features do you support, and are there any others you would like to see included? Please list or describe your preferences below.	Q10: Do you have any other feedback on the concept plan or draft policies for Chertsey Reserve?
35221	Katie Lavers	Oppose		
34913	Scott Burnett	Support in full	See attached. The layout with lawns, playground, pathway, and trees is supported. Native species should be used for feature trees.	
34993	Megan Walsh	Support in full		
35122	Tracey Barron	Support in full		
35139	Mr Paul Chester	Support in full	Support all.	Support as proposed. Chertsey being at the quieter western end would suit a more serene environment.
35193	David Burt		Bench seats. Keep Richmond Beautiful Committee could make bench seats for cost of materials.	
35212	Diane & Bob Hancock	Support in full	Two circular lawn areas connected by a grass path, Circular paved pathway, Feature trees, Benches, Fruit trees, Feature rocks, Soft landscaping.	Keep it simple please. Evergreen trees (ash or similar trees to limit leaf drop). Bollards on street margins please.  On 23 July 2025 these submitters emailed to say “We have attached a photo [see below, taken on 17 July 2025] to emphasise our request to have bollards along road frontages of reserves. This is not the first time we have noticed evidence of vehicles crossing Chertsey Reserve but very noticable this time after the rain.”

				
35213	Home Owner	Support in part	Two circular lawn areas connected by a grass path Circular paved pathway Feature trees Playground Benches Fruit trees Soft landscaping Natural play features	
35220	Mr Lance Roozenburg	Support in part		<p>While the elements included in the proposal are logical, the proposed spatial concept at Chertsey Avenue appears disjointed. The play areas, open spaces, and seating are all separated, with a circular pathway that forms no real link to the majority of the features within the reserve. A small loop of lawn, about 5 meters wide, serves little purpose and would only increase maintenance requirements and difficulties within the site. There appears to be limited connection to the site's history, with the exception of the inclusion of fruit trees.</p> <p>Accessibility: Stepping pavers are proposed within the paved network, presenting a potential hazard to mobility-impaired users. Additionally, there are no accessible routes to gain access to the proposed benches, which limits the usability of the reserve for all community members.</p>

				<p>Location of Seats: All seats are located close to boundaries, with limited opportunities for seating within the heart of the reserve. This placement does not encourage community interaction and enjoyment of the central areas of the reserve.</p> <p>Use of Space: Within the Berryfields area, space is at a premium. The reserve should maximize open space as far as practical. The small lawn areas appear to have limited usefulness. The proposal should be developed further to address these concerns and improve the available space.</p> <p>Play Elements: Ensuring that play elements are tested against the wider community play network is crucial. This approach will help ensure that each local reserve offers unique and engaging play experiences. By limiting overlap between local reserves, we can create a diverse and stimulating environment that caters to the varied interests and needs of our community.</p>
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Shape Tasman feedback on Chertsey Reserve
<p>I think it would be great to have the bigger park with water features a little bike and skate track, think Picton.</p> <p>At Chertsey it would be great to have a bright play ground with swings, slides, a merry-go-round, tunnels and climbing equipment like ladders and things to hang off. It would be really good to have a whole playground in one area rather than another with just two or three things.</p> <p>Many thanks for being able to share.</p>
<p>I partially support the concept plan for Chertsey Reserve. A playground is the number one priority, followed by fruit trees and benches. I also support soft landscaping and natural play features. Call Josh from Impact Contracting for landscaping!</p> <p>Just make it cool, something fun to take my kids to on weekends, NOT a copy paste of other parks in the area, make it unique!</p>

11 Do you support the way the three draft concept plans for Camberley, Lampton and Chertsey Reserves have been themed and arranged? Lampton Reserve – active play focus (e.g. basketball court, cinema wall). Camberley Reserve – village green and gathering space. Chertsey Reserve – quieter thoroughway and local play space. Or would you prefer a different arrangement of activities across these three reserves (e.g. locating active play features at Camberley or Chertsey instead)? Please explain why.		
34913	Scott Burnett	See attached. The proposed theming (Lampton - active; Camberley/Chertsey - quieter/gathering) appears reasonable from an amenity perspective. The key environmental consideration is that all developments incorporate biodiversity enhancements through native planting.
35220	Mr Lance Roozenburg	No, They require further thought around the layout, consideration of the wider play network and should employ a local narrative over the three sites. The location has a rich horticultural history ( berryfields ) which could be celebrated in these concepts. Most elements are acceptable; however all sites require additional information including what play elements are proposed so that the public can be well informed and provide meaningful input into these community spaces.

## Other comments on Richmond West Reserves

Shape Tasman feedback in response to the question “Is there anything else you’d like to tell us about Central Park, Camberley, Lampton or Chertsey Reserves?” (written comments received from 71 individuals in total)

Other comments on Richmond West reserves
Please consider Māori names for these reserves. It's a great opportunity to meet with mana whenua to discuss their history and activity prior to colonisation. We live in Aotearoa/NZ and the names of these parks are not reflecting our bicultural country.
Should be one space without play equipment.
Generally the features and intent of the spaces makes sense but the execution needs work. We are missing a huge opportunity to develop spaces that speak to the community and its history. The circles currently portrayed miss the mark
It would be nice if one of these reserves was on The Meadows side since all of these are planned to be on the Berryfields side. Otherwise my only opinion would be less garden more grassy areas.
The biggest issue I see with "lawns" is that paspalum and other weeds take over and cause them to be rather unpleasant to use as such. The cost of maintaining grass really should be considered for these. Also ensure that the "feature trees" are wide canopy options that allow for shade on the lawns so that summer picnics/parties are achievable. Mako street playground is a great example of having a great playground and setting but is impossible to use the grass as it is never mowed enough to sit on and is full of paspalum making the grass area useless and have minimal amenity value.

Other comments on Richmond West reserves
I feel that an emphasis should be the use of natives and evergreen trees, especially along road frontages. Less maintenance for council especially in autumn.
Please include fruit trees like oranges, apples, lemons and also native trees.
Plant native trees and fruit and nut trees. NOT oaks and other exotics like on berms. Replace berm trees to all natives. We need to make habits everywhere for our native birds. Predator control need to happen e.g. rats stoat, stray cats etc. Like in Wellington Kaka and tui etc everywhere.
Having a green space is much more beneficial to locals of all ages. It could be adaptable with some semi permanent play equipment, a veggie/flower/fruit tree garden. This would promote a different kind of play, and provide a space for those missing a garden to get their hands in the soil. Plus be beneficial to the environment and mental health of all neighbours in this area!
Perhaps a community garden seeing as the sections are so small
There are very few trees in the area and it feels like it could be anywhere else in the world, would love to see a focus on native trees or at a minimum more of the trees to be fruit/open orchard style if natives are not an option. I appreciate the different playground plans, would encourage a focus on including different equipment at each location since they are fairly close to each other-encouraging a more community integration feel instead of kids just heading to the closest playground only because they're all the same.
Big trees are good for shade in summer, not sure what can be achieved next to new houses, but good to have some shade sails and young trees will grow in time. Like the log scrambles and obstacles at bigger playgrounds like in Wakefield and next to model trains in Tahunanui.
Shade and fencing. In summer the playgrounds heat up and burns kids' skin
Shade sails for Summer time please.
Please ensure there is enough shade in all the play areas. Our sun is a killer. Shade is often neglected here in playground design but it is vitally needed.
What about using natural materials such as logs for climbing over. There is a great playground at Easby Park???? (Richmond East)??? Rather than shade sails which can get damaged easily in the wind or by vandals why don't you consider a permanent shade area where toddlers could play and young or older adults could sit and meet. Some seating would be ideal in this sheltered area.
Just wondering if a sheltered area could be added. Every time it rains there is no undercover place available to gather with kids. I have a small birthday party in mind where we can take kids. Thank you for your hard work and suggestions
This is great to see the three reserves in Berryfields. Wonderful mock-ups! Some small suggestions. Please ensure that when installing natural features that there are enough to encourage kids to play (not just a few rocks). Shade is important, please prioritize this. Also, please try not to plant feature trees if possible, preferably plant only native and fruit trees. When choosing the playground equipment, if at all possible please try to install unique pieces that differ from other nearby structures to provide variability and exploration for the kids. Thanks again for doing this! Looking forward to seeing these get built.

Other comments on Richmond West reserves
<p>Please consider adding baby swings and more shade options.</p> <p>Berryfields is incredibly hot during summer so with a lack of trees/shade sails, it gets too hot to spend time in the reserves without adequate shade.</p> <p>Please add baby swings! Full bucket swings, not the half ones that are currently installed. I don't have anywhere for my baby to swing and the half seats are scary to use with a young toddler who can slip out of it.</p>
<p>I am in my late 50s, but I would like priority to be given to playground equipment for children in all areas. A slide and multiple swings, as well as climbing on natural objects (tree trunks) and/or manmade ones. Shade near that for parents to sit. It is so important we support families especially living in smaller houses.</p> <p>Lots of shade trees in all areas especially picnic spaces, as no one can sit out in the Tasman sun without shade. Some benches (?secured) would be fantastic as older folk find it hard to sit low on the grass. Thank you to the Council and Developers for all you are doing. We love living here and love the community focus of design. What you are doing is amazing!</p>
<p>Shaded spots available, potential parking areas for those with kids who will drive due to disabilities. Dedicated play area for under 5s (possibly gated), doggy poo bags available incase a person passing by does not have any and can clean it up efficiently without the chance of a child becoming infected with animal poop. All amazing concepts that will be loved and appreciated by all. The meadows resident.</p>
<p>Please consider providing as much shade as possible. Having seats.</p> <p>A water park is what is also desperately needed in Tasman.</p>
<p>Could one of these have a water play park as not all kids like going to the beach and rivers.</p>
<p>A splash pad or sandpit play area. A new subdivision in Queenstown has an amazing sandpit area with diggers and water play. Other parts of NZ have simple splash pad play areas which would be amazing for a hot day.</p>
<p>Make sure the playgrounds use materials that are sustainable and environmentally friendly.</p>
<p>At least 2 picnic table.</p>
<p>Reserves are a great idea where families can have picnics and the kids can play, but there has to be more importance on seating in these areas like concrete picnic tables and more areas for seating.</p>
<p>Would love a fenced-off sensory playground that kids that are on the spectrum would love to play at. Spinning features, things to sort and rearrange. Climbing that can be for all ages and tunnels lots of tunnels. All cool just another climbing frame and slide that's at every sling park and for a lot of kids that doesn't cut it.</p>
<p>The only fenced playground I can think of in the area is Kaiteriteri. Could we please have an option for secure fencing for those who have multiple kids and babies, and who love to outrun a mum trying to feed her baby near a road. Covered seating (from rain/hot sun) to feed would also be appreciated!</p>
<p>Fenced playgrounds for smaller kids!!</p> <p>And more areas for older kids/tweens..</p> <p>I have a 6yr and an 8yr old... and most playgrounds are suddenly too 'little'.</p>

Other comments on Richmond West reserves
Please include baby swings without a chain (as in the swing part goes all the way around) as young babies can't use ones with a chain. Also there should be at least 3 swings on each swing set. Also I think a lot of parents would appreciate a fully fenced play ground.
Would LOVE to have a fully fenced/gated play area
Absolutely love these ideas, we are in need of more parks and playgrounds for our tamariki. My only suggestion is some fencing. Even if it's a smaller playground within the parks that are fenced in. There is a lot of very young children around these parts and they are right next to roads. Even with a lower speed limit, no one abides by those laws. So extra precautions like fencing would be an awesome addition!
Please please consult with parents of the disability community and put an inclusive playground in. These playgrounds are badly needed within our community and having a safe fenced area for families who have children that run or multiple small children. Making a safe place for these families to go is so incredibly important to the inclusion of the whole community. Having a fenced area with an inclusive playground is great for grandparents to take their grandchildren and safety care for them. I strongly believe this would be a very well used area.
Something for the toddlers, big kids and elderly would be great.
I think it's an awesome idea. Will enhance the area. Something for everyone. The little kids and the older ones. Also the older generation can sit and relax. I look forward to seeing it once it's done. So cool. A couple of cameras set up for the idiots at night, because you always get them, but this will be fantastic.
Hi, it would be awesome to have a pétanque court developed into one of the park areas - this is a sport that is gaining in popularity and one that both young and old can play as well as being accessible to less able bodied people .Im sure the residents in the local retirement community would love to use it and play with others from the wider Berryfield community.
On one of the reserves it would be good to have adult exercise equipment, similar to Saxon field or Washbourn Gardens. Need a balance of both arm and leg exercises and overall flexibility. Not just geared to rugby players like Jubilee Park.
I think the inclusion of small football goals would be beneficial considering how popular football is. A mini pitch is only 15m x 10m and can be enjoyed by all ages.
Small Astroturf pitch to allow all weather ball sports, concrete wall at one end with a goal painted on it.
I'd like to see more of the active playground style reserves you're proposing for Lampton reserve. Love the proposed basketball court there. It would be great to see more half/ full courts, also in the Meadows. Other options could be football field with mini goals and table tennis tables.
I feel there needs to be basketball hoops at most playground as this will attract children the most and are we thinking of children under 5 as well.
Please put some basketball hoops in these playground even if you just put it in one that would be epic because the playground are very cool but the are only set for younger kids not for 10-15yrs old and put some shade stuff in for especially for summer.

Other comments on Richmond West reserves
<p>There needs to be some spaces for older children/teens. Basketball/play courts are a great start. The existing playgrounds and spaces are of little to no interest to my son and friends, they're 7 but find the playgrounds boring and babyish.</p> <p>The nearby skate park is not suitable, this is often frequented by kids/teens who drink, vape, cause damage and is too far out of the subdivision to supervise. Not an exaggeration, I work at a local school and know/recognise the students who hang out there.</p>
<p>One suggestion that would be amazing would be a mini concrete pump track that scooters/skateboards could use. So many kids have scooters these days but the local skate park near the Meadows isn't the great environment as it attracts a different kind of crowd. A pump track for the primary age school kids would be amazing!!</p> <p>Hangley's Farm in Queenstown has a massive playground and even the adults love it, because there is so much great stuff to do.</p>
<p>As a resident near all these spaces, the only time I see people around these areas are when they are walking their pets or with kids/younger adults. We can do away with some natural features and add more active play areas to entice the younger population to come out and play.</p> <p>Is it possible to have a pump track somewhere? A few basketball rings or goal posts wouldn't be a bad idea also.</p>
<p>Families would really love a splash pad. There are none in the region, even just a small amount would be soooooo incredibly useful. A pump track would also be great and a tennis court for families to play together.</p>
<p>Keep it as inclusive as possible.</p> <p>I have noticed the loop pathways encourage kids to bike and scooter around, and they can get up some serious speed. I've seen a few near misses at the Ascot/bedfont park where little kids have run across to parent sitting on the benches and almost been hit by a zooming bike or scooter.</p>
<p>Please dont just chuck a couple of logs up and call it a natural playspace, it is boring and uninviting. we need something DECENT around the area that is interesting, vibrant, attracts people to the area to spend time with their kids, think Timaru's Caroline bay, New Plymouths Foreshore, Manakau, rollestons playground. Think about Chch's new subdivisions. None of this silly small plastic stuff or a basic swing and single slide concepts. Do something decent. Make it colourful, make it bold, yes add your spaces for basketballs, add your spaces for picnics, think about fencing, think about inclusivity, does this enable disabled children to play too? think about areas to relax, but do more than what is already on offer elsewhere in the community please! :)</p>
<p>Actually put something in that kids will like! Like Margaret Mahy is a great inspiration! Slides, tunnels to explore! Playground! These spaces will not be used as an open space. Go into kindergartens and ask the kids!</p>
<p>Think Margaret Mahy, kids want actual playthings and activities not just nature stuff. Also water features to play in.</p>
<p>I think that council should be looking to have a central leisure area like Christchurch has in the Margaret Mahy playground. It would be a focus point for the whole district</p>
<p>Kids want to go to a park and run around and have fun not sit around on grass patches, look at the Margaret Mahy park in chch, parks in Hamilton and Auckland people travel for them, bright bold and fun things to do for kids will bring more kids. There is no good parks we need something to cater to kids all ages, even some sort of water thing would be great.</p>



<b>Other comments on Richmond West reserves</b>
Please add rubbish bins to all playgrounds. High number of dogs use the areas - would be great to have somewhere for the rubbish to go instead of on the ground when children step in it!!! Please also consider the matting you use - rubber matting like at Central Park is way better than bark - doesn't flood, safer for children.
Is it possible to get rubbish bins around the reserves or walkways or some form of composting for dog poops?
Rubbish bins and dog poo bags dispensers.
Rubbish bins please!!! And some are for older kids - basketball hoops etc.
Would you consider a public toilet in any of the reserves?
Hi I think some public toilets for walkers and bikers be a good fit
Yes. If any of these reserves currently allow dogs in them, please keep this important feature. You must allow people in built up residential areas spaces to exercise their dogs.
Build better roads to get to these places.
This comment is not directly related to those reserves. I would like to see a concrete pathway under the oak trees across the creek on Oakdale. We would need a bridge to span the creek where the oak trees end at the corner of the Town and Country Club. This would then create a loop on both sides of the creek for walkers to do a circuit. It would be so nice to walk under the shady trees on a hot day.
Have you forgotten about the other side of the hill? How about upgrading the Pohara recreation area? You have bowls, tennis, Bball, toilets and a hall. Could do with a small skate area and a playground. Such a nice location but looks rough as.
<b>General comments opposing expenditure on reserve development</b>
Getting even more crazy expenditure. Climate change is going to hammer this region. You are going to have to cut back on all non-essential expenditure due to this event and other events that will arrive until everything is recovered and then flood resilient measures will need to be implemented. So you need to cease all nice-to-have funding until you are back in a surplus funding situation. This expenditure is not essential; it is a nice-to-have.
Tighten the purse strings on new playgrounds.
Our rates are too high! We don't need more reserves, we need spending freezes until rates go down!
Interesting how YET again there is no "oppose" option for the parks. Always geared to do what the TDC wants. WHO exactly is paying for all of these parks? Is this in any shape or form coming from our rates? Or taxes? Is this part of a 15 minute city/hub as in the SDG? I do not consent to the continuing misuse and overspending of our rates money when there is a cost of living crisis still for most!

Other comments on Richmond West reserves
Stop spending money we don't have, simple with a path and seats.
Stop wasting ratepayers money on like to haves and stick to must haves.
TDC must only use money from the greenfield development fees/contributions from developers. And absolutely NOTHING, NOT A CENT from general ratepayers funds. TDC, you have to keep reminding yourself that you are running a huge deficit, and have no money!

## Pukeko Park – alternative name

### Submissions database response

Q12: What should the area currently referred to as 'Pukeko Park' be known as in future? Tell us your suggested name for the Park.		
34913	Scott Burnett	<b>See attached.</b> Forest & Bird supports renaming to avoid confusion. We recommend Council consult with Te Taihū Iwi for an appropriate Te Reo Māori name that reflects the site's location and values (e.g., proximity to Waimea/Waimeha Inlet).
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Our Keep Richmond Beautiful, would prefer Pukeko Park to be named Champion Park as it is at the sea end of Champion road, people will know where it is without consulting a map.
34988	Dr Ross Cullen	Champion Park. It can be accessed from the carparks at north end of Champion Road.
35193	David Burt	It is at the seaward end of Champion Road and if so named would be similar in format to Sandeman Reserve and Estuary Place Reserve. I think this is better than 'Park' in the circumstances. Access is direct now via subway from end of Champion Road opposite the pool.
35221	Mrs Katie Lavers	Dog park

### Responses to social media post (150 comments were made on this post in total)

#### Tasman District Council - Te Kaunihera o te tai o Aorere's post

23 May 2025

Pukeko Park in Richmond needs a new name to avoid confusion with other local reserves. Got a clever or meaningful name that we can call this place?

Pukeko Park is located between the Richmond Deviation and Waimea/Waimeha Inlet, in Richmond. The park straddles the boundary between Tasman District and Nelson City.

Following feedback received during earlier consultation, and to avoid confusion with reserves located near Pukeko Lane (further around the Inlet), we agree that this park should have a different name. Drop us your creative or meaningful name ideas in the comments below!



## Jubilee Park

### Submissions database response

Q13: Do you support or oppose the proposal to provide additional on-site car parking (approximately 50 spaces) in the northern part of Jubilee Park alongside the tennis courts? Please explain your reasons why.			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Support	It has a grassed area otherwise unused.
34993	Megan Walsh	Support	Support for this has nothing to do with losing parking should the "proposed" by pass go through but all to do with the fact that parking at Jubilee can be a real nightmare when it's busy, there's a lot going on in that car park with vehicles coming and going and pedestrian activity as well, specially by the skate park where parking is quite tight. Extra parking slightly away from the hive of activity but still right there can only be a bonus
35122	Tracey Barron	Support	If this provides more parking for the sports fields and skate park then yes. Perhaps you could like at putting a cinema wall somewhere in that area?
35139	Mr Paul Chester	Support	

Q14: Which option do you support for the future of Jubilee Park's skatepark? Please explain your reasons why.			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Option 1 – maintain the skatepark as is	
35122	Tracey Barron	Option 1 – maintain the skatepark as is	
34993	Megan Walsh	Option 2 – upgrade the skatepark to cater to all ages and abilities	While I understand that there is going to be a skate park at Saxton's it's not easily accessible to a lot of kids in Richmond who aren't old enough to go to venture that far on their own or who live on the southern outskirts of Richmond and Saxton's is just the wee bit far to go. As far as unsavoury behaviour maybe remove the big tree on the corner of the skate park to open the area up and add some lighting
35139	Mr Paul Chester	Option 2 – upgrade the skatepark to cater to all ages and abilities	due to many families now inhabiting the area IE Berryfields etc.

35220	Mr Lance Roozenburg	Option 3 – relocate the skatepark to another reserve in Richmond (please name the reserve you'd like to see this facility moved to)	The skate park should be placed within a populated urban area where passive surveillance can be adequately achieved. The current site has little to no surveillance opportunities due to its location. The pocket park on the corner of Wensley and Queen Street could be the ideal location for a new plaza style skatepark that leverages its location near the bus stop, Police station in a highly visible site.
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Q15: Do you support or oppose the inclusion of a policy in the RMP section on Jubilee Park, directing the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under s.14 of the Reserves Act 1977? Please explain your reasons why.			
34913	Scott Burnett	Support	See attached. Forest & Bird strongly supports declaring Jubilee Park a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. This would ensure its long-term protection as an important open space and recreational hub for Richmond. Retaining it as unencumbered fee-simple land for potential future development (e.g., social housing, retail) would be a significant loss of accessible green space.
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Support	It has been a reserve all my 50 years as a Richmond resident.
34993	Megan Walsh	Support	Green spaces and sporting venues are important to our communities and as such should be preserved
35122	Tracey Barron	Support	I think it is important to maintain this area as a space for Richmond residents to hold sporting activities - particularly as it is safe for young people to bike to from the Meadows.

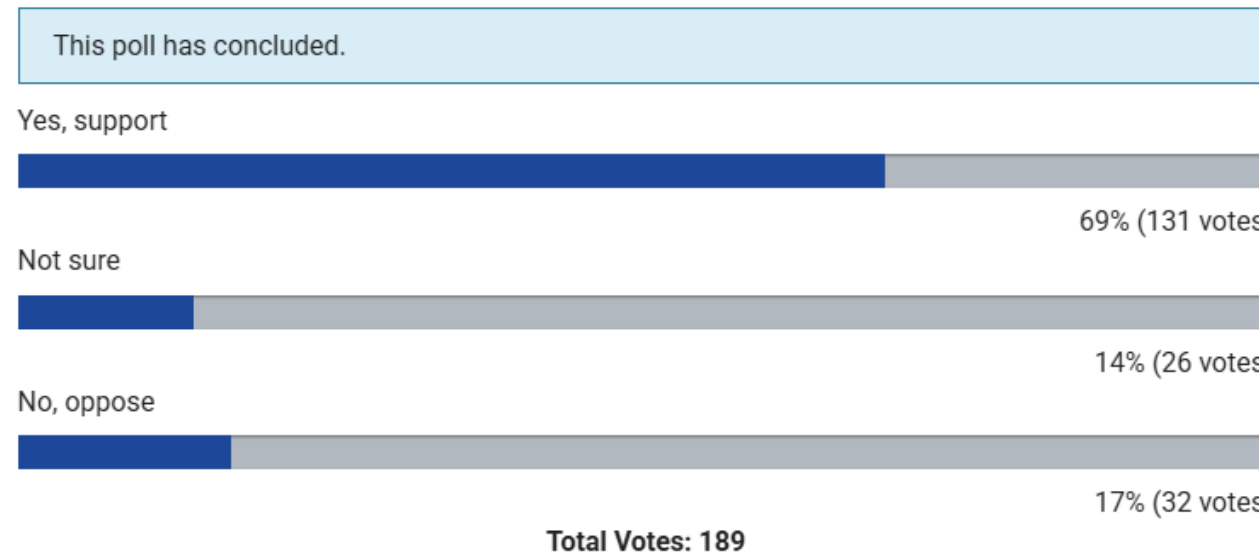
Q15a: If you oppose the proposal to declare Jubilee Park as a reserve, what alternative use do you think is most suitable for this area of land in future (e.g. social housing, retail development etc) and why?			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	N/A	NO Housing or Retail development here please.

Shape Tasman feedback

## Jubilee Park - A busy hub for sport and community events

### Should we add ~50 extra car parks near the tennis courts?

We're looking at adding parking in the grassed area near the tennis courts and Target Shooting Richmond building to ease parking pressure.

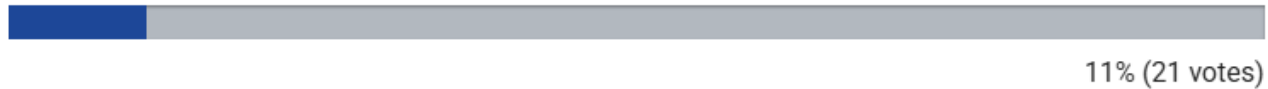


### What should happen with the skatepark?

The skatepark currently isn't very visible, which has led to antisocial behaviour and vandalism. Upgrading it to suit users of all ages and abilities could help reduce this by encouraging more people to use it. Since a large skatepark is also planned for Saxton Field nearby, another option could be to move it to another Richmond reserve with better visibility.

This poll has concluded.

Keep it as it is



Upgrade it so it works for all ages & abilities



Relocate it somewhere else in Richmond (tell us where below!)



**Total Votes: 192**

### Long-term protection: Should Jubilee Park be formally protected as a reserve under the Reserves Act?

Formally protecting the park would safeguard it for recreation long-term. Keeping its current flexible status could allow future uses like social housing or shops, if needed. If that happened, Council would look to create a comparable recreation space nearby.

This poll has concluded.

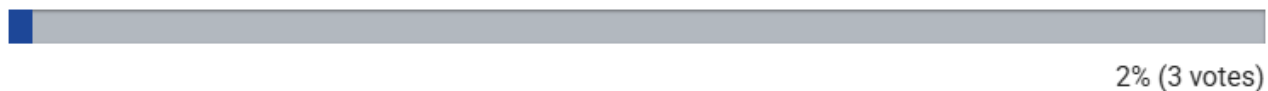
Yes, protect it long-term



No, keep it flexible



Other idea? Tell us!



Total Votes: 190



**Shape Tasman feedback on Jubilee Park (written comments received from 106 individuals in total)**

If the skatepark was relocated, where in Richmond do you think it should go?	Tell us why you'd like Jubilee Park to be protected, kept flexible, or your other idea.	Anything else you'd like to say about Jubilee Park?
	Need all the green spaces we can get	
Empty sections at 3 brothers corner or the new Paton reserve		
		As the only large greenspace in central Richmond it needs to be made into a more appealing and accessible place to visit. It needs to be protected as a greenspace for the future. Plant more large amenity trees. Add a multi-age playground. Upgrade skate park. Upgrade car parking to make it more accessible for young families. Make easily accessible by bike from Gladstone road and improve safety and accessibility for bike crossing at Queen St/Gladstone Rd intersection so bikes can safely get across that intersection and then to Jubilee park off the great taste trail.
Closer to the main road so more visible, but aim it at teens rather than younger demographic- there is so little for teenagers/young adults, & they need to be better catered for. - make it part of a rangitahi hun with a staffed drop in centre, coffee etc	I'd generally like to see more green spaces that are accessible for a wide range of activities and users (not just sport), and protected from future development.	
Somewhere very public, it was always going to cause problems hidden away. It's a very good to watch how talented kids are on skateboards	Its handy to Richmond. Nice to have a green area coming into Richmond. Good dogwalking area behind.	
Fine where it is	Whoops all of a sudden I'm voting on jubilee park so I would change my vote to yes more parks	
Saxtons park	Protect it as it is a large grassy area that absorbs water in heavy rain. Also a great recreational area for sports, family games and walks.	

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Amalgamate with the Saxton field skatepark	Maintain existing natural open spaces for the enjoyment of all, and to soak up rain water	No
	More parking would be great. And seating while watching kids. Even something for shade cover.	
On the other side of SH6	Flexible if it stays. There may be other developments in the future	If it is revamped, it would be great to see more space for younger children to scoot/bike. My children and I have had to leave this skatepark multiple times due to older kids and adults using it (which is okay!) but would be great to have a safer space for the little ones.
Opposite TDC in current vacant land being used for carpark - close to TDC & police station	Natural containment/ seepage of rain  Compaction of land affects the water table levels of other areas Careful consideration should be given to the flow on effect to the greater area of any construction	The area that is currently being looked at for car parking beside the tennis courts is a natural containment during rain To compact the land could have other flow on effects for other properties in the greater area
Keep it where it is	Keep it flexible so if the southern link goes in, then it can be moved if needed and in the way of the new infrastructure in the future.	Keep it where it is for now and worry about infrastructure and road repairs please. Save your rate payers money. The location of the skatepark is perfect but to make it safer, just upgrade the park safety with surveillance.
	Cameras installed	
	It serves berryfields well but perhaps not the other parts of Richmond as its a long way from other residential areas.	I play tennis and when rugby is on on a Saturday it's almost impossible to get a carpark. And if you cant get one there is nowhere to park for many blocks. More carparks, or parks designated to each club would be great.
I'm not sure really where would be suitable but I don't like going where it is at the moment with my kids for the reasons you stated . I do think keeping it between queen and bateup would be	I'm not sure on this - sorry ( had no other box to tick ! )	Parking is a nightmare

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good as kids on the Salisbury side of Richmond will have saxton		
In a very visible spot where the old bus parking was by lights.	It's a treasure.	
Down by the aquatic centre where its visible and would reduce antisocial behavior	We already are very limited on sports fields for senior football and rugby. With football popularity growing and Richmond Athletic football club increasing number of senior players and teams we often have all 4 fields being played on simultaneously.	
	It is a great park. And a really good place to hang out for kids when their siblings are playing rugby. I have helped out at Nelson Judo Club which is above the Waimea Rugby Club and we see it used a lot. There is mixed ages of children that use it and lots of parents stick around to watch. There are some really skilled kids there too. I have seen it used for scooters bikes, BMX, skateboards.	Water fountains?
Still at jubilee but on the gladstone road side	It is in a great location for a sports field	
The position is good if you upgrade the facilities and carparking	Green spaces are being swallowed by building, it's important to retain these spaces for outdoor activities.	
Bill Wilkes reserve		
Jimmy lee/ Ben cooper	Community sport!!!! With Richmond growing in Berryfield direction is nice and central. It's close enough for kids to get to by themselves.	

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	We do not need more shops, Queen st is full of empty shops.	
Ben Cooper or Chelsea Ave along with the new pump track	As Richmond continues to sprawl we don't have a lot of dedicated greenspaces. Jubilee Park will become more and more central as this continues and I think keeping it as protected recreation space will be a real asset to the community.	Something like the small coffee cart that resides at Main Road Stoke's little skate park would be a boon; maybe allow NMIT to have a coffee cart or food truck there. It's probably an absolute pipe dream but if you're going to expand parking and make it a destination, why not add something like a splash pad or a SHADED play area/playscape that appeals to a large range of ages; not like the playground outside Alioke that's hardly suitable for anyone over the age of 3. Having a picnic shelter would also be great so there's picnic tables, shade, and somewhere for rubbish.
I think it is fine where it is just need some more safety features eg lights and cameras		It is well used and liked by many. Don't let a few bad eggs ruin it. Safety measures in place won't cost alot but will hopefully decrease the bad behaviour.
		I would like to see an indoor training facility for netball and rugby for when fields are closed. Maybe the size of two netball courts. Work in conjunction with Waimea Old Boys rugby to fund and manage
	Protect it .. great area waimea old boys has spend a lot of money making it family friendly be a waste to have to start again somewhere else.	
Behind town hall or somewhere central	Cost and convenience	
		I think similar changes could be made to Jubilee like you are proposing with Paton Reserve. Plant some more natives or flax around to help soak the water after heavy rain.
Stay and revamp	Great sports area for kids	

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<p>Re skate park: Dirt pump track like in Wakefield (cheaper?). For bikes.</p> <p>Small version for younger kids.</p> <p>Present one upgraded for older kids - mainly skate , skateboard and scooter tricks etc .</p> <p>Cameras high up so less likely to be vandalised. Also keep away drug traders who like to park up and swap in car park.</p>	<p>It is under threat from the road proposed, as is Hope Domain, which never gets discussed when the need for a road is talked about. The people of Waimea West have relatively few amenities and Jubilee Park is in prime position to provide these and help integrate the new and old communities.</p> <p>A bypass will be noisy and intrusive on a green corridor of tranquillity that makes Richmond a desirable place to live. Please don't spoil it just to facilitate growth.</p>	<p>No extra parking.</p> <p>Don't encourage rat run from behind Mc Donald's to avoid lights.</p> <p>Bollards to stop people coming through who aren't accessing facilities.</p>
	It should be protected. It's a great hub for the community around	
Saxton field	I think it should be protected.	
Somewhere with good visibility.	Keep it for current purpose. Iconic area of Richmond.	
Needs to be somewhere more visible to the public and those driving by to prevent antisocial behaviour and encourage all ages and families to feel safe there. Even relocation towards the main road with easy parking.	Spaces for long-term recreation are important - it would be sad to see this space transformed into housing/shops.	
If a new skatepark is going into Saxtons Field, it would make sense to be on the Hope side of Richmond.	Jubilee is great but it is fairly old now and so are the surrounding buildings. A new domain may bring newer, more modern buildings that showcase the region better and lift the profile of Richmonds sporting community.	When design the skatepark, please research more modern styles of skatepark and talk to the community. The old park is very dated and almost not useable for most people. Places like Melbourne, Queenstown and Christchurch have created destination skateparks that integrate well with the local parks and have a variety of uses for all levels of ability.

If the skatepark was relocated, where in Richmond do you think it should go?	Tell us why you'd like Jubilee Park to be protected, kept flexible, or your other idea.	Anything else you'd like to say about Jubilee Park?
A&P show grounds		
Hi I have been a bmx rider and have ridden Richmond skatepark for many of years and we have tried to push for extension on the park it is a great spot and since you guys are wanting to more parking you could almost rebuild the skatepark in the grass area		Hi I have been a bmx rider and have ridden Richmond skatepark for many of years and we have tried to push for extension on the park it is a great spot and since you guys are wanting to more parking you could almost rebuild the skatepark in the grass area And make more parking where the skate park is now. And moving the new skate park to the grass area by the tennis courts a bigger park for Richmond would be great a lot of talented scooterers bmxs and skaters in nelson region
Indoors would be the dream but any sizeable park with good lighting	Protect the future sportspeople's playing field and surrounding sport opportunities	Been using jubilee park for near 40yrs for various ball sports, shooting, tennis, toy library and skate park it is a valuable asset to the community.
Saxton field		It would be great if the gravels roads there could be sealed. It gets dusty, muddy, pot holed etc
	Jubilee Park has so a diverse range of attractions and many different community non-profit organisations operating from there. Worth protecting for the community. The football club has completed a stage in their upgrade and the other organisations need to do this too. Can the council coordinate the other organisations to work together to improve current ageing facilities? Rugby, badminton, tennis, toy library etc.	
Stay put	Is like it kept protected please	It needs an upgrade please
I think it should stay where it is, it's fantastic for those siblings who want something to do during sports as well as being in walking distance to a lot of Richmond children	It should be protected so more can be done to establish the space for more ages. It would be awesome to see a small bike pump track along behind the large trees but close enough that parents watching sports can also see their kids.	It's an awesome space for outdoor activities but I think the bathrooms need updating/renovating. The taps are often leaking/hard to use and it's a dirty, dark space at night. If this was improved the space would be more welcoming and accessible

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	I think green space is so important. If shops are needed, then potentially the houses along Gladstone road that back onto the park could be transformed into a shopping strip. The park is so well used for sports, it would be a shame to see it moved elsewhere	Adding parking is a great idea, as the roadside is often very busy when sports are on. Maybe pave the back side into parking instead of the current gravel/puddles/mud
Easby Park Richmond		
	I would rather see it planted as an arboretum, or converted to community gardens than industrialised or subsumed into the residential malaise of Richmond. Richmond is seriously lacking in well planned green space and has fallen to low-rise greenfields sprawl. Jubilee Park represents something of a last bastion of hope for future nature space - an investment in the imagination of future culture in the region; or perhaps a beloved beach-side amenity in the late 2000's.	
Put the money towards Saxton		
How is a skatepark relocated?	Flexibility is key. As master planning around the Hope bypass needs consideration. It's just so awkward to access and I would think as Richmond grows a better "mini Saxton" somewhere else might be better with better layout and planning and maybe facilities?	
To Saxton Field, wrapped up in the new skatepark development	That green space needs to be protected for the benefit of future generations.	
Don't have a skatepark as it's a place for drugs, graffiti, gangs. They're never used well.	We need more protected spaces!	

If the skatepark was relocated, where in Richmond do you think it should go?	Tell us why you'd like Jubilee Park to be protected, kept flexible, or your other idea.	Anything else you'd like to say about Jubilee Park?
Keep it where it is or remove it all together if one is going in at Saxton Park, they tend to encourage antisocial behaviour so I don't think people would want it moved near them	Once parks are gone they are hard to replace. With all the closer living we need more parks and reserves	
	It is a good central position and to find somewhere big enough wouldn't be as central.	
Berryfields, hart road subdivision or near the cemetery.	I think we need to keep jubilee park as is for now, it's a very handy sporting and recreational location but with the motorway going in behind and Gladstone Road having more shops along it, it would make sense for now to keep it flexible with the promise that IF it was to change use in future, it should be for shops, other public areas, or native planting, not housing; and, an equivalent size and usability jubilee 'replacement' must be located close by with the same or better facilities.	It currently attracts a lots of antisocial behaviour at night and isn't safe for kids or teens walking through in the dark. My kids would love to use the skatepark but we have always avoided it due to the behaviour and lack of other parents supervising. Drug deals happen in the gravel carpark at the back and there isn't enough visibility or lighting there
Don't shift it, put in extras lighting to help avoid damage maybe	TDC has run out of money, rate payers cannot keep up with the overspending "nice to haves"	Council should have addressed these issues with developers long long ago, and built it into there DIL's even more so. The lack of foresight and long term planning and all the extra housing, infrastructure wasn't planned for at all, fix the congestion first, that should be councils first priority.
Just put up lights	A lot of people use the park. If it's gone it's gone for ever and kids will have nowhere to do sports	
Somewhere more visible and less secluded.	We need to preserve inner city green spaces.	
No		
In town		



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Not sure but it MUST be a visible spot as skate parks attract crime and violence		
Closer to the library	It's just a rugby field	Add a playground for toddlers
	Important sport and recreation area.	Put lights and cameras at the skatepark along with an update of the skatepark design and layout. A pump track should be included as the one under the trees is unsafe as its not designed by council.
Closer to town for more visibility. Perhaps by Sundail square		<p>From a skatepark perspective, the skatepark has a rich history and contributes to keeping the sport alive in the area. Richmond doesn't have many options when it comes to skateparks, and the Saxton field park is subject to a lot of variables for the project to get over the line.</p> <p>Renovating the park at the very least ensures that there is still a skatepark there.</p> <p>However, we [Skate NelsonBays] would like to put forward our services and expertise, speaking on behalf of the wheeled sport community for the region.</p>
Current location is perfect, add security cameras and lights	<p>Jubilee park is perfectly located with good safe access and it's the ideal place for kids while other family members and participating in other sports in the area</p> <p>Add an additional pump track to Paton Reserve</p>	
Not too close to residential properties please.	Might need the land for the roading bypass in the future. Too early to make decisions on it.	
	It's such a great place. The facilities there are so much better than the new building that was built for Stoke rugby	

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	Why should we protect it from development? Because we need green spaces!!	
Aquatic centre	Keep it protected because we have enough housing in Berryfields	
Waimea College bus bay, visible from Salisbury Rd.	Green space doesn't reappear once its been given up.	
Easby Park		
Saxon field area.	To safeguard it long-term	
Saxton		
	It's a great area for kids and adults to play sports or even just go and kick a ball around. It's nice to have large green spaces in our towns.	
Easby Park		
		Isn't a supa highway running past there in the future ..... Stop spending money we don't have .....maybe sack the person coming up with these ideas then save the money off our rates
More central to town	Protect	Or change to a better roaring option to ease congestion at the lights.
Where the old town and country vets building is.	We need to lock it in as a green space.	Better lighting in the carparks. Angle the big lights down a bit, they are very bright in the subdivision especially Oakdale and Camberley.
By the aquatic center, it's open, central, there is walking access under the main road. Get Shane from 'surface ramps nelson' to do it. They know how to build skate parks that people actually WANT to use		

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	<p>As a long time user of the skatepark (23 years) I have mixed feelings about this. I love the place, would be there every day after school all throughout my teen years, I know it like the back of my hand.</p> <p>I'm not so sure about it needing to be "protected" as it is currently, if you are considering updating it to a more modern design to cater for a wider variety of users.</p> <p>Reusing that space seems the most logical to me instead of moving to a different park.</p>	<p>Jubilee skatepark should be treated entirely separately from the Saxton project. An updated design and welcoming surrounding area renovation would serve as a great hub for skateboard, scooter, bmxs users of Richmond township, both the old area (Gladstone road up to the hills) and the new (silky otter subdivision)</p> <p>The Saxton project is in early stages and despite its proposed size and scope, taking a facility away from Jubilee park is a disservice to the residents of Richmond</p>
	<p>With Richmond getting bigger its important to look after the green spaces</p>	
		<p>The skatepark is important to our youth,young adults and adults alike. An upgrade is much needed. A good starting point would be to reach out to rhe local skateboarding comitee group called Skate Nelson Bays. @skatenelsonbays skatenelsonbays@outlook.co.nz</p>
<p>Use the budget available and contribute it towards the Saxton one</p>		<p>No need for clay wickets, expensive on opex (rates), around \$10k per year each compared to about \$500 per artificial wicket.</p>
		<p>You are going to have to cut back on all non-essential expenditure due to this event until everything is recovered and then flood resilient measures will need to be implemented. So you need to cease all nice to have funding until you are back in a surplus funding situation. This expenditure is not essential, it is a nice to have.</p>

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If it isn't used much then don't waste our money on building a new one. especially if a skate park is already planned for Saxon Park.	We need more fauna flora only reserves. By adding parks as a reserve it stops sporting groups trying to overtake a reserve. For example Aranui reserve in Mapua. The Nelson Disc golf club wanted to build disc golf course there. Being a reserve it's a quite space for people to get away from the noise and relax	
Near aquatic centre in view of main roads	Richmond football club have just done major upgrade of facilities at club and council expense so probably wouldn't be happy with a move!	
Unsure. Needs to be somewhere with traffic that can view the skatepark to dissuade antisocial behaviour	Keep flexible, locking all ground up as reserves seems expensive long term.	No
Richmond a and p Showgrounds		Better lighting, since state housing has gone in there has been a massive increase in anti, social behaviour. our kids spend all there free time there and a massive upgrade is in need for our kids to be better at the sport they love. there needs to be some progression
Olympus Park	Multiple sports present. Football club has just developed new building	Car parking pressure/issues seem to coincide with rugby club events (Thursdays especially). Ford Ranger utes are often parked over pedestrian/cycle slip way into carpark from Gladstone crossing. Will the rugby club/users make an effort to share the space considerately and utilise additional parking if Council provides it for them? How can bike/pedestrian safety continue to be prioritised with the recent upgrades? The gravel parking already present at the rear by the cycleway reserve is not fully used, maybe a convenience factor for parking just off the main road at play.
	Need more parks and reserves especially anting native trees on	Make sure people shopping and working in Richmond don't use badminton and other carparks. Have signage and time limits. Hard to get a park when attending pickleball and badminton hall

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Move the skating rink(upgraded) to in front of the badminton hall and use the old park for new parking bays.		
Easby park		
	Please keep a skatepark in Richmond itself...saxton is too far away for local kids. I understand it doesnt work well now with visibility	The gravel roads behind jubilee and through to mcDs is hopeless and is a hotspot for hooners in cars. Be good to tidy up that area. Its quite a big space that would be good for recreation.
Waimea College sportsfield.		
Away from walkways.	Stop wasting ratepayers money. Change is not needed.	Stop wasting ratepayers money.
Centre of town.	Green space in middle of residential area.	Provide more than one access. Make it a better destination. Provide a path around the outside for joggers, with "trimpark" type gym equipment along the way (e.g. like Jimmy Lee Creek retention pond).
Saxtons Field		
Next to the town hall in central Richmond - close to the library, mall and bus stops.		
Racecourse in a more visual spot	Jubilee Park has been home for Waimea Rugby it should stay siley Rugby	
	To safeguard against housing and commercial developement so children have a place to play.	
I think its a good location	Keep it protected. Citys need large green spaces.	
	So much town and industry space we need open space for people to access greenness.	

