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Introduction

‘Canvas: your thinking for the red zones’ was launched on Wednesday 30 July by Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Hon Gerry Brownlee. The public engagement process was organised by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA), with support from Waimakariri District Council and other strategic partners – Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council.

The aim of the campaign was to give people the opportunity to talk about their vision for the land. The ideas that were submitted are presented in this report and will help inform decisions on how the Crown-owned red zone land will be used in the future.

The Canvas red zone engagement ran for six weeks until 12 September. During that time, nearly 600 people contributed their vision for the approximately one square kilometre of land (total) that has been zoned red in the Waimakariri District (in Kaiapoi and Pines/Kairaki Beaches).

People could participate in the following ways.

- At the website (www.canvasredzone.org.nz) people could contribute their ideas, find out more information about the land and see what others were saying. Over the period of engagement the website had nearly 12,000 unique page views.
- Three community workshops were held (one of which was specifically focused on Pines/Kairaki Beaches). Each was attended by approximately 30 people.
- A transportable information centre (called the Future Christchurch Visionarium) was located in Kaiapoi for two weeks and Rangiora for one-and-a-half weeks. More than 1,400 people visited the Visionarium, including school groups.
- Ideas Cards were posted to 20,000 households. Of these, 198 were returned. An additional 107 Ideas Cards and 27 pictures were received via the Visionarium.
- Ideas Cards were handed out to spectators at Saturday morning sport in Kaiapoi and Rangiora (30 August).
- Ideas Boxes were distributed to Waimakariri District Councillors, the Kaiapoi Community Board and a further 11 community leaders to assist them in having conversations with special interest groups. The Ideas Boxes were also distributed to council offices, and community and sports centres.
- Learning Activity Guides and Ideas Boxes were sent to 26 schools across Waimakariri District to assist teachers to talk to students about the potential future uses of the land.

The canvasredzone.org.nz website was the central repository for all ideas received from the engagement: all advertising directed people to the site. People were encouraged to answer the questions directly on the website. Ideas received via the Ideas Cards were manually entered onto the site, as were feedback from the community workshops and the ideas (and pictures) that were received at the Future Christchurch Visionarium.

In addition to the ideas submitted, a further 125 participants commented on others’ ideas and 10 longer multi-page reports were provided.

Two red zone areas, Kaiapoi and Pines/Kairaki Beaches, were commented on in this conversation. Around 95% of the ideas related to the Kaiapoi red zone and 5% related to Pines/Kairaki Beaches. This report provides the commentary related to both areas, separated into ‘Kaiapoi comments’ and ‘Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments’.

The participants were asked to respond to two questions:

- What is important to you – what do you want this land to reflect?
- In 15 years' time, what would you like to see happening on this land?

The responses to the question, *What is important to you – what do you want this land to reflect?*, were categorised into two main themes: *people* values and *place* values. There were around 25 topics and nearly 600 ideas provided under these two themes in total (550 Kaiapoi and 39 Pines/Kairaki Beaches).

The responses to the question, *In 15 years' time, what would you like to see happening on this land?*, were categorised into six themes: recreation; business and commercial; environment; infrastructure and public facilities; art, culture, education and heritage; and community and people. There were around 15 topics per theme and just over 2,150 ideas provided under the six themes (1,999 Kaiapoi and 152 Pines/Kairaki Beaches).

All comments were included, regardless of their style or size. Comments ranged from a few words through to multiple pages. Most commonly, comments were around one to two sentences long. Three videos were referred to, which were examples from overseas. They were viewed and their ideas also included in the analysis.

A number of pictures were provided by children and others, who drew what they thought the land should reflect and what should be happening in the future. These pictures appear throughout the report, but have not been included in the analysis.

Definition of key terms

Theme – the highest-level category, for example, 'Recreation'

Sub-theme – the category that sits under the theme, for example, 'Tracks and trails' is under 'Recreation'

Topic – the category that sits under the sub-theme, for example, 'Walkways and walking tracks' is under 'Tracks and trails'

Analysis categories – the structure of themes and topics

Analysis method

All comments provided to the *Canvas conversation* have been included in a qualitative analysis process. The analysis was completed by Global Research, a Christchurch-based research company which specialises in qualitative analysis. Analysts have read and categorised each comment into one or multiple (initially) predefined themes and topics. The structure of the themes and topics (analysis categories) was informed by previous similar processes and consideration of the unique aspects of this particular project. This included the themes and topics identified within other processes that have specifically considered use of red zoned land, such as: *Eastern Visions* and *The Press* website. The structure and definitions of the categories were agreed with CERA staff prior to Canvas commencing.

