

Karehana Park: What's Your Vision?

Survey Results Summary

Altogether 78 surveys were returned. All surveys were filled out a little differently; some only filled in their priorities, some only rated their top five choices. Feedback varied from 'do nothing' to 'change the whole thing'. Residents around the park and regular users are clearly concerned they might lose the aspects of the park they use the most and value.

Current users of the park indicated that they most valued;

1. Green, open space
2. Playground
3. Family friendly space
4. Access between Cluny and Airlie
5. Keep it simple and don't clutter it up

Key concerns were improvements to the drainage and stream, including safer fencing around the stream. Residents adjoining the park were also concerned about increased noise and potential for public loitering that may result from any suggested new activities.

There seemed to be 3 main types of respondents:

1. People who use the park regularly and/or live on the park and feel very strongly about what changes occur.
2. People who use the park intermittently, but would use it more if either there was more there for them, or if issues such as the drainage were dealt with.
3. People who never use it because there is nothing there for them currently, but would use it with certain changes.

It is important that the plan or vision for Karehana Park will balance the different interests, aspirations and core values of the park users and residents, whilst encouraging greater use.

A Table ranking the different options from top to bottom is provided on the following page. By far the strongest support was to ensure there are wheelchair and pushchair friendly pathways to the playground and to link Airlie and Cluny Roads. There was also strong support for native tree planting, followed by pavilion and covered seating. The combined tree options showed strong support for tree planting including edible trees. The lowest priority options were community garden allotments and a sculpture and art trail.

A number of mixed options could also be considered, depending on costs, more refining of the ideas, and community passion and keenness to be involved. It is timely that PCC and the PRA meet with interested community members to talk about the overall vision and the range of options in more detail, including costing, impacts, location etc. We suggest a;

'Open Day in the Park' half-day meeting At Karehana Park on a Saturday or Sunday in November 2011

We will send you more information about this event in the very near future.

See also <http://www.plimmerton.org.nz/>

TABLE 1: Priority Options

Rank	Option	Score
1	C. Wheelchair and pushchair friendly pathways to playground and linking Airlie and Cluny Rds	135
2	D. A small section of native trees (medicinal, to attract birds, educational plaques)	103
3	F. Pavilion or covered area with barbeque area and seating	65
4	A. Lollipop trees (shade trees with long trunks and upper foliage)	47
5	K. Move the playground to the beach end of the park	41
6	J. Combined basketball/football hard surfaced space and goals	40
7	H. Exercise stations and fitness trail	39
8	E. A few small fruit and citrus trees (make part of the park an orchard)	36
9 =	G. Walnut trees (three or four) away from boundaries	27
9 =	L. History board of Karehana Park	27
11	I. Sculptures/public art	16
12	B. Community garden allotments (growing herbs and vegetables)	14