If the skatepark was relocated, where in Richmond do you think it should go?	Tell us why you'd like Jubilee Park to be protected, kept flexible, or your other idea.	Anything else you'd like to say about Jubilee Park?
The small park area at the corner of Wensley Road and Queen Street. Easy access for youths via the bus stop near by. Could encourage more custom for the local shops, near by to Richmond schools for youths to visit after school. Nearby to police station to	With the spread of Berryfield and Hart Rise developments it is vital to retain Jubilee park as a central location for residents.	
The current skate park will become more visible once the new bypass is constructed-no need to waste money now in moving it	Any existing large open grass area should be vigorously protected-it's such a lovely asset for the community. Think of that large grassed area in the front of Wanaka township-jealously protected and gives the town an open generous feel, despite infill housing development. It's good to keep a balance between high density living, then large expansive areas close by	
Move it into the playground on Oxford Street (next to town hall). Redesign the whole play space so it's well lit and has decent surveillance / security	Keep it as green spaces. Too much land is being sold for housing, we still need green spaces to play at and throw a ball around, and teach our kids how to ride bikes at	
	To be protected. It's the easiest access and largest green space on that side of town. It's a great break in between all the house and gets lots of use from different users. The adjoining railway reserve is also used regularly and is a wonderful quiet space to enjoy away from the motorway.	Upgrade the car park near the soccer rooms. It regularly floods in rainy weather and has a very uneven surface.
Opposite the council building office		
	Having outdoor spaces for children and families to interact and spend time together outside in fresh air and not at home staring at screens is super important	

If the skatepark was relocated, where in Richmond do you think it should go?	Tell us why you'd like Jubilee Park to be protected, kept flexible, or your other idea.	Anything else you'd like to say about Jubilee Park?
<p>Leave it as is, I have a competitive scooter rider who we take around NZ for competitive. Richmond is his main local and its not the location, its the fact is so run down and isolated. Instead of relocating why not do it up and add more to Jubilee area</p>		<p>I think Jubilee park has huge potential to be done up so the skatepark isn't so isolated. Add in a kids playground, more gym equipment, a pump track and make it more of a family area to take away the bad behaviour. My competitive scooter rider son has been using this park for 9 years now and its time it needs a upgrade. Richmond has huge potential with the scooter riders, its becoming a Olympic sport now and we travel nz for competitive scooter riding with our son so how about head down and watch to see what these kids can do and to see how much Richmond skatepark is needed for a upgrade.</p>

## Cambridge Street Playground

### Submissions database response

Q16: Do you support or oppose the inclusion of a policy in the RMP section on Cambridge Street Playground, directing the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under s.14 of the Reserves Act 1977? Please explain your reasons why.			
34913	Scott Burnett	Support	See attached. Forest & Bird strongly supports declaring Cambridge Street Playground a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. This popular playground provides important recreational and social value in the CBD. Retaining flexibility for future community facilities at the expense of protected open space is not supported.
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Support	That playground is used heavily by visitors to Richmond.
34993	Megan Walsh	Support	



## Hope Reserve

### Submissions database response

Q17: Do you support or oppose retaining the Maitai Lodge building at Hope Reserve? Please explain why.			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow		If it's not used take it away.
35176	Mrs Linda Mortimer	Support	Could be hired out for smaller users as Supper Room in Hope Hall used by Dance Classes. Meeting room for smaller clubs etc

Q17a: How would you like to see the Maitai Lodge managed and utilised in future?			
34913	Scott Burnett	N/A	<b>See attached.</b> If the Maitai Lodge is historic and can be feasibly upgraded and repurposed for community use, retaining it is preferable to demolition and new build, from a waste minimisation and embodied carbon perspective. Any upgrades should use sustainable materials and improve energy efficiency. If retention is not feasible or desired by the community, careful deconstruction and material salvage should occur.
35176	Mrs Linda Mortimer	N/A	Hired out and used...its a lovely building.

Q17b: If a group is willing to take on responsibility for restoring and upgrading the building, do you support or oppose the Council granting a lease for exclusive use of the Maitai Lodge by this group? Please explain why.			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Support	If a group likely to use it on a regular basis I support that.
35122	Tracey Barron	Support	
35176	Mrs Linda Mortimer	Support	Just needs to be used, as far as I am aware the Maitai Lodge no longer exists so who or what is the group that requires exclusive use?

Q18: Which management model do you prefer for managing bookings at Hope Reserve in future? Please explain why.			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow		It should be Council's responsibility to decide how that building is managed and operated.
35178	Dr Kathryn Crosier	Option 1 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and continues to manage bookings	My understanding is that management of bookings at Hope Reserve by the Hope Hall Management Committee works well. There is an ability to be flexible, have potential conflicts discussed/resolved; positive attributes which could be put at risk by an online booking system. There are a number of benefits to fostering community involvement in an area like this, including enhancing a sense of community ownership and belonging.
35187	Mrs Joanna Collins	Option 1 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and continues to manage bookings	As a member of Nelson Dog training club, the current system works well for us. Our club has been using these grounds for decades and would like to have continued use of them for many years to come. A new system could put our usage in jeopardy
34993	Megan Walsh	Option 2 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and approves bookings made via a new online system	
35176	Mrs Linda Mortimer	Option 2 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and approves bookings made via a new online system	Online Bookings as can take a few days for caretaker to get back. Also its good to have users of the reserve on tje committee as they know best what is going on. Council seems un aware of Club use and requirements.
35122	Tracey Barron	Option 3 – Council retires the Management Committee and manages bookings via a new online system.	

## Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves

### Submissions database response

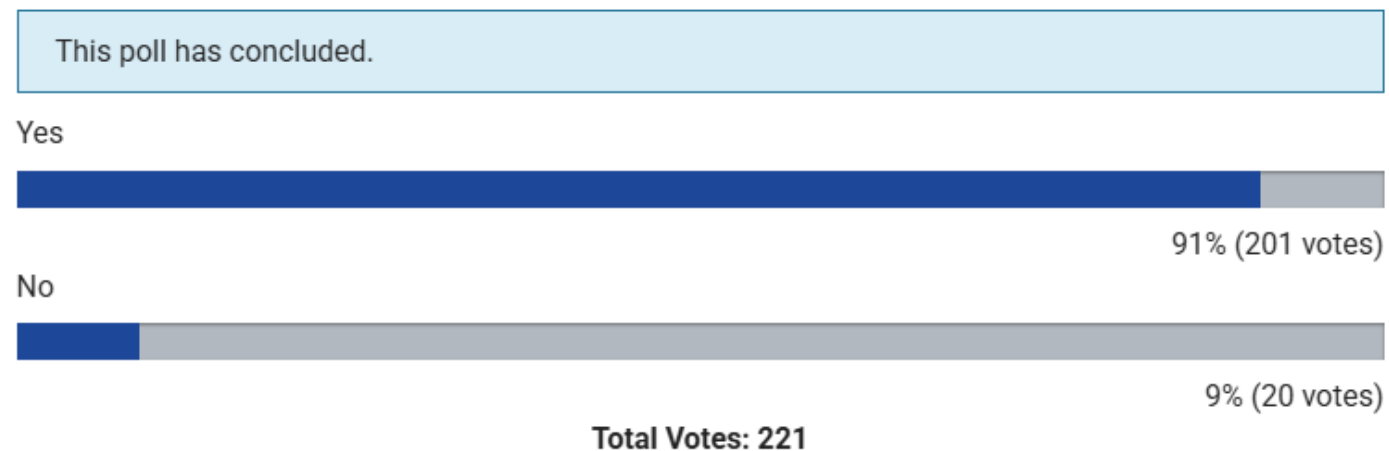
Q19: Do you support or oppose the proposal to install a beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter of Chelsea Avenue Reserve and the adjoining Harriet Court Reserve? Please explain why			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow		This is not for me to decide what should be done here.
35206	Mrs Brigid Graney	Oppose	<p>I support a beginner-friendly pump track in principle; however I do not support this being around the perimeter of Chelsea Avenue Reserve and the adjoining Harriet Court Reserve. Pump tracks by their nature, are more compact than a long perimeter track. Pump tracks enjoy corners and compactness, and I'm sure a designer could incorporate something creatively in harmony with existing biking features. Given my observations and experience of park use, this perimeter track would be in conflict with access points to the park, and the way this track would be crossed by other users of the park, and when entering the park - particularly from the Squire Way access point. A beginner friendly pump track suggests some parental oversight, and putting a track around the perimeter of a park is not sympathetic to this oversight.</p> <p>A further point to note is that the change to the large mound of dirt timed with the new pathway being put in joining Olympus Way and Harriet Court has resulted in a reduction in its use. It appears the jumps are too large for the run up that is available. Further, the previous topography of the dirt mound invited all levels of ability to interact with it - from beginners to advanced. Previously a range of ages of local kids would regularly be seen out there shaping this to create jumps. This happens infrequently now. I suggest that incorporating the pump track proposal with a refocus on the opportunities with the dirt mound (perhaps with some youth input) would provide a more cohesive biking opportunity, and that is not in direct conflict with other park uses (eg with walkers having to cross a pump track path around the perimeter).</p> <p>Having a biker son who developed his bike jumping skills on the dirt pile in the reserve, I can see a real benefit of providing opportunities for aspiring bikers to participate in their local environment, and have somewhere to shape jumps and get their hands dirty while doing this. We enjoyed seeing mates out there with spades working together and their planning the jump platform, great skills in collaboration and planning. Something to consider.</p>
34913	Scott Burnett	Support	<b>See attached.</b> Forest & Bird supports the provision of recreational facilities like pump tracks if they are sited and designed appropriately. A beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter could be acceptable if it does not impact significant trees or require extensive earthworks on existing green space. Design should incorporate drainage and native planting.
34993	Megan Walsh	Support	Anything that encourages kids to get outside and be active has to be good as long as it isn't at the expense of current users
35218	Mr Alastair Jewell	Support	<b>See attached</b> detailed submission (also relates to Easby Park).

## Shape Tasman feedback

## Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves

### Do you support the idea of a small pump track?

We're considering installing a beginner-friendly pump track around the edge of these adjoining neighbourhood reserves, to give kids and learners a fun, safe riding space. The existing dirt mound will be retained unchanged.



<b>Any other ideas for Chelsea Avenue &amp; Harriet Court Reserves? (written comments received from 54 individuals in total)</b>
A public toilet
A shaded picnic shelter. Any reserve in the region would get a lot more use if a single shelter was erected that provided shade, seating and rubbish bins. It blows my mind how strong the sun is NZ and there's all this push to slip, slop, slap and wrap but zero shade provided at areas to bring your kids for a play. Not to mention have free birthday parties, mum dates, etc. It doesn't need to be anything flash, just simple and functional will do.
Wildflower meadow
please concrete the pump track like the Wakefield one
Very excited for a pump track. Would like to see some seating for older families members who come to watch
We need a Margaret Mahy style/ water play playground for kids!!!! Anywhere! Somewhere! If Nelson city council won't listen to its people maybe you guys will do it! Pleaseeeeeee
Electric bbq and seating like rabbit island
Would love to see a well thought out and designed pump track with options for beginners and advanced. Plenty of inspiration can be taken from Christchurch
Powered sites for refreshment stands/trucks in weekends and holidays. Water fountains etc and some shelter from summer sun .
Chelsea ave Harriet. Pump track sounds great. Our kids used the track on the big dirt pile for years when they were young. I don't think you need 2 big dirt piles though. Take one away and that frees a bit more space to kick a ball around in. Thanks.
Hello, I have recently returned to New Zealand and have been working across Australia for the past 8 years, designing and managing the construction of asphalt pump tracks and bike skills parks. As the project lead on over 10 asphalt pump track projects for playground locations and assisted in the design and planning of some of Australia's leading trail networks on local, regional to state-level projects, I have extensive experience in concept designs to assist with community consultation processes and project management specifically to this type of public access infrastructure. It would be a great opportunity for me to utilise my skill set now that I have relocated to the Nelson region. My contact details are: pacifikbikeparks@gmail.com 022 655 3085 if you would like to discuss further. Thank you.
Definitely some more playground equipment too as the playground is a bit old down there, perhaps a few more picnic tables too
Important that the pump track is sealed (asphalt) for durability, low maintenance and for accessible use by a larger number of user types. Pump tracks are successful when they are linked to communities like this (see Atawhai, Wakefield and Murchison pump tracks) rather than tucked away several kilometers up a valley away from suburbia (see Maitai pumptrack)
Stop wasting our rate payers money! Don't you dare put our rates up to be paying for things like this when the average rate payer will not be using it!

Any other ideas for Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves? (written comments received from 54 individuals in total)
Please update/upgrade the playground equipment 🙏 Nothing has been added since the old set burnt down years ago. My children would love to have some additional equipment to play on. It's an amazing space but underused.
Shade area for parents
A climbing tower and a half court basketball court. That way a whole community can use it.
A batter place for a pump track would be at Saxton which is accessible and already set up for it. Our house borders the park and at the moment kids cone in and they do a few jumps etc, occasionally hang out at the play ground, and then they move on. So it is fine. Though occasionally we have police then throwing the dirt and stones at each other, and on our roof. Not keen on it becoming a major hang out zone surrounded by residential homes when saxton is better set up for it
Put in turf, rather than bark - so when floods do occur - it won't push all the bark and debris down the road.
You are doing an amazing job with all the parks planning! Well done TAsman
A pump track would be awesome. Please seal it. If it's sealed then more users can enjoy such as scooters and skateboards.
Update playground for 1-5year olds
Pump truck is a great idea for Richmond All my family lives really close to that park
Our grandkids have used pump tracks in Queenstown and Murchison and they absolutely love them! Much better for kids than sitting on digital devices. If you do build one, and I really hope you do, don't make it too small, go for a decent size one, that kids can grow into. Could you also consider a pump track in the Meadows / Berryfields area as there are lots of young families in that area too.
Brilliant idea for a pump track. My grandchildren would love a track for scooters. The track in Murchison is so good we often stop there if on a family road trip. This playground needs an upgrade since the green slides got burnt so yes please to pump track
With seating and shade scattered along it for the grandparents to watch too. And a drinking fountain for thirsty kids when they are done
Leave them alone Council are over spending. Get coffee services right first and leave the "nice to haves" some. That's a fantastic biking path at the Velodrome
Public toilets a drinking fountains and picnic table
At the Harriet court reserve a mini road layout (kind of like what's at the velodrome) would be great for the little kids. Layout for them to follow with prompts.

<b>Any other ideas for Chelsea Avenue &amp; Harriet Court Reserves? (written comments received from 54 individuals in total)</b>
This is so needed in Chelsea Ave, that dirt pile can't be used by scooters so a sealed pump track would make this space so much more fun for kids with scooters or bikes, just make it big enough for all ages as kids grow fast & still have the love of pump tracks, this would be good for kids not only who live in the area but for grandparents with grandchildren staying who want a short walk & safe place for kids to play for hours, please make this happen as my 6yr old son would spend hours there as currently it isn't much fun the way it is for his age & upwards as the playground is more suited for toddlers
I was told seating for older people was being done and this is needed urgently
Hi yes I agree about a pump track but don't just make it basic at least make it intermediate as if it is a beginners one you use it for abit get used to it and it is to easy then won't get used it needs to be made to progress and and big enough even little skatepark is a good way to do things also. Just don't waste money on stuff that is basic and the barely gets used
All for this idea, it would be nice to look at other designs out of Nelson to implement here in the Tasman District. There is a pump park in Chch next to Margaret Mahy park such a cool idea and just saw the Murchison one that looks awesome as well, didn't know it was there and will stop there next time we head to Chch.
More seating and public bathrooms and possibly more bins
Ban dogs at these reserves. They are areas for children of all ages to play and we don't want our kids having to play in dog urine and faeces from the countless lazy dog owners who allow their animals to do their business wherever and not clean up after them
A new playground!!!! Would be great after the last one got removed and the old one there is basic with only a few things left or working and showing it's age.
Make a toddler/baby friendly playground, bike track, splash park make anything for toddlers nelson has heaps of parks playgrounds and bike tracks for older kids but there is absolutely nothing to do with a toddler everywhere has huge drops of big ladders to climb up or just to many big kids playing at playgrounds for young kids to even have a try without being pushed over by bigger kids. MAKE A PARK JUST FOR TODDLERS AND YOUNG KIDS
I think pooling money for 1 really good pump track is better then multiple simple vasic pump tracks. The good things about pump tracks when they are built right and designed well like mcgazzaland is that everyone can have fun and progress. From beginner riders to professional riders. And also scooters ans skateboards. The nelson maitai pump track is not built well! So build one and build it right. Velosolutions did an amazing job in chch. With a track that has 3 different lines which huge progression opportunities.
Disc golf course! Small, beginner friendly, 3 baskets!
Water playground
This is a fantastic idea. If there isn't already, a close toilet with a baby change facility would be appreciated by all parents of toddlers who are toilet training. A bench for kai time would also be fantastic.
Retainig the dirt jumps good but it would be good to provide a sealed pump track with a range of ability levels incorporated (mcgazza has done this well) so that kids can progress and it meets the needs of a range of ages. Please get rid of grass mound which doesnt seem to get mowed and just grows weeds.

<b>Any other ideas for Chelsea Avenue &amp; Harriet Court Reserves? (written comments received from 54 individuals in total)</b>
Yes!!! 🙌 our young family have just moved from Christchurch and the beginner pump tracks there were FABULOUS (especially the McLeans island pump track) and are a haven for all year round outdoor play. Watching our kids grow in confidence was awesome and they spent hours there. Would LOVE to see this locally ❤️
Please keep the reserve a space to walk your dog as well. You may also wish to install extra lighting for safety at night time.
Plant more trees for shade and bushes for privacy, Families need more areas for picnics and for places for kids to play in a natural environment now that section sizes are reducing. Keep the dirt piles add some fun exercise type equipment and maintain this park as a more natural general family environment. Pump tracks, skateboard tracks attract bullies, abuse and are ultimately not family friendly
I personally think if you are doing the pump track at Harriet reserve, you would be best to incorporate the dirt pile as kids are constantly digging it up anyway. (Don't mind them doing it but could upset a new track)
Great idea, we need more outdoor areas for kids of all ages
Cost cost cost of the options paid for by .....
You are going to have to cut back on all non essential expenditure due to this event until everything is recovered and then flood resilient measures will need to be implemented. So you need to cease all nice to have funding until you are back in a surplus funding situation. This expenditure is not essential, it is a nice to have.
Skate Park from Jubilee. Disc golf if safe to do
This reserve has been neglected for years. Please sort this out properly . Decent playground equipment, a sealed pump track and some properly built dirt jumps would be good. The bizzare grass mound which is just weeds and is not being mowed is awful.
severely under-developed reserve and playground in a built up residential area.
The Chelsea area looks overgrown and unmanaged. Add something for older teenagers.
Rather than building several basic pump tracks. Put the cost together and build one really good one that will last the distance. It could easily have different loops for abilities. Velsolutions does a great job. Chch is a good example. They have 3 loops in one pumptrack. Which allows for progression. Small kids learning can have fun whilst more experience kids and adults can also progress their skills.



## Easby Park

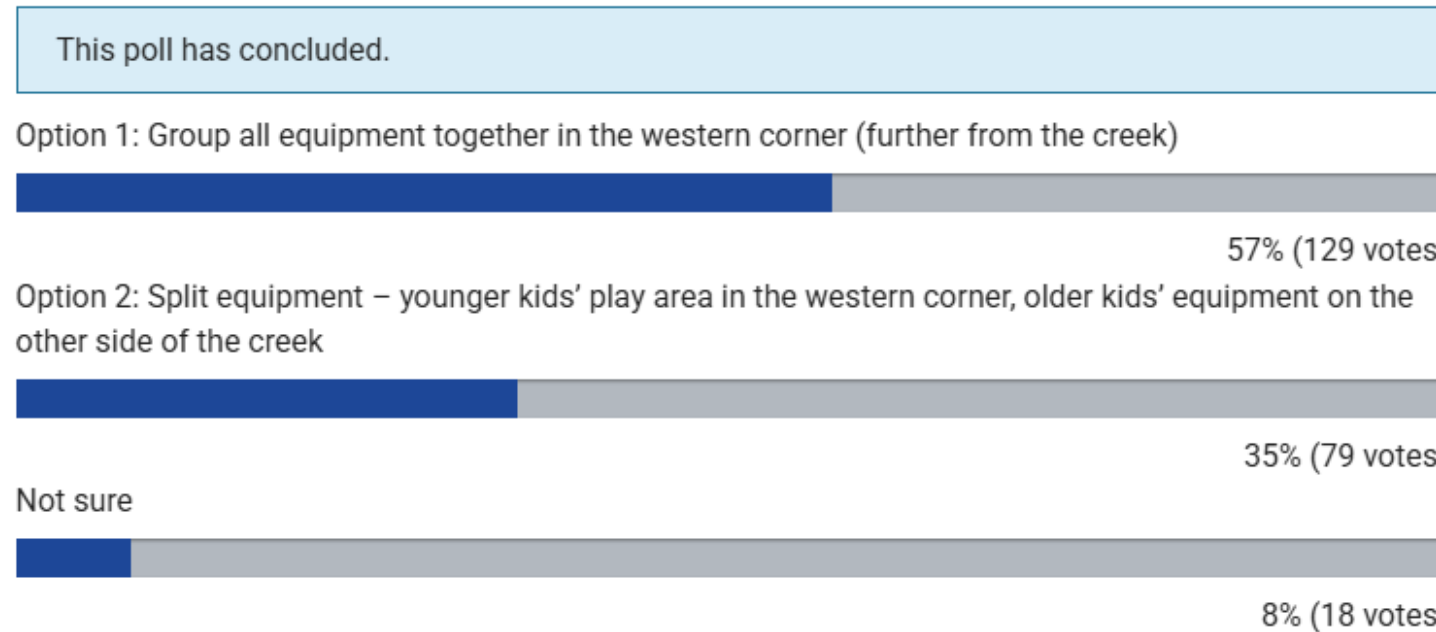
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Q20: Which playground layout option do you support for Easby Park? Please explain why.			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow		This is not for me to decide what should be done here.
34993	Megan Walsh		Why not relocate both playgrounds to the other side of the creek. There will be families with both older and younger children and parents will want to keep an eye on both
35126	Mr Jack Currie	Option 1 – Co-locate all upgraded play equipment together in the western corner of the reserve (i.e. in the same general location of the current playground, just further away from Reservoir Creek).	As we live opposite Easby Park We have observed that the area across the bridge from the carpark loses the sun behind the trees early in the afternoon during the winter months. Better to keep the playground in one area as kids of all ages use it and splitting it up will make it harder for someone to keep an eye on their kids if they split up into two different areas to play. Under the Council's Dog Control bylaw No Dogs in Easby Park doesn't work as the owners ignore the small sign you have.
35193	David Burt	Option 1 – Co-locate all upgraded play equipment together in the western corner of the reserve (i.e. in the same general location of the current playground, just further away from Reservoir Creek).	This is probably lower cost than Option 2 but OK. Option 2 is dearer but caution with older ones in a hidden corner to make a "hang-out" dodgy place and rubbish patch.
34913	Scott Burnett	Option 2 – Install play equipment for younger children in the western corner and for older children on the opposite side of Reservoir Creek.	<b>See attached.</b> Given the flooding issues, relocating play equipment to a more flood-resilient part of the reserve is sensible.
34988	Dr Ross Cullen	Option 2 – Install play equipment for younger children in the western corner and for older children on the opposite side of Reservoir Creek.	Older children will need less supervision and a play area on eastern side of Reservoir Creek will be beyond [possible flood risk.

Shape Tasman feedback

## Playground flood risk

Heavy rain can cause Reservoir Creek to overflow, damaging the playground. To reduce future flood damage, we plan to redesign and move the equipment. Which option do you prefer, and why?



**Total Votes: 226**

Q21: Do you support or oppose the proposal to create a separate walking-only track near the southeastern boundary of Easby Park, with the existing track dedicated to mountain bikers?			
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow		Any walking track should be separate from any Bike track.
35221	Mrs Katie Lavers	Oppose	Allow dog walking.
34913	Scott Burnett	Support	See attached. Forest & Bird supports creating a separate walking-only track to reduce conflict between walkers and bikers and improve safety. The new track should be designed to minimise ecological impact.
34988	Dr Ross Cullen	Support	Yes I support this if it can be accomplished at modest cost.
34993	Megan Walsh	Support	
35122	Tracey Barron	Support	Specifically for safety reasons yes I support separate walking only.
35126	Mr Jack Currie	Support	Suggest you make the walking track shorter than the biking track as you will get walkers just using the shorter track because it will be quicker. A lot of walkers have dogs so you may need to get owners to keep them on a lead in Easby Park so the bikers don't run into them or vice versa.
35193	David Burt	Support	OK, some clear separation and signage needed to protect children and walkers from fast bikes.

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**Build a walking-only track to reduce conflict with bikes?**

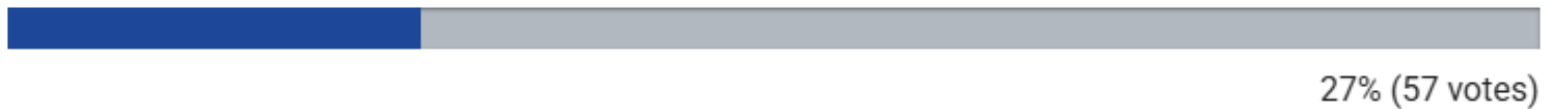
At the south end of Easby Park, the track from the Reservoir Creek bridge to Kingsland Forest is shared by walkers and bikers. We're considering adding a separate walking-only path track alongside it, to help reduce conflicts between users.

This poll has concluded.

Yes



No



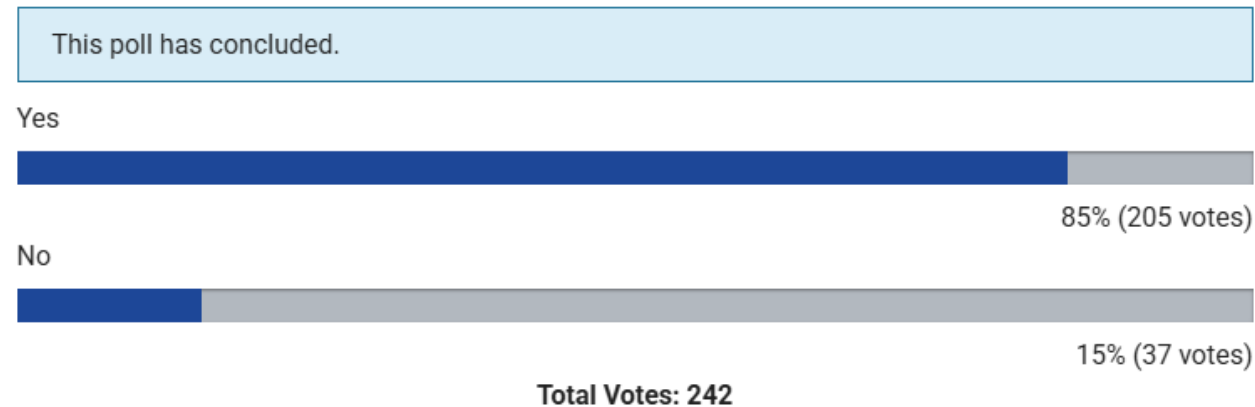
**Total Votes: 208**

Q22: Do you support or oppose the proposal to install a pump track in the southern part of Easby Park, alongside the existing track?			
35193	David Burt	Oppose	Sounds too busy for this area. What about the grass area facing out to Selbourne Ave? A small circuit track could be created in this unused area.
34913	Scott Burnett	Support	<b>See attached.</b> Similar to Chelsea Ave, a pump track in the southern part of Easby Park could be acceptable if designed to avoid sensitive areas, minimise earthworks, and integrate with the surrounding landscape using native planting.
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Support	
34993	Megan Walsh	Support	
35126	Mr Jack Currie	Support	Needs to be simple so easy to maintain, will need to keep dogs away from it and feel it would be better placed at the top of the Park on the East Boundary.

#### Shape Tasman feedback

#### Add a basic pump track for bikes?

Some residents suggested adding more active recreation, like a pump track, at the southern end of Easby Park, alongside the existing shared path.



### Submissions database response

Q23: Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding Easby Park and/or Kingsland Forest Park?		
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Kingsland Forest Park would be popular if able to be accessed by motorcars with a Cafe up there as happens at many places overseas.
35126	Mr Jack Currie	Since the days of Covid the number of dogs using the Park has increased substantially. There are a few problems like bikers arrive, first they let the dogs out of the vehicle to run around while they get their bikes off and aren't aware if they have a poo in the creek or where ever, quite often in the same places you see young kids playing on the ground near the stream. I have noticed a lot of dogs run around then do a poo on the way up the park where there used to be a doggy doo bag dispenser and rubbish tin. These have been taken out so you often see poo in green bags lying around, mostly the owners remember to pick them up on the way back down but some don't.
35221	Mrs Katie Lavers	Allow dogs off leash. You could equally come to the conclusion that the issue of dogs off leash in an on leash area shows the need for more off leash areas.

### Shape Tasman feedback

Anything else you'd like to say about Easby Park or Kingsland Forest Park? (written comments received from 129 individuals in total)
<p>Keeping the playground equipment together would be better for carers with kids of mixed ages.</p> <p>Building a dedicated walking track is a luxury that doesn't add a lot of value.</p> <p>Building a pump track would be an excellent skills addition to the wider Kingsland mtb system, and would be a gathering point before and after rides - rather than just standing around twiddling thumbs.</p>
Keep allowing for dog walking off lead
<p>Our home backs onto Easby Park. When in my garden I often see or hear children throwing rocks into the creek by the playground Weir. I will often tell them that I don't want to ruin their fun but their actions cause the creek to block and when there is heavy rain it floods their playground resulting in it being unable to be used for weeks. Sometimes their caregivers are with them watching on.</p> <p>Would you consider in the upgrade placing a big signage prohibiting the throwing of rocks etc into the creek stating the reasons and why not.</p>
We use this park a lot to access the Kingsland forest. We often take our grandchildren to the playground.
This is such a great place. the more family friendly options that can be provided are great.
Leave this park alone and the community are fine sharing the existing pathing.

Anything else you'd like to say about Easby Park or Kingsland Forest Park? (written comments received from 129 individuals in total)
Replacing bark in the playground floor with the wet pour rubber means if flooding does occur there is no mess to cleanup and less risk of contamination. Putting the pump track in down in the narrower part of the park that connects to Selbourne Ave would make good use of this underused space which is basically just used as a thoroughfare. You could still allow space for a walking path on the eastern side I think it would also be great to convert the top hillside park into a sports / picnic / bbq area with a permanent football / rugby post or cricket pitch in the middle to encourage kids and families and community gatherings. (Like the ANZ ad with the dad playing cricket with the local kids)
Would be very keen for the playgrounds to be fully fenced to provide extra safety for our tamariki
Same as other feedback, more plants along the river to help with flooding risk
I love the fruit trees there, it would be great to see more community fruit trees planted.
I use this area frequently for throwing the ball for the dog kids to the playground mountain biking. Would love to see it upgraded for flood protection
I don't think the walking only track would achieve much. There is a lot of room for riders to avoid pedestrians at the moment. Maybe a simple sign reminding riders to give way. Cost benefit not there in my mind. If building a track make it decent and shared use (2m wide gravel) Does the playground on the downhill side of the creek still ( in the western corner) solve the issue? Why not put all playground items on the southern side of the creek?
I am an old mountain biker and go pretty slow when I'm coming down the Shute into Easby. The young kids don't though, because they're young and having fun on bikes. So a solution is a bit of division between walkers, dogs, old people and us bikers if possible.
1. Important that the pump track is sealed (asphalt) for durability, low maintenance and for accessible use by a larger number of user types. Pump tracks are successful when they are linked to communities like this (see Atawhai, Wakefield and Murchison pump tracks) rather than tucked away several kilometers up a valley away from suburbia (see Maitai pumptrack) 2. Plans to separate walking and bike access through Easby Park has been needed and discussed for many years now. Let's just get it done. 3. TDC has invested good dollars into developing mountainbike trails in Easby/Kingsland in recent years. An active volunteer group (Richmond Hill Trail Carvers) can handle limited maintenance work, however TDC needs to allocate line item maintenance budgeting for these facilities for core work that the maintenance group can't and won't do. These trail resources need to be given the same or similar status as other town-based facilities, where maintenance is budgeted and planned to keep those facilities safe and at a high quality for users. Any new trail development also needs to have an annual maintenance budget attached to it from the start of the project. 4. TDC also needs to move on a Master Plan for further trails development (ie a shared walking and biking plan) to allow for a planned and staged roll out of further recreational opportunities in Easby and Kingsland, and to also link with neighbour Silvan Forest for a seamless user experience. 5. Potentially instead of moving Easby playground equipment around, take steps to permanently mitigate any flooding risk from Reservoir Creek flooding at Easby. The most recent flood from this area was completely avoidable with the contractor pulled off the culvert clearing job before he had actually started, with an inevitable creek overrun happening.
Please don't separate the playground and have the creek in the middle -many of us have more than one kid and some will play on the smaller section while other kids want to play in the older section and having a creek in between it so hard to supervise them.
Toilets. Playground equipment to be upgraded. Picnic seating options.

Anything else you'd like to say about Easby Park or Kingsland Forest Park? (written comments received from 129 individuals in total)
Be great to see the giraffe play piece remain.
A playground update is a great idea and keeping it together as one playground makes it easier when you have a younger and older child together. Then you can supervise both at the same time. Love the pump track idea for little ones.
Please retain the iconic giraffe and duck Install some more modern equipment Better signage for dog walkers to keep dogs on leashes
New Zealanders need to be more courteous to one another, and not demand single this and that tracks. Go take a look overseas and see how more courteous different traffic (walkers, bikers, cars, buses etc) are with each other. TDC needs to focus on core services again and not "nice to haves". Rate payers are tired of never ending rate increases!
Bigger carpark
Ease by park. Another idea to solve the creek overflow problem..... Replace the creek section in ease by park with pipe that joins into existing. Demolish existing silt trap and bury the pipe so there is no creek in Easeby Park. Build a silt trap of sufficient size further back up near the base of the hill before the creek turns corners into Easeby Park. This would eliminate the flooding issue
Allow it to be easier to build mtb trails in the area. There are tons of kids out there keen to build trails, and with direction from us trail builders we could get a pretty cool trail network built. We just really need the council to mark out on a map where we'd be allowed to build and an idea of the trail grades they'd like to see. From my perspective it appears like too much red tape, and it's really disappointing seeing kids building illegal trails due to them not knowing how to easily approach council or representatives for approval.
Think I added my comment to the wrong box
Enforce the dog on leash requirement in this area. Its impossible to walk that area and not encounter uncontrolled dogs off leashes
Make it toddler friendly
Walkers will still walk on the bike track anyway. And vice versa. Lovely idea. But doesn't actually make people stay in their lane. A sign saying keep left could be a cheaper option. I think pooling money for 1 really good pump track is better then multiple simple vasic pump tracks. The good things about pump tracks when they are built right and designed well like mcgazzaland is that everyone can have fun and progress. From beginner riders to professional riders. And also scooters ans skateboards. The nelson maitai pump track is not built well! So build one and build it right. Velosolutions did an amazing job in chch. With a track that has 3 different lines which huge progression opportunities.



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<p>I strongly suggest you engage professional engineers to solve the flooding problem. I realise and know you have professional staff but from what i have seen over the time we have lived neighbouring the park the actions taken to mitigate flooding have been next to useless, and non effectual hence multiple spillovers and flooding from the creek.</p> <p>Ideas to help fix the flooding problem.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Suggested re design and enlarge the silt trap that is just before the creek leaves the park and enters a tunnel under an adjacent property. If this trap was enlarged and deepened it could potentially be big enough to hold the silt from each rain event.</li> <li>2. The problem is that even with diggers clearing the small silt trap during night time and floods the rate of silt build up in heavy rain still fills up the trap too quickly. PLEASE get this. It needs to be understood for any meaningful practical decision to be made. in my opinion moving the playground is a waste of time and waste of public money and resources. I know you can do better!</li> <li>3. An earth embankment could be built to channel any overflow during a flood into an additional drainage trap. This would be the most expensive option given it would require an additional underground pipe to allow the water to go, rather than letting it flow onto selbourne avenue and wreak havoc to the properties at the bottom of the street, that have been flooded multiple times.</li> <li>4. In essence i am saying please take measures to resolve the creek overflow and then the playground can take care of itself and the council can save \$\$\$\$ on rebarking the playground multiple times.:))</li> </ol>
Do not split the playground into two. Many families have multiple children of different ages and it will be near impossible to watch them on two different playgrounds!
It should be a velosolutions pump track so there is the ability to run events
<p>I don't agree with splitting the park into older kids and younger kids as we have a 9, 4 and 1 year old that like to all play together so this would divide our family trips. My partner and I think the park would need to be raised to avoid flood damage or better yet be designed to be conducive to having excess water for example Te Pā harakeke at Tahuna with its 'water ways'</p> <p>The pump track is a great idea.</p> <p>The new Wakefield Park across from the wakey bakey is great in terms of having a mixture of high and low laying obstacles and park equipment</p> <p>You could work with the landscape to create drainage of some kind or divert water through the playground (underneath equipment using bridges etc)</p>
<p>Please be mindful of the residents who have properties bordering the park. Skate parks etc bring noise and light and parties after hours which are not conducive to this quiet neighbourhood.</p> <p>Would LOVE to see some adult exercise machines added, perhaps near the playgrounds so parents can exercise while the kids play.</p> <p>Utilising the strip of land from the playground out to Selbourne Ave would be ideal for playground and other equipment, thus leaving the current open green space in Dellside Reserve (south) for running around, tossing balls etc.</p>
Build a fun area for dogs and an agility area for MTBs (like at Codgers). Not everyone in the community has children and it appears that there is less spending to increase outdoor amenities for these community members.
The path from the playground to Selborne Ave is a muddy trench for half of the year, it would make sense that any redeveloping takes this into account as it's a popular way to access the hills.

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Build a retaining pond area for flood water above the park entrance so any debris flowing during heavy rains can be caught and not cause flooding to homes below because it backs up with clogging
I would like the walking path through Easby Park extended - at the moment it ends just after the playground but should extend through to Selborne Ave. Lots of people walk through the area to get to Kingsland park. I like the idea of have a proper path on the other side of the creek too as proposed but it makes sense to run a path through both parks.
More maintenance of existing Mtb trails. Top to bottom run, Terminous revamp last year was great but it'd be good to have hang10 continued down the hill. Such a great Hill for trails, elevation is decent and so central for a thriving Mtb scene of Nelson
Simple skate park or ramps for scooters would be so welcome in this area! So many children could enjoy this in a safe neighbourhood.
The TDC should change the culvert to prevent flooding. I have seen three floods now damage properties in Polgase Street, Hill Street, and further down. Debris from slips on pine forest land enter Reservoir Creek well above the reservoir and causes a damming effect at the culvert. Shifting the play ground does not solve the biggest problem by far, that is the flooding in the first place.
No bark on the park please, I'm sick of it ending up on my property when it rains
Make a dh track in the forest next to top notch
Heck yes to the pump track this would be a phenomenal addition!
As a parent I go with an older and younger child to the playground- splitting up the play equipment into two different areas means that it will be hard to engage with both my children and supervise them if they are in differed areas, additionally safety would also be a concern. Please keep the equipment together. Thank you
Potentially make it fully fenced to help contain little children. A little basketball court area too
it would be amazing to have some mtb dirt jumps as well as the pump track
A pump track would be awesome! I would like the playground to stay together if possible as then it suits families with kids at different ages and stages. I don't think you need a separate walking track, I think the problem is that as there's no official track and a blind corner that leads to trouble but I think an actual path would cause cyclists to slow down and maybe a sign to say shared path. Finally, please keep the giraffe, I remember it from when I was young and my kids, and their friends of varied ages love it! The bars etc are great too as there's nothing similar around with that level of challenge. Thanks! Looking forward to seeing how it's developed

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Some shade sails at the play areas so they can be fully enjoyed in the summer heat
Please keep the playgrounds together as a parent with different age children it would be easier to take them to the one play area. Maybe have them in segments that can join together so both ages can play together.
1) Don't split as families need to stay together in the one area. 2 & 3, I voted NO. These options are "nice to haves" in my view and the TDC needs to be spending less. Rate increases are excessive and we have already borrowed too much. We need to live within our means.
Please keep the playground in one place, otherwise it makes it very tricky and unsafe for families with wide age ranges.
Leave everything as it is, we have no money for this. Stick to core services. It was a massive flood. Acknowledge it for what it was. Stop spending rate payers money on "like to haves" and get the real important stuff sorted. There's loads of playground and the Richmond area, family's can bike or drive to them and utilise them. I know this as my kids visited every playground in the area when they were little.
Costing for above options come on give us the information?. Where's the option of free veges and candy floss
The improvements made already are very good. As an active older person walking my dog I will feel much safer not having to cross bike tracks as a lot lot of bikers do not slow down.
Splitting older and younger children with a creek will make it difficult for parent to monitor safety of both age groups.
Decent play equipment for bigger kids
As posted on FB, I agree with others who have identified the main priority to be avoiding further overflows of Reservoir Creek from the Easby culvert entrance and into Selbourne, Polglase and Hill St houses. It appears that no debris removal from the creek was done immediately before the 30 June 2025 overflow, contrary to earlier commitments about the management of storm events; the digger appears not to have begun work until about four hours after the overflow. What further ideas have been developed by the council to address the problem of repeated overflows of Reservoir Ck during storms.
The more walking only tracks the better!
Any pump tracks should not be placed near the shared track as it is busy enough with people dogs kids bikes as it is
A pump bike by the shared path is not really a good idea, lots of people use the shared path and it just seems if put there another thing to keep your eye out for. Maybe up further where the park widens out
I think to prevent houses being flooded should be priority over a playground. This is a well known problem area, how about maintaining the creek to prevent overflow and keep it clear and improve the entry to the culvert which is pathetically shallow. Also maintenance on Reservoir Creek needs to be addressed, Concordia Drive creek is becoming over grown.

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If you have both Youn and older chn in one family trying to keep the younger ones away from the older ones with a creek in between is only asking for trouble.
A scooter skate park
No
Easby park should be safe for families to take their children and regrettably it isn't. Cyclists are not following advice to slow down and are making it very dangerous. There are too many crossovers and blind corners. Either close the park to cyclists or to the walking public and remove the playground it is just too risky for families! I have been walking up the hills for 20 years and I do not feel safe anymore.
I'd like to add that I'm keen to see a larger network of mountain bike trails built in Kingsland Forest Park. I think Escalator is a great uphill mountain bike track and Terminus is also a great downhill track. I suspect that Escalator can actually handle all the demand for people to bike up the hill. It's a variety of downhill tracks at different grades that is missing. There are plenty of walking tracks in Kingsland Forest, it's time to add a proportionate amount of bike tracks. I certainly see a lot of riders up there on the tracks we already have.
Lots of tyres to play on and a tyre swing please would be great to add to the playground and it will recycle old tyres.
You are going to have to cut back on all non-essential expenditure due to this event until everything is recovered and flood resilient measures have been implemented. So you need to cease all nice to have funding until you are back in a surplus funding situation. This expenditure is not essential, it is a nice to have.
Can you please keep the giraffe, our kids lovingly call that park the giraffe park 😊
Splash pad or water play area?
Big spinner wheel, they can run inside of, ungrounded tramp ...sons suggestion, climbing pyramid. Roundabout.
They should get a pump track with bigger jumps than other pumptrack so there is a chance for people to do harder stuff
i would like to see some more non structured play equipment - plantings with uneven terrain strictures (like the pā harakeke playground in the old modellers pond at Tahunanui to provide for more imagination and exploration and physical skill acquisition
We would be so very grateful for a pump track to be considered at Esbey. We have so many young children in our neighbourhood who are bike enthusiasts, eager to try and bike the Richmond hills but need the early / beginners skills and training - a pump track would be fantastic!
Build something like what's out in Wakefield with bbqs has it's a big unused area which would benefit all the family in the area

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<p>As council is in a financial state of [redacted]. I recommend to stop spending money on new things and look after what we have.</p> <p>Cyclist and walkers are both well aware of the shared pathway rules. If neither can follow the basic rules takeaway the option al together.</p> <p>We.as a district have spent to munch money on one group cyclists. And from my observation there doesn't seem to be a increase in the usenof the new cycle ways. I do see more congestion on our roads.</p> <p>If you are going to cut costs and services then do it on all levels.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Henk vermeer</p>
Please do not split playground equipment as I cannot watch both kids at once and may lead to kids drowning or getting lost!!!!
Awesome area in so many ways. Thanks to everyone who makes it work.
Some way to seperate MTBers and walkers on the lower parts would be great, but not essential.
<p>Rather than putting money into playground and facilities, instead put money towards greatly enlarging the easby park underground culvert pipe to eliminate any and all future risk of flooding and overflow. This is a necessity and of utmost importance to families and homes surrounding this area and below it, no family should have accept that their home can be compromised by floodwaters due to insufficient capacity of streams and drainage. Homes should never be permitted to be built around or over top of such pipes. Action needs to be taken now to secure safe homes and spaces for the future, weather events are only becoming more unpredictable. If this means council purchasing homes off people to order to enable access to culvert pipes beneath then it needs to be done. Moving a playground is a nice thought but is simply a token minor bandaid to the real issue. I ask those in charge to consider, would they be happy living in homes subject to potential flooding risk?</p>
I waste of time putting in A shared path from reservoir creek most bikers and walkers are aware of other users.make an all weather pump track ,keep it dog friendly
Velo solutions make great pump tracks
Needs more equipment for toddler age. Some dickheads also ride their motor bikes through the park and the creek, while there are children playing. Its very dangerous. Can you make it so motorbikes can't get in?
The grouping of the older and younger play equipment I think is preferable as families often have older and younger kids. Also, the older ones often look out for younger kids.It would also have the added advantage that, should a family have older and younger kids, the parents can keep an eye on them all at the same time.
I am less concerned about flood damage to the playground and more concerned about the Bark from the playground being carried down stream and flooding the home on Polglase Street when drains became blocked w Bark from the playground. Please ensure no Bark is part of any of the plans, including future pump track
Improve drainage at bottom of Kingsland Forest Park mtb tracks - get wet in winter and heavily damaged
It's be great to have something done about drainage to avoid further flooding down selbourne ave, polglase and onto hill streets. This and been twice now in a couple of years. The creek just can't handle the amount of water that flows down there the work done last time just got filled with debris and buckled/bent....

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I have been thinking about the track from the bridge to the access point up into the forest. It is increasingly being used by such a range of people e.g. dog walkers wanting a short loop, elderly people wanting a short walk, mountain bikers going faster, runners, orienteers', groups of families and friends walking in small clusters. The existing "track" is a mere access point which is getting muddier by the week. This is because people try to avoid it, go wider then widen the existing muddy track which gets rutted and slippery and wider. A very wide metaled, hard packed access track is needed. Two of them would be ideal, otherwise a really wide one so bikers can avoid walkers. Please future proof it as it is only going to get more use in the future. The current muddy access track is a liability for people less steady on their feet. The tracks at the back of Somerset Richmond (I know they are NCC) are much better than many TDC ones (e.g. cycle trail by the tip) because they are so wide-old people out biking have wide mirrors plus you need to give them plenty of space as their skills are close to zero so having wider tracks invites this. Thanks !
Having a public toilet for kids using the playground/walkers/bikers would be very helpful too. Thanks.
Split playground into older and younger. Extra walk only track and pump track. Ban dogs from anywhere near playgrounds. Have some no dig places to walk in Kingsland forest.
Forget about the playground and spend the money wisely on stopping Reservoir creek blocking and flooding the residents of Polglase Street again and again. Some serious investment is needed to upgrade the entrance to the inadequate culvert entrance upstream of the playground and carpark. Have a look at what's been done adjacent to Ashley Terrace in Marsden Valley and you will see what's required with a deep channel leading into a proper culvert with a low and high water entrance. There is plenty of room for this if the whole grass area above the culvert is dug out and a two level culvert entrance installed for low and high water flows. Also the MTB tracks need "no walking/running" signs similar to Kaiteriteri MTB park and Wither Hills MTB park. As all the walking tracks are plastered with no biking signs then the same should happen on the MTB tracks as runners and walkers are regularly ignoring the large trail maps which clearly show which trails are shared and which ones that are not. This is urgently needed as there have been a number of near misses with MTBs traveling fast down Terminus and idiots walking and running up this and other MTB tracks.
I would prefer all the play equipment together as it's easier to supervise my children if they are all in one place.
The flooding of playground equipment is the least of the damage being done by the creek flooding - surely time to sort the flooding issue properly?
Would be incredible to have a pump track , after seeing the positive effects of mcgazza land in Wakefield on the local community of kids being on bikes out side in a safe space they can enjoy , along side the mountain bike tracks and park for the children to enjoy would be a awesome asset to Richmond.
a Pump track in upper Richmond would be a well utilised feature and greatly appreciated. also agree with separating the cycling and walking tracks as can be an issue with fast bikes and slow younger kids. re. separating the playground features, disagree as with parents having children across both age groups will make it harder to monitor both/multiple kids across a larger area. please also incorporate shading in whatever playground is enacted whether it be feature trees within the playground footprint or shade sails, its a really critical feature missing from pretty much every playground in this region.
Pump track would benefit everyone. Great for fitness, fun for all levels and ages. Keeps the kids off the streets.

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Great idea regarding the pump track- Asphalt like the one up the maitai would be awesome
My teenagers love biking up there and so do i. Im well aware that teens are a bit hoony and quick on their bikes and this doesnt always work well with older walkers and the high number of people and dogs using that initial access to the park. Its a pretty busy spot! Having the toilet and water fountain is great.
What about using the grassy area, East of the current walkway, as a retention pond that the creek could flow into before flowing into the tunnel system that gets clogged (flooding nearby homes). Diverting the creek into this area would allow debris and sediment to get trapped as well as reducing a sharp flood peak into a broader peak. When not flooding it could be a park/reserve like Washbourn Gardens.
Or leave play equipment where it is and create low bank to divert overflow away from equipment. Or Concrete block with seating. Seems easy solution to me.
Moving the playground equipment will not stop the flooding. Finding a better solution to avoid flooding should be a higher priority. Having a digger waiting at the park clearly didn't work this time around. The residents on Polglase St. and Selbourne Ave. don't care about where the playground is, they don't want water through their houses AGAIN.
Raise the playground ... solid sleepers and reinforced so it can't be washed away.. bigger flood will go around it
Keep the playground away from walking paths as alot of people with dogs walk up into the forest. Kids are unpredictable so better to keep dogs safe by moving kids away.
You need to put any park activity where it is highly visible to guard against undesirable behaviors. Add a low-level Flying Fox. Use trickle flow of stream water for water-based play items in children's area. Roller skate area.
It would be great to ease the grade of some of the roading in this park to make it accessible for mobility scooters. I can go most places my kids can bike, but I can't do the tracks in Easby/Kingsland because of the steep grade at the start. I know it might not be possible but it's worth asking right?
It would be great to have the playground fully fenced or at least the equipment for toddlers and younger children. This will make the park more appealing to parents who may be juggling more than one child by themselves and prevent children from getting hurt by venturing onto the road/into the creek/getting in the way of cyclists. Young children often lack awareness of their surroundings or impending danger and it can only take a minute or two of a parent being distracted for disaster to happen. This is even more important if a pump track is added (which I do support).
The park needs to be together, not separated by the creek as it makes it hard for parents who have older and younger kids to be able to supervise children especially with a creek in between. if the creek wasn't there it would be okay but a lot of parents won't feel comfortable not supervising their older kids
It's a fabulous asset to our community. More arborist care of trees.
I think a calisthenics gym like at Jubilee park i really like that

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<p>The pump track needs to be tar sealed to ensure it last the distance. Other materials make what would start as a basic pump track into to either something not usable or hard. Tarseal ensures all types of wheels can be used on it. Bikes, scooters, skateboards.</p> <p>Also this could be an amazing opportunity to make a world class pump track to attract pump track events to Richmond. The Velosolutions holds pump track world champs yearly at different pump tracks and new zealand also has world champ qualifiers. Chch has a winter pump track series which enchances community engagement. But these events could only happen if the track was would class. World class doesnt mean hard for kids. The maitai pump track by Nelson CC doesnt meet this requirement. They really missed the mark with the design.</p>
Is there any way to sort the drainage on the lower portion of the MTB tracks? It seems like these are wet / muddy consistently throughout the year and prone to slips
More equipment that little children (tots to 8/9 year-olds can safely use) currently the swings are far to high off the ground and unsafe.
Such a fantastic area for our family to use
<p>What plan is in place to mitigate further creek overflow and avoid it running down the road and flooding my house at 16 Polglase Street?</p> <p>Moving the playground is a positive step but we would like to know what the big picture solution involves?</p>
Parking is an issue
Keep the creek clear prior to weather warnings and the playground won't need to be moved at all
<p>More picnic tables/ seating, shade</p> <p>A water play area for lil kids would be cool,</p>
In the 2022 storm, the culvert at the foot of Easby park became plugged with debris, and the water came down across the park onto Selbourne Ave. where it continued down the street and damaged several houses on Selbourne and Hill St. During this last storm, some storm water did come down Selbourne, but I don't think it did much damage to any houses, though it did leave debris on the street and sidewalk. So it seems the work you have done has improved the situation--thank you for that. But I think more might be done to reduce the risk of the kind of damage the storm did in 2022.
instead of moving the playground, wouldn't it make more sense to look as the source of the problem, the actual reservoir, that use to hold way more water, to the point it was actually a pond, since that new concrete slip way was added its more of just a swamp with no real water holding abilities. wouldn't adding a higher blocking wall or making the slip way taller make more sense? reduce the amount of water going down the creak in heavy rain, yes if there is too much rain it will still over flow, but generally is just hard and heavy for short times.
Perhaps when separating the play ground equipment, the equipment for older persons could include a couple of exercise equipments as is beside the cycleway in central Stoke off Marlowe street & Wordsworth Pl-it's called a multi sport site & I often see adults on the equipment and small clusters of adults chatting so it seems a nice venue for brief chats while doing some stationary exercise.
It's a massive space, it will be cool to add more to this space. like more playground equipment



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<p>There needs to be no walking signs installed on mtb tracks. As a biker I am often having near misses on mtb tracks. Especially in kingsland up the top of terminus which is downhill bikes only. I once met a group of walkers coming up! Scary stuff! There are lots of no biking signs on walking tracks but a lack of no walking signs on bike tracks. Escalator also should have no walking signs. Seems fair and safer for all to keep them separate.</p> <p>How can the council allow for all the silt coming off the hill in flood events? Does Esby park need to be turned into an area that can take overflow, rather than it flowing down Selborne and Polglase st and flooding houses yet again from the culvert blocking.</p>
<p>Don't separate the play spaces, and definitely not on opposite sides of the creek. It makes it very difficult for 1 adult to bring multiple children to play if they can't easily supervise all the children.</p> <p>We would love a fenced in play area. Please consider this</p>
<p>Perhaps keep equipment split, but still in view of each other so parents can still supervise both.</p> <p>A separate scooter pump track for younger kids would be great too.</p> <p>Please ensure the creek is still accessible and play friendly. A wonderful place to take your child for natural play.</p>
<p>Upgraded playground for the bigger kids on the other side of the playground would be great!</p> <p>Think a flying fox for bigger kids, that doesn't graze the ground. Something to make that area super inviting for the primary/intermediate age kids.</p>
<p>Such an awesome park! With great diversity of trails and options!</p>
<p>Please don't split the play areas, it makes it very difficult for families/groups with a wide range of ages, and particularly difficult if only one adult has to care for kids across the two areas</p>
<p>Separating the play equip could make it hard for parents with multiple kids wanting to be on both playgrounds.</p> <p>I walk up there a lot and have never had any issues with bikers along the park there, there's plenty of room and people are respectful of the shared space.</p> <p>Love the idea of a pump track! Very cool and will be well utilised.</p>
<p>Great park with a growing amount of bird life in the valley. Thanks to the many people who work to achieve this.</p>
<p>Pump track for the little kids and a half pipe for the scooter riders and bmx riders.</p> <p>We have huge talent for Richmond scooter riders at the Richmond skatepark and they also love the tahuna half pipe so adding one into Richmond in that area with the pump track would be amazing asset to Richmond</p>

## Paton Reserve (concept plan)

# Paton Reserve - A new destination park for Richmond South

We've drafted a concept plan to transform Paton Reserve into a destination park on the edge of Richmond, giving visitors a taste of rural life. The vision includes walking among orchards, picnicking, enjoying outdoor concerts in a natural amphitheatre, and relaxing at a future café or food carts. An accessible loop track would link car parks, picnic areas, a lookout, and a potential playground, with seating along the way. Stormwater retention ponds and wetland features are also proposed to enhance the natural setting.

Currently, the only vehicle access is via Paton Road, but the plan explores adding new access from Cupola Crescent or a future road, with car parks on each side and an internal link road that could become one-way. Some facilities, like the main car park and café/play area, might be built later as access is improved. We'd love your feedback on these ideas and what features you'd most like to see at Paton Reserve.

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Draft concept plan for Paton Reserve

## Submissions database response

Q24: Do you fully support, partially support or oppose the draft concept plan for Paton Reserve?		
35219	Mrs Donna Hayday	Oppose
34993	Megan Walsh	Support in full
34913	Scott Burnett	Support in part
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Support in part
34988	Dr Ross Cullen	Support in part
35193	David Burt	Support in part
35220	Mr Lance Roozenburg	Support in part

Q25: The concept plan for Paton Reserve includes the following features: café, mobile food/coffee carts, amphitheatre for outdoor concerts and events, toilets, playspace, accessible walkway and seating, picnic areas and tables, wetland pond enhancements, small car park near Paton Road, larger car park on hill near Cupola Cres, upgraded internal road for public vehicle use, and use of existing internal road restricted to reserve maintenance vehicles only. Which of these features do you support?		
34913	Scott Burnett	<p>See attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The vision for Paton Reserve as a destination reserve with orchards, picnic areas, and potential for an amphitheatre and café is ambitious. Forest &amp; Bird supports the inclusion of extensive native planting, enhancement of the ephemeral stream with wetland ponds, and accessible loop tracks.</li> <li>o Any development of a café or food carts should adhere to strict environmental standards, manage waste effectively, and avoid privatisation of public space. The amphitheatre should be designed to minimise noise spill and ecological disturbance. Car parking should be minimised. Prioritise ecological restoration and enhancement of existing vegetation.</li> </ul>
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	This sounds like a good concept plan for this reserve.
34988	Dr Ross Cullen	Mobile food/coffee carts, amphitheatre for outdoor concerts and events, toilets, playspace, accessible walkway and seating, picnic areas and tables, wetland pond enhancements, small car park near Paton Road, larger car park on hill near Cupola Cres, use of existing internal road restricted to reserve maintenance vehicles only
35219	Mrs Donna Hayday	None

Q26: Do you have any other feedback on the concept plan or draft policies for Paton Reserve?		
34988	Dr Ross Cullen	Timing of these developments can be sequenced to match growth of houses and nearby population.
35193	David Burt	Looks OK, need to visit and see it to make sensible comment. Richard Hilton hopes to have a public open day soon??
35219	Mrs Donna Hayday	Don't do it. Why spend money on a man-made reserve off Paton Road when there is plenty of natural countryside to explore? This money could be better spent on things the Richmond area needs, for instance schooling, a bypass, improved road infrastructure that doesn't turn into a waterpark every time it rains.
35220	Mr Lance Roozenburg	The development plan seeks to retain and enhance the existing features of the site. It does appear that the potential future playground and concession area are on a small area outside the main site. A more practical location for these two elements would be within the core of the reserve space rather than near the road. It makes more sense for the natural amphitheatre to be utilised with both the concession and play area, particularly if residential development occurs to the south of the site in the future.

Shape Tasman feedback

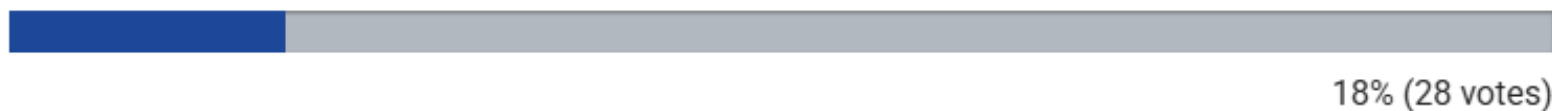
## Do you support the draft concept plan for Paton Reserve?

This poll has concluded.

Fully support



Partially support

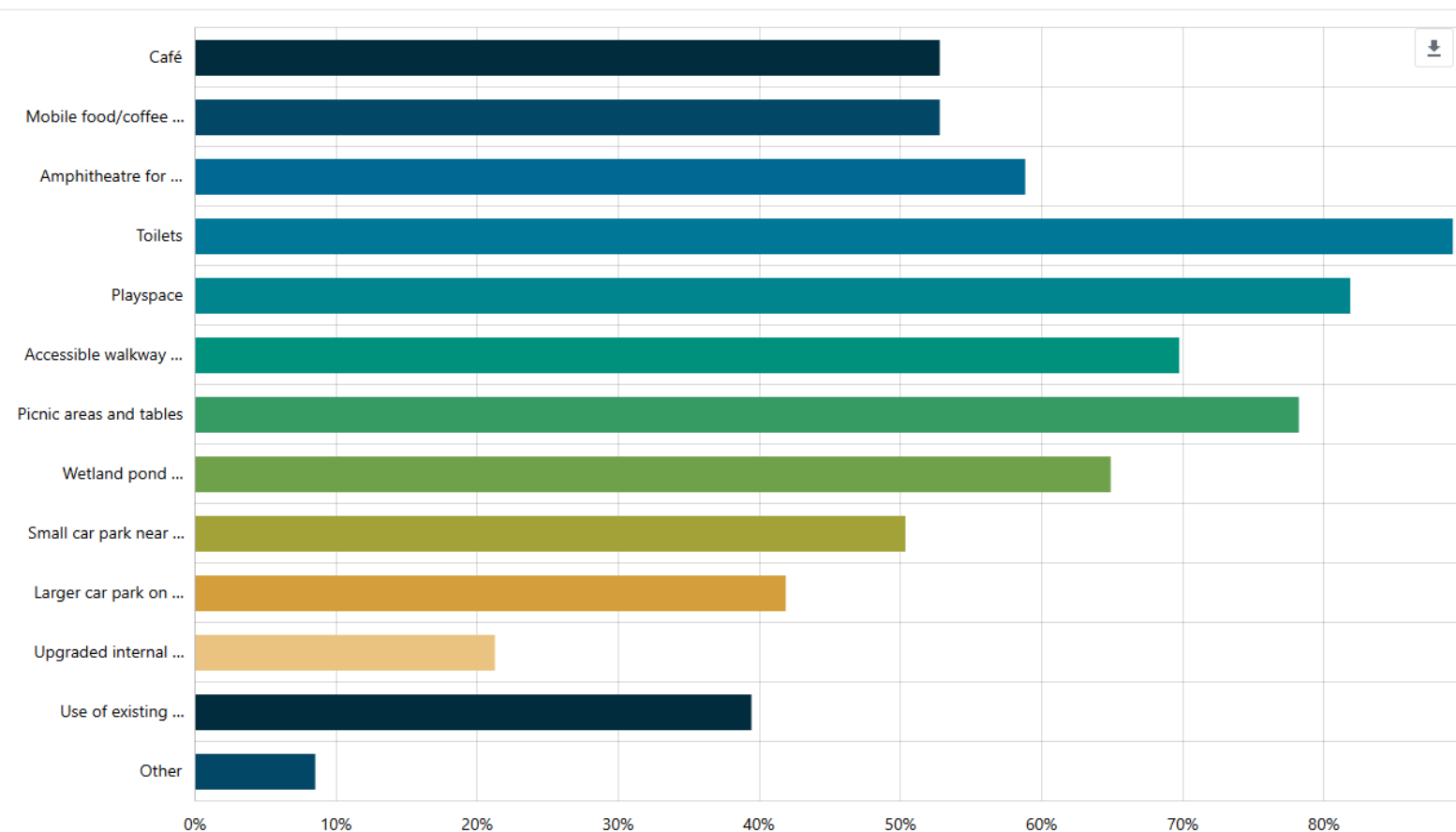


Oppose



Total Votes: 160

**1 Which of these amenities/activities would you like to see developed/permitted at Paton Reserve?**  
Multi Choice | Skipped: 12 | Answered: 165 (93,22%)



**Shape Tasman feedback (written comments received from 78 individuals in total)**

Any other feedback on Paton Reserve?	What else would you like to see included in the concept plan?
	Fenced dog park
Waste of taxpayer money. Inadequate access to Hart Rise currently....will exacerbate traffic and noise.Who thought of this hairbrained idea.....Definite big NO Money would be better spent on roads etc Don't believe the voting numbers so far...rigged as per usual TDC	
All of it looks great.	
Great to see something planned for the area.	
We dont have the money to pay the upkeep on existing infrastructure, why add more?	
Please NO access from or car park near Cupola Rd - we have recently had a number of thefts from Hart Rise and allowing more non-resident traffic opens us up to more strangers in the area and possible theft/damage. More traffic also means more noise that is unwanted.	
Great idea. Access and parking will be better off Paton Rd so cars don't need to travel through Hart Rise. Will be good to link to Cupola cres stream walkway.	
The idea of the reserve is great, but more traffic on residential Sabine Dr and Cupola Cres does not make sense - there are already many houses in that area with 1 way in/out. Car-parking should be off the main (Paton) road to reduce the impact of extra traffic through the residential area.	
With Harte Rise having only one EXIT it would be foolish to load more vehicle movements in an emergency exit such as a "Tidal Wave" or "earthquake" onto Sabine Drive and Paton Road!	
	A small halfpipe
Please include a well thought out playground including options for smaller and older children	
Bike stands/parking may encourage people to bike/walk there instead of drive. Small carpark may suffice to cater for a few cars and those with limited mobility. Possibility of mobility scooters available to borrow from the cafe to enable elderly/those with limited mobility to explore the walkways. Would be great if dogs (on leads) with responsible owners were welcome. Nature trail to follow for kids with info on native plants/trees/birds. Sculpture trail (showcasing local artists)? Info board highlighting the history of the area including acknowledging the most recent previous owners (Jess and Vaila) who planted many if the trees and spent years working on and enhancing the section.	
	Pump track for kids bikes

Any other feedback on Paton Reserve?	What else would you like to see included in the concept plan?
Support but not support Cupola Road as an access road. It is not designed for that and will impact on residents and property values.	
Would ruin the quiet neighbourhood.	
Cupola Crescent is not a good option for access. I would not have built in Cupola if I knew this was going to happen.	
At a time when rates are going up and council are reducing services due to budget restraints, this is not the time for another "nice to have" which will involve more maintenance costs. Focus on infrastructure. I can already see a big rate rise coming following the floods, and we don't even have storm water at our property. Priorities!!	
Given at least 2 big ponds have been drained for housing the local ducks including blue ducks have come to our pond & it's only small but we know that for nesting safety from dogs cats & people ducks & all birds need an island with appropriate plantings- no human access. Internal roads will cause chaos with mummy ducks & ducklings including blue ducks especially vulnerable. They've hardly anywhere safe to live now please make it safe get good advice. Islands are really important and no traffic.	
Concerned about proposed car park adjoining Cupola Crescent. We have a lovely rural outlook and do not wish for this to be ruined with construction of a car park, which appears to be proposed to be on a hillside	
Ridiculous putting the entry off Cupola.... You are increasing traffic in a quiet residential area...think it thru !!! We are in Hart road and traffic has already increased 100 fold. Put the entry off Paton Road	
Let's get parks and reserves already started finished first before earmarking more reserves. Can we afford the upkeep of yet another reserve... you can't even keep the weeds under control on the road verges, roundabouts and mow the reserves that we have. Come on honestly shelve this and get your house in order first.	
Keep the traffic out of Heart Rise and restrict parking and access to Paton Rd	
The Hart Rise area is not designed to cope with this increase of vehicle flow	
As much material wetland as possible and no car thoroughfare except maintenance. & Use local companies for maintenance and upkeep please	Dogs on leashes allowed, please. Picnic tables away from the playgrounds for those without children. Wide paths to allow for walkers joggers and bikers to share
I object to increased traffic low through Cupola which is currently a quiet residential subdivision and safe for families. It makes sense to access from Paton Road only.	



Any other feedback on Paton Reserve?	What else would you like to see included in the concept plan?
<p>There's already all those things in the meadows and opposite hart road towards the retirement village. This is dumb and will create unnecessary traffic into the hart rise subdivision, we don't need to attract more people to just loiter and trot around the area for no apparent reason else the people who live there will leave and you'll be left with homes unoccupied. Would you like to live in a house that across the road has a [redacted] car park, those houses on cupola crescent have been more pricey as they face the natural landscape and have a bit more privacy than the others. You will completely ruin that by sticking a car park in for no reason. Why don't you spend money on making another main road or fixing rocks road instead of wasting money on things no one has asked for or do they even need. You should be going around to visit those who live in that area and actually ask them what they want and what they need not just what some old tosser has drawn up in his office who has never actually lived in a subdivision because he inherited his parents home in Māpua or some [redacted]. Y'all need to sort out your priorities and spend money on things we need not random crap you come up with on a PowerPoint presentation so that you can feel powerful and get your monthly bonus. If this all gets approved I hope whoever's smart ass who came up with the idea stubs their toe everyday. Go look at cities like Christchurch that are booming and see what they have that works, I don't see any of them having a car park and amphitheater in the middle of a housing subdivision, but I do see them having proper motorways and roads designed to allow for easy access traffic, public transport and cycling to get to the main city that has all those things. It's all going to flood this time next year anyways. Leave it as it is</p>	
	Cycleways
<p>Looking forward to it opening, my main concern is accessing the park walking from Paton Road. The footpath is very narrow along Paton Road with no verge between footpath and the road and it feels like cars are very close to you when they come past at 60km/hr. My suggestion would be to make walking to the park via Paton Road to feel safer and family friendly.</p>	
<p>I have not seen any consult on this to the local public. Did we ask for this. No Spend money on keeping things open and simple. An amphitheatre is a nice idea but since we can't get any big concerts etc into Nelson Tasman is this really the location for it. You must be dreaming</p>	
<p>It would be great to have this facility, but I just think that in order to keep rates down, Council needs to spend its money on more essential infrastructure, including things that would minimise damage from floods in Richmond and throughout the region.</p>	
<p>Give the kids a proper playground to improve their skill levels. Climbing frames, slides, big flying foxes. A Margaret Mahy type playground is needed here. Inclusive of all ages and disabilities. I have four children aged 3-10. There's not a single playground we can attend that suits all their interests and needs. It's either to advanced for littles. Or to baby for bigs. A wet land is a drowning risk!</p>	

Any other feedback on Paton Reserve?	What else would you like to see included in the concept plan?
Trees to attract native birds. Edible fruit trees for public to harvest in the future - persimmon, mandarins, walnuts, figs.	
I like the idea of a reserve here and would use it myself, living nearby. But would prefer it not to be too developed. Just a nice green area that people can walk around, picnic, etc.	
Contract work would be a great contractor you do this work. They have a vast knowledge base for this kind of development.	
This sounds great, but would be perfect if Richmond had a fenced dog exercising area where dogs could safely run of leash and socialize with other dogs - similar to the one up Marsden Valley. Thanks for considering my suggestion	Please, a fully fenced Dog exercising area, similar to Marsden Valley.
The assumption appears to be that people will travel to the park via car (there is no mention of cycling routes here). More thought needs to be put into encouraging people to use alternative modes of transport. My fear is that this park is really designed to support urban sprawl and rather than "being a destination park on the edge of Richmond, giving visitors a taste of rural life." and that this park is designed to make the surrounding farm land more attractive to housing development. Very quickly this 'rural life' will be will become urban and swallowed up by Richmond relentless sprawl.	
Too close to local houses for an amphitheatre, apart from that it's a good plan mostly.	
I please could the playground have more challenging/exciting equipment for older children. I feel younger/ preschool children are already well catered for with current Richmond playgrounds. Incorporating more natural materials would be appreciated as well.	
Make it controlled dog friendly	
No concerts. Noise will impact on residents as far as Hill st/washbourne dr	Fenced off lead dog exercise area
This would be a great development. Including rubbish bins and toilets would be essential, and adding a good quality adventure playground with features like near the Tahunanui Modeller's Pond would be great.	
	Would be great if horse riders would also be permitted access
This would be great - But please have Rubbish Bins!	
Keep it low maintenance and like Washborn Gardens. Definitely toilets and seating and a classic playground and somewhere for a ball to be kicked around and a basketball hoop. Surveillance will be needed to ensure safety too. Plus make sure the infrastructure and carparking is priority.	

Any other feedback on Paton Reserve?	What else would you like to see included in the concept plan?
I support the reserve, as long as we are still providing essential services and minimum rates increases. New green spaces should only be developed if we have the money for it.	
Genuinely an amazing idea. The stormwater retention ponds are super important. No feedback apart from prioritising native trees/bushes wherever possible. Some artwork from local iwi would look great – similar to the pou around Nelson's waterways.	
Nice idea but too ambitious re costs. TDC don't have the money at present and there will be overruns. The ratepayers, while they love facilities, have other priorities like better traffic management. Also the traffic implications don't look too well thought out.	
Great to see this space being acquired and turned into a park - thanks for your work on it. Some thoughts: Please don't cut it in half with a paved public road or pave it for car parking. That would be such a waste of a relatively natural space. There's on-street parking in the nearby suburbs (via Cupola) for vehicle access from that side. If you absolutely insist on providing car parking, please make it as close as possible to Paton Road (i.e. move item 4 on the map to the location of item 2). This minimises vehicle traffic in the reserve itself, and minimises how much you'll have to bulldoze and pave over (saves money too I'd think?). If people have to walk a bit further from their cars, it won't kill them - going for a walk is kind of the point of a reserve after all. It makes me think of Percy Scenic Reserve in Lower Hutt. That reserve is relatively long and narrow, with a car park at one end only and a good 10-15minute walk to the far end. But the walk is the point - lots of people go there specifically to do the short walk, and having vehicle access further into the reserve would defeat the purpose. There's also a toilet block and open space that's regularly used for events. The Cupola Crescent side should be pedestrian-access-only in my opinion - having some access from this side is good, because it allows active transport access without needing to go on Paton Road (which is a bit busy and fast over the switchbacks), but there's no need for two different car parks. The existing internal road (which is dirt/shingle as far as I can tell from Google Maps) could of course be used for maintenance access, getting supplies in/out of any eventual cafe, loading/unloading for event/concert equipment if needed. A dirt/shingle access track retains the rural/natural aesthetic much better than an upgraded paved road and will encourage vehicles to go slower, improving safety for visitors (children in particular). A through road will lead to through traffic, which seems like the last thing we'd want for a rural/nature reserve.	
Could be a good spot for a secondary skate park for younger kids and beginners	

Any other feedback on Paton Reserve?	What else would you like to see included in the concept plan?
It is great to look at making this space more accessible, but its primary focus should be stormwater retention higher in that catchment and potentially a playground. Encouraging more traffic through Sabine Drive and Cupola is not acceptable. People have moved here for their children's safety and to have quiet roads outside their homes. Adding a large car park, maintenance vehicles and most likely double yellow lines throughout the residential space is not acceptable. Also an amphitheatre suggests bands or events and that noise will disturb the residents, noise from the houses on that hill is very loud in the summer. Please focus efforts on natural restoration, animal life, stormwater retention and walking. Don't encourage more vehicles. Make the area more connected through better walking and cycling loops.	
We don't need cafes in this area. Focus on them in town and keep wetlands up to par. More green spaces	
Location and function of storm water wetland should be carefully considered. Online wetlands/ponds negatively affect stream health and ability for fish migration. Better consider stream improvements holistically in line with geomorphological processes of the stream. This may or may not include (off line) wetlands.	
	Nature walking track, Bike pump track
Be great to see this one a dog free environment. In Melbourne recently we noted some reserves and parks were dog free allowing people to openly enjoy all areas without concern. Some also included no bikes.. great for the young families and the elderly in particular	
Please make sure to incorporate local history and knowledge - like Margaret Mahy playground reflects the 4 main landscapes of chch, Paton reserve could have podicarp forest areas and lots of mahinga kai, rongoa and te ao marama information. I would love to see a publicly available hangi pit and BBQ's for families to make the best use of the longer evenings in summer and a place to gather to look at matariki stars. There needs to be plenty of shade(natural or otherwise) and it would be great to see water play included - whether this be tracks and bridges through wetlands or hand pumps etc. If a playground is to be created - please please please consult Harko Brown and/or look to the Faulkners bush design with its use of natural materials and open-ended play scapes. Hope School would love to be involved in the design of this!	
Stop over spending on this "nice to have". Leave this reserve natural.	
pop a splash pad please!!!!!!	
We do not need or want any more cafes. More untouched green areas and trees is needed for this area.	

Any other feedback on Paton Reserve?	What else would you like to see included in the concept plan?
Vehicle access is vital for elderly or disabled. At the very least adequate parking for disability card holders is REQUIRED. A decent cafe or a coffee cart would be nice. Assorted food trucks not so much as most tend to be kinda dirty with rowdy generators	
Pump track	Pump track
Would like to see a Margaret Mayhe style playground like chch	
	Dog and MTB areas
	Dog park
Please put in a big playground like in Wakefield or similar to chch - we need more places to take our young families that's safe, outside and free of charge	
Other things could be great such as cafe, but I've selected my minimum requests	
Great space to have picnic with family and would be great to have a couple of coffee carts there.	
Stop spending money we dont have this is a waste and how come you allowed to subdivide off a house there I wouldn't be allowed breaking your own rules.....and again whats the cost hows it being funded	
Love the idea	
I would really love to see vegetable growing in a community garden as well as a place where the community could gather to cook food, so a BBQ area or similar.	A community garden
Getting even more crazy expenditure. Climate change is going to hammer this region. You are going to have to cut back on all non essential expenditure due to this event until everything is recovered and then flood resilient measures will need to be implemented. So you need to cease all nice to have funding until you are back in a surplus funding situation. This expenditure is not essential, it is a nice to have.	
What about a equestrian park,	
	Great spot for a skate park
Please leave rural life alone. All this will do is bring city people in to disturb and disrupt our peaceful life, animals and wildlife. They think they want a retreat from their city life, but all they ever do is bring in everything that destroys it. Put a big park in the middle or direct outskirts of Richmond, or between Nelson and Richmond and keep rural Tasman for its rural residents.	
Need to plant fruit trees and natives not exotics like oak. Oaks should be removed from Berryfield's and replaced with natives to feed native birds. Wetland should be all natives. Pest eradication should be part of the plan including Kingsland forest. Bring back native birds like in Wellington	

Any other feedback on Paton Reserve?	What else would you like to see included in the concept plan?
Definitely no food carts.	
This looks amazing. It would be great to include a fenced playspace for children of varying ages taking into account the rural theme. An old tractor to climb on would be cool.	
I have heard of a concept plan of a walkway link between Paton & Hill street south along Borck? Creek. This would encourage a fabulous walk with views to a quiet rural road along Richmond foothills-these foothills on this side of town having only been accessible to the large sprawly lifestyle block property owners until now. This end of the Barnicoat range is quite a feature of Richmond physical landscape, and a walkway circuit would provide a wonderful opportunity to the many walkers in our growing town.	

## Other Comments

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Q27: Any other comments about the draft RMP?		
34862	Ms Irene Minchin	Minimal development and no maintenance is planned for equestrian usage of Wai-iti Domain or any other recreational facilities in this area.
34913	Scott Burnett	<p><b>See attached.</b> Forest &amp; Bird acknowledges the comprehensive nature of the Draft Richmond Ward RMP, covering a large number of reserves with diverse values and functions. We support the plan's overarching aspirations for environmental wellbeing, climate change response, partnership building, and increasing the benefits of parks and reserves for the community.</p> <p><b>3.1 General Comments</b></p> <p>The Richmond Ward encompasses significant coastal margins along the Waimea/Waimeha Inlet, important river systems (Waimea, Wairoa, Lee, Roding), and urban watercourses like Borck Creek and Reservoir Creek. These provide critical habitats and ecological linkages. The plan's focus on "Te Oranga o te Taiao" and "Te Mana o te Wai", and creating ecological corridors "ki uta ki tai" is therefore highly pertinent and strongly supported.</p> <p>We particularly commend the explicit recognition of sea-level rise and coastal inundation impacts and the proposed "managed retreat" approach. This is a vital and forward-thinking strategy for coastal reserves.</p> <p><b>3.2 Comments on Key Changes Proposed by the Draft Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving environmental wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Proposals for revegetation with eco-sourced indigenous species, weed/pest control, and protection of Significant Native Habitats are strongly supported. The five Significant Native Habitats mentioned (Sandeman Reserve saltmarsh, Borck Creek inanga spawning, Jimmy Lee Creek forest, Reservoir Creek gully forest, Meads Bridge forest remnant) require dedicated and prioritised management actions within their respective reserve sections.</li> <li>o The alignment of management with Te Mana o te Wai for reserves adjoining waterways and the coastline is crucial. Riparian and coastal margin plantings are essential.</li> <li>o Minimising spray use and considering ecological domains for eco-sourcing are positive.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Responding to climate change impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o We strongly support the proposals for ecological retreat, accepting the inevitability of sea-level rise impacts on coastal reserves, and implementing sustainable natural solutions and managed retreat. The reference to the 'Coastal erosion protection structures on Council reserve land Policy' is noted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Building partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Strengthening relationships with Te Tauihu Iwi and incorporating mātauranga Māori is essential.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Increasing benefits of parks and reserves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The planting of appropriate mixtures of indigenous and exotic species needs careful site-specific assessment. In areas with existing or potential high indigenous</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>biodiversity value, indigenous species must be prioritised. Support for rongoā, raranga, and sustainable food harvesting is positive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Enhancing pedestrian access to the coastal environment and extending walkway/cycleway linkages must be designed to avoid sensitive ecological areas (e.g., shorebird nesting sites, saltmarsh).</li> <li>o The list of proposed new or upgraded amenities should ensure that any development avoids adverse effects on biodiversity, prioritises permeable surfaces, incorporates native planting, and uses low-impact design.</li> </ul>
34913	Scott Burnett	<p><b>See attached.</b></p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>Forest &amp; Bird appreciates the work undertaken by Tasman District Council in preparing these Draft Reserve Management Plans. The plans contain many positive provisions for enhancing indigenous biodiversity, responding to climate change, and connecting people with nature.</p> <p>Our key recommendations across all plans include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prioritise and adequately resource actions that protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity, particularly within Significant Native Habitats and along waterways and coastal margins. This includes robust weed and pest management, and eco-sourced native planting.</li> <li>2. Strengthen policies to ensure the avoidance of adverse effects on ecological values from any new developments or activities within reserves.</li> <li>3. Fully implement the precautionary approach, especially concerning developments in sensitive environments or where ecological information is incomplete.</li> <li>4. Actively pursue nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation (e.g., wetland restoration for flood control, allowing natural coastal retreat) and ensure new infrastructure is resilient and low-impact.</li> <li>5. Ensure all walkway and cycleway developments are designed and managed to enhance ecological connectivity and minimise impacts on natural values.</li> <li>6. Continue to strengthen partnerships with iwi/Māori to ensure their values and mātauranga are meaningfully incorporated into reserve management.</li> <li>7. Support the formal protection of reserves like Jubilee Park and Cambridge Street Playground under the Reserves Act 1977 to secure their long-term public and recreational values.</li> </ol> <p>Forest &amp; Bird is committed to working constructively with Council, iwi, and the community to ensure Tasman District's reserves are managed to the highest environmental standards for the benefit of present and future generations.</p>
35193	David Burt	A comprehensive plan that needed a lot of effort, thank you for all that. Thank you for including the consultation question about a new name for Pukeko Park, after my previous letter last year.
35198	Mr David Sissons	Please see the feedback below for the Richmond Ward reserves around the Waimea Inlet. Thank you for considering this submission. We do not wish to speak to it.
35198	Mr David Sissons	<p>Introduction</p> <p>The Waimea Inlet Forum's working group supports all of those aspects of the draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan which fulfil the Vision and Objectives of the Waimea Inlet Management Strategy 2050 and Action Plan 2023 to 2026.</p> <p>We congratulate the Council on the detailed research, informative introduction, and carefully thought through objectives and policies. We</p>



		<p>consider it to be an outstanding piece of work that will be very valuable in guiding the Council’s management of the Richmond ward’s coastal reserves.</p> <p>Overview of ecological values</p> <p>We support the objectives and policies in Section 1.2: Overview of the Ecology, on pages 31- 32.</p> <p>Climate Change</p> <p>We support the objective and policies in Section 4.1: Climate Change, on page 43.</p> <p>Coastal reserves</p> <p>We support the objectives and policies in Section 5.1: Coastal Reserves, on page 45.</p> <p>Individual coastal reserves</p> <p>We support the objectives and policies in Sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.2.2 Sandeman Reserve,</li> <li>• 5.2.15 Pukeko Park,</li> <li>• 5.3.2 Best Island Esplanade Reserve,</li> <li>• 5.3.3 Estuary Place (Esplanade &amp; Utility) Reserve, and</li> <li>• 5.3.4 Esplanade Reserves Adjoining Waimea/Waimeha Inlet, (Headingly Lane Esplanade Reserve, Estuary Place Esplanade Reserve, Waimea Inlet Esplanade Reserve 3, Waimea Inlet Esplanade Reserves 1 &amp; 2).</li> </ul>
35218	Mr Alastair Jewell	See attached detailed submission.
35221	Mrs Katie Lavers	<p>Dogs are only mentioned under issues. Why are they not discussed under values? Nowhere does it mention that dog walking is an activity that is valued under any of the parks. This is a gross failure to listen to your community under the LGA.</p> <p>I completely disagree with sneaking in more dog prohibitions at coastal sites and at Kingsland park at the next dog bylaw review. A third of households have dogs that need to be walked, you need to add visibility to the activity of dog walking in the document which cannot stand as it is. It is not a true reflection of the community values at all. DOGB once again call for a moratorium on further prohibitions on dog walking. Dogs need to be walked off leash and you do need to provide this. DOGB would like to see dog walking included in the values sections of the document. Regarding the underpinning documents-we request a review of the Kotahitanga mo te Taiao policy which was created against the ombudsman’s call for transparency in a workshop with Forest and Bird. These people do not reflect the true wishes of the whole community alone and this document is biased and lopsided as a result. It should be clear to you that dog walking g is valued by the community. Why are we being ignored? This is completely unacceptable.</p>

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Q28: Any other comments about other reserves in Richmond Ward (please name them)?		
34862	Ms Irene Minchin	See above
34913	Scott Burnett	<p><b>See attached.</b></p> <p>Comments on Specific Reserves and Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal Reserves (Section 5.1 of Richmond Draft RMP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o We strongly support the policies outlined for all coastal reserves adjoining Waimea/Waimeha Inlet. Engagement with iwi (Policy 1, 2, 3, 5), considering dog prohibition for wildlife protection (Policy 6), and working to protect and link significant native habitats (Policy 7) are all critical.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sandeman Reserve (Section 5.2.2 of Richmond Draft RMP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The ecological significance of the saltmarsh habitat and its importance for banded rail is high. We support policies for ecological retreat, restoration with saltmarsh species, pest control, and rerouting TGTT inland as the inlet encroaches. Reducing the car park size to discourage illegal dumping and freedom camping is also supported.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kingsland Forest Park (Section 5.2.36 of Richmond Draft RMP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o This is a key reserve for both recreation and ecological restoration. We strongly support the objective to cease commercial plantation forestry and transition to a permanent, mixed-species forest with enhanced biodiversity.</li> <li>o The protection and enhancement of native forest remnants in gullies (Reservoir Creek, Jimmy Lee Creek) is paramount. We support policies for active weed and pest control, and ecological restoration with community involvement (e.g., Wills Gully Group).</li> <li>o The Development Plan (2020) actions, particularly regarding harvesting practices to protect native areas, replanting streamsides, and creating biodiversity corridors, should be fully implemented and resourced.</li> <li>o Dog walking rules (Policy 61, 62) should be carefully managed to prevent impacts on regenerating native areas and wildlife. Consideration should be given to on-leash requirements in ecologically sensitive zones.</li> <li>o We support the proposal to declare the 16 unclassified parcels as Reserve.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Borck Creek (Īnanga Spawning): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The Īnanga spawning habitat at Borck Creek near Headingly Lane is significant. All management activities in and around Borck Creek, including within the Estuary Place (Esplanade &amp; Utility) Reserve and Headingly Lane Esplanade Reserve, must prioritise the protection and enhancement of this spawning habitat. This includes careful management of water quality, riparian vegetation (using appropriate native species), and any in-stream works.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Walkway Network (Section 5.5 of Richmond Draft RMP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o We support the enhancement of the walkway network for recreation and active transport. However, all new walkway development and upgrades must prioritise ecological values. This includes using permeable surfaces where appropriate, minimising vegetation removal (especially mature native trees), controlling weeds, and undertaking native planting along walkway edges to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		create ecological corridors and enhance amenity. Route 4 (Hill Street to Reservoir Creek to Waimea Inlet) and other routes following stream corridors offer significant opportunities for integrated ecological restoration.
34941	Mr Gordon Curnow	Our Keep Richmond Beautiful, would prefer Pukeko Park to be named Champion Park as it is at the sea end of Champion road, people will know where it is without consulting a map.
35198	Mr David Sissons	<p>Other Council shoreline land</p> <p>The draft Plan only covers those land areas which the Council manages as public parks and reserves. Our initial comments and suggestions of March 2024 asked for the addition to the parks and reserves network of the Richmond Ward's areas of unformed legal road and ex-Harbour Board endowment land around the shoreline of Waimea Inlet which are owned by the Council but not currently managed in any formalised or structured way.</p> <p>The areas not included in the draft Plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the eastern bank of the Waimea River and round to Best Island causeway (MO60) (part of which may become managed as a part of an extended Waimea River Park),</li> <li>• the dry land peninsula and estuary tussock delta around the mouth of Neimann Creek (MO73),</li> <li>• the Bell Island shellbank (MO66) (which may currently be informally looked after by the Department of Conservation and the Ornithological Society of New Zealand), and</li> <li>• the ephemeral Sand Island (best shared with Nelson City, since it moves across the boundary).</li> </ul> <p>All of them are predominantly Significant Native Habitats.</p> <p>We note that our concerns about the need to protect the natural values of these areas have not been taken up and that they will therefore continue to be officially un-recognised by the Council. By way of example, the Council has recently given consent for part of one of these areas to be turned into a haul road for trucks.</p> <p>While it is disappointing that these coastal areas have been excluded from the draft Plan, we are aware that they have never yet been brought into the parks and reserves network and that the draft Plan only covers those pieces of Council land which are already in the network. We are also aware that one of them may be included in the Waimea River Park management plan, which is currently under review.</p> <p>We will continue to ask the Council to formally accept and acknowledge that it is responsible for caring for these four areas, which are recognised to have very high ecological values, will play a significant role in enabling the natural migration of the Inlet's margin in response to climate change, and form a very important buffer between the Inlet and the adjoining dry land. These, plus other similar areas in the Mouere-Waimea Ward which were excluded from that ward's reserve management plan, do need to be given the official protection that comes from formal Reserve status.</p>
35206	Mrs Brigid Graney	My comments relate to Harriet Court/Chelsea Reserve.
35218	Mr Alastair Jewell	See attached detailed submission.

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## **Submission on Draft Reserve Management Plans: Lakes-Murchison Ward, Moutere-Waimea Ward (Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve), and Richmond Ward**

### **Introduction**

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's leading independent conservation organisation, dedicated to protecting and restoring Aotearoa's unique indigenous biodiversity and natural habitats. We welcome the opportunity to provide this submission on the Draft Reserve Management Plans (RMPs) for the Lakes-Murchison Ward, the Moutere-Waimea Ward (specifically the section pertaining to Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve), and the Richmond Ward.

We acknowledge the significant effort by Tasman District Council, in collaboration with Ngā Iwi ō Te Tai o Aorere/Te Taihu Iwi and community stakeholders, in developing these draft plans. Reserves play a crucial role in safeguarding our natural heritage, providing ecosystem services, and connecting people with nature.

Forest & Bird generally supports measures within the draft RMPs that genuinely seek to enhance indigenous biodiversity, protect and restore habitats across terrestrial, freshwater, and marine domains, address climate change impacts, and foster a deeper connection between people and nature. Our submission will focus on ensuring these intentions are translated into robust, evidence-based, and prioritised actions.

We have assessed the draft plans against key conservation principles, including:

- **The Precautionary Approach:** Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.
- **Avoidance of Adverse Effects:** Prioritising the avoidance of adverse effects on biodiversity and natural character over mitigation, remedy, or offsetting.
- **Nature-Based Solutions:** Promoting the use of natural processes and ecosystems to address environmental challenges, such as climate change adaptation and flood management.
- **Integrated Ecosystem Management (Ki Uta Ki Tai):** Recognising the interconnectedness of ecosystems from the mountains to the sea and managing them holistically.
- **Protection of Indigenous Biodiversity:** Upholding the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) and other relevant legislation like the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Conservation Act 1977, and Reserves Act 1977.

We have structured our submission to address each draft plan individually, followed by concluding remarks.

## Section 1: Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserve Management Plan

Forest & Bird acknowledges the vision, objectives, and policies outlined in the Draft Lakes-Murchison Ward RMP. We are pleased to see the stated commitment to "Te Oranga o te Taiao" and "Te Mana o te Wai" as guiding principles for improving environmental wellbeing.

### 1.1 General Comments

The plan's emphasis on revegetation with eco-sourced indigenous species, weed and pest control, protection from incompatible activities, and enhancing ecological corridors (ki uta ki tai) aligns with Forest & Bird's objectives. We support the recognition of climate change impacts and the proposal for ecological retreat opportunities.

Building strong partnerships with iwi/Māori is crucial for effective conservation, and we support the plan's commitment in this regard.

### 1.2 Comments on Key Changes Proposed by the Draft Plan

- **Improving environmental wellbeing:**
  - We strongly support the proposals for maintaining, restoring, protecting, and enhancing the natural environment, particularly for Significant Native Habitats. The alignment with Te Mana o te Wai for reserves adjoining waterways is critical. Riparian plantings are essential for water quality and native biomass.
  - The commitment to minimising sprays and using alternative weed control methods is commended, as is considering ecological domains for eco-sourcing.
  - The recognition of reserves as part of wider ecological corridors is fundamental to landscape-scale conservation.
- **Responding to climate change impacts:**

- Strategic purchase of reserve land for ecological retreat is a necessary adaptive measure. We urge Council to proactively identify and secure such areas, particularly those that can facilitate the inland migration of coastal or flood-prone ecosystems.
- **Building partnerships:**
  - We endorse strengthening relationships with iwi/Māori and incorporating mātauranga Māori into reserve management.
- **Increasing benefits of parks and reserves:**
  - Planting an appropriate mixture of native and exotic species requires careful consideration. While we understand the desire for amenity, shelter, and food, the primary focus in reserves with significant or potential indigenous biodiversity value should be on indigenous species. The provision for rongoā and raranga planting is supported.
  - The emphasis on bicultural values, including Te Reo Māori names and pouwhenua, is positive.
  - Enhancing pedestrian access to mahinga kai sites and extending walkway/cycleway linkages should be done in a way that avoids adverse effects on sensitive habitats.
  - Adherence to 'Dark Sky' principles in rural reserves is supported for protecting nocturnal biodiversity and natural sky-scapes.

### 1.3 Responses to Key Questions

- **Q1: Poplars Recreation Reserve (Tadmor) Forest & Bird** recommends that Council **supports Option 1: Ongoing management by Council**, by requesting the reserve be formally vested in Council in trust for recreation purposes.
  - **Reasons:** While we understand the technical responsibility currently lies with DOC, Council management, if adequately resourced, can provide more localised attention. Relinquishing management to DOC, given their current resource constraints, may lead to a decline in the reserve's condition or a loss of recreational and (potentially) ecological values. Formalising Council management provides certainty. However, this must be accompanied by a commitment to manage the reserve for its ecological values, including weed and pest control, and enhancement of any native remnants, not just recreational facilities. If "established trees and shrubs surround the grassed area", these should be assessed for native content and potential for ecological restoration.
- **Q2: Tapawera Community Hub at Tapawera Memorial Park Recreation Reserve**
  - **Response to Q2:** We **support** building the new hub.
  - **Response to Q2(a) Preferred Location (if proceeding on the park):** We have no preference re the location.
  - **Response to Q2(b) Not-for-profit groups operating from the hub:** We **support** the inclusion of not-for-profit community services.
- **Q3: Owen River Recreation Reserve**

- **Forest & Bird supports Option 1: Council works to increase the profile and use of the campground (e.g., by engaging a manager and installing signage), but with strong caveats.**
  - **Reasons for supporting Option 1 (with caveats):** This option maintains recreational access and amenities. However, any increase in use must be accompanied by good environmental management. This includes addressing weed control, ensuring sustainable wastewater management, and providing potable water. Nature-based solutions should be prioritised for any infrastructure upgrades.
  - **Reasons for opposing Option 2 (self-contained campers only, services removed):** While this reduces some management burden, it could lead to a decline in overall site care and potentially negative environmental impacts if unmanaged. It also reduces accessibility for some campers.
  - **Reasons for opposing Option 3 (return to DOC management):** DOC has indicated that, due to resource constraints, they would likely close the campground and potentially issue a grazing license. This would be a loss of public recreational access to the river and the reserve.
- **Q4: Hampden Street, Murchison (sell or retain)** This property is not subject to the Reserves Act. The building is currently a community gym, with a long-term plan to relocate this to an extended MSRCC. The document states Murchison is well-served by community meeting rooms, and this land no longer plays a key role in the Council's parks and reserves network.
  - Forest & Bird generally advocates for retaining public land in public ownership where it can provide community benefit or future strategic opportunities (including potential for green space enhancement if buildings are removed). We would support retaining the property if there is potential for it to be used. Otherwise, if sold, a condition should be that any funds are reinvested into the Lakes-Murchison Ward reserves network, prioritising ecological restoration and protection projects.
- **Q5: Lower Maruia Memorial Recreation Reserve and Q6: Matakitaki Recreation Reserve**
  - Forest & Bird **supports** the Council's proposal to apply to DOC for removal of the vesting in trust so that management reverts to the Crown.
    - **Reasons:** If the reserves genuinely provide no recreational or significant ecological value, and Council resources could be better focused elsewhere, returning it to the Crown for a determination of its future (e.g., potential disposal, lease, or addition to conservation estate if any remnant values exist) is pragmatic.

#### 1.4 Comments on Specific Reserves

- **Riverview Scenic Reserve, Murchison:**
  - This reserve contains a precious remnant of lowland alluvial podocarp forest. Its protection and enhancement should be of the highest priority. We strongly support policies aimed at its protection, including weed and pest control, and restoration efforts.
  - The issue of the drainage swale and the need to restore the water table to increase resilience to climate change (drought) is critical for kahikatea health. We urge Council to actively trial initiatives to restore the water table.

- **Alpine Forest Scenic Reserve, Tophouse:**
  - This reserve, containing mature beech forest adjoining Nelson Lakes National Park, is significant. We support active management to protect its ecological values, including policies for pest plant and animal control. Addressing ungulate impacts (pigs, deer) is crucial. Encouraging hunting by locals is one tool, but unlikely to reduce numbers sufficiently for vegetation recovery. Council should consider professional control to protect forest understorey and sensitive wetland areas.
- **Owen River Recreation Reserve:** (Also covered in Key Questions)
  - The presence of large Lawson's cypress, Eucalypts, crack willow, and poplar trees is noted. While some are exotic, their value for amenity, shade, and (in the case of cypress) potential bird habitat should be considered. However, invasive species like crack willow should be managed and progressively replaced with natives. Revegetation of reserve borders should prioritise eco-sourced indigenous species.

## **Section 2: Draft Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan - Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve Section**

Forest & Bird strongly supports the protection and enhancement of Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve. This site represents a rare and significant remnant of lowland tōtara-(matai) forest, which is a critically underrepresented ecosystem in the Motueka Ecological District.

### **2.1 General Comments**

The classification of this land as Scenic Reserve is appropriate given its high ecological values. We commend the wishes of the Baigent family to see the native bush and its birdlife preserved and enhanced for future generations and for public benefit. The commitment by Council to prepare a management plan in consultation with the community and to ensure the primary purpose of retention and preservation of native bush is achieved, is noted and supported.

### **2.2 Comments on Values**

The ecological assessment by Michael North (2010) clearly identifies the significance of this 7ha remnant. The diversity of native plant species (49 recorded), including locally rare species, and the presence of native birds like tūī, korimako/bellbird, piwakawaka/fantail, and kererū, underscores its importance. Representing almost one-fifth of what remains of alluvial podocarp forest in the Motueka Ecological District makes this site a high priority for conservation.

The historical values, including remnants of the water race that powered early mills, add another layer of significance to the reserve, and we support their preservation as requested by the former landowners.

### **2.3 Comments on Issues and Options**

- **Ecological Condition and Threats:**
  - The "moderate condition" of the forest, water stress impacting regeneration, death of mature kahikatea, and stock damage to trees and understorey (prior to vesting) are serious concerns.
  - Ongoing weed and possum pest control is required.



- We support the restoration plantings undertaken since Council acquisition and the intent to undertake further plantings in glades and gaps to improve connectivity. All such plantings must use eco-sourced indigenous species appropriate to this specific forest type.
- **Landowner Wishes:**
  - We strongly support the reserve **not be used for any form of camping**, as this is incompatible with the primary purpose of a Scenic Reserve focused on preserving native bush. This should be a firm policy.
  - The desire to preserve heritage values (water race) is supported.
  - As the Baigent family no longer own the property our recommendation is for the name to be "Baigent Bush Scenic Reserve".
  - Collaboration on interpretation regarding family association and Māori history is important.
- **Cycling access:**
  - Given the ecological values and small size of the reserve, we don't support the creation of a shared path or bike access. We are supportive of encouraging cyclists to visit the reserve (on foot) and support the provision of bike racks and an access off the cycle trail to avoid having to ride up the shoulder of the road to the carpark.
- **Dog Access:**
  - Forest & Bird supports Tasman Council identifying off-leash dog exercise areas away from the coast. However, we don't believe that an off leash designation for Baigents Bush is appropriate, given it's high ecological values and sensitive understory regeneration. Our preference would be for the reserve to have no dogs.

#### 2.4 Responses to Key Questions for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve

- **Question 1: Do you support or oppose the 'future management options' concept plan for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve?** Forest & Bird opposes the dog and cycling aspects of the plan as detailed above and in the policies section below. We support other aspects of the concept plan, with the following modifications and comments:
  - **Prioritise Ecological Restoration:** While the plan shows proposed revegetation areas, the extent and priority of active ecological restoration (weed control, pest control, infill planting with eco-sourced species) should be the dominant feature of the management approach. We think the bush edge plantings should be extended over time to protect the tall trees.
  - **Track Network:** Any *walking-only* tracks should be designed with minimal footprint to avoid damage to tree roots and sensitive ground vegetation. Boardwalks over boggy sections are supported. Track surfaces should be permeable where possible.
  - **Picnic Areas:** These amenities should be located on the periphery of the core forest area to minimise disturbance.
- **Question 2: Do you support or oppose the proposed management policies for Baigents Bush Scenic Reserve?**
  - **Policy 1 (Primary Purpose):** Strongly support.

- **Policy 2 (Restoration with Community Groups):** Support. Ensure strict adherence to using only eco-sourced indigenous species appropriate to alluvial podocarp forest ecosystems.
  - **Policy 3 (Pest Plant and Animal Control):** Strongly support. This needs to be a high priority and adequately resourced. Specific targets and monitoring for key weed species and animal pests (possums) should be established.
  - **Policy 4 (Camping Prohibited):** Strongly support. This aligns with the landowner's wishes and the primary purpose of the Scenic Reserve.
  - **Policy 5 (Retain Open Areas for Informal Recreation):** Support with caution. "Informal recreation" should not include activities that could damage the forest remnant. The primary recreational experience should be appreciating the native forest.
  - **Policy 6 (walking track)** Support. With emphasis on minimal impact design, and boardwalks for wet areas.
  - **Policies 7, 8, 9, 10 (Cycle access)** Oppose. We believe that the reserves ecological values and small size make it inappropriate for cycling. We would like to encourage cyclists to visit the reserve (on foot, after parking their bikes) but believe the reserve should be no-cycling. We are supportive an entry for cyclists to access bike racks on the grassy northern end of the reserve.
  - **Policy 11 (Interpretive Signs - Tree Species):** Support. Also include interpretation about the forest ecosystem and its inhabitants.
  - **Policy 12 (Picnic Tables):** Support.
  - **Policy 13 (Bike Racks):** Support. See policies 7-10 above.
  - **Policy 14 (Consider Expanding Car Park):** Not keen on carpark expansion unless a necessity.
  - **Policy 15 (Remove Old Fencing):** Support, where it doesn't define current stock boundaries with neighbours.
  - **Policy 16 (Protect Historic Water Race):** Strongly support.
  - **Policies 17 & 18 (Interpretation - Family & Iwi History):** Strongly support but preference for interpretation signage to be located at the parking lot, aside from tree names and the water race.
- Additional Policy Recommended - Monitoring:** "Implement an ecological monitoring programme to track the effectiveness of restoration efforts, weed and pest control, and the overall health of the forest remnant."

### Section 3: Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan

Forest & Bird acknowledges the comprehensive nature of the Draft Richmond Ward RMP, covering a large number of reserves with diverse values and functions. We support the plan's overarching aspirations for environmental wellbeing, climate change response, partnership building, and increasing the benefits of parks and reserves for the community.

### 3.1 General Comments

The Richmond Ward encompasses significant coastal margins along the Waimea/Waimeha Inlet, important river systems (Waimea, Wairoa, Lee, Roding), and urban watercourses like Borck Creek and Reservoir Creek. These provide critical habitats and ecological linkages. The plan's focus on "Te Oranga o te Taiao" and "Te Mana o te Wai", and creating ecological corridors "ki uta ki tai" is therefore highly pertinent and strongly supported.

We particularly commend the explicit recognition of sea-level rise and coastal inundation impacts and the proposed "managed retreat" approach. This is a vital and forward-thinking strategy for coastal reserves.

### 3.2 Comments on Key Changes Proposed by the Draft Plan

- **Improving environmental wellbeing:**
  - Proposals for revegetation with eco-sourced indigenous species, weed/pest control, and protection of Significant Native Habitats are strongly supported. The five Significant Native Habitats mentioned (Sandeman Reserve saltmarsh, Borck Creek inanga spawning, Jimmy Lee Creek forest, Reservoir Creek gully forest, Meads Bridge forest remnant) require dedicated and prioritised management actions within their respective reserve sections.
  - The alignment of management with Te Mana o te Wai for reserves adjoining waterways and the coastline is crucial. Riparian and coastal margin plantings are essential.
  - Minimising spray use and considering ecological domains for eco-sourcing are positive.
- **Responding to climate change impacts:**
  - We strongly support the proposals for ecological retreat, accepting the inevitability of sea-level rise impacts on coastal reserves, and implementing sustainable natural solutions and managed retreat. The reference to the 'Coastal erosion protection structures on Council reserve land Policy' is noted.
- **Building partnerships:**
  - Strengthening relationships with Te Tauihu Iwi and incorporating mātauranga Māori is essential.
- **Increasing benefits of parks and reserves:**
  - The planting of appropriate mixtures of indigenous and exotic species needs careful site-specific assessment. In areas with existing or potential high indigenous biodiversity value, indigenous species must be prioritised. Support for rongoā, raranga, and sustainable food harvesting is positive.
  - Enhancing pedestrian access to the coastal environment and extending walkway/cycleway linkages must be designed to avoid sensitive ecological areas (e.g., shorebird nesting sites, saltmarsh).
  - The list of proposed new or upgraded amenities should ensure that any development avoids adverse effects on biodiversity, prioritises permeable surfaces, incorporates native planting, and uses low-impact design.

### 3.3 Responses to Key Questions

- **Central Park Playground (Richmond West):**
  - Forest & Bird generally supports the provision of playgrounds.
- **Camberley Reserve Concept Plan:**
  - We support the "village green" concept with a central lawn, pathway, playground, shade sail, fruit trees, and natural play features. Prioritise native species for feature trees and soft landscaping.
- **Lampton Reserve Concept Plan:**
  - The concept for active play (basketball, cinema wall, accessible playground) is supported. Again, prioritise native species for feature and fruit trees.
- **Chertsey Reserve Concept Plan:**
  - The layout with lawns, playground, pathway, and trees is supported. Native species should be used for feature trees.
- **Themes for Camberley, Lampton, Chertsey Reserves:**
  - The proposed theming (Lampton - active; Camberley/Chertsey - quieter/gathering) appears reasonable from an amenity perspective. The key environmental consideration is that all developments incorporate biodiversity enhancements through native planting.
- **Pukeko Park Renaming:**
  - Forest & Bird supports renaming to avoid confusion. We recommend Council consult with Te Taihū Iwi for an appropriate Te Reo Māori name that reflects the site's location and values (e.g., proximity to Waimea/Waimeha Inlet).
- **Jubilee Park - Declaration as Reserve:**
  - Forest & Bird **strongly supports** declaring Jubilee Park a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. This would ensure its long-term protection as an important open space and recreational hub for Richmond. Retaining it as unencumbered fee-simple land for potential future development (e.g., social housing, retail) would be a significant loss of accessible green space.
- **Cambridge Street Playground - Declaration as Reserve:**
  - Forest & Bird **strongly supports** declaring Cambridge Street Playground a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. This popular playground provides important recreational and social value in the CBD. Retaining flexibility for future community facilities at the expense of protected open space is not supported.
- **Hope Reserve - Maitai Lodge (ex-Druids Hall):**
  - If the Maitai Lodge is historic and can be feasibly upgraded and repurposed for community use, retaining it is preferable to demolition and new build, from a waste minimisation and embodied carbon perspective. Any upgrades should use sustainable materials and improve energy efficiency. If retention is not feasible or desired by the community, careful deconstruction and material salvage should occur.

- **Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves - Pump Track:**
  - Forest & Bird supports the provision of recreational facilities like pump tracks if they are sited and designed appropriately. A beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter could be acceptable if it does not impact significant trees or require extensive earthworks on existing green space. Design should incorporate drainage and native planting.
- **Easby Park - Playground Relocation:**
  - Given the flooding issues, relocating play equipment to a more flood-resilient part of the reserve is sensible.
- **Easby Park - Separate Walking-Only Track:**
  - Forest & Bird **supports** creating a separate walking-only track to reduce conflict between walkers and bikers and improve safety. The new track should be designed to minimise ecological impact.
- **Easby Park - Pump Track:**
  - Similar to Chelsea Ave, a pump track in the southern part of Easby Park could be acceptable if designed to avoid sensitive areas, minimise earthworks, and integrate with the surrounding landscape using native planting.
- **Paton Reserve - Concept Plan:**
  - The vision for Paton Reserve as a destination reserve with orchards, picnic areas, and potential for an amphitheatre and café is ambitious. Forest & Bird supports the inclusion of extensive native planting, enhancement of the ephemeral stream with wetland ponds, and accessible loop tracks.
  - Any development of a café or food carts should adhere to strict environmental standards, manage waste effectively, and avoid privatisation of public space. The amphitheatre should be designed to minimise noise spill and ecological disturbance. Car parking should be minimised. Prioritise ecological restoration and enhancement of existing vegetation.

### 3.4 Comments on Specific Reserves and Themes

- **Coastal Reserves (Section 5.1 of Richmond Draft RMP):**
  - We strongly support the policies outlined for all coastal reserves adjoining Waimea/Waimeha Inlet. Engagement with iwi (Policy 1, 2, 3, 5), considering dog prohibition for wildlife protection (Policy 6), and working to protect and link significant native habitats (Policy 7) are all critical.
- **Sandeman Reserve (Section 5.2.2 of Richmond Draft RMP):**
  - The ecological significance of the saltmarsh habitat and its importance for banded rail is high. We support policies for ecological retreat, restoration with saltmarsh species, pest control, and rerouting TGTT inland as the inlet encroaches. Reducing the car park size to discourage illegal dumping and freedom camping is also supported.
- **Kingsland Forest Park (Section 5.2.36 of Richmond Draft RMP):**

- This is a key reserve for both recreation and ecological restoration. We strongly support the objective to cease commercial plantation forestry and transition to a permanent, mixed-species forest with enhanced biodiversity.
- The protection and enhancement of native forest remnants in gullies (Reservoir Creek, Jimmy Lee Creek) is paramount. We support policies for active weed and pest control, and ecological restoration with community involvement (e.g., Wills Gully Group).
- The Development Plan (2020) actions, particularly regarding harvesting practices to protect native areas, replanting streamsides, and creating biodiversity corridors, should be fully implemented and resourced.
- Dog walking rules (Policy 61, 62) should be carefully managed to prevent impacts on regenerating native areas and wildlife. Consideration should be given to on-leash requirements in ecologically sensitive zones.
- We support the proposal to declare the 16 unclassified parcels as Reserve.
- **Borck Creek (Inanga Spawning):**
  - The Inanga spawning habitat at Borck Creek near Headingly Lane is significant. All management activities in and around Borck Creek, including within the Estuary Place (Esplanade & Utility) Reserve and Headingly Lane Esplanade Reserve, must prioritise the protection and enhancement of this spawning habitat. This includes careful management of water quality, riparian vegetation (using appropriate native species), and any in-stream works.
- **Walkway Network (Section 5.5 of Richmond Draft RMP):**
  - We support the enhancement of the walkway network for recreation and active transport. However, all new walkway development and upgrades must prioritise ecological values. This includes using permeable surfaces where appropriate, minimising vegetation removal (especially mature native trees), controlling weeds, and undertaking native planting along walkway edges to create ecological corridors and enhance amenity. Route 4 (Hill Street to Reservoir Creek to Waimea Inlet) and other routes following stream corridors offer significant opportunities for integrated ecological restoration.

## Conclusion

Forest & Bird appreciates the work undertaken by Tasman District Council in preparing these Draft Reserve Management Plans. The plans contain many positive provisions for enhancing indigenous biodiversity, responding to climate change, and connecting people with nature.

Our key recommendations across all plans include:

1. **Prioritise and adequately resource actions that protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity**, particularly within Significant Native Habitats and along waterways and coastal margins. This includes robust weed and pest management, and eco-sourced native planting.
2. **Strengthen policies to ensure the avoidance of adverse effects** on ecological values from any new developments or activities within reserves.
3. **Fully implement the precautionary approach**, especially concerning developments in sensitive environments or where ecological information is incomplete.

4. **Actively pursue nature-based solutions** for climate change adaptation (e.g., wetland restoration for flood control, allowing natural coastal retreat) and ensure new infrastructure is resilient and low-impact.
5. **Ensure all walkway and cycleway developments are designed and managed to enhance ecological connectivity** and minimise impacts on natural values.
6. **Continue to strengthen partnerships with iwi/Māori** to ensure their values and mātauranga are meaningfully incorporated into reserve management.
7. **Support the formal protection of reserves like Jubilee Park and Cambridge Street Playground** under the Reserves Act 1977 to secure their long-term public and recreational values.

Forest & Bird is committed to working constructively with Council, iwi, and the community to ensure Tasman District's reserves are managed to the highest environmental standards for the benefit of present and future generations.

Ngā mihi,

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**Tasman District Council****Lampton Reserve - Objection to Proposed Cinema Wall and Basketball Court**

To Whom it may Concern

I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed installation of a cinema wall and basketball court in Lampton Reserve, The Meadows. This reserve is located in the heart of a residential area and is closely surrounded on all side by family homes with young children.

While I appreciate the Council's intent to promote community engagement and active lifestyles, I believe this particular proposal is inappropriate for the following reasons:

1. **Noise and Disruption:** A basketball court and outdoor cinema wall are likely to generate a high level of noise, both from sporting activity and potential late-night gatherings, which would disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighbourhood—especially during evenings and weekends. These facilities will attract people to bring food and beverages, potentially alcohol into un supervised location without any rubbish facilities.
2. **Safety Concerns for Children:** The reserve is often used by families with young children as a safe space to play and relax. Introducing large-scale structures that attract unsupervised older youth and adults may compromise the safety and suitability of the area for young families.
3. **Traffic and Parking Pressures:** Increased foot traffic and possible vehicle congestion from non-local visitors could put additional pressure on local streets, many of which are narrow and not designed for high traffic volumes.
4. **Change in Character of the Reserve:** The proposed changes significantly alter the quiet, green, and community-focused nature of the reserve. Residents chose to live in this area in part because of its tranquil, family-friendly environment.

I urge the Council to reconsider this development and to engage with local residents to explore alternative sites that would be more suitable for such facilities—perhaps locations that are already designated for community sport and entertainment, and not within close proximity to family homes.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this feedback. I would appreciate being kept informed about the progress of this proposal and any future community consultation sessions.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Barron



Tēna koutou

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1. I wish to submit the draft Richmond Management Plan, specifically on the Chelsea Ave and Harriet Court reserves, but also relevant for Easby Reserve
2. I am Alastair Jewell of Personal Information Redacted, which backs onto the park. I have been a regular user since 2018, with my wife, children (now 12 and 10) and dog.
3. Before starting on my submission, I wish to acknowledge the hard mahi of Council's policy and reserves teams.

### Background

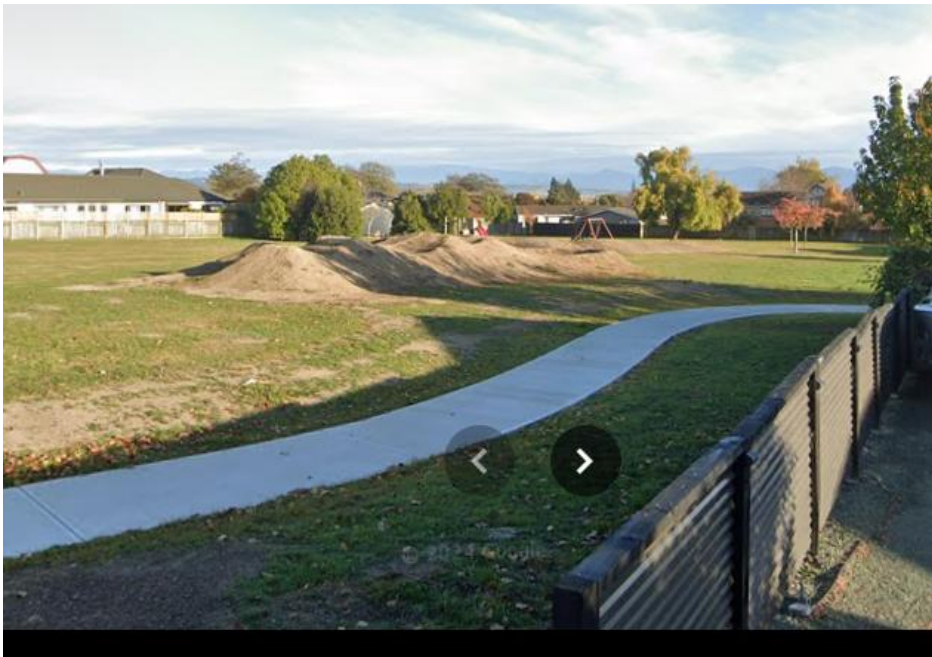
4. The construction of the pathway and stormwater overland flow path from Olympus Way in late 2023 was a great improvement. However, the asset project failed to consider the reinstatement of the reserve, and in particular, what to do with all the earthworks spoil needed to create the overland flow path on which the pavement sits. It appears that this was left up to the contractors, who, without the guidance of appropriately qualified Reserves professionals, made 'design' choices that have destroyed the flexibility and open space characteristics of the park. It has also converted the historic young kids' confidence-building bump track to a big air MTB jump for adolescents. The reserve management plan, as a ten-year strategic document, needs to acknowledge this and, even if the funding is not available currently, needs to clearly set a clear vision of the path for resolution and demarcate the explicit use type in the interim and long-term (10-year) term.
5. I note that Richard Hilton stated that there would be specific consultation for improvements to the park, separate from the Reserves Management Plan review process. It seems that the consultation on reinstatement/improvements has been rolled into the reserve management plan process and is being used to entrench the temporary status quo (see attached email from Richard Hilton dated 7 December 2023). I.e. this is the cart before the horse.

### Correction regarding factual basis.

6. The draft reserve management plan incorrectly states that the mound has been a part of the park for 30 years. In fact, the historical facility was a gentle bike track, not a mound, that was demolished with the construction of the pathway and stormwater overland flowpath connecting Olympus Way and Harriet Court. This track, estimated to be at a maximum height of 1.2m, was designed for young kids on strider bikes or learning to ride for confidence-building. However, from about 2020 onwards, it was subject to vandalism by adolescents who dug it up and extended the footprint to convert it into jumps for MTB use. The MTB jump's location, form, and function, and the age cohort it serves, are entirely different from the historical facility. From my observations, the original facility had greater use, even after the vandalism. Pictures taken from Google Maps Street View show the difference in location, bulk, height, and form. It's important to note that for MTB jump use, the area extends to run-ins for maximum speed and air, and run-outs.



Google Street Maps - July 2019



Google street maps - May 2024

7. Further excess spoil was dumped in the middle of the park by the playground.<sup>1</sup> Per the email from Richard Hilton, this was acknowledged as temporary (ie not permanent while they figured out what to do with it. I refute its characterisation as “grassed”, or from my own visibility of the park, that it’s used by kids to play on. Refer to the attached images showing the weeds, noting that grass struggles to establish as this is earthworks spoil, including an extensive proportion of left-over small stone aggregate, without additional topsoil.

<sup>1</sup> “A smaller grassed mound also exists on the reserve.” (draft Reserve Management Plan, p81).  
A Jewell – draft Richmond Reserve Management Plan submission

8. It appears that the reserve management plan process is being used to regularise these poor design choices made by a contractor (refer to image of sign on spoil pile), and without consultation with the local community.
9. I note I made submissions suggesting many of the ‘improvements’ to the park, drawing on my 20 years plus of planning experience, including sound design and use of urban space, connectivity, accessibility and understanding of open space provision as part of a wider network and hierarchies. That submission included the point that Easby Reserve made more sense for an MTB jump facility, taking into account the provision of MTB facilities for Richmond adolescents across the Richmond reserves network. In the scope of my submission also relates to Easby Reserve.

#### Removal/relocation of the spoil pile adjacent to the playground

10. I seek that the reserve management plan explicitly commits in the short term to the removal of the temporary ‘grass’ mound adjacent to the playground, as its current location is the worst possible for destroying the open space utility of the reserve. How done is obviously operational - spreading / flattening and re-grassing (eg part used levelling rough patch by tree at northern end of park), or its relocation to the perimeter of the park. I note it was identified as “temporary” only and as a “grass mound” by Richard Hollis (email dated 7 December 2023) but the reserve management plan seems to go back on that undertaking, even though it devastated the continuous area of open space (which is the best possible thing for versatile and flexible open space).



**Top of the South Maps**

Image with approximate location of spoil mound, noting aerial predates earthworks, path and change in footprint of bike mound. Council officers may have access to a more recent aerial image showing current footprints.

11. The spoil pile, located in the most inconvenient spot, significantly compromises the park's aesthetics and its flexibility for multiple uses, such as ball games. I've experienced this firsthand while trying to play cricket with my kids, and have even had a dad climb over my fence to retrieve a soccer ball that had been pushed to the margins of the park. This issue would be further compounded with the construction of a track around the edge of the park. As a parent, I understand the importance of clear sightlines for parental surveillance, especially when my kids were younger and I wanted to encourage them to explore independently. Both mounds act as significant visual barriers to such surveillance. The attached images vividly show the before and after of the open space characteristics of the park, and how constrained it is now.

12. Its location is also a barrier contrary to the accessibility design principles and to sound design principles relating to unimpeded desire sightlines from most entrances. (see image above with approximate location of spoil mound). The primary focal point in the park is the one picnic bench (as the only seating provided in the park) and the main slide/swings/rubbish bin. This spoil pile is an accessibility barrier (my 50-year-old knees grumble, it's too steep for prams), doubly so when covered with weeds (unsure footing, etc, for the able-bodied, let alone visually or physically impaired). It's a barrier for people coming in from Harriet Court and Olympus Way as the primary movement path to/through the park, as well as from Squire Way. It's also a significant barrier for existing park users (eg getting to the bin for rubbish or doggy do bags (thanks for retaining!)).

The retention of the bike mound (currently formed and used as an MTB big air jump).

13. I personally do not support the retention of the MTB jump in its current form. This is an MTB jump facility for adolescents, not a confidence-building bump track for younger kids that existed previously.
14. Note, I do support the provision of MTB jump facilities for adolescents and adults. The objection to the form of the jump is that it's not an appropriate design/location in a local park. Since the use is for an older cohort who will likely be more mobile and using MTB tracks, etc, it has a wider catchment, and there is a better fit for its integration with the cycle / MTB network elsewhere in TDC's Richmond Reserve network. In other words, leveraging Easby Reserve as a gateway to that MTB network, so more visibility, more users, better value for money in use per \$ spent and opportunity to involve wider MTB community groups, more efficient maintenance, Easby Park being slightly downhill is beneficial for jump users getting speed up, the linear nature of Easby Reserve, and the absence of conflict with natural pedestrian desire lines and appropriate separation from other facilities that exist in Chelsea Reserve. I understand the submissions in support, but that is evidence for a desire for Council to provide MTB jumps as part of its reserves network, not necessarily at Chelsea Reserve. Pictures attached indicate that the run-in tracks, over the jumps, and run out areas don't have the ruts, worn vegetation, etc, which means negligible occasional use at this location. I note that judging by the ruts and tracks visible on historical aerial images after the kids bump track had been vandalised/extended by MTB users in part, this indicates the less aggressive jumps had greater use (and noting didn't exclude younger kids).
15. Secondly, I note the MTB jumps introduce a greater need to manage conflict. Due to the multiple access points, the reserve serves as a pedestrian thoroughfare. Adolescent MTB users want to get the biggest air, so they have long run-ups and run-outs from the jump, which creates potential for conflict with other users. Frequently, the flat grass is dug for bumps/holes on these run-in/outs beyond the footprint of the earthworked jumps. These holes/bumps are hazards (darkness, visually impaired); so if any MTB jump were retained in any form, you would need signage to indicate: no digging outside a designated footprint, and also to give way to other park users. This gives clarity to adolescent users about boundaries for responsible use in a shared space (and minimising maintenance costs to Council). I have made many service requests to the Council to get holes filled in jumps extending into the wider grassed area sorted, but now have pretty much given up, as some have not been followed up on. In summary, if retained in whatever form, the area needs to be designed with 'controls' to contain the activity, manage conflict between users, and minimise



maintenance burdens, including proactive maintenance rather than reactive complaint based maintenance.

16. While there may be some submissions in support, in the sense of the wider park network, this isn't the right location or fit. The submitters in support are indicating they want a jump site – by accident, there is one here at this location. Their need can be met elsewhere, to fit with the MTB network, with greater use.
17. I note too that the location of the jump lies directly across the natural movement flows to Harriet Court from pedestrian desire lines from the Chelsea Ave entrance and Squire Way, as pedestrians would naturally gravitate to the new path. Further, due to its significant height, it provides a visual barrier adjacent to the new walkway, which is inconsistent with CPTED guidelines.
18. If the MTB component is retained, it needs to be clear in terms of its function, including the cohort it is serving, the type of activity, with provision for delineation of the footprint, signage regarding limits on 'reworking' limited within that footprint. I note a number of times I've warned off adolescents starting to dig up the "temporary stockpile" area, too, as the holes dug can become treacherous ankle traps once weeds grow back. The author of the draft reserve management plan is unclear whether it's a continuation of a historical pump track vs being an MTB jump strip, whether the 'digging' is by MTB users or little kids playing (and no consideration of the balance that needs to be struck to manage risk/conflict).

#### Proposed boundary track.

19. I did make the submission seeking the 'pump track' round the edge to take the concept of the original gravel bump track for younger kids and extend it to a perimeter path round the edge to use that underutilised space, plus have a use for wider generations (parents could walk round following kids on stroller bikes, bikes, scooters; some dog walkers would follow it etc ie some bumps but ability for other users to bypass 'bumps etc'). This was intended to create a multifunctional use of what is more often a relatively underutilised part of reserves (and can be complemented with seating opportunities, etc, down the track to encourage informal gathering, and a chance to look back at the views to the Richmond Hills, etc). It's based on promoting use of the underutilised edges – creating a desire pathway from the primary movement patterns through the park (Olympus Way / Harriet Court / Chelsea Ave) to appeal to a wide demographic. However, with significant financial constraints, I do believe that the focus ought to be on sorting out the current mess and upgrading existing facilities, including more seating/tables, shading, lighting, and upgrading of existing playground equipment.
20. I proposed it in the initial ideas engagement. It shouldn't be 'cherry-picked'. Really, there needs to be a concept plan for the entire park to inform upgrades and also view upgrades within the context of meeting needs across the wider network/hierarchy of reserves and movement networks. It was put forward in that context to illustrate a more compatible active reserve use, and conditional on the removal of the earth spoil.

21. I wish to speak to my submission and will have a presentation to give the Councillors some pictures to illustrate the situation.

## Attachments:

Design choices are left to civil works contractors rather than the Council's reserve planners and operational staff. 'Temporary' stockpile site by the playground.



Views of ‘temporary stockpile’ – what was previously contiguous and versatile open space





Before shot of the park – with continuous usable, versatile open space.





Views to the mound by the ground – more weeds than grass (taken at various times, including after mowing)







Picture of MTB jumps main line (looking to Olympus Way entrance) – note that main line is overgrown with weeds as used so occasionally (jumps, landings, braking would break up surface).





‘Amenity’ is adjacent to the walkway from the jump. Sightlines to Squire Way and Chelsea Avenue entrances.

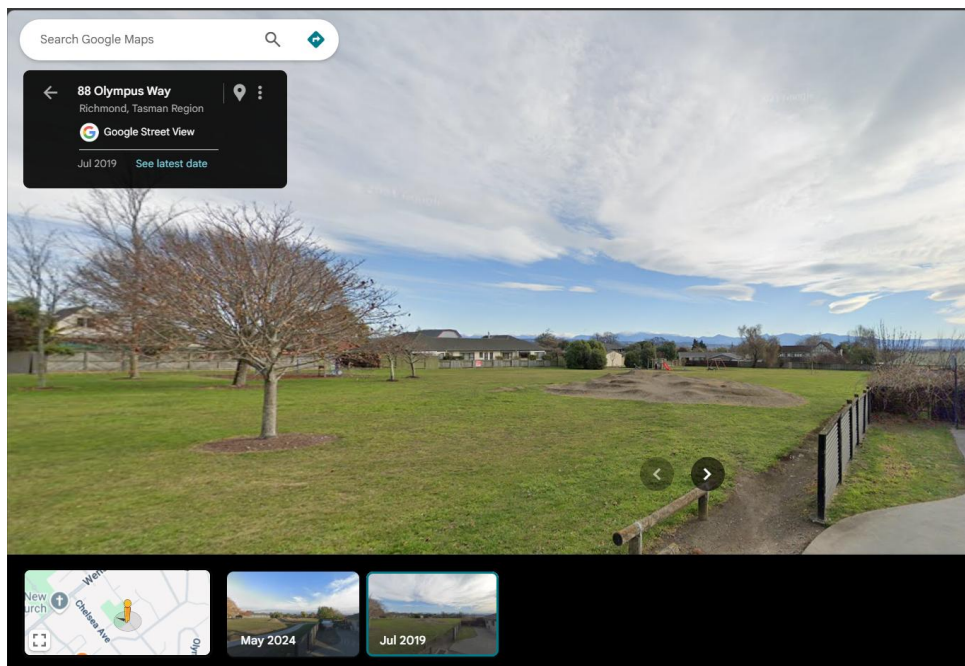


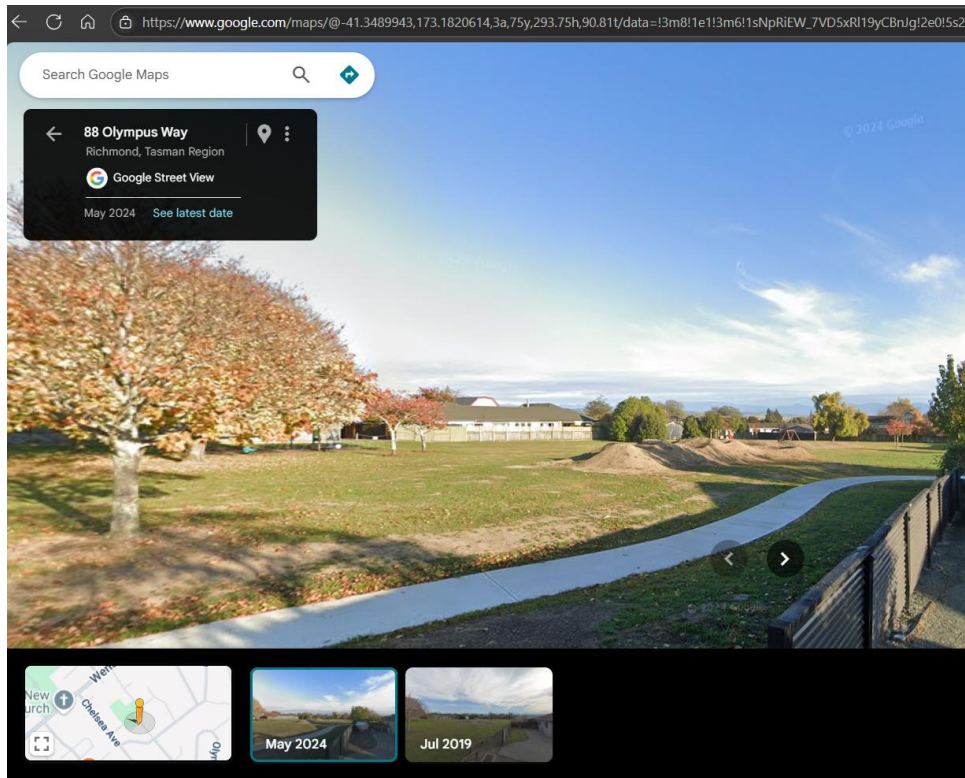


View taken to Harriet Court from the other side of the 'jump'. Noting the absence of evidence of significant use.



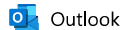
Source for images of bump track vs MTB jumps before / after.





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Mail - Alastair Jewell - Outlook




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**FW: Reinstatement work at Chelsea Reserve seems to be turning it from informal recreation reserve to bike park without following Council policies / consultation processes**


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**From** Richard Hilton  
**Date** Thu 7/12/2023 9:19 AM  
**To** alastair,

Hi Alaster

Apologies for the slow response to your email, you have caught me at a very busy time of year, we also appreciate feedback and observations you have provided. As you are aware the new walkway has a secondary purpose of an overland storm water flow channel, further engineering works will be undertaken up "stream" as such to prevent localised flooding for neighbours in the wider area. The timing of the engineering works does precede further development of the reserve scheduled for 2024/25 and an update to the reserve management plan for the Richmond ward, this is a little bit of a disconnect but storm water control is something that needs addressing

The project for 2024/5 is to replace aged play equipment and a unit that was lost to arson some years ago, it will also address issues such as seating open spaces shading etc. Prior to any development consultation will be undertaken with neighbours and users of the reserve, the development will lean heavily on the feedback we receive. Additionally there will be an update to the Richmond ward Reserve management plan, this also allows for public consultation and will address the management of the reserve for the next 10 years.

The long standing soil pile has been very popular with children, an active play area which encourages creative play, it requires some management when the children expand there digging out of the area but it's very popular and we receive good positive feedback. To accommodate the new path and overland flow area the soil pile was pulled back and mounded up, at a request from the local children the contractors formed up the soil to make it a little more interesting, this was undertaken at the contractors expense something they wished to undertake for the community.

The second pile of soil has been sown in grass to form up a temporary grass mound, something we have undertaken at other reserves as it provides interest for younger children "rolling and jumping" (see Genia drive reserve Wakefield) However the practical reason for leaving the excess soil on site was due to the upcoming further development of the reserve, good soil can be hard to come by, its relatively expensive to transport and leaving the soil on site gives us options for the reserve upgrade.

The grass mound may ultimately be disassembled once the reserve consultation is undertaken and the final reserve plan is completed, but the potential savings are extensive and something we need to always consider. I do hope this answers your questions, but please do give me a call if you require further information

Kind regards  
 Richard

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**From:** Halie East on behalf of Richard Kirby  
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**Subject:** RE: Reinstatement work at Chelsea Reserve seems to be turning it from informal recreation reserve to bike park without following Council policies / consultation processes

Good Afternoon Alastair

Thank you for your email, I have forwarded this onto our Reserves and Facilities manager Grant Reburn and he will be in touch in due course.

Kind Regards

Richard Kirby

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**3.2 DELIBERATIONS ON THE DRAFT RICHMOND WARD RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN****Decision Required**

<b>Report To:</b>	Submissions Hearing
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	29 July 2025
<b>Report Author:</b>	Anna Gerraty, Senior Community Policy Advisor
<b>Report Authorisers:</b>	Richard Kirby, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure
<b>Report Number:</b>	RSH25-07-6

**1. Purpose of the Report / Te Take mō te Pūrongo**

- 1.1 This report provides the Hearing Panel with a summary of the submissions received and discusses a range of matters raised in the submissions on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan (draft RMP).
- 1.2 Staff seek direction on any changes and amendments for inclusion in the final Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan, which is scheduled to be presented to the Tasman District Council for its consideration, on 25 September 2025.

**2. Summary / Te Tuhinga Whakarāpoto**

- 2.1 This report has been prepared to assist the Hearing Panel to deliberate on the submissions received on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan, prior to the Panel making its recommendations to Tasman District Council on what the final wording of the RMP should be.
- 2.2 The draft RMP was publicly notified on 12 May 2025 and submissions closed on 16 July 2025.
- 2.3 We received [30 submissions](#) via the Council's online submission database and hardcopy submission forms. We also received 'fast feedback' via Shape Tasman on key consultation questions relating to nine reserves. Personal contact information has been redacted from each submission.
- 2.4 A separate draft report was circulated to the Hearing Panel on 18 July 2025, for the hearing on 29 July 2025. A copy of all submissions received was included in the report.
- 2.5 Two submitters asked to speak to their submissions at the hearing on 29 July 2025. Deliberations will also take place on 29 July 2025 and are the focus of this report.
- 2.6 **Attachment 1** to this report provides the Hearing Panel with a summary of all the submissions received on the draft RMP, organised by subject. It discusses a range of themes and matters raised in the submissions and includes staff comments to assist deliberations.
- 2.7 Staff seek direction on any changes for inclusion in the final Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan, which will be presented to Tasman District Council on 25 September 2025.



2.8 The Council will then need to decide:

2.8.1 whether to adopt the recommendations of the Hearing Panel; and

2.8.2 whether to adopt the final RMP.

### 3. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūtohunga

**That the Submissions Hearing and Deliberations Panel for the Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan Review:**

- 1. receives the Deliberations on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan RSH25-07-6; and**
- 2. notes the points and matters raised in the submissions received on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan, as set out in Attachment 2 to the agenda report; and**
- 3. requests staff amend the Draft Reserve Management Plan, set out in Attachment 2 of the agenda report, to reflect the matters raised in submissions and present for consideration to the Tasman District Council; and**
- 4. agrees that staff give effect to the recommendations referred to in clause 3 above when preparing the amended Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan; and**
- 5. agrees that the Hearing Panel provide a report with the final Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan to the Tasman District Council for consideration at the 25 September 2025 meeting.**

### 4. Background / Horopaki

- 4.1 The background to the draft Richmond Ward RMP, including an overview of the plan review process under the Reserves Act 1977 and a copy of the draft RMP, was provided in [Report RSPC25-05-3](#) at the 9 May 2025 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.
- 4.2 At that meeting, the Committee resolved, pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, to release the draft RMP for public notification, with submissions closing on 16 July 2025. Detailed information about the draft RMP that was publicly notified on 12 May 2025 is available on Council's website at: <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/rmp-reviews>.
- 4.3 Councillors Daikee, Ellis, Maling and Greening were appointed to the Hearing Panel to hear the submissions on the draft RMP. The Committee also resolved that up to two Mātauranga Māori experts be appointed to the Hearing Panel by the Mayor: Renée Love and Ursula Passl were subsequently appointed to the panel.
- 4.4 We received [30 submissions](#) via the Council's online submission database and hard copy submission forms. We also received 'fast feedback' via Shape Tasman on key consultation questions relating to nine reserves:

Park/Reserve	Number of individuals who provided feedback
Paton Reserve	160
Jubilee Park	192
Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves	221
Easby Park	226

Central Park	182
Camberley Reserve	161
Lampton Reserve	166
Chertsey Reserve	146
Pukeko Park	150

Personal contact information has been redacted from each submission.

- 4.5 A separate draft report was circulated to the Hearing Panel on 18 July 2025, for the hearing on 29 July 2025. A copy of all submissions received was included in that report.
- 4.6 The hearing will be held on 29 July 2025, with two submitters requesting to speak in support of their submission.
- 4.7 After all speakers have been heard, the deliberations will also take place on 29 July 2025. The Hearing Panel will deliberate on all submissions received.

## **5. Role of the Hearing Panel**

- 5.1 The role of the Hearing Panel is to consider all submissions received and recommend to Council the extent to which each submission point should be allowed or disallowed (i.e., accepted, accepted in part, or rejected).
- 5.2 A summary of the submissions with staff comments is provided in **Attachment 1**, organised by subject. The staff comments provide an indication of the views of the staff on each of the topic areas, to assist deliberations.
- 5.3 The broad themes in **Attachment 1** include the 26 key questions proposed by the Draft RMP and other themes. For those topics where only one or a small number of submitters commented, these have been grouped under the heading 'Other Comments'.
- 5.4 Subsequently, the amended RMP will be emailed to the Hearing Panel for their review. Once the Panel has agreed to the amended wording of the document (either via email or an additional meeting), the Panel will then recommend the final version of the RMP to the Tasman District Council for adoption.

## **6. Overview of submissions on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan (RMP)**

- 6.1 A high-level overview of submission themes is provided in this section. A more detailed analysis is provided in **Attachment 1** to this report.

### **General overview**

- 6.2 The consultation on the Draft Richmond Ward RMP generated substantial community involvement across multiple channels, with 30 formal written submissions and more than 2,000 items of feedback received via Shape Tasman quick polls, comments, and Council's Facebook page. Engagement encompassed a diverse spectrum of the Richmond community, reflecting broad interest in the future of local parks and reserves.
- 6.3 Across several reserves, there was strong community support for enhanced opportunities for active play and recreation. Proposals such as pump tracks at Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court and Easby Park, upgraded skate facilities at Jubilee Park, and a new play area at

Central Park attracted high levels of support. Submitters viewed these features as valuable for child development, youth engagement, and community wellbeing.

- 6.4 Some proposals to increase activity levels within quieter or naturalistic reserves—such as the active play focus at Lampton Reserve—received more mixed feedback. While most supported the intent, several submitters expressed a preference for these spaces to retain a more passive or tranquil character, raising concerns about noise, overuse, or loss of natural features.
- 6.5 In contrast to the strong support for active recreation, there was also notable appreciation for quieter, nature-focused reserves. The draft concept plan for Chertsey Reserve was broadly supported, with feedback highlighting the value of peaceful green space, natural plantings, and areas for rest and reflection.

### Responses to key consultation questions

- 6.6 The draft RMP identified 26 key questions about 12 parks and reserves for consultation. As most of the feedback received relates to these, we discuss each of the 12 parks and reserves separately below, followed by other common submission themes.

### Central Park in The Meadows (third playground)

- 6.7 The two playgrounds at Central Park have proven to be immensely popular. If there is enough interest, the developer may consider converting the smaller of the two remaining oval areas into a similar playground, with different equipment, to complement the other two spaces.
- 6.8 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on “*Do you support converting another grassed area into a new play space at Central Park?*” In total 182 individuals responded: 132 (73%) supported, 33 (18%) opposed and 17 (9%) were not sure.
- 6.9 Written feedback on the proposal to add a third playground at Central Park was broadly positive, reflecting both widespread support for an additional play space and a diverse range of suggestions for its design. Many submitters valued the creation of a “destination” playground with high-quality and age-diverse equipment, as well as robust shade and seating, and called for inclusive features such as swing sets (including baby swings), rubber matting for safety, and separated areas for younger and older children. There were also calls for community gardens, shelter from wind, and better integration of bike racks. Some submitters raised concerns about overdevelopment, the possible loss of valuable passive green space, and the ongoing maintenance of new facilities. A small number of responses preferred alternative uses, such as dog exercise space, or stressed the need for clear separation between play and sports areas to avoid conflict.

### Camberley Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan: village green gathering space)

- 6.10 The draft concept plan proposes a relaxed, community-focused design for Camberley Reserve – with a central lawn, picnic areas, trees, and natural play features.
- 6.11 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on “*Overall, how do you feel about the draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve?*” In total 161 individuals responded: 67 (41.6%) love it, 53 (32.9%) like it, 20 (12.4%) don’t like it, and 21 (13%) were not sure.
- 6.12 Written feedback on the Camberley Reserve concept plan was largely supportive, particularly among nearby residents who valued the “village green” approach for informal gatherings and relaxation. Many submitters supported features such as fruit trees, picnic areas, a central lawn, shade sails, and inclusive play spaces, and stressed the need for accessible walking/cycle routes. However, several submitters raised concerns about the

proximity of play equipment to neighbouring homes and potential noise, calling for refined equipment placement, safety fencing, and protection of privacy. Some asked for more active features (e.g. monkey bars, hard surfaces for older children, or a pump track), while others urged minimal fixed infrastructure to retain flexible space for dog walking and community use. Concerns were also expressed about the potential for over-programming the site, the balance of open space versus built features, maintenance requirements, and the design of natural play elements such as rocks and logs. Submitters encouraged active community involvement and co-design in finalising the layout.

### **Lampton Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan: active play and social space)**

- 6.13 The draft concept plan proposes that Lampton Reserve could become a hub for active play – with a basketball half-court, cinema wall, accessible playground, and picnic zone.
- 6.14 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on “*Do you support this active play-focused plan for Lampton Reserve?*” In total 166 individuals responded: 113 (68.1%) agreed yes, it’s a great fit, 28 (16.9%) mostly yes, but some changes needed, 23 (13.9%) opposed, would prefer a quieter or different use, and 2 (1.2%) were not sure yet.
- 6.15 Written feedback on the Lampton Reserve concept plan revealed mixed views. While a general majority supported the intent to create a more active play space—highlighting features such as picnic areas, trees, and inclusive play—there was strong opposition, particularly from neighbouring residents, to the basketball half court and cinema wall due to concerns about noise, antisocial behaviour, loss of neighbourhood tranquillity, and increased vehicle traffic. Many called for these features to be relocated or reconfigured away from residential boundaries, or for the cinema wall to serve flexible roles such as a rebound wall or interpretive mural. Other suggestions included enhancing accessibility, improving shade, providing play options for older children and teens, and ensuring co-design with community stakeholders. Some advocated for noise-generating activities to be kept away from homes and urged that built features remain proportionate to the reserve’s size.

### **Chertsey Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan: a quiet, natural retreat)**

- 6.16 The draft concept plan proposes a quieter reserve at Chertsey – with trees, a small playground, a circular lawn, and spots to sit and relax.
- 6.17 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on “*How well does this plan reflect how you’d like to use Chertsey Reserve?*” In total 146 individuals responded: 73 (50%) agreed yes, very well, 43 (29.5%) somewhat well, 23 (15.8%) opposed, not really, and 7 (4.8%) were not sure.
- 6.18 Written feedback on the Chertsey Reserve concept plan was generally positive, with strong support for a nature-focused, low-key reserve serving local families and walkers. Submitters valued the emphasis on informal recreation, tree planting, fruit trees, and green open space, as well as benches and soft landscaping for rest. Feedback emphasised the need for improved pedestrian access and pathway connections, while several respondents highlighted the importance of retaining a peaceful, natural atmosphere and urged caution against future introductions of noise-generating or highly active features such as hard surfaces or wheeled play. Some design suggestions included increasing lawn usability, relocating seating, ensuring accessibility, and exploring opportunities for community gardening. A few submitters requested more varied play equipment to differentiate the park, but a number of nearby residents expressed caution about any potential increase in activity intensity. Concerns were also raised that stormwater management should not dominate or detract from the recreational value of the space.

### **Pukeko Park (new name suggestions)**

- 6.19 The draft RMP proposes that Pukeko Park be given a different name, to reduce confusion with other reserves in the area. A post on the Council’s Facebook page on 23 May 2025 asked people to list their ideas for a new name in the comments section. In total, 31 alternative name suggestions were received from 150 comments on the post. Five additional names were also received from other submitters.
- 6.20 The most popular suggestion was ‘Ako Park (or maybe Ako Whenua)’, supported by 41 individuals. The humorous suggestion ‘Parky McParkface’ received 45 reactions.
- 6.21 There was strong support for asking local iwi/manawhenua to provide a new name for the park; 33 individuals supported this approach.

**Jubilee Park (car parking, skate park options and long-term protection)**

- 6.22 The draft RMP proposes adding parking in the grassed area between the tennis courts and Target Shooting Richmond building to ease parking pressure.
- 6.23 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on “*Should we add ~50 extra car parks near the tennis courts?*” In total 189 individuals responded: 131 (69%) supported, 26 (14%) opposed and 32 (17%) were not sure.
- 6.24 Written feedback on the proposal for additional car parking at Jubilee Park was overwhelmingly supportive, with most submitters emphasising benefits related to congestion relief and greater separation of vehicles from pedestrian activity, especially around the skate park. Several noted the existing grassed area as underutilised and well located for overflow parking, but a few expressed concerns about losing green space or sought reassurance about sensitive design, including grass-crete or similar permeable surfacing and provision of tree shade. One submitter suggested incorporating extra amenities, such as a cinema wall, while others highlighted the importance of retaining flexibility and attractive landscaping in the area. The overall view was that the proposal would improve access and address ongoing safety concerns.
- 6.25 The skatepark at Jubilee Park currently isn’t very visible, which has led to antisocial behaviour and vandalism. Upgrading it to suit users of all ages and abilities could help reduce this by encouraging more people to use it. Since a large skatepark is also planned for Saxton Field nearby, another option could be to move it to another Richmond reserve with better visibility.
- 6.26 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on “*What should happen with the skatepark at Jubilee Park?*” In total 192 individuals responded: 21 (11%) voted to keep it as it is, 114 (59%) want to see it upgraded so it works for all ages and abilities and 57 (30%) feel it should be relocated somewhere else in Richmond.
- 6.27 We asked respondents who favoured relocating the skatepark elsewhere in Richmond to tell us where they’d prefer to see a skatepark constructed. Suggested locations included Saxton Field, which was frequently mentioned as a more appropriate site given the planned skatepark development there and its distance from residential housing. Several respondents recommended relocating the facility to the corner of Wensley Road and Queen Street—referred to as the pocket park near the Police station and bus stop—citing its visibility, central location, and better opportunities for passive surveillance.
- 6.28 Other suggestions included Berryfields, where submitters noted a growing population of young families and a lack of youth-focused spaces; near the Richmond Mall or Kmart; at the back of existing sports fields; or adjacent to the aquatic centre. A few recommended the back of the playing fields or an area with more open space.

- 6.29 Some respondents were less specific, proposing that the skatepark be moved to a quieter or more industrial part of town, to an area away from houses, somewhere more central but highly visible, or to a place where Police could more easily monitor activity. A few suggested “out of town” or “not in the middle of Jubilee Park,” reflecting general dissatisfaction with the current location rather than a preferred alternative. Others focused on criteria such as open sightlines, separation from family play areas, and avoiding disruption to organised sport.
- 6.30 Many submitters expressed concerns about antisocial behaviour at the current Jubilee skatepark, including reports of vandalism, substance use, aggressive or intimidating behaviour, and general neglect. Several respondents noted that the park feels unsafe or unwelcoming, particularly for families with young children or older residents passing through the area. Suggestions to improve safety included removing the large tree that obstructs visibility, improving lighting, installing CCTV, and encouraging greater passive surveillance by relocating or redesigning the facility.
- 6.31 Conversely, a significant number of submissions supported retaining and upgrading the skatepark at its current location. These submitters stressed the crucial role of accessible, youth-focused infrastructure—especially for families unable to travel to Saxton Field. They argued skateparks foster physical activity, social inclusion, and confidence-building, particularly among youth not involved in team sports. Recommendations included redesigning the park for beginner and intermediate users, improving passive surveillance by increasing visibility, installing better lighting, and integrating the facility more appropriately with the wider reserve. Some supported modest incremental improvements, while several highlighted the need to coordinate any major upgrades with the planned regional facility at Saxton Field, ensuring Richmond retains an age-appropriate, safe skate space that balances neighbourhood and regional needs.
- 6.32 The draft RMP seeks feedback on a proposal to declare Jubilee Park a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977 to ensure long-term protection. Formally protecting the park would safeguard it for recreation long-term. Keeping its current flexible status could allow future uses like social housing or shops, if needed. If that happened, Council would look to create a comparable recreation space nearby.
- 6.33 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on “*Should Jubilee Park be formally protected as a reserve under the Reserves Act?*” In total 190 individuals responded: 143 (75%) voted yes, protect it long-term, 44 (23%) voted no, keep it flexible, and 3 (2%) had another idea.
- 6.34 Written feedback on the proposal to formally protect Jubilee Park and Cambridge Street Playground under the Reserves Act was supportive. Submitters considered both reserves valuable community assets that should be safeguarded for long-term recreational use. They felt formal protection would help ensure these spaces remain available to future generations and are not repurposed for other uses without full community consultation.

### **Cambridge Street Playground (long-term protection)**

- 6.35 The draft RMP posed the question “*Do you support or oppose the inclusion of a policy in the RMP section on Cambridge Street Playground, directing the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under s.14 of the Reserves Act 1977?*” In total three individuals responded, all in support of protecting it long-term.
- 6.36 Written feedback emphasised the popularity and high use of the playground as a cherished local amenity, highlighting its important recreational and social value—especially given its central CBD location. Submitters also underlined that formally protecting the playground

would ensure certainty for the community and safeguard the site from competing non-recreational uses.

### **Hope Reserve (future options for Maitai Lodge and management model)**

- 6.37 The draft RMP included three questions relating to the Maitai Lodge (ex-Druids Hall):
- 6.37.1 “Do you support or oppose retaining the Maitai Lodge building at Hope Reserve?
  - 6.37.2 How would you like to see the Maitai Lodge managed and utilised in future?
  - 6.37.3 If a group is willing to take on responsibility for restoring and upgrading the building, do you support or oppose the Council granting a lease for exclusive use of the Maitai Lodge by this group?”
- 6.38 Written feedback on Maitai Lodge’s future showed a preference for retention and community-led re-use, provided this is financially and practically feasible. Several submitters expressed support for restoring and hiring out the lodge or leasing it to a group willing to take on upgrading and ongoing responsibility. Another submitter suggested careful deconstruction and salvage if retention proved unviable. There was also concern about the condition of the building and the need for clear decision-making on its future. Overall, submitters valued adaptive re-use and options that foster community benefit.
- 6.39 The draft RMP asked: *“Which management model do you prefer for managing bookings at Hope Reserve in future?”*
- 6.39.1 Option 1 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and continues to manage bookings
  - 6.39.2 Option 2 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and approves bookings made via a new online system
  - 6.39.3 Option 3 – Council retires the Management Committee and manages bookings via a new online system.”
- 6.40 Written feedback on the management model for Hope Reserve showed no clear consensus but indicated a preference for community-led or hybrid approaches. Two submitters supported retaining the current Hope Hall Management Committee model, while two others supported retaining the committee but enabling online booking approvals. Only one submitter preferred Council fully taking over management. Submitters valued local involvement in decision-making and the flexibility to modernise systems without removing community governance.

### **Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves (beginner-friendly pump track)**

- 6.41 The draft RMP proposes installing a beginner-friendly pump track around the edge of these adjoining neighbourhood reserves, to give kids and learners a fun, safe riding space.
- 6.42 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on *“Do you support the idea of a small pump track?”* In total 221 individuals responded: 201 (91%) supported and 20 (9%) opposed.
- 6.43 Written feedback on the proposal to install a small pump track at Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves was overwhelmingly positive, with most submitters highlighting the value of providing a safe, accessible bike space for local children and families. Supporters noted the reserves’ suitability for low-impact play and advocated for integrating the pump track into a master plan to ensure harmonious multi-use. Requests included shade provision, accessible seating, and careful placement to minimise noise or potential disturbance to neighbours. The

small number of opponents cited concerns about potential loss of green space, noise, and compatibility with passive uses.

### **Easby Park (playground location, separate walking track, basic pump track)**

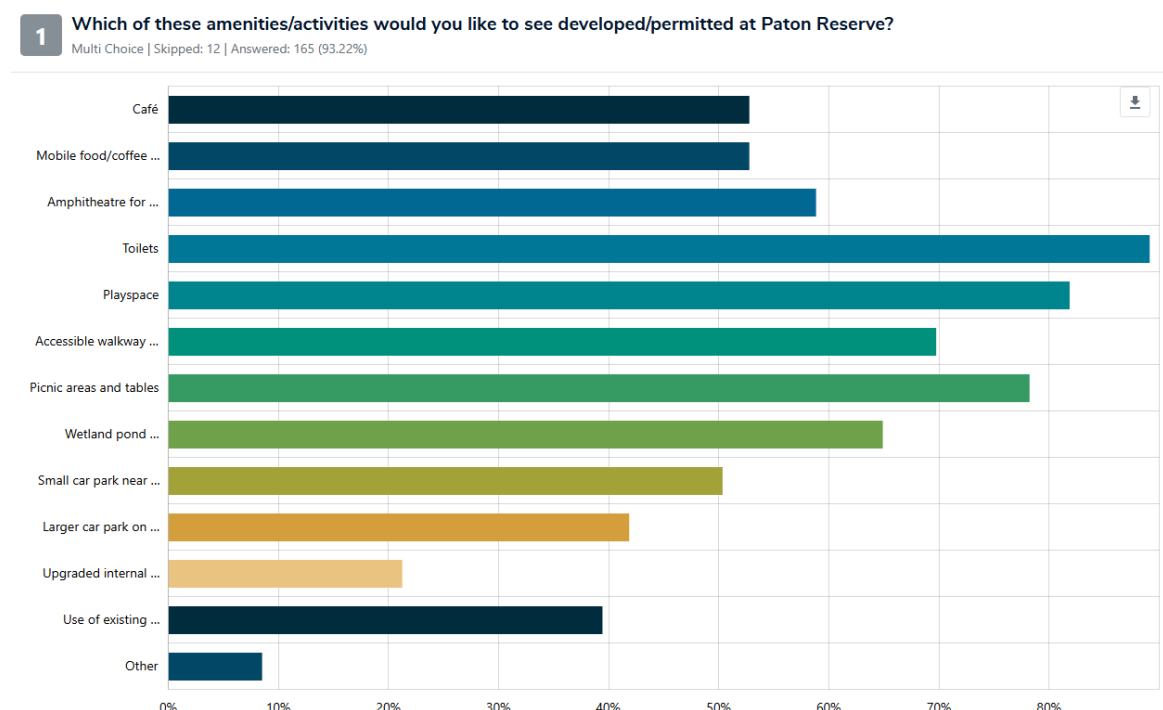
- 6.44 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman about playground flood risk: *“Heavy rain can cause Reservoir Creek to overflow, damaging the playground. To reduce future flood damage, we plan to redesign and move the equipment. Which option do you prefer, and why?”* In total 226 individuals responded: 129 (57%) support Option 1: Group all equipment together in the western corner (further from the creek), 79 (35%) support Option 2: Split equipment – younger kids’ play area in the western corner, older kids’ equipment on the other side of the creek, and 18 (8%) were not sure.
- 6.45 Written feedback on the preferred location for playground equipment at Easby Park showed strong support for grouping all equipment together in the western corner, further from Reservoir Creek. Submitters emphasised reasons including improved safety, better visibility and passive surveillance, winter sunlight, and greater flood resilience. Those who favoured splitting equipment across the site valued the idea of dedicated spaces for different age groups or sought to enhance site activation. A small number were undecided or sought more detailed design information.
- 6.46 At the south end of Easby Park, the track from the Reservoir Creek bridge to Kingsland Forest is shared by walkers and bikers. We’re considering adding a separate walking-only track alongside it, to help reduce conflicts between users.
- 6.47 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on *“Build a walking-only track to reduce conflict with bikes?”* In total 208 individuals responded: 151 (73%) supported and 57 (27%) opposed the idea of building a separate walking track.
- 6.48 Written feedback on the proposal for a separate walking track at Easby Park was mostly supportive, with submitters believing it would lessen conflicts between walkers and bikers, especially near the Kingsland Forest access. Several recommended that any new track be carefully designed with good surfacing, shade, accessible grades, and that its development be coordinated with stormwater infrastructure improvements to limit environmental impact. Concerns raised mainly related to balancing ecological protection with improved accessibility.
- 6.49 During the ‘seeking ideas’ initial consultation, some residents suggested adding more active recreation, like a pump track, at the southern end of Easby Park, alongside the existing shared path.
- 6.50 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on *“Add a basic pump track for bikes?”* In total 242 individuals responded: 205 (85%) supported and 37 (15%) opposed the idea of installing a pump track.
- 6.51 Written feedback on the proposal to install a basic pump track at Easby Park was overwhelmingly supportive. Submitters praised the idea of creating a safe and accessible space for children and families to learn bike skills and enjoy physical activity close to home. Many noted that Easby Park is already a well-used community space and that a pump track would complement existing play facilities and the nearby shared path. A few submitters requested careful design to minimise noise, protect nearby trees, and avoid flooding issues. Those who opposed the idea were concerned about potential overuse of the reserve, increased noise, and possible conflict with passive users. Overall, the proposal was seen as a valuable addition to support local active recreation.



## Paton Reserve (concept plan: a new destination park for Richmond South)

- 6.52 The draft RMP includes a concept plan to transform Paton Reserve into a destination park on the edge of Richmond, giving visitors a taste of rural life. The vision includes walking among orchards, picnicking, enjoying outdoor concerts in a natural amphitheatre, and relaxing at a future café or food carts. An accessible loop track would link car parks, picnic areas, a lookout, and a potential playground, with seating along the way. Stormwater retention ponds and wetland features are also proposed to enhance the natural setting.
- 6.53 Currently, the only vehicle access is via Paton Road, but the plan explores adding new access from Cupola Crescent or a future road, with car parks on each side and an internal link road that could become one-way. Some facilities, like the main car park and café/play area, might be built later as access is improved. The draft RMP asked for feedback on these ideas and what features people would most like to see at Paton Reserve.
- 6.54 We ran a quick poll on Shape Tasman on “*Do you support the draft concept plan for Paton Reserve?*” In total 160 individuals responded: 108 (68%) fully supported, 28 (18%) partially supported, and 24 (15%) opposed.
- 6.55 Written feedback on the draft concept plan for Paton Reserve was generally positive, with most submitters appreciating the vision of a destination-style reserve featuring orchards, walking trails, inclusive play areas, picnic spots, and nature-based amphitheatre space. Many valued the plan’s inclusive and accessible design reflecting Richmond South’s rural character. A recurring theme was support for staged development—focusing first on walking connections, toilet provision, and native planting—while taking care not to overdevelop or introduce high-maintenance assets. A number of submitters called for caution regarding the scale and location of car parking, stressed the need to retain the reserve’s semi-rural ambiance, and requested greater clarity and community input regarding staging, access improvements, and prioritisation of natural features.

We also asked: “*Which of these amenities/activities would you like to see developed/ permitted at Paton Reserve?*” In total 165 individuals responded to this question, with the results displayed in the following figure.



- 6.56 Feedback on which facilities were most supported at Paton Reserve highlighted strong support for toilets, picnic areas, and a play space. Many submitters appreciated the inclusion of orchards and quiet rest areas. There was interest in seating, walking loops, and accessible tracks. Fewer people supported the café or event space, suggesting these should be optional or developed later if demand increases.
- 6.57 Feedback on car parking and vehicle access at Paton Reserve showed a preference for a small car park near Paton Road. Submitters generally supported staging development to align with improved access and reserve use. There was limited support for a large car park near Cupola Crescent or an internal road for public vehicle use. Retaining the semi-rural, natural character of the reserve was a recurring theme.

### Other Themes Raised in Submissions

- 6.58 Written feedback on ecological, cultural, and climate values emphasised the importance of native planting, wildlife habitat restoration, and weed and pest control. Submitters encouraged inclusion of cultural interpretation features, such as pouwhenua, bilingual signage, and partnerships with iwi to reflect local history. Several also highlighted the need for resilient design in response to climate change, including water-sensitive landscaping and ecological connectivity.
- 6.59 Written feedback on other parts of the draft RMP and other reserves in Richmond Ward included numerous constructive suggestions and general comments. Many submitters requested greater shade provision (via trees or permanent structures), inclusive play features, seating, and fencing for toddler safety. A strong theme was the call for differentiation across nearby playgrounds, to provide unique experiences rather than duplicated play equipment. Some respondents advocated for community gardens, pétanque courts, sensory play, and adult fitness equipment. Several requested better provision for older children and teenagers, including basketball courts, pump tracks, or multi-use active spaces. Others requested amenities like public toilets, rubbish bins, and dog bag dispensers across various reserves. Specific suggestions were also made for other areas including Pohara recreation area, Oakdale, and Kingsland Forest.
- 6.60 Several submitters urged Council to engage directly with local schools, families, and community groups in the co-design of ongoing improvements. Strong emphasis was placed on ensuring each reserve offers distinctive experiences, with careful long-term planning for asset renewal, maintenance, and operational costs. There was also considerable support for incorporating universal design standards and climate resilience across all projects.

## 7. Analysis and Advice / Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu

- 7.1 **Attachment 1** to this report provides an in-depth summary of submissions, accompanied by staff recommendations, to assist the Hearing Panel with deliberations. The details in Attachment 1 provide the rationale for the proposed recommendations in Section 3 and **Attachment 2** of this report.

## 8. Financial or Budgetary Implications / Ngā Ritenga ā-Pūtea

- 8.1 The costs associated with hearing submissions and deliberations are absorbed within the Strategic Policy budget.

- 8.2 Adoption of the final Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan will advise future planning and development processes, where costs will be assessed on an ongoing basis and built into the Council's future Long Term Plan processes.

## 9. Options / Kōwhiringa

- 9.1 The obligation is now on the Hearing Panel to deliberate and make decisions on the submissions received. Two options exist as a consequence of the public consultation process that has been undertaken. These options are outlined in the following table:

Option		Advantage	Disadvantage
1.	Proceed with the Draft RMP as advertised.	No advantage.	Submitters have raised a number of valid points, which staff agree with. No change to the document would be seen as a failure to listen, undermine public faith in Council consultation processes and will not lead to the most appropriate outcome.
2.	Recommend to the Council changes for the final Richmond Ward RMP based on the comments made by submitters (i.e. those accepted in full or part) which the Hearing Panel agrees with.	This option will satisfy those submitters whose points have been accepted.	It may not satisfy submitters whose views have not been incorporated into the amended document.

- 9.2 Option 2 is recommended.

## 10. Legal / Ngā ture

- 10.1 This process has been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and the Local Government Act 2002.

## 11. Iwi Engagement / Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Māori

- 11.1 Staff attended the in-house hui with iwi held early in 2023 to introduce the two reserves projects (i.e. proposals to classify existing reserves and review RMPs). At the same time, information about these projects was first published to the Council's online iwi engagement portal and emailed to each of the eight Te Taihū iwi Trusts. Initial draft versions of the RMP were emailed to the eight iwi and uploaded to the portal in March and April 2025, so iwi could review the draft document.
- 11.2 We offered to meet with each iwi kanohi-ki-te-kanohi (face to face) to talk through the draft RMP and understand any concerns they may have had. Ngāti Rārua, Ngāti Kuia and Te

Ātiawa provided written feedback on earlier drafts, which was incorporated into the version publicly notified on 12 May 2025. Iwi could also choose to write a submission/speak at a hearing on the draft RMPs; however, no submissions were received.

- 11.3 In May 2025, the Mayor wrote to all eight iwi Trusts inviting nominations for mātauranga Māori experts on the Hearing Panel for the draft RMP. Two nominations were received: one from Te Ātiawa (Renēe Love) and one from Ngāti Rārua (Ursula Passl). Both nominees were appointed to the Panel.

## **12. Significance and Engagement / Hiranga me te Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Whānui**

- 12.1 As outlined in the following table, we consider that the Richmond Ward RMP is of low significance to most residents of Tasman District but of medium significance to residents of Richmond Ward. The consultation process we have followed has provided the public with the opportunity to outline their views about the appropriateness or otherwise of the proposals contained in the draft RMP. The Hearing Panel can make the recommended changes to draft RMP without undertaking further consultation.

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Level of Significance</b>	<b>Explanation of Assessment</b>
1.	Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Medium-High	The draft RMP is of interest to iwi, nearby residents, community groups and other parties/organisations because it sets policies for the use and management of 146 park and reserve areas. Richmond Ward residents are more interested than those in other parts of the District. Some iwi/Māori have a high level of interest in the future management of these reserves.
2.	Are there impacts on the social, economic, environmental or cultural aspects of well-being of the community in the present or future?	Medium	The draft RMP sets out objectives and policies for of future management of parks and reserves and their use and enjoyment by current and future generations.
3.	Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Medium	The decisions made through the RMP review process will be of a medium duration, as the final RMP is likely to be in place for 10 years. The overall impact is likely to be positive. The final Plan can be amended at any time, if required.

	Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
4.	Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	N/A	
5.	Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	Low	Implementation of the final Plan is likely to result in a slight increase to the existing high levels of service provided at many of the parks and reserves in the Ward. However, there is no need to change the levels of service in the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034.
6.	Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	Low	Reserve management plans provide policy guidance only. Decisions on when funding is allocated to implement the policies are made via the relevant activity management plans and LTPs of the Council.
7.	Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	N/A	
8.	Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	N/A	
9.	Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	N/A	
10.	Does the proposal require particular consideration of the obligations of Te Mana O Te Wai (TMOTW) relating to freshwater or particular consideration of current legislation relating to water supply, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and services?	Low	Several reserves included in the draft RMP have been classified as a Local Purpose (Walkway and Utility) Reserve as they contain stormwater assets.

### 13. Communication / Whakawhitiwhiti Kōrero

13.1 Staff engaged with the eight Te Taihū iwi and the Hope Reserve Management Committee during the preparation of the draft RMP. Feedback received from the public during the initial

‘seeking ideas’ consultation round (held over the summer of 2023/24) was also incorporated into the draft document.

- 13.2 A [public notice](#) was published on the Council’s website on 12 May 2025 and an article about this consultation opportunity published in the 16 May 2025 edition of Newsline. The submission period was 12 May to 16 July 2025.
- 13.3 The draft RMP and information about how to make a submission was published online at <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/rmp-reviews> and hard copies were made available at the Council office and library in Richmond.
- 13.4 We prepared a ‘quick guide to the draft RMP’ leaflet, which listed 26 key questions about 12 parks and reserves, provided details on where to view the full documents and included a submission form. This was published on Shape Tasman and hard copies of these leaflets were made available at the Richmond office and library.
- 13.5 In mid-May we emailed iwi, DOC, the Hope Reserve management committee, and those who provided feedback during the ‘seeking ideas for RMPs’ initial consultation round held over the summer of 2023/2024, to notify them of the opportunity to make a written submission on the draft RMP and speak at a hearing.
- 13.6 Throughout the submission period we published posts about nine parks and reserves on the Council’s social media channels with a link through to a ‘[Fast feedback](#)’ subpage on Shape Tasman, where people could have their say on these issues via a quick poll and by providing a brief written comment. This method elicited responses from between 146 and 226 individuals for each quick poll.

#### **14. Risks / Ngā Tūraru**

- 14.1 The main risk associated with undertaking hearings and deliberations on the draft RMP is reputational. If the final plan is perceived to disregard key themes raised in submissions, there is a medium risk of public dissatisfaction and loss of trust in the consultation process. There is also a low to medium risk that the final plan may not fully align with the intent of the Reserves Act 1977 or specific legal commitments, particularly in relation to the primary purpose of each reserve.
- 14.2 These risks can be mitigated by recommended changes to RMP text where there is strong community support or statutory alignment, clearly explaining decisions where views differ, and retaining flexibility for future operational decisions. Where increased infrastructure or management effort is recommended, phased or conditional implementation can help manage financial impacts. Overall, the hearings and deliberations process provides the Panel with a key opportunity to address these risks through balanced and well-reasoned recommendations.

#### **15. Climate Change Considerations / Whakaaro Whakaaweawe Āhuarangi**

- 15.1 The draft RMP documents contain policies relating to climate change issues that align with the Tasman Climate Response and Resilience Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2035.

## 16. Alignment with Policy and Strategic Plans / Te Hangai ki ngā aupapa Here me ngā Mahere Rautaki Tūraru

- 16.1 Hearing of all submissions on the draft RMP, and deliberations on these, will be undertaken by the Hearing Panel in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977, exercising delegated authority from the Strategy and Policy Committee.
- 16.2 The Hearing Panel can made recommendations to Tasman District Council on how RMP text should be amended in response to submissions. However, the delegation from the Minister of Conservation to adopt RMPs is to the full Council, not to subcommittees, therefore Tasman District Council must make the final decision on whether or not to adopt the final version of the RMP.



## 17. Conclusion / Kupu Whakatepe

- 17.1 Hearing, deliberating, and making recommendations on the submissions received is a critical part of the process and must be completed in order to successfully adopt the final Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan and to meet the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

## 18. Next Steps and Timeline / Ngā Mahi Whai Ake

- 18.1 Following the hearing and deliberations staff will:
- a) make the necessary wording changes to the draft RMP, to give effect to the recommendations of the Hearing Panel; and
  - b) circulate the amended document to the Hearing Panel for approval; and
  - c) provide the proposed final Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan to Tasman District Council for consideration on 25 September 2025, along with a Hearing Panel report.

## 19. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri

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## Submission Summary and Staff Comments to Assist Deliberations

### SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

The [draft Richmond Ward RMP](#) was publicly notified on 12 May 2025 and open for submissions for a two-month period, closing on 16 July 2025. A total of 30 written submissions were received via Council's online submissions database or as hard copy submission forms during this time period. Hundreds of individuals provided feedback via the 'Fast Feedback' options we provided on Shape Tasman, with respondents to quick polls ranging from 146 to 226 individuals. A total of 150 comments were made on a post on Council's Facebook page inviting alternative name suggestions for Pukeko Park.

Most submitters focused their comments on one or more of the main themes listed in the table below.

The table also provides a summary of the number of submitters supporting, opposing or neutral on each theme (where relevant), along with the total number of submissions received on each theme.

#### Submissions received on draft Richmond Ward RMP:

#	Submission theme	Number of submitters				
1	Do you support converting another grassed area into a new play space at Central Park?	Support	Oppose	Not sure		Total
	Submissions database	4	1	1		6
	Shape Tasman quick poll	132	33	17		182
	<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>188</b>
2	Overall, how do you feel about the draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve?	Love it	Like it	Don't like it	Not sure	Total
	Submissions database	6	3	1	0	10
	Shape Tasman quick poll	67	53	20	21	161
	<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>171</b>
3	Do you support this active play-focused plan for Lampton Reserve?	Yes, it's a great fit	Mostly yes, but some changes needed	Would prefer a quieter or different use	Not sure yet	Total
	Submissions database	3	4	3	0	10
	Shape Tasman quick poll	113	28	23	2	166
	<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>176</b>
4	How well does this plan reflect how you'd like to use Chertsey Reserve?	Yes, very well	Somewhat well	Not really	Not sure	Total
	Submissions database	5	2	1	0	8
	Shape Tasman quick poll	73	43	23	7	146
	<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>154</b>
5	Tell us your alternative name suggestion for the area known as Pukeko Park.	Total number of suggestions received				
	Submissions database	5 name suggestions				
	Post on Council's FB page	31 different name suggestions (from 150 comments)				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>				

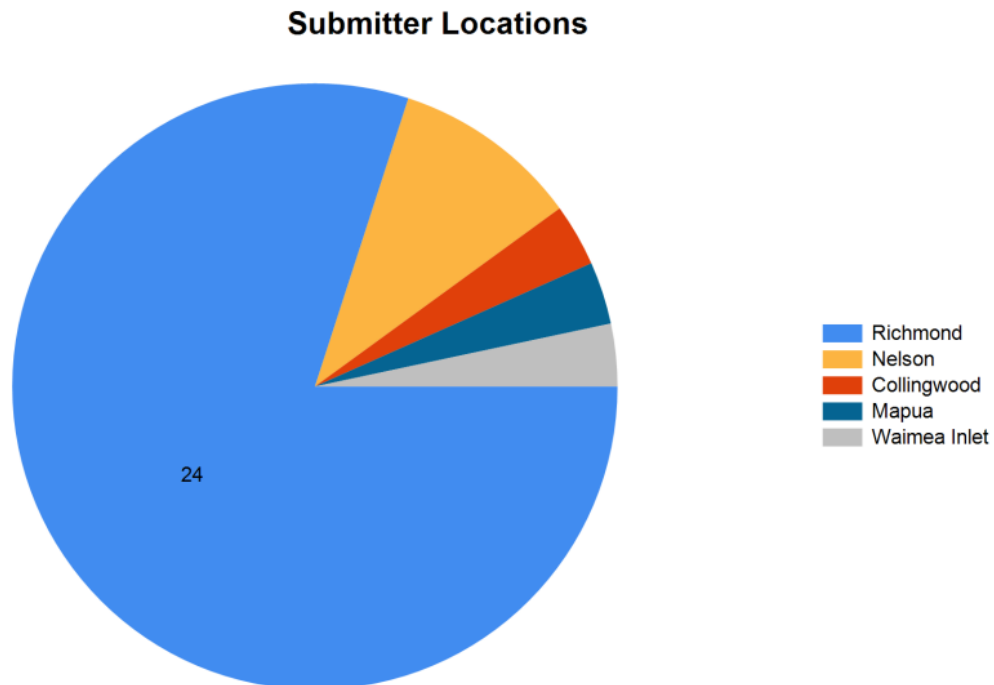


#	Submission theme	Number of submitters				
6	Should we add ~50 extra car parks near the tennis courts at Jubilee Park?	Support	Oppose	Not sure		Total
	Submissions database	4	0	0		4
	Shape Tasman quick poll	131	26	32		189
	Total	135	26	32		193
7	What should happen with the skatepark at Jubilee Park?	Keep it as it is	Upgrade it so it works for all ages and abilities	Relocate elsewhere in Richmond		Total
	Submissions database	2	2	1		5
	Shape Tasman quick poll	21	114	57		192
	Total	23	116	58		197
8	Should Jubilee Park be formally protected as a reserve under the Reserves Act?	Yes, protect it long-term	No, keep it flexible	Another idea		Total
	Submissions database	4	0	0		4
	Shape Tasman quick poll	143	44	3		190
	Total	147	44	3		194
9	Do you support or oppose the inclusion of a policy in the RMP section on Cambridge Street Playground, directing the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under s.14 of the Reserves Act 1977?	Support	Oppose	Not sure		Total
	Submissions database	3	0	0		3
10	Do you support or oppose retaining the Maitai Lodge building at Hope Reserve?	Support	Oppose	Other		Total
	Submissions database	2	0	1		3
11	How would you like to see the Maitai Lodge managed and utilised in future?	Total number of suggestions				
	Submissions database	2				
12	If a group is willing to take on responsibility for restoring and upgrading the building, do you support or oppose the Council granting a lease for exclusive use of the Maitai Lodge by this group?	Support	Oppose	Not sure		Total
	Submissions database	3	0	0		3
13	Which management model do you prefer for managing bookings at Hope Reserve in future?	Option 1 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and continues	Option 2 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and approves bookings made	Option 3 – Council retires the Management Committee and manages bookings via a	Not stated	Total

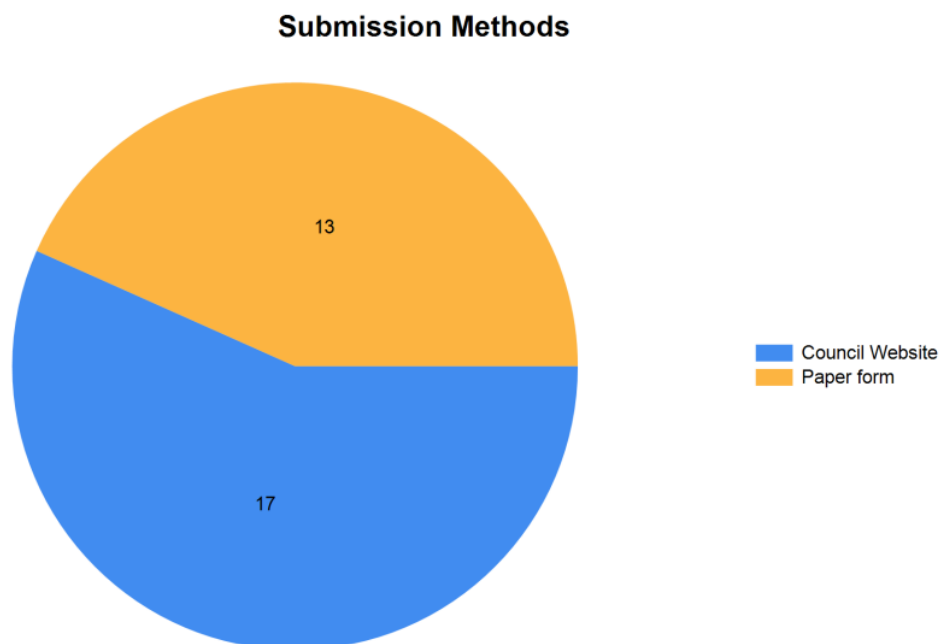
#	Submission theme	Number of submitters				
		to manage bookings	via a new online system	new online system		
	Submissions database	2	2	1	1	6
14	Do you support the idea of a small pump track at Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves?	Support	Oppose			Total
	Submissions database	3	1			4
	Shape Tasman quick poll	201	20			221
	Total	204	21			225
15	To reduce future flood damage at Easby Park, we plan to redesign and move the play equipment. Which option do you prefer?	Option 1: Group all equipment together in the western corner (further from the creek)	Option 2: Split equipment – younger kids’ play area in the western corner, older kids’ equipment on the other side of the creek		Not sure	Total
	Submissions database	2	2		2	6
	Shape Tasman quick poll	129	79		18	226
	Total	131	81		20	232
16	Build a walking-only track to reduce conflict with bikes at Easby Park?	Support	Oppose			Total
	Submissions database	6	1			7
	Shape Tasman quick poll	151	57			208
	Total	157	58			215
17	Add a basic pump track for bikes at Easby Park?	Support	Oppose			Total
	Submissions database	4	1			5
	Shape Tasman quick poll	205	37			242
	Total	209	38			247
18	Do you support the draft concept plan for Paton Reserve?	Fully support	Partially support	Oppose		Total
	Submissions database	1	5	1		7
	Shape Tasman quick poll	108	28	24		160
	Total	109	33	25		167
19	Which of these amenities/activities would you like to see developed/ permitted at Paton Reserve?	4 submitters responded to this question 165 individuals responded to this question on Shape Tasman Total = 169				
20	Any other comments on the draft RMP?	9 submitters made other comments about the draft RMP				
21	Any other comments on other reserves in Richmond Ward?	7 submitters made comments relating to other reserves				

The 'All Submissions Sorted by Theme' document distributed to Hearing Panel members contains submission points sorted by the themes listed in the table above. No information in that document has been summarised.

Locations of the 30 submitters who provided details of the town they live in are shown on the following pie chart.



The next graph shows that, of these 30 submitters, over half submitted via Council's online submission database but many hard copy submission forms were also handed in. We also received online feedback via Shape Tasman from hundreds of individuals.



## STAFF COMMENTS

This report provides an in-depth summary of submissions, accompanied by staff recommendations, to assist the Hearing Panel with deliberations. The details provide the rationale for the proposed staff recommendations on how the draft RMP could be amended in response to submissions.

Page references to the Submissions by Theme (SbT) document are provided for each theme. *Staff advice and recommendations are noted in italicised text, with recommended edits to RMP wording shown in red text.*

### A. STAFF COMMENTS ON KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT 12 PARK AND RESERVE AREAS

The draft RMP identified 26 key questions about 12 parks and reserves for consultation. As most of the feedback received relates to these, we discuss each of the 12 parks and reserves separately below.

Note to hearing panel members: each of these questions were included in text boxes throughout the draft RMP, listed in the brochure circulated during public consultation, and/or included in the [Fast feedback](#) page on Shape Tasman.

#### 1. Central Park in The Meadows (third playground) (pp 2-3 SbT)

The two playgrounds at Central Park have proven to be immensely popular. If there is enough interest, the developer may consider converting the smaller of the two remaining oval areas into a similar playground, with different equipment, to complement the other two spaces.

Do you support converting another grassed area into a new play space at Central Park?	Number of submitters			
	Support	Oppose	Not sure	Total
Submissions database	4	1	1	6
Shape Tasman quick poll	132	33	17	182
<b>Total</b>	<b>136 (72%)</b>	<b>34 (18%)</b>	<b>18 (10%)</b>	<b>188</b>

#### Submission summary and analysis

The proposal to convert a third grassed oval area at Central Park into a play space received widespread support. Of the 188 individuals who responded, 72% supported the idea, 18% opposed it, and 10% were unsure.

Community feedback on Central Park generally reflected strong support for creating a “destination” playground serving new and existing residents. Many valued the draft RMP’s emphasis on a safe, accessible, and flexible greenspace, requesting high-quality play equipment for a broad age range, and plenty of shade and seating. Some suggested community gardens or edible plantings and highlighted the need for shelter from wind. Submissions urged Council to ensure active community involvement in detailed design, especially regarding play equipment.

Feedback emphasised the existing popularity and overcrowding of the current two playgrounds, especially during peak times. Several respondents noted that larger children dominate the play spaces, making it difficult for toddlers to safely use the equipment. Suggestions for improvement included:

- Adding a swing set (including baby swings and standard swings).
- Providing rubber matting (instead of bark) for safety and accessibility.
- Creating separate play areas for different age groups (e.g. toddler-friendly versus primary-aged).
- Installing a bike rack near the playground for summer users.

Some submitters criticised the current play equipment as overly cautious or “anodyne”, encouraging unsafe use by older children. A minority voiced concerns about over-development, loss of passive green space, and long-term maintenance of both play and landscaping assets. Requests were also made for clear separation of play and sports activity areas to avoid user conflict.

### Staff recommendations

That the Hearing Panel notes the strong level of public support for adding a third playground at Central Park, as well as the detailed suggestions provided for improving playground design.

That RMP section 5.2.5 Central Park be amended as follows:

- amend the 'Issues and Options' subsection by deleting the text box with the key consultation question and adding the following wording to the last paragraph: *"During public consultation, 72% of the 188 individuals who responded to the proposal to add a third playground at Central Park supported this idea."*; and
- amend the Policies subsection by adding a new policy worded as follows: *"Support the development of a third playground at Central Park that complements existing equipment and provides a safe, engaging space for a broader age range. Ensure play and gathering areas offer diverse, inclusive equipment and robust shelter. Consider inclusion of swing sets, toddler-appropriate equipment, and rubber matting for safety and accessibility. Incorporate bike racks and design elements that promote natural supervision and risk-managed play."*

## 2. Camberley Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan: village green gathering space) (pp 4-8 SbT)

The draft concept plan proposes a relaxed, community-focused design for Camberley Reserve – with a central lawn, picnic areas, trees, and natural play features.

Overall, how do you feel about the draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve?	Love it	Like it	Don't like it	Not sure	Total
Submissions database	6	3	1	0	10
Shape Tasman quick poll	67	53	20	21	161
<b>Total</b>	<b>73 (43%)</b>	<b>56 (33%)</b>	<b>21 (12%)</b>	<b>21 (12%)</b>	<b>171</b>

### Submission summary and analysis

The draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve attracted 171 responses, with 43% of respondents saying they "loved it", 33% saying they "liked it", and 12% each either not liking it or unsure.

Submitters broadly agreed on the importance of early investment in play and shade trees at Camberley Reserve. Many called for connected walking/cycle access routes, noting concerns about safety for children crossing to the reserve. There was strong support for inclusive play, seating, and paths that enable access for all ages and abilities. Some concern was voiced about potential over-programming of small reserves with built features, with residents asking that much of the site retain its open, green character.

Most written submissions supported the proposed features including fruit trees, shade sails, picnic areas, and natural play spaces. The central lawn and village green approach was particularly well received by nearby residents who valued the space for informal gatherings and relaxation.

Some submitters, however, expressed concerns about the proximity of playground features to neighbouring homes, citing potential noise. Others requested a fenced perimeter to improve safety and prevent vehicle access. Several respondents suggested:

- Relocating playground elements further from residences to reduce noise and preserve privacy.
- Adding monkey bars, hard surfaces (e.g. basketball or netball half courts), and pump tracks for older children.
- Avoiding overuse of rocks and logs in natural play spaces and instead incorporating more varied and imaginative play features.
- Improving shade and shelter, including weatherproof options and permanent shade areas.

A small number of submitters opposed the concept altogether, preferring the open green space to remain free of fixed infrastructure to accommodate dog walking and flexible community use.

## Discussion

In response to feedback from the Hearing Panel Chair, staff confirm that for Camberley, Lampton and Chertsey reserves:

- The placement of play aspects (including any hard-surfaced features and gathering spaces) will be refined in detail design to respect proximity and privacy of neighbouring households.
- Opportunities to acknowledge site history and heritage—through interpretive signage or landscaping—will be identified in the co-design phase with local community and relevant experts.
- Asset development and renewal will utilise whole-of-life cost assessments, balancing initial investment with ongoing operational and maintenance efficiency.
- Accessibility and functionality for residents with mobility impairments is a core principle in all Council reserve planning, following best practice standards and codes.

Staff support these key themes but recommend that final design decisions be made after further technical analysis and site assessment to ensure solutions are cost-effective and context-appropriate.

## Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel notes the strong support for the Camberley Reserve concept plan, while also noting the detailed feedback on design improvements.*

*That RMP section 5.2.10 Camberley Reserve be amended as follows:*

- *amend the ‘Issues and Options’ subsection by deleting the text box containing three key consultation questions and adding the following wording to the last paragraph: “Based on feedback received during consultation, further concept development will consider refining the placement of play equipment to minimise impact on neighbouring residents, improve accessibility, and ensure a diversity of play features that are distinct from other nearby reserves. Shade, safety fencing, and natural but varied play elements appropriate for multiple age groups may be incorporated.”*
- *Expand Policy 2 to read as follows: “Develop the reserve in line with the final concept plan. Design and implement features that align with a village green function while addressing community concerns around noise, access, and equipment placement. Prioritise low-maintenance landscaping and inclusive, diverse play opportunities. Adopt best-practice water-sensitive design, especially for managing drainage and vegetation.”*

### 3. Lampton Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan: active play and social space) (pp 9-14 SbT)

The draft concept plan proposes that Lampton Reserve could become a hub for active play – with a basketball half-court, cinema wall, accessible playground, and picnic zone.

Do you support this active play-focused plan for Lampton Reserve?	Yes, it's a great fit	Mostly yes, but some changes needed	Would prefer a quieter or different use	Not sure yet	Total
Submissions database	3	4	3	0	10
Shape Tasman quick poll	113	28	23	2	166
<b>Total</b>	<b>116 (66%)</b>	<b>32 (18%)</b>	<b>26 (15%)</b>	<b>2 (1%)</b>	<b>176</b>

## Submission summary and analysis

The Lampton Reserve concept plan generated a mixed response. While 66% of the 176 respondents supported the active play-focused approach, a significant number of submissions—particularly from nearby residents—expressed strong opposition to the inclusion of a basketball half court and cinema wall. Concerns focused on potential noise, antisocial behaviour, loss of peace in the residential setting, and safety issues associated with increased traffic and lack of lighting.

Supporters appreciated the bold vision for a youth-focused play space and endorsed features like picnic tables, inclusive play equipment, and fruit and native trees. Several suggested the basketball court and cinema wall be

relocated to a more suitable area, or that the cinema wall serve a dual purpose (e.g. rebound wall or interpretive mural). Other recommendations included:

- Ensuring the cinema wall faces a soft surface or lawn to make it usable.
- Revisiting the layout to reduce proximity of active play features to adjacent homes.
- Enhancing shade and play diversity for older children and teens.
- Improving accessibility, particularly paths and bench access for those with mobility needs.

Overall, feedback highlighted a vision for Lampton Reserve as a true neighbourhood heart. Submissions emphasised community co-design of the play space, shade, and seating, and called for planting that establishes long-term amenity. Accessibility, both in terms of physical path connections and diversity of play equipment, was a strong theme. Some asked to keep noise and “activation” zones away from nearby homes and ensure any built features remain proportionate to the reserve’s size.

### Discussion

Regarding the suggestions from the Hearing Panel Chair:

- The cinema wall could be reimagined as a climbing wall with integrated safety surfacing, subject to feasibility and community feedback. Staff recommend including this as an option for exploration at design stage, rather than prescribing a change now.
- Basketball court: Staff support measures to minimise noise (e.g. low-impact surfacing, acoustic landscaping, signage for hours of use). Should these measures prove unworkable, moving the court to a less sensitive location (e.g. Jubilee Park) may be explored in partnership with users and residents. Final location to be confirmed following further technical assessment and local input.

Staff rationale: Staff recommend participatory design so decisions are made with, not for, the community—ensuring that sound mitigation works and that any relocation is justified by robust evidence.

### Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel notes the general support for Lampton Reserve’s active play intent, alongside strong feedback from local residents opposing key features.*

*That RMP section 5.2.11 Lampton Reserve be amended as follows:*

- *amend the ‘Issues and Options’ subsection by deleting the text box containing three key consultation questions and adding the following wording to the last paragraph: “Based on feedback received during consultation, the concept plan will be refined to respond to concerns about the location and function of the basketball court and cinema wall. Alternative locations and/or reconfiguration will be explored to reduce impact on surrounding homes and ensure safety, usability, and community support.”*
- *Expand Policy 2 to read as follows: “Develop the reserve in line with the final concept plan. Maintain substantial central open space suitable for multiple uses. Design play and active recreation spaces to minimise noise, enhance safety, and support inclusive access. Consider adaptive re-use of built elements (e.g. cinema wall as interpretive or sport feature) and incorporate feedback from neighbouring residents in final design.”*

#### 4. Chertsey Reserve in Berryfields (concept plan: a quiet, natural retreat) (pp 15-18 SbT)

The draft concept plan proposes a quieter reserve at Chertsey – with trees, a small playground, a circular lawn, and spots to sit and relax.

How well does this plan reflect how you’d like to use Chertsey Reserve?	Yes, very well	Somewhat well	Not really	Not sure	Total
Submissions database	5	2	1	0	8
Shape Tasman quick poll	73	43	23	7	146
<b>Total</b>	<b>78 (51%)</b>	<b>45 (29%)</b>	<b>24 (16%)</b>	<b>7 (4%)</b>	<b>154</b>

### Submission summary and analysis

The draft concept plan for Chertsey Road Reserve focused on informal nature-based play and open space. Of the 153 individuals who responded, 74% supported the concept overall. Many respondents appreciated the emphasis on nature play and the retention of green space. There was strong support for planting native trees and providing a relaxed setting for young families and walkers.

Some submitters suggested adding more adventurous play features, such as a small bike loop or pump track; however, no such feature was included in the publicly notified concept plan. A number of neighbouring residents raised concerns about the potential impacts of increased activity in the reserve, particularly if any future additions were to involve hard surfaces or wheeled play.

Key themes in submissions included:

- Positive support for nature play, tree planting and informal recreation.
- Desire to retain a low-key, natural character suitable for the neighbourhood.
- Requests to improve pedestrian access, especially along Chertsey Road.
- Caution from nearby residents about introducing noise-generating features in future.

Submissions expressed similar priorities as with the adjoining reserves: high quality, accessible play; shelter and trees; strong path connections; and “future-ready” design for evolving needs. There was also caution about ensuring the stormwater management function does not detract from play value or lead to excessive hard landscaping. Some support was given for community gardens or spaces for local food resilience.

Many submitters and the Hearing Panel Chair recommended maximising flexible open space at Chertsey Reserve to support a range of low-impact activities (e.g. dog exercise, neighbourhood games, fitness, and social events), distinct from the programmed uses in nearby Berryfields parks.

On 23 July 2025 a submitter emailed through the following photo “to emphasise our request to have bollards along road frontages of reserves. This is not the first time we have noticed evidence of vehicles crossing Chertsey Reserve but very noticeable this time after the rain.” The photo was taken on 17 July 2025.





### Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel notes the general support for the concept plan, particularly its nature-based focus, and the request from some submitters to consider modest play additions.*

*That RMP section 5.2.12 Chertsey Reserve be amended as follows:*

- *Amend the 'Issues and Options' subsection by deleting the text box containing three key consultation questions and adding the following wording to the last paragraph: "Further refinement of the concept plan will consider opportunities for enhanced access and low-impact play elements, while retaining the reserve's informal, nature-focused character. Community feedback has highlighted the importance of minimising noise and visual impacts on neighbouring homes."*
- *Expand Policy 2 by adding the following sub-policies:*
  - a) *Prioritise Chertsey Reserve as a flexible, passive recreation space. Any introduction of new active facilities (including for dog exercise or neighbourhood sports) should be subject to further consultation, technical site assessment, and must maintain the reserve's core open and low-impact function.*
  - b) *Support development of informal play and nature-based features that reflect the reserve's residential setting. Avoid introducing high-intensity or noise-generating uses. Improve pedestrian access and safety through pathway and streetscape enhancements.*
  - c) *Continue to plan with community partners for possible garden or event activation uses.*
  - d) *Design to avoid overdevelopment—keep core park area green and flexible.*

### 5. Location of Basketball Half Court – Possible Options in Berryfields or Nearby

**Context and Analysis:** Following strong opposition to the basketball half court at Lampton Reserve—primarily due to concerns about noise, antisocial behaviour, and proximity to homes—some submitters suggested relocating the court to another Berryfields reserve. Staff have assessed three alternative options based on submission feedback:

**Camberley Reserve:** Some submitters expressed interest in including hard surface play (e.g. basketball/netball) here. Although spatially larger than the other Berryfields reserves, Camberley is primarily envisioned as a village green with relaxed, social, and nature-based play features. There are also concerns from neighbours here about noise and activity levels. A basketball court might conflict with this intent unless carefully located and screened. As this reserve is bordered by roads on three sides, a basketball court could be more centrally located at the end opposite the houses. It has potential to accommodate more intensive youth recreation features like a basketball court, provided further community engagement is undertaken.

**Chertsey Road Reserve:** This reserve attracted strong support for retaining a low-key, nature-focused character. Neighbours raised concerns about introducing noisy or high-intensity features. A basketball court would likely be strongly opposed and is inconsistent with the concept plan and submission feedback.

**Staff advice:** *If the Hearing Panel supports removing the basketball court from the concept plan for Lampton Reserve, Camberley Reserve is the most appropriate alternative site within Berryfields, subject to further investigation and neighbour input. Chertsey Road Reserve should be excluded as a potential location.*

**Jubilee Park:** The Hearing Panel Chair has suggested that Jubilee Park may be a more appropriate location for a basketball half court.

**Staff advice:** *If the Hearing Panel agrees with the Chair's suggestion to construct a basketball half court at Jubilee Park, the site of the former beach volleyball facility near the skatepark could be developed for this purpose.*

## 6. Pukeko Park (alternative name suggestions) (pp 25-35 SbT)

The draft RMP proposes that Pukeko Park be given a different name, to reduce confusion with other reserves in the area. This matter was raised by a submitter on the related Richmond Ward reserve classification project, who was concerned about potential confusion with other reserves bordering the Waimea Inlet, particularly those located near Pukeko Lane. Naming of reserves is more appropriately a matter for an RMP, hence a request for alternative name suggestions for Pukeko Park (the name given to the area by a former staff member) was included as a key consultation question for the draft Richmond Ward RMP. Note that we are not proposing to formally gazette the name of any reserves in Richmond Ward, as this would require a lengthy separate consultation process under the Reserves Act. All park and reserve “names” in Richmond Ward are more accurately described as what they are “known as”, rather than official names.

Tell us your alternative name suggestion for the area known as Pukeko Park.	Total number of suggestions received
Submissions database	5
Post on Council’s FB page	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>

A post on the Council’s Facebook page on 23 May 2025 asked people to list their ideas for an alternative name for Pukeko Park in the comments section. In total, 31 alternative name suggestions were received from 150 comments on the post. Suggestions for names for Pukeko Park ranged from humorous to serious, with strong support for engaging local iwi. The most popular suggestion was ‘Ako Park (or maybe Ako Whenua)’, supported by 41 individuals. The tongue-in-cheek suggestion ‘Parky McParkface’ received 45 reactions. There was strong support for asking local iwi/manawhenua to provide a new name for the park; 34 respondents supported this approach.

### Name suggestions received:

- Ask local iwi/manawhenua for appropriate suggestions (34 reactions)
- Ako Park (or maybe Ako Whenua)<sup>1</sup> – 41 likes
- Good Neighbours Reserve (because it staddles the boundary) – 11 likes
- How about an English, Chinese, Japanese or Indonesian name for a change? (9 reactions)
- Waimanu (Water Bird) Reserve, Moanamanu (Sea bird), Manu (Bird) Reserve – 6 likes
- Unity Park (about coming together). Telson Park (Tasman and Nelson squished together) – 4 likes
- Potter Park (The term “potter” is used as a collective noun for pukekos, “a potter of pukekos”) – 3 likes
- Boundary Reserve. Estuary View – 3 likes
- Champion Park (two suggestions) or Champion Reserve (one suggestion)
- Waimea Siding, Tuia Siding – 3 likes
- Future Deviation Reserve – 2 likes
- Boundary Park, Boundary Reserve, Crossover Park, Border Reserve – 2 likes
- Paradise – 2 likes
- Piwakawaka Park – 1 like
- Cloaca del Mar - no likes
- Mudflats Bypass or Mudflats Deviation - no likes
- Dog Park

### Humorous name suggestions received:

- Parky McParkface (45 reactions)
- Mower Park (unlikely to be any Moa there now but clear evidence of a Mower, can even see fresh tracks) (16 reactions)

<sup>1</sup> Roger Waddell’s comment: This is the park where Waimea College undertake\* environmental education studies - creating a trapping line, studying the fauna and flora, composing environmental art, doing maths/science etc. So, how about Ako Park (ako = reciprocal learning)? The year 13 students have their yearly Graduation Planting plots here too.

\*the Enrichment programme has been abolished so there is less outdoor learning there now.

- Blue Chicken Park (7 reactions)
- Thousand Bird Park lol (6 reactions)
- Negative Nelly Nesting Nook (5 reactions)
- Wai-me Park (4 reactions)
- Waimea Community Park (If we name it the Waimea Community Park then cost will be of no issue) (4 reactions)
- Swamp Chicken Park (3 reactions)
- Grand Pukeko Park (2 reactions)
- Pookeko Park after all the sewage overflow from today's rain (2 laugh reactions)
- Pūkeko 2: Electric Bluegaloo (2 laugh reactions)
- Water logged p.o.s (2 laugh reactions)
- Dave the Park – 1 like
- That bit beside Sollys Park (1 laugh reaction)
- Yo The Park - no likes
- Turkey Park (1 angry reaction)

Naming of Pukeko Park attracted significant attention and creativity. The prevailing view was that Council should work closely with iwi/manawhenua to confirm a name that honours local identity, natural features, or indigenous values. Many valued the ecological and educational uses of the park and supported interpretive signage. Suggestions from students, educators, and community members underlined the reserve's importance for environmental learning.

#### Discussion

A request was received from the Hearing Panel Chair to align with neighbouring names as "Champion Reserve".

Consistent with Council's commitment to partnership with iwi and overwhelming public interest in indigenous names, staff recommend inviting iwi to suggest a name for this reserve, with the goal of recognising local natural, cultural, or historical significance. "Champion Reserve" and other community suggestions can be shared with iwi for consideration as part of the process.

Staff rationale: Final naming should proceed after iwi input and input from the full Hearing Panel, including matauranga Māori experts.

#### Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel notes the high level of engagement on the future name of Pukeko Park, including humorous, creative, and serious suggestions from over 150 community comments and multiple formal submissions. The feedback demonstrates wide-ranging community interest in the park's identity, with a prevailing theme—endorsed by a majority of submitters—that Council should work closely in partnership with iwi/manawhenua to confirm a name that honours local identity, natural features, and indigenous values.*

*Staff recommend that Council formally invite iwi to propose a recommended name for Pukeko Park, ensuring the process recognises the cultural, ecological, and historical context of the site and gives effect to the partnership approach supported by the community.*

*That the wording of RMP section 5.2.15 Pukeko Park be amended as follows:*

- *Amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with a key consultation question and replacing the final paragraph with: "Following feedback from earlier consultation rounds, and to avoid confusion with nearby reserves on Pukeko Lane, Council agrees that this park should have a new name. Reflecting strong community support for choosing a name that honours local identity and values, Council will now invite iwi to propose a name for the park, working in partnership to ensure the final name reflects the area's cultural, natural, or historical significance. Previous community suggestions and comments will be shared with iwi as part of this process."*
- *Amend the wording of Policy 6 to: "Develop educational and interpretive signage explaining the park's name and its ecological features, with input and involvement from iwi and local schools."*

## 7. Jubilee Park (car parking, skate park options and long-term protection) (pp 36-55 SbT)

### Proposal for additional car parking

The draft RMP proposes adding parking in the grassed area between the tennis courts and Target Shooting Richmond building to ease parking pressure.

Should we add ~50 extra car parks near the tennis courts at Jubilee Park?	Support	Oppose	Not sure	Total
Submissions database	4	0	0	4
Shape Tasman quick poll	131	26	32	189
<b>Total</b>	<b>135 (70%)</b>	<b>26 (13%)</b>	<b>32 (17%)</b>	<b>193</b>

### **Submission summary and analysis**

Feedback received showed strong support for providing additional car parking at Jubilee Park. Many respondents, particularly those who use the park during busy periods or attend events, described long-standing issues with congestion and safety, especially near the current skatepark. A commonly mentioned solution was to utilise the northern grassed area between the tennis courts and the Target Shooting Richmond building for overflow parking. Submitters noted that this area is currently underutilised and would be well-placed to meet increased parking demand, while some also suggested incorporating other features such as a community cinema wall in the same general area.

There was no significant opposition to the proposal in either channel of feedback; the few neutral or questioning comments generally focused on ensuring that car parking improvements would be designed to enhance safety and limit potential impacts on park amenity.

Overall, the community clearly viewed additional car parking as a practical way to improve both access and safety at Jubilee Park.

### **Staff recommendations**

*That the Hearing Panel notes the strong support for additional on-site parking at Jubilee Park.*

*It is recommended that the draft RMP be amended to include provision for the creation of an overflow car park in the northern grassed area adjacent to the tennis courts and Target Shooting Richmond building. The proposed design should emphasise separation of vehicle and pedestrian/cycle route movements and consider integrating complementary amenities where feasible. These modifications will address longstanding access and safety concerns, better meet peak demand, and future-proof the reserve for high-use events or sports days.*

*That the relevant paragraph in the Issues and Options section be expanded as follows: “Should the Bypass be constructed past Jubilee Park and reduce adjacent parking availability, two main options exist for improving onsite vehicle access and parking. Additional on-site car parking (with space for 50 vehicles) could be provided within the grassed area between the tennis courts and Target Shooting Richmond building in the northern corner of Jubilee Park. **During consultation, 70% of 193 respondents indicated support for adding approximately 50 extra car parks near the tennis courts, highlighting strong community backing for this option as a practical response to projected parking pressures.**”*

*That Policy 5 be amended to read as follows: ~~“Pending on outcome of consultation: If the Hope Bypass is constructed, meaning Park visitors can no longer use the adjoining ex-Railway land for vehicle parking, i~~Install paved car parking in the grassed area on parcel (m) north of the tennis courts, in order to provide an additional 50+ onsite parking spaces. **The proposed design should emphasise separation of vehicle and pedestrian/cycle route movements and consider integrating complementary amenities where feasible.**”*

### Skatepark options

The skatepark at Jubilee Park currently isn't very visible, which has led to antisocial behaviour and vandalism. Upgrading it to suit users of all ages and abilities could help reduce this by encouraging more people to use it. Since a large skatepark is also planned for Saxton Field nearby, another option could be to move it to another Richmond reserve with better visibility.

What should happen with the skatepark at Jubilee Park?	Keep it as it is	Upgrade it so it works for all ages and abilities	Relocate elsewhere in Richmond	Total
Submissions database	2	2	1	5
Shape Tasman quick poll	21	114	57	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 (12%)</b>	<b>116 (59%)</b>	<b>58 (29%)</b>	<b>197</b>

### Submission summary and analysis

Feedback on the skatepark was notably mixed. Some respondents raised concerns about antisocial behaviour, safety, and the skatepark's relatively concealed placement within the reserve, suggesting that poor passive surveillance has contributed to undesirable activity. These submitters (29%) expressed a preference for relocating the skatepark to a more visible or active site, such as Saxton Field, or to another Richmond location with higher visibility and accessibility. However, the majority (71%) of respondents stressed the importance of keeping the skatepark at Jubilee Park or at least retaining good skating facilities in close proximity to the town centre. This group cited the need for youth spaces and emphasised the skatepark's role in supporting recreation, social interaction, and wellbeing for young people. Some (59%) noted that the skatepark could be improved by redesign to broaden its appeal across a greater range of users and by better integrating it with the rest of the park. Overall, there was recognition of the need to address issues of safety, antisocial behaviour, and amenity, but suggestions diverged on whether relocation or refurbishment in situ would be the most effective solution.

We asked respondents who favoured relocating the skatepark elsewhere in Richmond to tell us where they'd prefer to see a skatepark constructed. Suggested locations included Saxton Field, which was frequently mentioned as a more appropriate site given the planned skatepark development there and its distance from residential housing. Several respondents recommended relocating the facility to the corner of Wensley Road and Queen Street—referred to as the pocket park near the Police station and bus stop—citing its visibility, central location, and better opportunities for passive surveillance. Other suggestions included Berryfields, where submitters noted a growing population of young families and a lack of youth-focused spaces; near the Richmond Mall or Kmart; at the back of existing sports fields; or adjacent to the aquatic centre. A few recommended the back of the playing fields or an area with more open space.

Some respondents were less specific, proposing that the skatepark be moved to a quieter or more industrial part of town, to an area away from houses, somewhere more central but highly visible, or to a place where Police could more easily monitor activity. A few suggested "out of town" or "not in the middle of Jubilee Park," reflecting general dissatisfaction with the current location rather than a preferred alternative. Others focused on criteria such as open sightlines, separation from family play areas, and avoiding disruption to organised sport.

Many submitters expressed concerns about antisocial behaviour at the current Jubilee skatepark, including reports of vandalism, substance use, aggressive or intimidating behaviour, and general neglect. Several respondents noted that the park feels unsafe or unwelcoming, particularly for families with young children or older residents passing through the area. Suggestions to improve safety included removing the large tree that obstructs visibility, improving lighting, installing CCTV, and encouraging greater passive surveillance by relocating or redesigning the facility.

Conversely, a significant number of submissions supported retaining and upgrading the skatepark at its current location. Supporters highlighted the importance of accessible youth infrastructure, particularly for children who cannot travel to Saxton Field. They noted that skateparks promote physical activity, social inclusion, and confidence-building—especially for young people not involved in team sports. Some suggested a redesign that better caters to beginner and intermediate users, with improved visibility and better integration into the

surrounding reserve. A few advocated for evidence-based planning to ensure Richmond has a well-located, age-appropriate skate facility that meets community needs.

## Discussion

The Panel Chair recommends retention and a modest upgrade of the Jubilee Skate Park at its existing site, noting its strong support among submitters and the planned Saxton Field regional facility.

## Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel notes the mixed views on future options for the skatepark at Jubilee Park, and the strong desire by most respondents for an all-ages/abilities skatepark in Richmond.*

*That the draft RMP be amended to:*

- *Acknowledge both the desire to provide high-quality youth recreational infrastructure and the concerns about location, safety, and behaviour.*
- *Retain and improve Jubilee Skate Park in situ, ensuring the upgrade is consistent with local needs and scale (minor improvements to surfaces, features, and safety). Relocation is not supported unless future risk assessments or major site issues arise.*
- *Note that the skatepark upgrade will be informed by:*
  - *professional advice on design and safety;*
  - *ongoing community engagement to ensure the needs of local youth are balanced with amenity, safety, and community wellbeing objectives; and*
  - *incorporation of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles.*

Staff rationale: This approach reflects clear community support for the current location and avoids unnecessary expenditure on relocation.

That the wording of RMP section 5.2.17 Jubilee Park be amended as follows:

- Delete the existing paragraph about the skatepark from the Issues and Options subsection and replace it with the following paragraph: “A number of submitters expressed mixed views on the future of the Jubilee Park skatepark, with many highlighting both the need for high-quality youth recreation facilities and concerns around its current location, safety, and occasional antisocial behaviour. The majority of respondents expressed a strong desire for an upgraded skatepark that caters to all ages and abilities, with improved design, visibility, and user safety. Staff advice is to retain and improve the existing skatepark in its current location, as upgrading the facility—using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and ongoing community engagement—can help address safety and antisocial behaviour while meeting local youth needs. Relocation of the skatepark is not recommended unless a comprehensive risk assessment or future operational review identifies unresolvable issues at this site. The upgrade will be informed by professional design advice and regular consultation with park users and neighbours.”
- Amend Policy 4 to read as follows: “~~Pending on outcome of consultation: Either: Maintain the skatepark. Or: Upgrade the skatepark to cater to all ages and abilities. Or: Relocate the skatepark facility to — reserve.~~ Retain and upgrade the Jubilee Park skatepark in situ to cater to all ages and abilities, using CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles, professional design advice, and continued community engagement. Relocation of the skatepark will only be considered if a future risk assessment or operational review identifies significant, unresolvable issues with the current site. *Explanation: This approach reflects strong community support for retaining and improving the skatepark at its present location and ensures investment in youth infrastructure and safety. It avoids unnecessary expenditure on relocation unless new evidence arises that cannot be managed through improved design or operations.*”

**Long-term protection**

The draft RMP seeks feedback on a proposal to declare Jubilee Park a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977 to ensure long-term protection. Formally protecting the park would safeguard it for recreation long-term. Keeping its current flexible status could allow future uses like social housing or shops, if needed. If that happened, Council would look to create a comparable recreation space nearby.

Should Jubilee Park be formally protected as a reserve under the Reserves Act?	Yes, protect it long-term	No, keep it flexible	Another idea	Total
Submissions database	4	0	0	4
Shape Tasman quick poll	143	44	3	190
<b>Total</b>	<b>147 (76%)</b>	<b>44 (23%)</b>	<b>3 (1%)</b>	<b>194</b>

**Submission summary and analysis**

In total, 194 people responded to the question “Should Jubilee Park be formally protected as a reserve under the Reserves Act?”: 147 (76%) voted yes, protect it long-term, 44 (23%) voted no, keep it flexible, and 3 (1%) had another idea.

Submissions overwhelmingly favoured long-term protection, citing fears of future non-recreational development. There was clear and widespread support for the proposal to formally protect Jubilee Park under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. Submitters emphasised the park’s longstanding value as a core community asset and voiced strong concern about any future potential repurposing for uses such as commercial development or social housing without robust community consent. Most considered formal protection essential to safeguard Jubilee Park for recreation and community purposes now and in the future.

**Staff recommendations**

*That the Hearing Panel notes the strong community support for long-term protection of Jubilee Park.*

*It is recommended that the draft RMP include provision for the Council to formally declare Jubilee Park as a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977—most appropriately as a recreation reserve—to secure its future for public benefit and recreation. Any significant change to its use should be subject to full community consultation and a transparent process as required by the Act, ensuring that community voices remain central to future decisions affecting this important public space.*

That the wording of RMP section 5.2.17 Jubilee Park be amended as follows:

- Amend the final paragraph in the Issues and Options subsection to read: “There is scope to declare Jubilee Park a reserve in future, ensuring legal protection for its high recreational values. Alternatively, the Council may choose to retain the land’s current unencumbered fee-simple status, preserving flexibility for alternative uses in future. ~~In the long term, the land could be rezoned for social housing, retail or other development opportunities. Should Jubilee Park be developed, the Council would look to provide a comparable recreational park close to the outskirts of Richmond.~~ We invited your feedback on whether or not to include a policy in this section of the RMP that would direct the Council to initiate the process of declaring Jubilee Park a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. **There was strong community support for long-term protection of Jubilee Park, with 76% of 194 respondents in favour of this option.**”
- Retain Policy 18: “Following the conclusion of the Nelson Tenth Reserve claim process, engage with iwi before initiating a public consultation process to declare the Jubilee Park area as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act, in order to provide appropriate legal protection for the recreational values of this land.” and delete the line “*Pending on outcome of consultation*” directly above this policy.

## 8. Cambridge Street Playground (long-term protection) (pp 56 SbT)

Do you support or oppose the inclusion of a policy in the RMP section on Cambridge Street Playground, directing the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under s.14 of the Reserves Act 1977?	Support	Oppose	Not sure	Total
Submissions database	3	0	0	3

**Submission summary and analysis**

Written feedback on the proposal to formally protect Cambridge Street Playground under the Reserves Act was supportive. Submitters focused on the popularity of the playground and its important recreational and social value in the CBD. They advocated for retaining and upgrading the playground, with expanded equipment for a wider age range, greater shade, and more seating. Concerns about litter, outdated equipment, and the need for improved pathways and maintenance were also raised. Accessibility—physical and social—was a recurrent theme.

Submitters considered this park a valuable community asset that should be safeguarded for long-term recreational use. They felt formal protection would help ensure this space remains available to future generations and are not repurposed for other uses without full community consultation.

**Staff recommendations**

*That the Hearing Panel notes the unanimous support for long-term protection of Cambridge Street Playground.*

*It is recommended that the draft RMP include provision for the Council to formally declare Cambridge Street Playground as a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977—most appropriately as a recreation reserve—to secure its future for public benefit and recreation. Any significant change to its use should be subject to full community consultation and a transparent process as required by the Act, ensuring that community voices remain central to future decisions affecting this important public space.*

*That the wording of RMP section 5.2.20 Cambridge Street Playground be amended as follows:*

- *amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with two key consultation questions and amending the final paragraph to read: “There is scope to declare Cambridge Street Playground a reserve in future, ensuring legal protection of its recreational values. Alternatively, the Council may choose to retain the land’s current unencumbered fee-simple status, preserving flexibility for alternative uses in future. ~~The land could be rezoned and, in combination with surrounding Council-owned land, potentially used for a new community facility for Richmond.~~ We invited your feedback on whether or not to include a policy in this section of the RMP that would direct the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. **There was unanimous support for long-term protection of this land.**”*
- *retain Policy 5: “Following the conclusion of the Nelson Tenth Reserve claim process, engage with iwi before initiating a public consultation process to declare the Cambridge Street Playground area as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act, in order to provide appropriate legal protection for the recreational values of this land.” and delete the line “Pending on outcome of consultation” directly above this policy.*
- *Expand Policy 2 to read: “Maintain and upgrade playground equipment as required. **Ensure core play equipment is modern, inclusive, and accessible. Monitor community needs and update features as demographics evolve.**”*



## 9. Hope Reserve (future options for Maitai Lodge and management model) (pp 57-58 SbT)

Future options for Maitai Lodge

The draft RMP included three questions relating to the Maitai Lodge (ex-Druids Hall):

Do you support or oppose retaining the Maitai Lodge building at Hope Reserve?	Support	Oppose	Other	Total
Submissions database	2	0	1	3
How would you like to see the Maitai Lodge managed and utilised in future?	Total number of suggestions			
Submissions database	2			
If a group is willing to take on responsibility for restoring and upgrading the building, do you support or oppose the Council granting a lease for exclusive use of the Maitai Lodge by this group?	Support	Oppose	Not sure	Total
Submissions database	3	0	0	3

**Submission summary and analysis**

Submissions regarding the future of the Maitai Lodge (ex-Druids Hall) show a range of views, with a slight preference towards retaining the building if a viable new use can be found. Among the small number of responses, one submitter specifically advocated for retaining the lodge, while others favoured removal if the building remains unused or cannot be restored. Another respondent, while also in favour of retention, stressed the importance of sustainable deconstruction and material salvage should demolition proceed, reflecting concerns for waste minimisation and embodied carbon. Practical suggestions included restoring the hall for continued community or public use, such as hiring it out for gatherings or events.

Feedback on potential new management and uses for Maitai Lodge emphasised flexibility. Three submitters supported the idea that, if a suitable group or tenant came forward, Council should consider granting a lease for exclusive use — provided that the group takes on the responsibility for restoration and improvement of the building. There was no significant opposition to the idea of exclusive leasing as long as community interests were protected and building improvements were delivered.

**Staff recommendations**

*That the Hearing Panel notes the range of views on future options for the Maitai Lodge at Hope Reserve.*

*Staff recommend that:*

- The RMP support retention of the Maitai Lodge building provided a viable community purpose and responsible occupant (individual, group, or tenant) can be found.
- If no future use or group comes forward, the plan should allow for careful deconstruction, prioritising sustainable practices and salvage of materials.
- The RMP should explicitly provide for Council to grant a lease for exclusive or shared use to any group willing to restore and upgrade the building, subject to assessment of proposals and community benefit.
- If restoration and community use are not feasible within a reasonable timeframe, Council may reconsider options for the building's future in consultation with the community.
- Any decision should prioritise long-term resilience, sustainability, and continued public access or benefit where possible.

*That the wording of RMP section 5.2.26 Hope Reserve be amended as follows:*

- Amend the Issues and Options subsection by:
  - deleting the text box with four key consultation questions; and
  - amending the paragraph about the Maitai Lodge to read: "The Maiti Lodge (ex-Druids Hall) is a historic building with a unique character but limited use – presently occupied mostly by an arts club once a week at present. The hall's condition is subpar, being cold and cramped, which deters potential new users and limits its community role. Council will seek a viable

*community purpose and responsible occupant for the Lodge, such as a local group, individual, or tenant willing to restore and upgrade the space for broader community benefit (for example, as a flexible meeting or event space). If no such use is identified within a reasonable timeframe, Council may consider careful deconstruction of the building, prioritising sustainable practices and salvaging historic materials where possible. Any decision about the Lodge's future will aim to maximise long-term resilience, sustainability, and public benefit, and will include further community consultation where appropriate. Repurposing or upgrading the Maitai Lodge would enhance its appeal and functionality, possibly as a flexible event space or for other community focused activities. We'd like to explore alternative uses for the building, ensuring it aligns with current community needs, or potentially removing the Maitai Lodge if this is the preferred option."*

- Amend Policy 9 to read as follows: *"Pending outcome of consultation: Either: Remove the Maitai Lodge from Hope Reserve. Or: Improve the condition of the Maitai Lodge as resources allow and encourage better utilisation of this facility by community groups and others. Or: Support retention of the Maitai Lodge building provided that a viable community purpose and responsible occupant (individual, group, or tenant) can be found, with provision for Council to grant a lease for exclusive or shared use to any party committing to restoration, upgrade, and ongoing maintenance, subject to assessment of proposals and demonstration of community benefit. If, after a reasonable period, no sustainable use or group emerges, allow for careful deconstruction of the Lodge, prioritising material salvage and sustainability, with Council to consult with the community on alternatives prior to any final decision. All decisions relating to Maitai Lodge will prioritise long-term resilience and continued public access or benefit where practicable. If a community group is willing to invest in upgrading the Maitai Lodge and maintaining this facility, allow this group to have exclusive use of this building in accordance with the terms and conditions of a new 10-year lease with that group (see Appendix 3, Table A)."*

#### **Future management model**

The draft RMP included a question about future management models for Hope Reserve:

Which management model do you prefer for managing bookings at Hope Reserve in future?	Option 1 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and continues to manage bookings	Option 2 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and approves bookings made via a new online system	Option 3 – Council retires the Management Committee and manages bookings via a new online system	Not stated	Total
Submissions database	2	2	1	1	6

#### **Submission summary and analysis**

Feedback on options for future management of bookings at Hope Reserve revealed no overwhelming consensus, though there was a clear preference for models that retain local involvement or a blend of community and Council oversight. Two submitters supported the status quo, with the Hope Hall Management Committee continuing its present role. Two others favoured a hybrid approach in which the Committee retains oversight but leverages a new online booking system for improved efficiency and access. Only one respondent preferred fully transferring booking management to Council, favouring streamlined processes but at the cost of reducing local governance. Overall, submissions highlight strong community value placed on local stewardship, transparency, and flexibility to modernise systems as needed.

#### **Staff recommendations**

*That the Hearing Panel notes the clear preference for management models that retain local involvement or a blend of community and Council oversight at Hope Reserve.*

Staff recommend that the RMP:

- retain the Hope Hall Management Committee’s involvement in booking management for Hope Reserve, while encouraging adoption of an online system for transparency and ease of use; and
- should provide for Council staff to support the Committee as needed, particularly in transitioning to or managing online systems; and
- if future circumstances warrant (e.g., lack of volunteers for the Committee), the RMP should allow for a Council-led management model, subject to further engagement with reserve users; and
- the explanatory text should note that the preferred option is a community-led or hybrid management model that keeps decision-making close to users while embracing opportunities for technology and more efficient processes.

These recommendations aim to preserve community engagement and knowledge, ensure accessible and efficient booking processes, and allow for evolution as community needs or resources change.

That the wording of RMP section 5.2.26 Hope Reserve be amended as follows:

- Amend the Issues and Options subsection by:
  - deleting the text box with four key consultation questions; and
  - deleting the paragraph about the management model and replacing it with the following text:
 

*“The Hope Hall Management Committee currently oversees bookings and regular cleaning for the main hall, Maitai Lodge, and associated open space areas. Submissions on the future management model expressed a clear preference for retaining strong local involvement, while also enabling more efficient and accessible booking systems. Management will move to a hybrid model that maintains the Committee’s leadership in booking and day-to-day management, supported by Council staff as needed—especially in transitioning to or managing an online booking system provided by Council. This approach offers transparency, ease of access, and a gradual shift to digital tools, without losing local knowledge or engagement. Should the Management Committee become unsustainable (for instance, if there are not enough volunteers), the RMP allows for a transition to a Council-led model following engagement with regular users and the local community. This provides flexibility for the management structure to evolve over time in response to changing needs and resources, while keeping decision-making as close to the community as possible.”*
- Amend Policy 2 to read as follows: *“Continue to support the Hope Hall Committee to undertake in the day-to-day management of the Hope Hall, Maitai Lodge and the open space areas (such as those used by dog groups), including approving bookings for these facilities – now or in the future - via an online booking system set up and supported by Council. Council staff will provide assistance to the Committee as needed, particularly in the adoption and operation of any online system, to ensure efficient and accessible processes for the community. If in the future the Committee is unable to fulfil its management role (for example, due to lack of volunteers), Council may transition to a Council-led management model, following further engagement with regular users and the wider community.”*

#### 10. Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves (beginner-friendly pump track) (pp 59-64 SbT)

The draft RMP proposes installing a beginner-friendly pump track around the edge of these adjoining neighbourhood reserves, to give kids and learners a fun, safe riding space.

Do you support the idea of a small pump track at Chelsea Avenue & Harriet Court Reserves?	Support	Oppose	Total
Submissions database	3	1	4
Shape Tasman quick poll	201	20	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>204 (91%)</b>	<b>21 (9%)</b>	<b>225</b>

#### Submission summary and analysis

Consultation on proposed improvements at Chelsea Avenue and Harriet Court Reserves generated significant community engagement, especially regarding the suggestion to install a beginner-friendly pump track around

the edge of these adjoining neighbourhood reserves. Out of 225 total responses, 91% supported the pump track proposal, while 9% were opposed.

Supporters viewed the pump track as a valuable addition that would revitalise an underused space, provide local children with a safe place to ride bikes, scooters, and skateboards, and reduce the need for families to cross busy roads to reach similar facilities elsewhere. Many respondents highlighted the value of encouraging outdoor play, building bike confidence, and strengthening the neighbourhood community.

Opponents voiced concerns about potential impacts on the tranquil character of these reserves, including noise and increased activity, possible traffic and parking pressures, and risk of conflict with passive users such as walkers and those seeking a peaceful environment. Some neighbours questioned whether the reserves were large enough to accommodate a pump track, with a few asking that the green space remain undisturbed for relaxation, walking, and dog exercise.

Additional feedback addressed the condition and history of existing dirt mounds used informally for biking. Views were divided: some saw them as evidence of unmet community need, while others considered them unsightly or as presenting safety issues due to lack of formal design and maintenance. One resident, Alastair Jewell, submitted a detailed statement supporting a modest, well-designed pump track as a welcome feature, specifically recommending that Council look to successful models such as the Nelson Intermediate pump track. Jewell also advised that any new facility be designed to balance use between different age groups and integrate seamlessly with passive recreation areas to minimise user conflict, with clear sightlines and limited earthworks. He further emphasised the need for careful community consultation about the specific footprint, scale, and design of any proposed facility to ensure it adequately serves local needs and maintains the open space character valued by park users.

Several comments raised issues beyond the pump track, including:

- The restoration or management of existing bike mounds, with some supporting their formalisation and others preferring removal or redesign to reduce perceived hazards.
- Calls for a comprehensive vision and concept plan for these reserves, considering cycle and play provision in the context of the wider reserve network to avoid duplication and ensure a balanced approach to different user groups.
- Concerns about visual barriers and the need for clear sightlines for safety and accessibility, especially around existing earthworks or features adjacent to main playgrounds and entrances.
- Suggestions for more seating, shaded picnic spaces, and features to cater for various ages and abilities.

## Discussion

The Hearing Panel Chair supports a beginner-friendly pump track and calls for a masterplan for the whole reserve, aligning with feedback around space optimisation and multipurpose use. He also suggests accessible seating near Harriet Court for elderly residents.

## Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel note the very high level of community support for a basic, well-designed pump track at Chelsea Avenue and Harriet Court Reserves, while also recognising concerns from some neighbours regarding the preservation of the reserves' peaceful character, risk of user conflict, and adequacy of space.*

*That the draft RMP be amended to:*

- *Update the Chelsea Avenue and Harriet Court Reserves narrative to reflect that feedback revealed both strong overall support for a small pump track to provide local wheeled play opportunities, and a desire to protect the tranquil, open space amenity valued by neighbouring residents and passive users.*
- *Proceed with a whole-of-reserve plan to ensure any new features (including pump track) are sited and designed to integrate harmoniously with other uses and neighbour expectations. Include accessible, age-friendly seating near the Harriet Court pathway—designed for elderly residents, incorporating mobility and visibility needs. Also include provision for additional seating, picnic tables, and shading in Chelsea Avenue*

*Reserve, taking into account suggestions from the community for improvements benefitting users of all ages and abilities.*

- *Specify that the final design for the pump track will be guided by assessment of site capacity, best-practice design principles (including reference to successful local models), and attention to integrating with the passive, open character of the reserves.*
- *Design and siting of the pump track should ensure features:*
  - *Minimise impacts on passive recreation, sightlines, and movement routes;*
  - *Clearly define activity zones to reduce user conflict and risk;*
  - *Limit earthworks and respect the underlying open green space;*
  - *Provide formal management/maintenance of any bike mounds and remove or reshape informal features as needed to address safety and amenity concerns.*
- *Assess and manage the two existing dirt mounds as part of this process, ensuring that any retained features are safe, visually appealing, and compatible with the agreed future design. Remove the dirt mound from the central area to reinstate contiguous open space that is flat and grassed.*

This approach delivers best practice for inclusive, multifunctional community space and ensures new investment is compatible with site constraints and opportunities. The proposed amendments seek to honour the strong local support for more active recreation opportunities, while ensuring that the design and delivery of any new features remain consistent with broader community wishes for both active and passive enjoyment of the reserves.

*That the wording of RMP section 5.2.31 Chelsea Avenue Reserve be amended as follows:*

- *Amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box containing a key consultation question and deleting the last paragraph and replacing it with the following text: “Community feedback revealed strong overall support for establishing a small, well-designed pump track at Chelsea Avenue and Harriet Court Reserves, providing local children and families with opportunities for safe, accessible wheeled play. Many submitters highlighted the benefits for skill-building and active recreation, particularly for younger children and beginners.*  
*At the same time, some neighbouring residents and passive users expressed concern about preserving the reserves’ tranquil and open-space amenity. These concerns included the risk of user conflict between wheeled and passive users, the adequacy of available space, and potential impacts on the peaceful character valued by the local community. Suggestions were also made for additional seating—particularly age-friendly options near Harriet Court for elderly residents—picnic tables, more shade (trees or structures), and improved safety and accessibility features such as solar lighting. In response, a whole-of-reserve plan will be developed to ensure any upgrades—particularly the siting and design of the pump track—are fully integrated with other uses and community expectations. The final design should balance active and passive uses, protect contiguous open green space, improve accessible seating and shading, and incorporate best-practice principles from successful local examples. Any changes to existing dirt mounds should prioritise safety and visual amenity, with removal or reshaping as needed to restore flat, grassed open space.”*
- *Amend Policies 1-6 to read as follows:*
  - “1 Manage the reserve primarily for both passive recreation and open space amenity purposes, preserving their peaceful character alongside new play opportunities.*
  - 2 Maintain and upgrade playground equipment to serve a range of ages and abilities, with robust and safe surfacing.*
  - 3 Undertake further landscaping and planting of shade trees (and/or structures), especially to provide shaded, accessible gathering areas.*
  - 4 Install additional seating, picnic tables and solar lighting for safety.*
  - 5 Assess and manage the two existing dirt mounds as part of any new plan, ensuring that any retained features are safe, visually appealing, and compatible with the agreed future design; remove the central mound to restore open, flat, grassed space.*
  - 6 Develop and implement a whole-of-reserve plan to guide the coordinated design and siting of new features—including installation of a beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter of the Chelsea Avenue and Harriet Court reserves. The final design for any pump track will:*
    - *Be guided by assessment of site capacity and best-practice design principles;*
    - *Clearly define activity and quiet/passive zones;*
    - *Minimise impacts on general recreation, sightlines, movement routes, and open green space;*

- Limit earthworks and integrate with passive uses;
- Address safety and user conflict, especially at key access points;
- Incorporate input from local residents and reserve users to achieve a balanced, inclusive, and broadly supported outcome.”

That the wording of RMP section 5.2.32 Harriet Court Reserve be amended as follows:

- Amend the Issues and Options subsection by adding: “(see Section 5.2.31)” to the end of the last sentence.
- Amend Policy 1 to read: “Manage the reserve primarily for both passive recreation and open space amenity purposes, preserving their peaceful character alongside new play opportunities.”
- Amend Policy 4 to read: “Install additional seating and age-friendly, accessible seats near Harriet Court pathway for elderly users, as well as solar lighting for safety.”
- Amend Policy 5 to read: “Install a beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter of the Harriet Court and Chelsea Avenue reserves in accordance with Policy 6 in Section 5.2.31.”

#### 11. Easby Park (playground location, separate walking track, basic pump track) (pp 65-81 SbT)

##### Playground location

To reduce future flood damage at Easby Park, we plan to redesign and move the play equipment. Which option do you prefer?	Option 1: Group all equipment together in the western corner (further from the creek)	Option 2: Split equipment – younger kids’ play area in the western corner, older kids’ equipment on the other side of the creek	Not sure	Total
Submissions database	2	2	2	6
Shape Tasman quick poll	129	79	18	226
<b>Total</b>	<b>131 (56%)</b>	<b>81 (35%)</b>	<b>20 (9%)</b>	<b>232</b>

##### **Submission summary and analysis**

Written feedback on the preferred location for playground equipment at Easby Park showed strong support (56%) for grouping all equipment in the western corner, away from Reservoir Creek. Submitters cited safety, convenience and the need to reduce or eliminate recurring flood risk as key reasons. Numerous parents and caregivers recounted personal experiences of playground flooding, including standing water and sodden surfaces that led to closure, unsafe play, and repeated damage to equipment. Some suggested that relocating the playground was long overdue. Submitters emphasised that ensuring year-round access is crucial, both for children’s enjoyment and for preserving Council investment in facilities.

Some respondents provided specific ideas for alternative playground locations within the park, favouring central sites easily accessible from key entry points but set back from the most flood-prone streamside edge. Several advocated for improved playground features—such as inclusive play equipment, shade, and seating—should relocation occur, especially since the move offers a chance to update or enhance the area. A small minority called for a technical review or hydrological assessment to guarantee the new site would not have similar problems.

Among those addressing playground location, a notable subset (35%) considered the concept of splitting play equipment so that some was located on each side of the creek.

A number of submitters supported the idea of splitting play equipment across both sides of the creek, viewing it as a strategy to:

- Ensure equitable access for households living on both sides of Easby Park, minimising the need for children to cross the waterway or make a long detour to use park facilities.
- Distribute activity more evenly and reduce crowding in a single area, making supervision easier and catering to different age groups or play types (e.g., active play on one side, quieter, imaginative play on the other).
- Promote a sense of “multiple destinations” within the reserve, encouraging park users to explore a wider area and supporting a variety of recreational opportunities.

- Some acknowledged that the current bridge crossings are accessible for most users but felt that dispersed equipment could cater to mobility needs on both sides, especially when one side is waterlogged or undergoing maintenance.

Conversely, many submissions clearly opposed the idea of splitting play spaces, raising several themes:

- **Safety and supervision:** Parents and caregivers expressed concern that dividing play equipment would make it difficult to supervise children moving between both sides, especially for families with multiple children or children of varying ages. They argued a single consolidated playground allows parents to monitor all children in one place and reduces the risk of kids crossing the creek unsupervised.
- **Loss of social atmosphere:** Some submitters felt a single, central play space helps build community, creates a vibrant social hub, and is more inviting for group play and family gatherings.
- **Resource efficiency:** Opponents argued that splitting equipment would dilute the play value—potentially resulting in smaller, less diverse play areas on each side due to constraints on funding and available space. Several submissions specifically warned that this could lead to both halves being underwhelming, rather than one high-quality, activated zone.
- **Preference for relocation:** Several respondents who opposed splitting equipment stressed their support for moving the entire playground to a better-drained, easily accessible location within the park (but keeping all equipment together), rather than dispersing it.

A few neutral or process-focused comments favoured other engagement, suggesting that either approach could work if underpinned by robust consultation, safety design (e.g., fencing or clear sightlines), and high-quality equipment selection suited to different spaces and audiences.

In summary, while a minority of submitters saw potential benefits to splitting play equipment to address equity and capacity, the majority view favoured keeping all or most play equipment clustered in a single, well-designed area. Their focus was on safety, social connection, play value, and ease of supervision.

A few submitters cautioned against major earthworks or tree removal during relocation, stressing the importance of retaining existing trees and natural features where possible. These submitters generally agreed about the need to reduce flood risk but wished to see the move implemented sensitively.

## Discussion

The Hearing Panel Chair and most submitters prefer to keep the playground on the current side of Reservoir Creek for safety, visibility, and winter sunlight. Additional recommendations include improving flood resilience (e.g. pour-and-play, raised surfaces), retaining heritage play equipment, extending/widening paths, and providing multiple picnic tables for groups.

## Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel notes the strong support (56%) for grouping all equipment in the western corner, away from Reservoir Creek, but that there is also a notable subset (35%) who prefer the concept of splitting play equipment so that some is located on each side of the creek.*

*That the RMP 'Issues and Options' subsection for Easby Park be expanded to note that, although a minority of submitters supported splitting play equipment across both sides of the creek to improve access, the majority expressed a clear preference for keeping all main equipment clustered to support ease of supervision, social connection, and resource efficiency.*

*That the RMP include a clear commitment to rebuilding the playground in one consolidated location in the western corner of Easby Park to ensure reliable year-round use, minimise maintenance costs, and maximise accessibility from main entry points and pathways. Incorporate flood resilient design, e.g. raised paving or earth mounds, and durable rubberised surfacing. Design for the renewed playground should incorporate inclusive, modern, and varied play equipment, and respond to requests for associated amenities such as seating, shade, and passive supervision areas. Heritage play features (giraffe, duck, bars) will be retained and refurbished, subject to safety review. Additional/expanded picnic seating to serve groups and school parties. Any works to*

align with broader stormwater management projects. Pathway extension to Selbourne Ave and separation between bikes and walkers to be investigated through future design.

In implementing these changes, the RMP should direct that Council minimise disturbance of mature trees and ensure the transition is managed to avoid lengthy periods with no functioning playground.

This approach balances play space value, community preference, operational efficiency, and resilience to flooding.

That the wording of RMP section 5.2.35 Easby Park be amended as follows:

- Amend the paragraph about relocating the playground in the Issues and Options subsection by rewording the second sentence to read *“We consulted on two options for the playground upgrade.”* and then adding a new paragraph that states: *“While a small minority of submitters supported splitting play equipment on both sides of Reservoir Creek for access, the majority expressed a clear preference for grouping all main playground equipment together, prioritising the western corner (away from the creek). Reasons cited included ease of parental supervision, opportunities for social connection, improved accessibility from main pathways, and more efficient resource use for safety surfacing and maintenance. Many submitters also supported the retention and refurbishment of the park’s well-loved heritage play features (the giraffe, duck, and climbing bars), provided they meet modern safety standards. Associated amenities such as accessible seating, shade, and picnic facilities—especially suitable for group or school gatherings—were also requested. Submitters emphasised the importance of robust, flood-resilient design to ensure the playground remains usable year-round, including raised areas, durable surfacing, and siting away from regular flood risk. Works should minimise disturbance to mature trees and limit periods with no functioning playground.”*
- Delete Policy 2 text and replace it with: *“2 Relocate and consolidate all main playground equipment to a single, flood-resilient location in the western corner of Easby Park, ensuring robust, inclusive, and modern play design. Incorporate raised surfacing, shaded seating, passive supervision areas, and retain and refurbish heritage play features subject to safety review. All works to minimise mature tree disturbance and ensure minimal disruption to playground availability.”*
- Delete Policy 4 text and replace it with: *“Provide additional seating and picnic tables in locations (including the southeastern corner) that serve both small and large groups, with improved shade and visibility.”*
- Add a new Policy 8 to read: *“Coordinate all significant upgrades—playground or otherwise—with stormwater projects for maximised efficiency and minimal disruption to the community.”*

#### **Separate walking track**

At the south end of Easby Park, the track from the Reservoir Creek bridge to Kingsland Forest is shared by walkers and bikers. We’re considering adding a separate walking-only track alongside it, to help reduce conflicts between users.

<b>Build a walking-only track to reduce conflict with bikes at Easby Park?</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Total</b>
Submissions database	6	1	7
Shape Tasman quick poll	151	57	208
<b>Total</b>	<b>157 (73%)</b>	<b>58 (27%)</b>	<b>215</b>

#### **Submission summary and analysis**

Feedback indicated strong (73%) but not universal support for a separate dedicated walking track in the southern section of Easby Park. Many regular users (especially older residents, families with small children, and people with dogs) described near-misses and discomfort on the current shared path, which carries both walkers and faster-moving cyclists. The need for a calmer, safer option—separated from wheeled traffic—was a common theme.



Some submitters noted that conflict is most acute at busy times, including weekends and after school, and that increased use of e-bikes and scooters has made the path feel less safe for slower or more vulnerable users. Suggestions for the design included a natural or permeable surface to blend into the park setting, with the route sited well away from high-speed cycling routes, and aligned to maintain open sightlines and preserve green space.

Opposition or concern came mainly from submitters worried about loss of open grass for informal play, the impact on green space character, and the potential cost of duplicating paths. A few advocated for better signage, speed control, or education on shared path etiquette instead of building new tracks.

#### Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel notes the strong (73%) but not universal support for a separate dedicated walking track in the southern section of Easby Park.*

*It is recommended that the RMP provide for creation of a dedicated, separate walking path in the southern section of Easby Park to reduce conflict between walkers and bikers, as supported by many regular users, families with children, and older park visitors. The new path should be designed to accommodate people of all mobility levels and use natural or permeable surfaces to minimise impacts on the open space character and integrate visually with existing landscaping.*

*Council should be directed to engage with the local community on the precise alignment and materials, ensuring open sightlines, retention of informal play space, and protection of key vegetation. Where concerns about potential loss of open space or costs were expressed, the RMP should provide for a scaled approach—prioritising interventions in the busiest or most problematic areas first, and monitoring effectiveness before further extending paths.*

*If it is shown that enhancements to signage, speed management, or shared etiquette are more effective or better supported by users, the RMP should allow for adaptive management based on observed outcomes and further user feedback.*

*That the wording of RMP section 5.2.35 Easby Park be amended as follows:*

- *Delete the paragraph about the proposed separate walking-only track in the Issues and Options subsection and replace it with: “Shared use of the main path leading from the bridge toward Kingsland Forest Park by both walkers and bikers has created occasional conflict and safety concerns. Many regular users, families, and older residents supported development of a dedicated walking path along the southern/eastern boundary to separate slower, vulnerable users from faster-moving bikes. Feedback stressed that the design should support all mobility levels, use visually unobtrusive surfaces, and retain the park’s open space and informal, playful character. Community engagement on alignment and materials can help balance access improvements with protection of amenity and vegetation. Some respondents wanted a scaled approach—addressing the busiest/conflict-prone areas first, and monitoring effectiveness before considering further extensions or new paths. Others noted that, in some locations, improved signage or etiquette may provide a simpler solution.”*
- *Amend Policy 5 to read: “Develop a ~~new~~ dedicated, accessible walking-only path along the southeastern boundary. ~~Designate~~ Retain the current shared-use path as a mountain biking route to improve user safety and experience.”*

#### Basic pump track option for Easby Park

During the ‘seeking ideas’ initial consultation, some residents suggested adding more active recreation, like a pump track, at the southern end of Easby Park, alongside the existing shared path.

Add a basic pump track for bikes at Easby Park?	Support	Oppose	Total
Submissions database	4	1	5
Shape Tasman quick poll	205	37	242
<b>Total</b>	<b>209 (85%)</b>	<b>38 (15%)</b>	<b>247</b>

### Submission summary and analysis

Feedback on the proposed installation of a basic pump track at Easby Park was strongly positive, with approximately 85% of respondents indicating support. Submitters—particularly parents and caregivers—frequently cited the need for a safe, purpose-built space close to home where children can practice biking skills, gain confidence, and be active outside. They remarked that Easby Park’s central location, visibility, and well-used pathways made it ideal for fostering healthy habits and providing new opportunities for physical activity. Some supporters added that a pump track would complement the existing playground, picnic facilities, and the popular shared walking/cycling path, enhancing the park’s value for families and encouraging intergenerational use.

Several parents noted their children already attempt to create informal bike features in the park or are forced to travel further afield to access dedicated facilities; having a local pump track would meet existing community demand and reduce safety risks associated with ad hoc biking in unsuitable areas. Supporters noted that such a facility would also attract young people to the park, providing a positive, supervised space for socialisation and recreation.

Many supportive comments included requests for thoughtful design and location. Submitters suggested:

- The pump track should be modest in scale and use natural-looking materials to maintain the park’s aesthetic.
- Design should take into account the protection of established trees and surrounding planting.
- Placement should avoid areas prone to flooding or impinge on important informal gathering areas.
- Noise mitigation measures and siting away from boundary fences and neighbouring properties were also recommended.
- Suggestions were made to provide seating and shade for supervising adults and to ensure pathways were integrated for safety.

While overall support was strong, a notable minority (about 15%) opposed the proposal or expressed reservations. These concerns were mainly raised by immediate neighbours, regular passive users, or those who value the park’s current atmosphere. Opponents were concerned about:

Increased noise, particularly from older children and groups gathering at the pump track, and the potential for disturbance to nearby homes.

The risk of Easby Park being “over-programmed” with built features, diminishing open space available for broader community use—especially for picnicking, casual sport, or quiet relaxation.

The potential for conflicts between wheeled users of the pump track and people engaged in passive or informal recreation, given the park’s already high usage.

Parking and traffic pressures if the facility proves popular and attracts users from beyond the immediate neighbourhood.

Some respondents were not outright opposed but sought assurances regarding scale, careful siting, and an ongoing commitment by Council to mitigate negative impacts through robust design, community consultation, and regular maintenance. Several called for a comprehensive plan for park improvements so that changes (such as the pump track) fit well within the broader vision for Easby Park.

A few commenters felt that alternative sites in Richmond might be better suited for such a facility—either because those sites already attract older children, or because Easby Park’s more passive, leafy character makes it comparatively unsuitable for active bike features. Some referenced the success or challenges of pump tracks in other parts of the Tasman and Nelson regions, both affirming their popularity and highlighting risks if not carefully managed.

In summary, the majority of respondents supported the pump track as a valuable, family-friendly addition that fits user demand for local, accessible recreation. However, support was frequently qualified by calls for sensitive

design, site selection, and protection of Easby Park's essential green space qualities, while opposition focused on impacts to tranquillity, amenity, passive use, and local residents' experience of the park. There is a clear expectation that Council will address these concerns—through both engagement and the details of any future proposal—if the pump track proceeds.

#### Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel notes the strong community support (85%) but also a significant level of concern from some local residents and park users about a proposed pump track at Easby Park.*

*The RMP should provide for further investigation and targeted engagement on developing a modest, well-designed pump track in the southern part of Easby Park.*

*The plan should state that any new facility must:*

- *Be sited in a location that maximises safety and passive supervision, avoids flood-prone and high-ecological-value areas, and protects established trees.*
- *Be of scale and form that is in keeping with the neighbourhood setting, making use of natural materials and low-profile design.*
- *Be subject to a robust design and consultation process prior to construction, including consideration of parking/traffic impacts, connections to existing pathways, and ongoing management responsibilities.*
- *Be part of a wider vision for Easby Park that balances active recreation with retention of generous open space, protection of the reserve's green character, and continued provision for informal and passive use.*

*Council should remain responsive to emerging issues and be prepared to adapt design or management of the pump track if adverse effects or demand exceed expectations. The RMP should outline a monitoring and review process, including clear criteria for success and ongoing community input.*

These recommendations address broad themes in the community's feedback while setting clear direction and adaptive pathways for responding to local needs and concerns about the future of Easby Park.

*That the wording of RMP section 5.2.35 Easby Park be amended as follows:*

- *Delete the paragraph about the proposed pump track in the Issues and Options subsection and replace it with: "Consultation showed broad support for a modest, well-designed pump track or bike jump area at the park's southern end, provided it is carefully integrated with the overall park layout and passive use. Key conditions included siting the track away from sensitive ecological areas and established trees, minimising noise or conflict with neighbours and passive users, low-profile design, and landscape screening where possible. Submitters expected any new facility to be subject to detailed design and consultation—addressing traffic, safety, and integration with existing paths—and for Council to monitor and adapt its management over time to respond if use or effects change."*
- *Amend Policy 6 to read: "Investigate, design and install a modest pump track in the southern end of Easby Park, adjacent to the dedicated mountain biking route, to diversify recreational offerings. Ensure the facility:*
  - *Is sited to maximise safety and supervision, outside of main flood and significant ecological areas;*
  - *Is of a scale and form that fits the neighbourhood setting;*
  - *Is integrated with a wider vision for the park that balances active and passive recreation;*
  - *Is subject to a robust management, monitoring, and review process, with adaptive responses if effects or demand exceed expectations."*

#### 12. Paton Reserve (concept plan: a new destination park for Richmond South) (pp 82-94 SbT)

The draft RMP includes a concept plan to transform Paton Reserve into a destination park on the edge of Richmond, giving visitors a taste of rural life. The vision includes walking among orchards, picnicking, enjoying outdoor concerts in a natural amphitheatre, and relaxing at a future café or food carts. An accessible loop track would link car parks, picnic areas, a lookout, and a potential playground, with seating along the way. Stormwater retention ponds and wetland features are also proposed to enhance the natural setting.

Currently, the only vehicle access is via Paton Road, but the plan explores adding new access from Cupola Crescent or a future road, with car parks on each side and an internal link road that could become one-way. Some facilities, like the main car park and café/play area, might be built later as access is improved. The draft RMP asked for feedback on these ideas and what features people would most like to see at Paton Reserve.

Do you support the draft concept plan for Paton Reserve?	Fully support	Partially support	Oppose	Total
Submissions database	1	5	1	7
Shape Tasman quick poll	108	28	24	160
<b>Total</b>	<b>109 (65%)</b>	<b>33 (20%)</b>	<b>25 (15%)</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Which of these amenities/activities would you like to see developed/ permitted at Paton Reserve?</b>	4 submitters responded to this question 165 individuals responded to this question on Shape Tasman Total = 169			

### Submission summary and analysis

Feedback on the Paton Reserve concept plan was generally supportive, with a focus on both the vision and the key proposed features of the draft plan.

**Support for the Draft Concept:** Most respondents supported the overarching aim to develop Paton Reserve into an accessible destination offering both ecological restoration and active/recreational use. Submitters welcomed plans for a multi-use, universally accessible path network, generous native planting, natural play and picnic areas, and improved connections with nearby neighbourhoods. Several positive comments highlighted the opportunity to create a high-quality green space early in the suburb's development, ensuring the park becomes a cherished and well-used local asset. Submitters appreciated the vision of a destination-style reserve that incorporates orchards, walking trails, play areas, picnic spots, and natural amphitheatre spaces. Feedback supported an inclusive, accessible design that reflects Richmond South's rural edge.

**Ecological Restoration:** Many submissions praised the emphasis on ecological enhancement—especially large-scale indigenous plantings, restoration of riparian areas, and habitat creation for native fauna. There was strong encouragement to use eco-sourced endemic species, create biodiversity corridors, and ensure plantings are robust to local drought and flooding conditions. Environmental advocacy organisations (e.g., Forest & Bird) advocated for clear protection and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity, prioritising avoidance of invasive species, robust weed and pest management, and alignment with national biodiversity policy.

**Waterway and Drainage Management:** Submitters appreciated the integration of stream corridors and wetlands into the reserve, seeing these as valuable both for habitat creation and for managing stormwater in a manner sensitive to climate change. Several called for special care with stormwater inflows and outflows, planting choices, and ongoing ecological monitoring to protect water quality and bank stability.

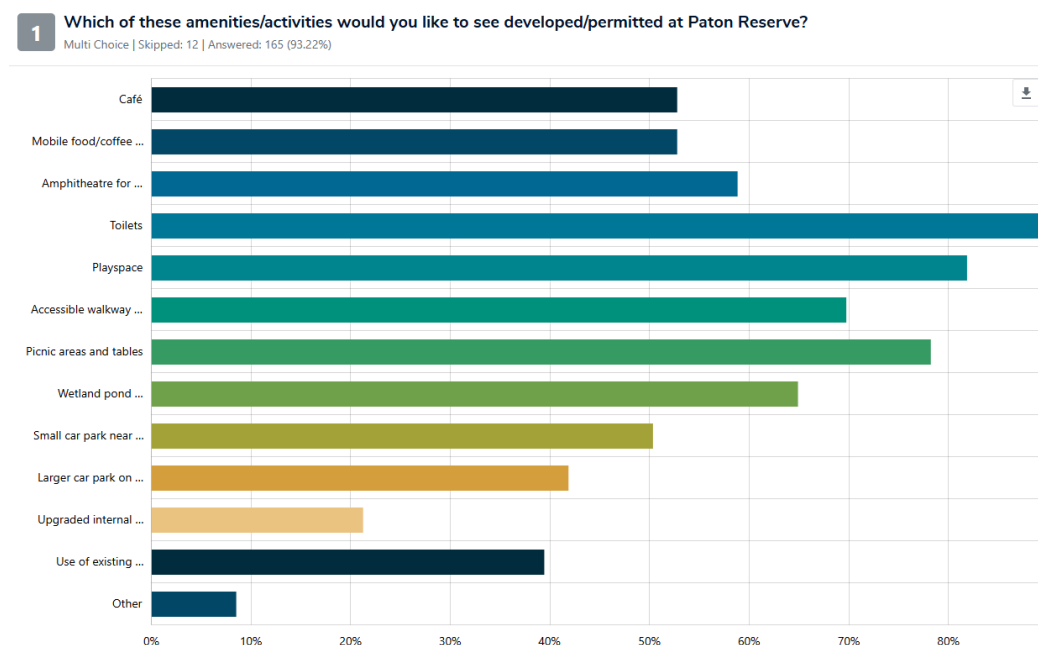
**Accessibility and Play:** Feedback from families and disability advocates was supportive of the intention to design wheelchair- and pram-accessible paths and activity areas. There was interest in ensuring picnic and play spaces could be used comfortably year-round and that play features cater to a range of ages and abilities, with natural materials preferred for both aesthetic and practical reasons.

**Management and Community Partnerships:** A theme in submissions was the value of involving local schools, community groups, and volunteers in both the initial establishment and ongoing management, particularly for planting and monitoring. Suggestions were made for interpretive signage, hands-on ecological education, and partnership with iwi and conservation groups.

**Concerns:** A minority of submitters expressed reservations, mainly about balancing ecological and recreational goals, the need to avoid overdevelopment, and the importance of maintaining open grassed areas for flexible use. Concerns also included maintenance resourcing, long-term monitoring to ensure plantings thrive, and

precautions to avoid loss of character through suburbanisation. A few submitters were concerned about potential impacts on traffic or requested more clarity around staging and access improvements.

The results from the question “Which of these amenities/activities would you like to see developed/ permitted at Paton Reserve?” are displayed in the following figure:



Feedback on which facilities were most supported at Paton Reserve highlighted strong support for toilets, picnic areas, and a play space. Many submitters appreciated the inclusion of orchards and quiet rest areas. There was interest in seating, walking loops, and accessible tracks. Fewer people supported the café or event space, suggesting these should be optional or developed later if demand increases.

Feedback on car parking and vehicle access at Paton Reserve showed a preference for a small car park near Paton Road. Submitters generally supported staging development to align with improved access and reserve use. There was limited support for a large car park near Cupola Crescent or an internal road for public vehicle use. Retaining the semi-rural, natural character of the reserve was a recurring theme.

#### Potential commercial uses:

Feedback on the proposal to provide for a café and/or mobile or food coffee carts at Paton Reserve was mixed, reflecting a variety of community perspectives. Some respondents supported the idea of including a small café or allowing food trucks, citing benefits such as offering refreshments for families and visitors, creating a social hub, and enhancing the experience for those attending events or spending extended periods at the reserve. Proponents felt that a café or mobile carts would be compatible with the destination park vision, provided any structures were low-impact, architecturally sympathetic, and services were targeted to peak visitor periods or special events.

However, other submitters expressed concerns that a permanent café or even frequent food cart presence could detract from the reserve's rural and natural character. They were particularly wary of over-commercialisation, increased litter, and the possibility of the park becoming too busy or losing its sense of openness. Some preferred the reserve to focus on passive recreation and ecological restoration, suggesting that if food or coffee options were considered, they be strictly limited to occasional mobile vendors—especially during community events—rather than a permanent establishment.

A smaller group highlighted potential issues with increased vehicle traffic, parking, and noise, recommending any such facility be carefully assessed for its scale, impact, and ability to integrate with existing values and uses of the reserve.

Proposed amphitheatre:

Feedback on the inclusion of an amphitheatre in the Paton Reserve concept plan reflected a broad spectrum of community perspectives, highlighting both potential benefits and areas of concern. Many respondents were supportive, viewing the amphitheatre as a feature that could enable small-scale performances, concerts, community gatherings, educational activities, and informal events in a relaxed, outdoor setting. Supporters felt that, if designed to blend with the landscape, an amphitheatre would encourage broader use of the reserve, foster a sense of community, and provide a venue for cultural, recreational, or school-based activities.

Several submitters suggested that the amphitheatre should remain modest in size, with earth-formed terraces or natural seating to maintain the park's natural and rural character. There was interest in ensuring the feature is multi-purpose and low-impact, utilizing natural materials and native planting to enhance aesthetics and reduce visual prominence when not in use. These respondents emphasized the value of flexibility, so the amphitheatre could host both formal events (like music, performing arts, or educational programs) and informal gatherings or picnics.

On the other hand, some feedback signalled reservations about the amphitheatre proposal. Concerns included the possibility of noise spillover into nearby residential areas, the risk of increased traffic and demand for car parking during events, and the potential for the amphitheatre to be underused outside of planned activities. A few submitters emphasized the need to carefully site the amphitheatre to avoid disturbing wetlands, established plantings, or the reserve's core passive spaces. Others were wary that substantial earthworks or concrete structures could detract from the reserve's rural identity.

A minority of respondents questioned the necessity of a dedicated amphitheatre, arguing that open grassed areas already provide enough space for informal gatherings and that investment would be better focused on natural play areas or biodiversity enhancement.

Car parking:

Feedback on the two proposed car parking areas at Paton Reserve—one off Paton Road at the main reserve entrance and another off a local road in the new residential development—was diverse, reflecting both support and concern.

Many respondents supported provision for car parking, acknowledging that adequate car parking is important for safe, convenient access—particularly as the reserve is expected to serve not only the immediate neighbourhood but also visitors from further afield. Supporters noted that well-designed car parks could reduce the likelihood of unsafe, informal parking on nearby streets or berms, help distribute visitors across the reserve, and facilitate use for family gatherings, play, sports, or community events. A significant number felt that an off-street car park at the main entrance (Paton Road) is necessary for accessibility and to future-proof the reserve as residential density increases around it.

Support was often conditional on design: submitters emphasised minimising the size and visual prominence of parking areas, using natural surfacing, landscaping with native plants to provide screening, and ensuring that parked vehicles do not dominate the visual character or occupy excessive greenspace. There were practical suggestions for including mobility parking spaces, secure bike parking to encourage cycling, and clear separation between vehicles and pedestrian zones for safety.

However, several submitters expressed concern that too much or poorly sited car parking could undermine the reserve's open, green, and natural character—particularly if large, sealed areas or formal car parks were to replace passive open space or encroach on plantings. Some feared increased car parking could promote higher vehicle use at the expense of walking, cycling, or local access, and that it might encourage anti-social behaviour after hours if not carefully managed. A few suggested a “minimum necessary” approach: providing basic car parking but planning for possible expansion only if monitoring shows actual demand over time. Some

respondents preferred to see car parking kept to a minimum and designed so that upgrading is possible if usage justifies it, rather than overbuilding from the outset.

Concerns were also raised about traffic safety at access points from Paton Road or new local roads, including the need for clear sightlines, pedestrian safety features, and avoidance of conflict with children and families moving between parking areas, play spaces, and other reserve facilities.

A handful of submissions, including those from environmental advocates, urged Council to design car parking in a way that supports environmental objectives—such as permeable surfacing to avoid runoff, integrated planting for stormwater management, and locating car parks outside of flood-prone or sensitive areas. Some questioned the need for more than one car park given the reserve’s walkable location, suggesting that any additional spaces be carefully justified.

### Discussion

The Hearing Panel Chair supports the lower carpark and pathway upgrades but recommends restricting Paton Road public entry until safe access is completed; does not support the upper carpark, amphitheatre, on-site café/concessions, or maintenance depot; and advises a rural woodland park model with low Opex akin to Snowden’s Bush or Thorp Reserve. *That the vision for Paton Reserve should emulate a rural woodland (relaxed maintenance, robust paths), emphasising sustainable Opex and maximising long-term community benefit.*

### Staff recommendations

*That the Hearing Panel note the overall support for the draft concept plan for Paton Reserve as a well-integrated community greenspace and note community enthusiasm for both recreational and ecological outcomes.*

*Amend the RMP policies for Paton Reserve to:*

- *Emphasise the use of eco-sourced indigenous species for all new planting, with a specific commitment to creating diverse, climate-resilient native ecosystems in line with national biodiversity policy and Forest & Bird’s recommendations.*
- *Include ongoing monitoring and maintenance of riparian and wetland plantings, with adaptive management in response to stormwater dynamics or any adverse effects on water quality or erosion.*
- *Provide for a universally accessible network of main paths and play/picnic areas, with input from disability and family users at design stage, and prioritise connections to neighbouring streets and popular desire lines.*
- *Encourage continued partnerships with local schools, iwi, and conservation groups for both environmental education and hands-on stewardship, including opportunities for volunteer planting and monitoring.*
- *Ensure a balance between active recreation and the retention of open grassed areas for unstructured community use; avoid overdevelopment by carefully staging facilities and responding to usage patterns.*
- *Incorporate interpretive signage to celebrate ecological features, water management innovations, and cultural connections.*
- *Remove redundant outbuildings; no on-site depot required.*
- *Clarify in the RMP that any future changes or significant developments on the reserve should be subject to targeted consultation with local residents and ongoing monitoring to address operational or environmental concerns as they arise.*
- *Provide flexibility for small-scale mobile food/coffee carts to operate at Paton Reserve during designated events, weekends, or peak periods, subject to careful site management and adherence to waste minimisation and environmental standards. Permanent café infrastructure should not be prioritised at this stage; instead, the RMP should specify that any consideration of a permanent facility must be subject to further community consultation, detailed design assessment, and demonstration that such a feature would complement and not compromise the reserve’s rural character, ecological integrity, and primary recreational purpose.*
- *Provide for the potential development of a small, earth-formed or naturally designed amphitheatre at Paton Reserve, specifically as a flexible community asset integrated with native planting and passive park values. The RMP should specify that any amphitheatre:*
  - *Be limited in scale, blending with the natural contours of the site and set well back from residential boundaries or sensitive ecological zones.*

- *Be constructed from natural materials where possible and designed to visually recede into the landscape when not in use.*
- *Only proceed after detailed community and stakeholder consultation on final siting and design, with strong attention to noise management, protection of existing vegetation and wetlands, and traffic/parking impacts.*
- *Be managed as a multi-purpose space suitable for a range of small-scale cultural, recreational, and educational events, and not as a commercial, high-intensity venue.*
- *Be supported by clear guidelines on maintenance, use bookings, and post-event management to safeguard reserve amenity and ecological values.*
- *Proceed with essential access upgrades (Bateup Stream connection, Paton Road footpath) before opening lower carpark to the public.*
- *Provide for modest, well-screened car parking at Paton Reserve to support public access and safety, while prioritising the reserve's open space, ecological, and amenity values. Specifically:*
  - *The RMP should provide for a small to moderate off-street car park at the Paton Road entrance, incorporating landscaping with native species, permeable surfaces, and appropriate screening to reduce visual impact.*
  - *A possible second parking area off a new local road in the adjoining residential development may be supported subject to demonstrated need, on-site constraints, and community input. Design should ensure both car parks are as compact as practical, avoid sensitive ecological or wetland areas, and do not encroach on planned play spaces, native plantings, or open fields.*
  - *Car park locations and access points must be assessed for pedestrian safety and efficient connections to reserve paths, play, and gathering areas.*
  - *The RMP should promote bike parking facilities and universal access, and direct that car parking supply can be monitored and adjusted (including potential expansion) if justified by usage patterns and future population growth.*
  - *Any car park areas must be actively managed, including provision for security, signage, and litter control, to reduce risk of anti-social behaviour.*
  - *Before construction of any parking, further targeted engagement with nearby residents and users is recommended to finalise design, scale, and siting.*

This approach ensures the concept plan for Paton Reserve not only realises its potential as a thriving, accessible, and resilient community green space, but also fully integrates environmental best practice, robust recreation design, and strong local stewardship. The amphitheatre recommendation ensures it can enhance community connection and cultural expression while remaining consistent with the principles of low-impact design and integration with Paton Reserve's natural character and long-term vision. The recommended approach to car parking recognises access needs while ensuring Paton Reserve's identity as a natural, inclusive community space is not compromised by over-development of vehicle infrastructure.

No amenities or activities need to be excluded outright based on feedback received. Staff recommend that the Paton Reserve concept plan be amended to:

- *Expressly defer any permanent café development, instead allowing limited mobile food/coffee carts for special occasions pending future review.*
- *Limit parking areas to a scale and design that protects open space and landscape values, with future expansion subject to demonstrated need.*
- *Restrict any amphitheatre to a modest, earth-formed feature only, with full community input into any design and siting process.*
- *Provide for all other features (e.g., play areas, paths) only on the basis of final design and engagement steps to ensure character, ecological and community objectives are met.*

This approach responds to community feedback by prioritising flexibility, protection of natural and recreational values, and comprehensive consultation before major features are advanced.

*That the wording of RMP section 5.2.37 Paton Reserve be amended as follows:*

- *Expand the Issues and Options section by adding the following wording after the last paragraph (and also delete the final sentence "Tell us your feedback on the options for developing Paton Reserve."):*



*“As outlined above, Paton Reserve is envisioned as a significant destination park for Richmond South, embracing a semi-rural character and offering a rich blend of ecological, recreational, and community experiences. The vision focuses on providing a large woodland park with accessible pathways, integrated natural adventure play spaces, and picnic areas, aiming to become a central green heart as surrounding areas urbanise.*

*Feedback received during consultation affirmed broad support for this overall vision, particularly for ecological restoration, accessible walking trails, and family-friendly informal play spaces. Submitters emphasised the importance of creating diverse, climate-resilient native ecosystems through extensive eco-sourced indigenous plantings, particularly in riparian and wetland areas, which also serve critical stormwater management functions.*

*The community expressed a strong desire for a universally accessible network of paths, connecting to neighbouring streets and popular desire lines, to support a wide range of users, including those with mobility challenges. Ongoing partnerships with local schools, iwi, and conservation groups for environmental education and stewardship are also seen as vital.*

*While there was enthusiasm for activating the reserve, some initial proposals, such as a large upper car park, a permanent commercial café, or a high-capacity amphitheatre, received mixed feedback. Consultation highlighted the need to balance active recreation with the retention of generous open green spaces for unstructured community use, and to avoid overdevelopment. There is strong support for removing redundant outbuildings to enhance the park’s natural amenity.*

*Regarding access, it is recognised that essential upgrades to pedestrian connections (such as the Bateup Stream walkway and Paton Road footpath) should precede the full public opening of any new car parks. Modest, well-screened car parking is supported to facilitate access, with an emphasis on compact design and integration with native landscaping.*

*The RMP now provides for flexibility to host small-scale mobile food/coffee carts for events or peak periods, prioritising convenience without permanent infrastructure. Similarly, a small, earth-formed amphitheatre is supported, provided it is naturally designed, integrates into the landscape, and is managed as a multi-purpose community space rather than a commercial venue.*

*All future developments will proceed with a phased approach, subject to detailed community and stakeholder consultation, ongoing monitoring, and clear management guidelines to ensure the reserve’s unique character, ecological integrity, and primary recreational purpose are maintained.”*

- Amend the POLICIES section by deleting the existing policies and replacing with the following set: “POLICIES

- 1 Manage Paton Reserve primarily as a destination space focused on passive recreation, ecological restoration, community connection, and sustainable open space values.
- 2 Develop Paton Reserve in line with the final concept plan, subject to available resources. This will involve a phased approach, with gradual additions to infrastructure and park features over time. Carefully stage new facilities and enhancements, using robust usage data and further consultation to adjust plans and prevent overdevelopment or loss of valued open space and rural character.
- 3 Maintain improvements as needed to ensure Paton Reserve remains a welcoming, safe and functional space for the community.
- 4 Prioritise riparian, wetland, and woodland plantings that support habitat, natural character, and landscape resilience.
- 5 Implement ongoing monitoring and maintenance of riparian and wetland areas, employing adaptive management to respond to changes in stormwater flows, water quality, or erosion, and to address any adverse ecological effects as they arise.
- 6 Provide a universally accessible network of main paths and play/picnic areas throughout the reserve, shaped with input from disabled users, families, and community groups at design stage. Prioritise safe connections to neighbouring streets, public transport, and popular informal desire lines.
- 7 Foster ongoing partnerships with local schools, iwi, and conservation organisations to deliver environmental education, citizen science, hands-on stewardship, volunteer planting, and long-term monitoring and maintenance.
- 8 Incorporate interpretive signage that celebrates the reserve’s ecological features, wetland and water management innovations, and cultural connections developed in partnership with iwi.
- 9 Remove redundant outbuildings and clarify that no permanent on-site maintenance depot will be required.
- 10 Proceed with essential upgrades to external footpaths and connections (e.g. Bateup Stream walkway and Paton Road footpath) prior to opening the lower public carpark.

- 11 *Provide for modest, well-screened car parking at Paton Reserve to support access and public safety, while protecting open space and ecological values:*
  - *Develop a small to moderate car park near the Paton Road entrance, with native landscaping, permeable surfaces, and visual screening.*
  - *Consider a second compact parking area from a future residential road only if justified by proven demand, open space constraints, and further community input.*
  - *Ensure all car parks avoid sensitive wetland, planted or play areas, and maintain safe pedestrian connections to key amenities.*
  - *Promote excellent bike parking and universal access.*
  - *Actively manage car parks (including for safety, signage, and litter) to discourage anti-social behaviour.*
  - *Require targeted local engagement before any construction or expansion, with design finalised in consultation with residents and users.*
- 12 *Initiate discussions with neighbouring landowners to explore the possibility of establishing an easement that would facilitate vehicle access to the eastern portion of Paton Reserve. The aim is to ensure mutually beneficial terms that accommodate both parties' interests and provide safe, legal access to the reserve.*
- 13 *Permit the potential for a small-scale, earth-formed or naturally designed amphitheatre as a multi-purpose community asset, fully integrated with native planting and passive park values. Any amphitheatre:*
  - *Must be modest in scale, blend with the natural contours, and be set well back from residential or sensitive ecological areas;*
  - *Must be constructed from natural materials and designed to visually recede into the landscape when not in use;*
  - *May only proceed after comprehensive stakeholder and community consultation on siting, noise, vegetation and wetland protection, and traffic/parking effects;*
  - *Must be managed as a low-intensity, multi-use community space (not a commercial/hospitality venue) with strong guidelines on booking, maintenance, and post-event restoration of amenity;*
  - *Must be supported by clear maintenance and event management guidelines to safeguard park values.*
- 14 *Permit occasional outdoor concerts and events within the natural amphitheatre of Paton Reserve, in accordance with the Council's 'Planning an Event' guide and the park booking system. Event attendance should be capped, to mitigate parking constraints and preserve the park's atmosphere. All events must adhere to relevant rules and regulations, including noise and safety standards.*
- 15 *Provide for small-scale, mobile food or coffee carts to operate at Paton Reserve during designated community events, weekends, or peak periods as approved by Council, subject to a license to occupy agreement (see Appendix 3, Table A). These agreements will be for a term not exceeding one year, and each new opportunity to operate will be publicly tendered. All operations must comply with waste minimisation and environmental standards, be visually low-impact, and require careful site management.*
- 16 *Permanent café or commercial food infrastructure is not supported at this stage. Any consideration of a permanent facility will require full community consultation, detailed assessment of design, parking, amenity, environmental/operational impact, and clear demonstration it would complement rural character, ecological function, and the primary open-space purpose of the reserve. If approved, a lease agreement for construction and operation of a commercial café on Paton Reserve would be required. If/when a café is established and operational, mobile carts will no longer be permitted, except for one-off events.*
- 17 *Ensure that any future changes or significant developments (e.g. new facilities, road access, car parks, event spaces, or amenities) are subject to targeted consultation with local residents, iwi, reserve stakeholders, and notified users. Include ongoing monitoring of operational and environmental outcomes with flexibility to adapt as issues arise.*
- 18 *No camping will be permitted anywhere within Paton Reserve."*

**B. OTHER COMMENTS ON DRAFT RICHMOND WARD RMP (pp 95-99 SbT)**

*Staff advice and recommendations are noted in italicised text, with **recommended edits to Plan wording shown in red text**.*

Two open-ended questions allowed submitters to raise broader or more detailed comments beyond the structured consultation questions, including about other reserves.

**Submission summary and analysis**

Nine submitters made comments about other aspects of the draft RMP and seven commented on other reserves in Richmond Ward. This included comments on ecological management, reserve acquisition, general amenity provision, partnerships, and the overall direction of the reserve network. The following analysis synthesizes these comments and focuses in particular on detailed feedback from Forest & Bird and Waimea Inlet Forum.

Biodiversity, Restoration, and Climate Adaptation

A large number of submitters called for the RMP to place more emphasis on active protection and restoration of indigenous biodiversity across all reserves, regardless of size or current ecological value. Many advocated for enhanced eco-sourced native planting in link reserves, esplanades, stormwater parcels, and roadside green corridors.

Numerous written and group submissions stressed the importance of restoring and connecting ecological corridors at a landscape scale—with some specifying “ki uta ki tai” (mountains to sea) principles for cohesive management across catchments.

There was strong support for nature-based solutions to climate adaptation in reserve management, including establishing wetlands in low-lying, flood-prone council lands, and identifying opportunities for ecological retreat as part of long-term planning for vulnerable assets.

Submissions often specified that weed and pest management should prioritise non-chemical methods, with routine monitoring and reporting on effectiveness. Some referenced the need to address emerging threats (e.g., new weed incursions) and to maintain vigilance in priority sites such as esplanade strips and stormwater buffer plantings.

Partnerships with Iwi, Mātauranga Māori, and Community Stewards

Numerous respondents urged the Council to formally recognise partnership with manawhenua iwi and the routine incorporation of mātauranga Māori throughout the RMP, especially in landscape restoration, interpretation, and in the naming of all new reserves and features.

These comments noted that partnership should extend beyond consultation to co-design, monitoring, and the telling of cultural stories, especially at culturally significant sites or areas adjacent to waterways and the coast. Several submissions encouraged greater use of te reo Māori, dual naming, and the installation of pouwhenua and interpretive signage.

The role of ‘friends of’ groups, schools, volunteer planting collectives and neighbourhood committees was widely recognised as essential for ongoing stewardship, with requests for dedicated policy support, funding streams, and practical training activities delivered through the reserve network.

Waimea Inlet Forum Submission: Saltmarshes, Buffering, and User Education

The Waimea Inlet Forum provided a detailed and regionally focused submission advocating for robust protection and restoration of the estuarine edge reserves surrounding the Inlet. Their key points included:

- Buffer planting using indigenous species along all reserve margins around the Inlet to protect sensitive tidal and saltmarsh habitats, reduce sedimentation, and provide ecological connectivity.

- Access management (including boardwalks, clear delineation of paths, and fencing where required) to ensure users do not damage fragile habitats—especially at high tide roosting sites.
- Emphasising Te Mana o te Wai and sustained iwi partnership around management of coastal water, flora, and fauna.
- Expansion of interpretive signage and user education, to foster community understanding of the Inlet’s value, dietary and foraging guidelines, seasonal closure messages, and the cultural importance of the estuary.
- Clear policies for restricted vehicle access, limiting dog access around critical wildlife areas, and management of events or high visitor periods to avoid disturbance.
- Support for rigorous monitoring and regular public reporting on ecological status.

Overall, the Forum asked for the RMP to “lock in” these principles and to provide both stronger rules and more resourcing for both on-the-ground habitat works and education/monitoring.

#### 4. Forest & Bird Submission: Biodiversity Policy, Climate Preparedness, and Governance

Forest & Bird’s submission (covering all Richmond Ward reserves collectively, not just individual sites) was comprehensive and policy-focused, aligning recommendations with national biodiversity policy and climate adaptation frameworks. They strongly advocated for:

- Prioritising the avoidance of adverse effects on indigenous habitats and biodiversity, over reliance on offsetting or mitigation, in all Council decision-making.
- Explicit alignment with the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB), with the RMP to clearly commit to legal and policy obligations for the protection and enhancement of significant natural areas, threatened species, and ecological corridors.
- Nature-based stormwater and flood management (expanding wetlands, replanting riparian margins, restoring natural flows), alongside regular weed and pest monitoring and efforts to phase out non-essential herbicide and pesticide use.
- Supporting New Zealand’s climate adaptation goals through policies that allow for ecological retreat, new green space acquisition, and identifying under-valued sites that could take on future habitat functions.
- Strengthening partnerships with iwi not just in consultation, but in on-going managed co-stewardship, with mātauranga Māori, dual-naming, and interpretive outcomes.
- The use of the precautionary principle for reserves in or near sensitive habitats.
- Commitment to transparent ecological monitoring and public reporting.

Forest & Bird commended the plan’s direction but asked for more binding language and an unambiguous prioritisation of ecological protection and restoration over new development and hard infrastructure—even where this limits certain forms of active recreation.

#### 5. General Policy and Other Reserve Comments

A variety of submitters (including individuals and community groups) made further broad policy suggestions, including:

- Advocating for more accessible picnic sites, public toilets, and wayfinding across all high-use reserves, including those along the urban/rural fringe, and for improved maintenance of existing facilities.
- Calls to expand the network of off-leash dog exercise areas outside ecologically sensitive sites, with clear signage and education to prevent wildlife disturbance.
- Support for the expansion of edible landscapes (fruit/nut trees in urban reserves and pocket parks), where compatible, to support food resilience and community connection.
- Requests for more active placemaking and regular events in under-utilised pocket reserves and small neighbourhood parks, as a means of fostering pride and reducing vandalism.
- Feedback highlighted the importance of walk/cycle connectivity—linking reserves, schools, town centres, and the wider regional path network.

Some comments highlighted sites in the urban fringe and across the wider ward, asking for ongoing efforts to identify, protect, and restore ecological values in all small, linear, or as-yet unnamed public green spaces.

#### Dog Exercise and Recreation Areas

Feedback emphasised the high community value placed on dog-friendly spaces. Well-designed, dedicated dog exercise and recreation areas provide environmentally appropriate settings for dogs to run, play, and socialise,

contributing to physical and mental health – for both dogs and their owners. Such areas can encourage positive community engagement and reduce conflict in other park spaces.

Population growth in the Richmond ward is projected to further increase demand for dedicated dog exercise areas, ideally incorporating features such as fencing, water stations, shade, seating, waste bag dispensers, and separate areas for large and small dogs.

#### **Staff recommendations**

*Staff recommend that the Hearing Panel note the feedback received on other aspects of the draft Richmond Ward RMP and amend the relevant RMP sections as follows:*

##### *Biodiversity and Ecological Connectivity:*

- *The RMP should be amended to make biodiversity protection and ecological connectivity an unequivocal priority across the entire reserves network, not just larger “flagship” sites.*
- *Direct reference should be made to the NPS-IB and the avoidance of adverse ecological effects, implementing the precautionary principle for all sensitive and riparian reserves.*
- *Eco-sourced native planting and nature-based stormwater management should be specified wherever practical, including in stormwater and esplanade reserves.*
- *The RMP should commit to regular ecological monitoring and public reporting, in line with Forest & Bird and Waimea Inlet Forum recommendations.*

##### *Iwi Partnership and Mātauranga Māori:*

- *Embed obligations for ongoing partnership with iwi, including co-design, naming, interpretation, and co-stewardship of reserves, with regular engagement at the policy and operational level.*
- *The plan should support greater use of dual or te reo Māori names and the integration of cultural interpretation features, guided by mana whenua.*

##### *Waimea Inlet and Coastal Edge:*

- *Amend the plan to include buffer planting, habitat protection, pathway/fencing controls, and targeted education/interpretation specifically for reserves adjoining the Waimea Inlet and other estuarine or saltmarsh margins.*
- *Access and dog control policies should be regularly reviewed based on ecological monitoring, seasonal bird presence, and feedback from the Waimea Inlet Forum.*

##### *Community Stewardship and Active Engagement:*

- *Proactively encourage “friends of” groups, school partnerships, and volunteer events in restoration, maintenance, and community outreach across smaller and less-developed reserves.*
- *Consider funding or resource allocation for volunteer training, materials, and support activities.*

##### *General Amenities, Access, and Wayfinding:*

- *The RMP should support incremental improvements in accessible toilets, shelters, picnic areas, rubbish facilities, and wayfinding in high-use or gateway reserves and urban greenways—not just major parks.*
- *The provision of off-leash dog exercise areas outside sensitive zones and clear signage and public education for dog owners should be prioritised.*

##### *Placemaking, Events, and Activation:*

- *Where appropriate, invest in placemaking and programmed activities in under-used small parks to enhance local pride, reduce anti-social behaviour, and foster community identity.*
- *Encourage edible landscapes and inclusive design where compatible with ecological and recreational objectives.*

##### *Dog Exercise and Recreation Areas:*

- *Staff agree that dedicated provision for dog exercise is an important and growing need. However, potential sites must be assessed for accessibility, land suitability, funding, and compatibility with other park users, as well as resourcing implications for development and ongoing maintenance. Staff*

recommend the RMP articulate intent to investigate options for a dedicated dog exercise area through a future site selection and engagement process, without pre-committing to a specific location or design until this work is completed. Staff support a staged approach—undertaking further assessment and public input before confirming a site in the next 2-3 years.

- Amend Part 3, section 3.0 of the RMP 'Recreational Use of Parks and Reserves – Issues and Opportunities' by:
  - Adding a new subsection titled "Dog Exercise and Recreation Areas" after existing subsections on recreational uses, with the following text:  
*"Submitters on the draft RMP emphasised the high community value placed on dog-friendly spaces. Well-designed, dedicated dog exercise and recreation areas provide environmentally appropriate settings for dogs to run, play, and socialise, contributing to physical and mental health – for both dogs and their owners. Such areas can encourage positive community engagement and reduce conflict in other park spaces. Population growth in the Richmond Ward is projected to further increase demand for dedicated dog exercise areas, ideally incorporating features such as fencing, water stations, shade, seating, waste bag dispensers, and separate areas for large and small dogs."*
  - Add a new policy in this section to "Investigate and consult on options for dedicated dog exercise areas within the Richmond Ward".

By embedding these recommendations, the Richmond Ward RMP will reflect a truly networked, resilient, and community-led vision for its parks and reserves—grounded in partnership, biodiversity, and long-term adaptability.

### C. OTHER SUGGESTED EDITS TO DRAFT RICHMOND WARD RMP

Staff advice and recommendations are noted in italicised text, with *recommended edits to Plan wording shown in red text*.

At the time the draft RMP was publicly notified, separate consultation on a draft concept plan for Rosales Park had concluded, but a final concept plan had not yet been developed.

The final layout plan is now available (see image below) and staff recommend replacing the image in Section 5.2.6 of the RMP that shows the draft concept plan with the final layout plan for Rosales Park.



*Final layout plan for Rosales Park*

*As some of the play equipment to be installed has changed from that originally proposed, staff also recommend deleting the two paragraphs in the Values subsection that described the features in the draft concept plan and replacing them with the following text, which reflects the finalised layout:*

*“The final layout plan for Rosales Park includes a main lawn and entrance lawn areas, a shaded picnic area with fully accessible picnic bench and picnic tables, a drinking fountain, subtle mounding to create separation between play and open space, a shared pathway for walkers and cyclists, a loop pathway with seating around a playground, perimeter planting featuring native planting with low trees, shade trees and street trees.*

*The playground, designed to cater for older children, will include the following equipment: a tower, traditional swing set, scramble nets, accessible play equipment (seesaw or roundabout) and natural play features in a sunken eddy space for kids to hang out, including rocks and balance logs.”*

#### **NOTE TO HEARING PANEL**

Please also refer to any statements tabled by submitters who spoke at the Hearing.

2. In response to matters raised in the submissions received on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan, notes the following points and requests staff amend the draft RMP as shown in red text and strikethrough below, to present to the Tasman District Council for its consideration when making its decision on final Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan:
  - a. note the strong level of public support for adding a third playground at Central Park, as well as the detailed suggestions provided for improving playground design; and
  - b. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.5 Central Park to provide for the addition of a third playground. Specifically:
    - i. amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with the key consultation question and adding the following wording to the last paragraph: “During public consultation, 72% of the 188 individuals who responded to the proposal to add a third playground at Central Park supported this idea.”; and
    - ii. amend the Policies subsection by adding a new policy worded as follows: “Support the development of a third playground at Central Park that complements existing equipment and provides a safe, engaging space for a broader age range. Ensure play and gathering areas offer diverse, inclusive equipment and robust shelter. Consider inclusion of swing sets, toddler-appropriate equipment, and rubber matting for safety and accessibility. Incorporate bike racks and design elements that promote natural supervision and risk-managed play.”
  - c. note the strong support for the Camberley Reserve concept plan, while also noting the detailed feedback on design improvements; and
  - d. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.10 Camberley Reserve as follows:
    - i. amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with three key consultation questions and adding the following wording to the last paragraph: “Based on feedback received during consultation, further concept development will consider refining the placement of play equipment to minimise impact on neighbouring residents, improve accessibility, and ensure a diversity of play features that are distinct from other nearby reserves. Shade, safety fencing, and natural but varied play elements appropriate for multiple age groups may be incorporated.”; and
    - ii. Expand Policy 2 to read as follows: “Develop the reserve in line with the final concept plan. Design and implement features that align with a village green function while addressing community concerns around noise, access, and equipment placement. Prioritise low-maintenance landscaping and inclusive, diverse play opportunities. Adopt best-practice water-sensitive design, especially for managing drainage and vegetation.”
  - e. note the general support for Lampton Reserve’s active play intent, alongside strong feedback from local residents opposing key features; and
  - f. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.11 Lampton Reserve as follows:



- i. **amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with three key consultation questions and adding the following wording to the last paragraph:** “Based on feedback received during consultation, the concept plan will be refined to respond to concerns about the location and function of the basketball court and cinema wall. Alternative locations and/or reconfiguration will be explored to reduce impact on surrounding homes and ensure safety, usability, and community support.”; **and**
  - i. **expand Policy 2 to read as follows:** “Develop the reserve in line with the final concept plan. Maintain substantial central open space suitable for multiple uses. Design play and active recreation spaces to minimise noise, enhance safety, and support inclusive access. Consider adaptive re-use of built elements (e.g. cinema wall as interpretive or sport feature) and incorporate feedback from neighbouring residents in final design.”; **and**
- g. **note the general support for the Chertsey Reserve concept plan, particularly its nature-based focus, and the request from some submitters to consider modest play additions; and**
- h. **amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.12 Chertsey Reserve as follows:**
  - i. **amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with three key consultation questions and adding the following wording to the last paragraph:** “Further refinement of the concept plan will consider opportunities for enhanced access and low-impact play elements, while retaining the reserve’s informal, nature-focused character. Community feedback has highlighted the importance of minimising noise and visual impacts on neighbouring homes.”; **and**
  - ii. **expand Policy 2 to read as follows:** “Develop the reserve in line with the final concept plan:
    - a. Prioritise Chertsey Reserve as a flexible, passive recreation space. Any introduction of new active facilities (including for dog exercise or neighbourhood sports) should be subject to further consultation, technical site assessment, and must maintain the reserve’s core open and low-impact function.
    - b. Support development of informal play and nature-based features that reflect the reserve’s residential setting. Avoid introducing high-intensity or noise-generating uses. Improve pedestrian access and safety through pathway and streetscape enhancements.
    - c. Continue to plan with community partners for possible garden or event activation uses.
    - d. Design to avoid overdevelopment—keep core park area green and flexible.”; **and**
  - i. **note the high level of engagement on the future name of Pukeko Park, including humorous, creative, and serious suggestions from over 150 community comments and multiple formal submissions. The feedback demonstrates wide-ranging community interest in the park’s identity, with a**

prevailing theme—endorsed by a majority of submitters—that Council should work closely in partnership with iwi/manawhenua to confirm a name that honours local identity, natural features, and indigenous values; and

- j. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.15 Pukeko Park as follows:
  - i. amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with a key consultation question and replacing the final paragraph with:  
“Following feedback from earlier consultation rounds, and to avoid confusion with nearby reserves on Pukeko Lane, Council agrees that this park should have a new name. Reflecting strong community support for choosing a name that honours local identity and values, Council will now invite iwi to propose a name for the park, working in partnership to ensure the final name reflects the area’s cultural, natural, or historical significance. Previous community suggestions and comments will be shared with iwi as part of this process.”; and
  - ii. amend the wording of Policy 6 to: ~~“Consider installing~~ Develop educational and interpretive signage within the park explaining the park’s name and its ecological features, with input and involvement from iwi and local schools.”; and
- k. note the following themes from submitters on Jubilee Park:
  - i. strong support for additional on-site parking near the tennis courts; and
  - ii. mixed views on future options for the skatepark at Jubilee Park, and the strong desire by most respondents for an all-ages/abilities skatepark in Richmond; and
  - iii. strong community support for long-term protection of Jubilee Park; and
- l. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.17 Jubilee Park as follows:
  - i. amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text boxes containing key consultation questions; and
  - ii. add the following wording to the end of the first paragraph that discusses parking options: “During consultation, 70% of 193 respondents indicated support for adding approximately 50 extra car parks near the tennis courts, highlighting strong community backing for this option as a practical response to projected parking pressures.”; and
  - iii. amend Policy 5 as follows: ~~“Pending on outcome of consultation: If the Hope Bypass is constructed, meaning Park visitors can no longer use the adjoining ex-Railway land for vehicle parking, install paved car parking in the grassed area on parcel (m) north of the tennis courts, in order to provide an additional 50+ onsite parking spaces. The proposed design should~~ emphasise separation of vehicle and pedestrian/cycle route movements and consider integrating complementary amenities where feasible.”; and
  - iv. delete the existing paragraph about the skatepark from the Issues and Options subsection and replace it with the following paragraph: “A number of submitters expressed mixed views on the future of the Jubilee

Park skatepark, with many highlighting both the need for high-quality youth recreation facilities and concerns around its current location, safety, and occasional antisocial behaviour. The majority of respondents expressed a strong desire for an upgraded skatepark that caters to all ages and abilities, with improved design, visibility, and user safety. Staff advice is to retain and improve the existing skatepark in its current location, as upgrading the facility—using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and ongoing community engagement—can help address safety and antisocial behaviour while meeting local youth needs. Relocation of the skatepark is not recommended unless a comprehensive risk assessment or future operational review identifies unresolvable issues at this site. The upgrade will be informed by professional design advice and regular consultation with park users and neighbours.”; and

- v. **amend Policy 4 to read as follows:** ~~“Pending on outcome of consultation: Either: Maintain the skatepark. Or: Upgrade the skatepark to cater to all ages and abilities. Or: Relocate the skatepark facility to \_\_\_\_\_ reserve.~~ Retain and upgrade the Jubilee Park skatepark in situ to cater to all ages and abilities, using CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles, professional design advice, and continued community engagement. Relocation of the skatepark will only be considered if a future risk assessment or operational review identifies significant, unresolvable issues with the current site. *Explanation: This approach reflects strong community support for retaining and improving the skatepark at its present location and ensures investment in youth infrastructure and safety. It avoids unnecessary expenditure on relocation unless new evidence arises that cannot be managed through improved design or operations.*”; and
- vi. **amend the final paragraph in the Issues and Options subsection to read:** “There is scope to declare Jubilee Park a reserve in future, ensuring legal protection for its high recreational values. Alternatively, the Council may choose to retain the land’s current unencumbered fee-simple status, preserving flexibility for alternative uses in future. ~~In the long term, the land could be rezoned for social housing, retail or other development opportunities. Should Jubilee Park be developed, the Council would look to provide a comparable recreational park close to the outskirts of Richmond.~~ We invited your feedback on whether or not to include a policy in this section of the RMP that would direct the Council to initiate the process of declaring Jubilee Park a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. **There was strong community support for long-term protection of Jubilee Park, with 76% of 194 respondents in favour of this option.**”
- vii. **retain Policy 18:** “Following the conclusion of the Nelson Tenth Reserve claim process, engage with iwi before initiating a public consultation process to declare the Jubilee Park area as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act, in order to provide appropriate legal protection for the recreational values of this land.” **and delete the line “Pending on outcome of consultation” directly above this policy.**

- m. note the unanimous support for long-term protection of Cambridge Street Playground; and
- n. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.20 Cambridge Street Playground as follows:
  - i. amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with two key consultation questions and amending the final paragraph to read: “There is scope to declare Cambridge Street Playground a reserve in future, ensuring legal protection of its recreational values. Alternatively, the Council may choose to retain the land’s current unencumbered fee-simple status, preserving flexibility for alternative uses in future. ~~The land could be rezoned and, in combination with surrounding Council-owned land, potentially used for a new community facility for Richmond.~~ We invited your feedback on whether or not to include a policy in this section of the RMP that would direct the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977. **There was unanimous support for long-term protection of this land.**”; and
  - ii. retain Policy 5: “Following the conclusion of the Nelson Tenth Reserve claim process, engage with iwi before initiating a public consultation process to declare the Cambridge Street Playground area as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act, in order to provide appropriate legal protection for the recreational values of this land.” **and delete the line “Pending on outcome of consultation” directly above this policy; and**
  - iii. Expand Policy 2 to read: “Maintain and upgrade playground equipment as required. **Ensure core play equipment is modern, inclusive, and accessible. Monitor community needs and update features as demographics evolve.**”; and
- o. note the range of views on future options for the Maitai Lodge at Hope Reserve; and
- p. note the clear preference for management models that retain local involvement or a blend of community and Council oversight at Hope Reserve; and
- q. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.26 Hope Reserve as follows:
  - i. amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with four key consultation questions; and
  - ii. amend the paragraph about the Maitai Lodge to read: “The Maiti Lodge (ex-Druids Hall) is a historic building with **a unique character but** limited use – **presently occupied** mostly by an arts club once a week ~~at present~~. ~~The hall’s~~ **Its** condition is subpar, being cold and cramped, which deters ~~potential~~ new users **and limits its community role. Council will seek a viable community purpose and responsible occupant for the Lodge, such as a local group, individual, or tenant willing to restore and upgrade the space for broader community benefit (for example, as a flexible meeting or event space). If no such use is identified within a reasonable timeframe, Council may consider careful deconstruction of the building, prioritising sustainable practices and**

salvaging historic materials where possible. Any decision about the Lodge's future will aim to maximise long-term resilience, sustainability, and public benefit, and will include further community consultation where appropriate. Repurposing or upgrading the Maitai Lodge would enhance its appeal and functionality, possibly as a flexible event space or for other community-focused activities. We'd like to explore alternative uses for the building, ensuring it aligns with current community needs, or potentially removing the Maitai Lodge if this is the preferred option.”; and

- iii. **amend Policy 9 to read as follows:** “~~Pending outcome of consultation: Either: Remove the Maitai Lodge from Hope Reserve. Or: Improve the condition of the Maitai Lodge as resources allow and encourage better utilisation of this facility by community groups and others. Or:~~ **Support retention of the Maitai Lodge building provided that a viable community purpose and responsible occupant (individual, group, or tenant) can be found, with provision for Council to grant a lease for exclusive or shared use to any party committing to restoration, upgrade, and ongoing maintenance, subject to assessment of proposals and demonstration of community benefit. If, after a reasonable period, no sustainable use or group emerges, allow for careful deconstruction of the Lodge, prioritising material salvage and sustainability, with Council to consult with the community on alternatives prior to any final decision. All decisions relating to Maitai Lodge will prioritise long-term resilience and continued public access or benefit where practicable. If a community group is willing to invest in upgrading the Maitai Lodge and maintaining this facility, allow this group to have exclusive use of this building in accordance with the terms and conditions of a new 10-year lease with that group (see Appendix 3, Table A).”;** and
- iv. **delete the paragraph in the Issues and Options subsection about the management model and replace it with the following text:** “~~The Hope Hall Management Committee currently oversees bookings and regular cleaning for the main hall, Maitai Lodge, and associated open space areas. Submissions on the future management model expressed a clear preference for retaining strong local involvement, while also enabling more efficient and accessible booking systems.~~

Management will move to a hybrid model that maintains the Committee's leadership in booking and day-to-day management, supported by Council staff as needed—especially in transitioning to or managing an online booking system provided by Council. This approach offers transparency, ease of access, and a gradual shift to digital tools, without losing local knowledge or engagement.

Should the Management Committee become unsustainable (for instance, if there are not enough volunteers), the RMP allows for a transition to a Council-led model following engagement with regular users and the local community. This provides flexibility for the management structure to evolve over time in response to changing needs and resources, while keeping decision-making as close to the community as possible.”; and

- v. **amend Policy 2 to read as follows:** “Continue to support the Hope Hall Committee to ~~undertake~~ in the day-to-day management of the Hope Hall, Maitai Lodge and the open space areas (such as those used by dog groups), including approving bookings for these facilities – now or in the future - via an online booking system set up and supported by Council.

Council staff will provide assistance to the Committee as needed, particularly in the adoption and operation of any online system, to ensure efficient and accessible processes for the community.

If in the future the Committee is unable to fulfil its management role (for example, due to lack of volunteers), Council may transition to a Council-led management model, following further engagement with regular users and the wider community.”; and

- r. **note the very high level of community support for a basic, well-designed pump track at Chelsea Avenue and Harriet Court Reserves, while also recognising concerns from some neighbours regarding the preservation of the reserves’ peaceful character, risk of user conflict, and adequacy of space; and**

- s. **amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.31 Chelsea Avenue Reserve as follows:**

- i. **amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box containing a key consultation question and deleting the last paragraph and replacing it with the following text:** “Community feedback revealed strong overall support for establishing a small, well-designed pump track at Chelsea Avenue and Harriet Court Reserves, providing local children and families with opportunities for safe, accessible wheeled play. Many submitters highlighted the benefits for skill-building and active recreation, particularly for younger children and beginners.

At the same time, some neighbouring residents and passive users expressed concern about preserving the reserves’ tranquil and open-space amenity. These concerns included the risk of user conflict between wheeled and passive users, the adequacy of available space, and potential impacts on the peaceful character valued by the local community. Suggestions were also made for additional seating—particularly age-friendly options near Harriet Court for elderly residents—picnic tables, more shade (trees or structures), and improved safety and accessibility features such as solar lighting.

In response, a whole-of-reserve plan will be developed to ensure any upgrades—particularly the siting and design of the pump track—are fully integrated with other uses and community expectations. The final design should balance active and passive uses, protect contiguous open green space, improve accessible seating and shading, and incorporate best-practice principles from successful local examples. Any changes to existing dirt mounds should prioritise safety and visual amenity, with removal or reshaping as needed to restore flat, grassed open space.”; and

- ii. **amend Policies 1-6 to read as follows:**

“1 Manage the reserve primarily for both passive recreation and open space amenity purposes, preserving their peaceful character alongside new play opportunities.

2 Maintain and upgrade playground equipment to serve a range of ages and abilities, with robust and safe surfacing.

3 Undertake further landscaping and planting of shade trees (and/or structures), especially to provide shaded, accessible gathering areas.

4 Install additional seating, picnic tables and solar lighting for safety.

5 Assess and manage the two existing dirt mounds as part of any new plan, ensuring that any retained features are safe, visually appealing, and compatible with the agreed future design; remove the central mound to restore open, flat, grassed space.

6 Develop and implement a whole-of-reserve plan to guide the coordinated design and siting of new features—including installation of a beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter of the Chelsea Avenue and Harriet Court reserves. The final design for any pump track will:

- Be guided by assessment of site capacity and best-practice design principles;
- Clearly define activity and quiet/passive zones;
- Minimise impacts on general recreation, sightlines, movement routes, and open green space;
- Limit earthworks and integrate with passive uses;
- Address safety and user conflict, especially at key access points;
- Incorporate input from local residents and reserve users to achieve a balanced, inclusive, and broadly supported outcome.”; and

**t. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.32 Harriet Court Reserve as follows:**

- i. amend the Issues and Options subsection by adding: “(see Section 5.2.31)” to the end of the last sentence; and**
- ii. amend Policy 1 to read: “Manage the reserve primarily for both passive recreation and open space amenity purposes, preserving their peaceful character alongside new play opportunities.”; and**
- iii. amend Policy 4 to read: “Install additional seating and age-friendly, accessible seats near Harriet Court pathway for elderly users, as well as solar lighting for safety.”; and**
- iv. amend Policy 5 to read: “Install a beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter of the Harriet Court and Chelsea Avenue reserves in accordance with Policy 6 in Section 5.2.31.”; and**

**u. note the following submission themes for Easby Park:**

- i. the strong support (56%) for grouping all play equipment in the western corner, away from Reservoir Creek, but that there is also a notable**

- subset (35%) who prefer the concept of splitting equipment so that some is located on each side of the creek; and
- ii. the strong (73%) but not universal support for a separate dedicated walking track in the southern section of Easby Park; and
- iii. the strong community support (85%) but also a significant level of concern from some local residents and park users about a proposed pump track at Easby Park; and
- v. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.35 Easby Park as follows:
  - i. amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with four key consultation questions; and
  - ii. amend the paragraph about relocating the playground in the Issues and Options subsection by rewording the second sentence to read “We consulted on two options for the playground upgrade.” and then adding a new paragraph that states: “While a small minority of submitters supported splitting play equipment on both sides of Reservoir Creek for access, the majority expressed a clear preference for grouping all main playground equipment together, prioritising the western corner (away from the creek). Reasons cited included ease of parental supervision, opportunities for social connection, improved accessibility from main pathways, and more efficient resource use for safety surfacing and maintenance. Many submitters also supported the retention and refurbishment of the park’s well-loved heritage play features (the giraffe, duck, and climbing bars), provided they meet modern safety standards. Associated amenities such as accessible seating, shade, and picnic facilities—especially suitable for group or school gatherings—were also requested. Submitters emphasised the importance of robust, flood-resilient design to ensure the playground remains usable year-round, including raised areas, durable surfacing, and siting away from regular flood risk. Works should minimise disturbance to mature trees and limit periods with no functioning playground.”; and
  - iii. deleting the paragraph about the proposed separate walking-only track in the Issues and Options subsection and replacing it with: “Shared use of the main path leading from the bridge toward Kingsland Forest Park by both walkers and bikers has created occasional conflict and safety concerns. Many regular users, families, and older residents supported development of a dedicated walking path along the southern/eastern boundary to separate slower, vulnerable users from faster-moving bikes. Feedback stressed that the design should support all mobility levels, use visually unobtrusive surfaces, and retain the park’s open space and informal, playful character. Community engagement on alignment and materials can help balance access improvements with protection of amenity and vegetation. Some respondents wanted a scaled approach—addressing the busiest/conflict-prone areas first, and monitoring effectiveness before considering further extensions or new paths. Others noted that, in some locations, improved signage or etiquette may provide a simpler solution.”; and



- iv. **deleting the paragraph about the proposed pump track in the Issues and Options subsection and replacing it with:** “Consultation showed broad support for a modest, well-designed pump track or bike jump area at the park’s southern end, provided it is carefully integrated with the overall park layout and passive use. Key conditions included siting the track away from sensitive ecological areas and established trees, minimising noise or conflict with neighbours and passive users, low-profile design, and landscape screening where possible. Submitters expected any new facility to be subject to detailed design and consultation—addressing traffic, safety, and integration with existing paths—and for Council to monitor and adapt its management over time to respond if use or effects change.”; **and**
- v. **delete Policy 2 text and replace it with:** “2 Relocate and consolidate all main playground equipment to a single, flood-resilient location in the western corner of Easby Park, ensuring robust, inclusive, and modern play design. Incorporate raised surfacing, shaded seating, passive supervision areas, and retain and refurbish heritage play features subject to safety review. All works to minimise mature tree disturbance and ensure minimal disruption to playground availability.”; **and**
- vi. **delete Policy 4 text and replace it with:** “Provide additional seating and picnic tables in locations (including the southeastern corner) that serve both small and large groups, with improved shade and visibility.”; **and**
- vii. **amend Policy 5 to read:** “Develop a new dedicated, accessible walking-only path along the southeastern boundary. ~~Designate~~ Retain the current shared-use path as a mountain biking route to improve user safety and experience.”; **and**
- viii. **amend Policy 6 to read:** “Investigate, design and install a modest pump track in the southern end of Easby Park, adjacent to the dedicated mountain biking route, to diversify recreational offerings. Ensure the facility:
  - Is sited to maximise safety and supervision, outside of main flood and significant ecological areas;
  - Is of a scale and form that fits the neighbourhood setting;
  - Is integrated with a wider vision for the park that balances active and passive recreation;
  - Is subject to a robust management, monitoring, and review process, with adaptive responses if effects or demand exceed expectations.”; **and**
- ix. **add a new Policy 8 to read:** “Coordinate all significant upgrades—playground or otherwise—with stormwater projects for maximised efficiency and minimal disruption to the community.”; **and**
- w. **note the overall support for the draft concept plan for Paton Reserve as a well-integrated community greenspace and note community enthusiasm for both recreational and ecological outcomes; and**
- x. **amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.37 Paton Reserve as follows:**

- i. **amend the Issues and Options subsection by deleting the text box with three key consultation questions; and**
- ii. **expand the Issues and Options section by adding the following wording after the last paragraph (and also delete the final sentence “Tell us your feedback on the options for developing Paton Reserve.”):**

“As outlined above, Paton Reserve is envisioned as a significant destination park for Richmond South, embracing a semi-rural character and offering a rich blend of ecological, recreational, and community experiences. The vision focuses on providing a large woodland park with accessible pathways, integrated natural adventure play spaces, and picnic areas, aiming to become a central green heart as surrounding areas urbanise.

Feedback received during consultation affirmed broad support for this overall vision, particularly for ecological restoration, accessible walking trails, and family-friendly informal play spaces. Submitters emphasised the importance of creating diverse, climate-resilient native ecosystems through extensive eco-sourced indigenous plantings, particularly in riparian and wetland areas, which also serve critical stormwater management functions.

The community expressed a strong desire for a universally accessible network of paths, connecting to neighbouring streets and popular desire lines, to support a wide range of users, including those with mobility challenges. Ongoing partnerships with local schools, iwi, and conservation groups for environmental education and stewardship are also seen as vital.

While there was enthusiasm for activating the reserve, some initial proposals, such as a large upper car park, a permanent commercial café, or a high-capacity amphitheatre, received mixed feedback. Consultation highlighted the need to balance active recreation with the retention of generous open green spaces for unstructured community use, and to avoid overdevelopment. There is strong support for removing redundant outbuildings to enhance the park’s natural amenity.

Regarding access, it is recognised that essential upgrades to pedestrian connections (such as the Bateup Stream walkway and Paton Road footpath) should precede the full public opening of any new car parks. Modest, well-screened car parking is supported to facilitate access, with an emphasis on compact design and integration with native landscaping.

The RMP now provides for flexibility to host small-scale mobile food/coffee carts for events or peak periods, prioritising convenience without permanent infrastructure. Similarly, a small, earth-formed amphitheatre is supported, provided it is naturally designed, integrates into the landscape, and is managed as a multi-purpose community space rather than a commercial venue.

All future developments will proceed with a phased approach, subject to detailed community and stakeholder consultation, ongoing monitoring, and clear management guidelines to ensure the reserve's unique character, ecological integrity, and primary recreational purpose are maintained.”; **and**

- iii. **amend the POLICIES section by deleting the existing policies and replacing with the following set:**

**“POLICIES**

- 1 Manage Paton Reserve primarily as a destination space focused on passive recreation, ecological restoration, community connection, and sustainable open space values.
- 2 Develop Paton Reserve in line with the final concept plan, subject to available resources. This will involve a phased approach, with gradual additions to infrastructure and park features over time. Carefully stage new facilities and enhancements, using robust usage data and further consultation to adjust plans and prevent overdevelopment or loss of valued open space and rural character.
- 3 Maintain improvements as needed to ensure Paton Reserve remains a welcoming, safe and functional space for the community.
- 4 Prioritise riparian, wetland, and woodland plantings that support habitat, natural character, and landscape resilience.
- 5 Implement ongoing monitoring and maintenance of riparian and wetland areas, employing adaptive management to respond to changes in stormwater flows, water quality, or erosion, and to address any adverse ecological effects as they arise.
- 6 Provide a universally accessible network of main paths and play/picnic areas throughout the reserve, shaped with input from disabled users, families, and community groups at design stage. Prioritise safe connections to neighbouring streets, public transport, and popular informal desire lines.
- 7 Foster ongoing partnerships with local schools, iwi, and conservation organisations to deliver environmental education, citizen science, hands-on stewardship, volunteer planting, and long-term monitoring and maintenance.
- 8 Incorporate interpretive signage that celebrates the reserve's ecological features, wetland and water management innovations, and cultural connections developed in partnership with iwi.
- 9 Remove redundant outbuildings and clarify that no permanent on-site maintenance depot will be required.

- 10 Proceed with essential upgrades to external footpaths and connections (e.g. Bateup Stream walkway and Paton Road footpath) prior to opening the lower public carpark.
- 11 Provide for modest, well-screened car parking at Paton Reserve to support access and public safety, while protecting open space and ecological values:
  - Develop a small to moderate car park near the Paton Road entrance, with native landscaping, permeable surfaces, and visual screening.
  - Consider a second compact parking area from a future residential road only if justified by proven demand, open space constraints, and further community input.
  - Ensure all car parks avoid sensitive wetland, planted or play areas, and maintain safe pedestrian connections to key amenities.
  - Promote excellent bike parking and universal access.
  - Actively manage car parks (including for safety, signage, and litter) to discourage anti-social behaviour.
  - Require targeted local engagement before any construction or expansion, with design finalised in consultation with residents and users.
- 12 Initiate discussions with neighbouring landowners to explore the possibility of establishing an easement that would facilitate vehicle access to the eastern portion of Paton Reserve. The aim is to ensure mutually beneficial terms that accommodate both parties' interests and provide safe, legal access to the reserve.
- 13 Permit the potential for a small-scale, earth-formed or naturally designed amphitheatre as a multi-purpose community asset, fully integrated with native planting and passive park values. Any amphitheatre:
  - Must be modest in scale, blend with the natural contours, and be set well back from residential or sensitive ecological areas;
  - Must be constructed from natural materials and designed to visually recede into the landscape when not in use;

- May only proceed after comprehensive stakeholder and community consultation on siting, noise, vegetation and wetland protection, and traffic/parking effects;
  - Must be managed as a low-intensity, multi-use community space (not a commercial/hospitality venue) with strong guidelines on booking, maintenance, and post-event restoration of amenity;
  - Must be supported by clear maintenance and event management guidelines to safeguard park values.
- 14 Permit occasional outdoor concerts and events within the natural amphitheatre of Paton Reserve, in accordance with the Council's 'Planning an Event' guide and the park booking system. Event attendance should be capped, to mitigate parking constraints and preserve the park's atmosphere. All events must adhere to relevant rules and regulations, including noise and safety standards.
- 15 Provide for small-scale, mobile food or coffee carts to operate at Paton Reserve during designated community events, weekends, or peak periods as approved by Council, subject to a license to occupy agreement (see Appendix 3, Table A). These agreements will be for a term not exceeding one year, and each new opportunity to operate will be publicly tendered. All operations must comply with waste minimisation and environmental standards, be visually low-impact, and require careful site management.
- 16 Permanent café or commercial food infrastructure is not supported at this stage. Any consideration of a permanent facility will require full community consultation, detailed assessment of design, parking, amenity, environmental/operational impact, and clear demonstration it would complement rural character, ecological function, and the primary open-space purpose of the reserve. If approved, a lease agreement for construction and operation of a commercial café on Paton Reserve would be required. If/when a café is established and operational, mobile carts will no longer be permitted, except for one-off events.
- 17 Ensure that any future changes or significant developments (e.g. new facilities, road access, car parks, event spaces, or amenities) are subject to targeted consultation with local residents, iwi, reserve

stakeholders, and notified users. Include ongoing monitoring of operational and environmental outcomes with flexibility to adapt as issues arise.

18 No camping will be permitted anywhere within Paton Reserve.”; and

y. note the note the feedback received on other aspects of the draft Richmond Ward RMP; and

z. amend the relevant RMP sections as follows:

**Biodiversity and Ecological Connectivity:**

- aa. The RMP should be amended to make biodiversity protection and ecological connectivity an unequivocal priority across the entire reserves network, not just larger “flagship” sites.
- bb. Direct reference should be made to the NPS-IB and the avoidance of adverse ecological effects, implementing the precautionary principle for all sensitive and riparian reserves.
- cc. Eco-sourced native planting and nature-based stormwater management should be specified wherever practical, including in stormwater and esplanade reserves.
- dd. The RMP should commit to regular ecological monitoring and public reporting, in line with Forest & Bird and Waimea Inlet Forum recommendations.

**Iwi Partnership and Mātauranga Māori:**

- ee. Embed obligations for ongoing partnership with iwi, including co-design, naming, interpretation, and co-stewardship of reserves, with regular engagement at the policy and operational level.
- ff. The plan should support greater use of dual or te reo Māori names and the integration of cultural interpretation features, guided by mana whenua.

**Waimea Inlet and Coastal Edge:**

- gg. Amend the plan to include buffer planting, habitat protection, pathway/fencing controls, and targeted education/interpretation specifically for reserves adjoining the Waimea Inlet and other estuarine or saltmarsh margins.
- hh. Access and dog control policies should be regularly reviewed based on ecological monitoring, seasonal bird presence, and feedback from the Waimea Inlet Forum.

**Community Stewardship and Active Engagement:**

- ii. Proactively encourage “friends of” groups, school partnerships, and volunteer events in restoration, maintenance, and community outreach across smaller and less-developed reserves.

- jj. Consider funding or resource allocation for volunteer training, materials, and support activities.

**General Amenities, Access, and Wayfinding:**

- kk. The RMP should support incremental improvements in accessible toilets, shelters, picnic areas, rubbish facilities, and wayfinding in high-use or gateway reserves and urban greenways—not just major parks.
- ll. The provision of off-leash dog exercise areas outside sensitive zones and clear signage and public education for dog owners should be prioritised.

**Placemaking, Events, and Activation:**

- mm. Where appropriate, invest in placemaking and programmed activities in under-used small parks to enhance local pride, reduce anti-social behaviour, and foster community identity.
- nn. Encourage edible landscapes and inclusive design where compatible with ecological and recreational objectives.

**Dog Exercise and Recreation Areas:**

- oo. Amend Part 3, section 3.0 of the RMP ‘Recreational Use of Parks and Reserves – Issues and Opportunities’ by:

- Adding a new subsection titled “**Dog Exercise and Recreation Areas**” after existing subsections on recreational uses, with the following text:

“Submitters on the draft RMP emphasised the high community value placed on dog-friendly spaces. Well-designed, dedicated dog exercise and recreation areas provide environmentally appropriate settings for dogs to run, play, and socialise, contributing to physical and mental health – for both dogs and their owners. Such areas can encourage positive community engagement and reduce conflict in other park spaces.

Population growth in the Richmond Ward is projected to further increase demand for dedicated dog exercise areas, ideally incorporating features such as fencing, water stations, shade, seating, waste bag dispensers, and separate areas for large and small dogs.”

- Add a new policy in this section to “Investigate and consult on options for dedicated dog exercise areas within the Richmond Ward”; and

- pp. replace the image in Section 5.2.6 of the RMP that shows the draft concept plan with the final layout plan for Rosales Park; and

- qq. amend the wording of RMP section 5.2.6 Rosales Park as follows:

- i. delete the two paragraphs in the Values subsection that describe the features in the draft concept plan and replace them with the following text, which reflects the finalised layout:

“The final layout plan for Rosales Park includes a main lawn and entrance lawn areas, a shaded picnic area with fully accessible picnic bench and picnic tables, a drinking fountain, subtle mounding to create separation between play and open space, a shared pathway for walkers and cyclists, a loop pathway with seating around a playground, perimeter planting featuring native planting with low trees, shade trees and street trees.

The playground, designed to cater for older children, will include the following equipment: a tower, traditional swing set, scramble nets, accessible play equipment (seesaw or roundabout) and natural play features in a sunken eddy space for kids to hang out, including rocks and balance logs.”; and

**rr. make other minor editorial changes; and**