During the analysis process the topic categories evolved to better enable ideas to be grouped in a way that reflected the participants' ideas and opinions. This is a commonly applied qualitative analysis approach for this type of consultation process.

Many of the comments have been categorised into multiple topics. For example, a short statement such as, *"Houses where land can be economically remediated. Park area (Courtenay) and playground - fitness track etc. Utilise lake area. Scope for significant walk way and cycle trails (separate)"* was categorised into five topics: land quality and remediation, open spaces, playgrounds, fitness courses, cycleways and walkways. As a result of categorising most comments into multiple themes and topics, there are significantly more ideas presented than individual comments made by participants.

Once all comments had been initially categorised into themes and topics, the categorisation was reviewed by a second analyst who ensured completeness and consistency.

There was no analysis for particular demographic groups, in particular in terms of participants' place of residence. Some demographic information was an optional field for participants to complete on the website. A small proportion of participants provided this information (around 10 per cent) and so it was considered not appropriate to analyse by specific groups as most participants would have been excluded from this analysis.

The following scale has been used to describe comment numbers in text

- "Few"** – 3–5 comments
- "Several"** – 6–10 comments
- "Many"** – 11–20 comments
- "A large number"** – 21–30 comments
- "A significant number"** – 31+

Terms for proportions of comments within particular themes, such as "one participant", "half", "three-quarters" and "two-thirds", have also been used where appropriate.

Reporting

The write-up commenced once all the comments were thoroughly analysed to reveal specific themes and topics that created the categories used in this report. This involved summarising the topics, sub-themes and themes. Direct quotes from participants are presented in boxes within the text to support the summaries.

Charts are included at the beginning of each theme to present the range of ideas provided by participants on each sub-theme. The number of comments provided relative to each topic is also presented throughout the report. The numbers are only intended to indicate how many comments made on each topic so relative popularity can be compared. Note that this is not a voting exercise and a high number of comments on a particular topic does not mean it should necessarily be applied in the red zone. The presentation of numbers is

considered just another piece of information that assists with explaining the public's ideas and opinions.

Report road map

This report presents the proportion and number of ideas relative to each theme. It also presents the proportion and number of ideas within each theme, with the discussion broken into individual topic summaries.

Comments relating to Kaiapoi and Pines/Kairaki Beaches have been treated separately, as reflected in the presentation of summaries of Kaiapoi comments first, followed by Pines/Kairaki Beaches summaries in this report. To help distinguish between the two sections, a dotted box has been placed around the sections relating to Pines/Kairaki Beaches.

The discussion begins by providing a summary of ideas across the whole consultation, followed by sections addressing “What the land should reflect” and then further on, “What should be happening on this land”.

An overview and visual representation (through charts) are presented at the start of each section to provide a summary of what has been heard and learnt from the Waimakariri Canvas process in relation to each section.

The report then discusses each theme within each section, first providing a summary and visual representation of the findings under that theme and then breaking down each theme by its sub-themes and associated topics.



Summary of ideas

The Canvas website captured comments by requesting responses to two questions: *What is important to you – what do you want this land to reflect?* and *In 15 years' time, what would you like to see happening on this land?* The first question aimed to gain an understanding of the underlying values that residents want reflected in the land, while the second question captured the activities and land management people wanted for the red zone.

The participants' responses to the two questions overlapped. Participants, when stating what they want the land to *reflect*, commonly provided a list of activities, similar to the responses to the *happening on this land* question. In analysing the *reflect* responses, an attempt has been made to interpret the comments in the context of what people want the land to reflect. The reflect comments generally fell into two main themes, *people* and *place* values.

What the land should reflect

KAIAPOI COMMENTS

It is important to people that the red zone is a natural land- and water-based environment that reflects the Kaiapoi community and earthquake remembrance, and is inclusive of all residents, while enabling active and passive recreation.

People values comments most commonly concerned community. Bringing the wider community, families and friends together through promoting enjoyment, unity and Kaiapoi's spirit and style (including local art) in an inclusive space was important to people. For some it is important that the land be productive, or provide a financial return in some way, to avoid an excessive financial burden on ratepayers; however, others were opposed to any form of commercial use of the land.

Personal experiences were also highly valued. Many comments stated the land should reflect recreation, often involving physical activity in natural open spaces, particularly for families. Specific activities such as walking, cycling and picnicking were provided as examples of the types of activities wanted. It was also important to people that the land should reflect relaxation, enjoyment and wellbeing. Good health promotion and earthquake and environmental education were also suggested.

Place values comments focused on good natural environmental management, specifically habitat restoration, and a place for remembrance. This was most commonly represented in creating a green natural space, with some wanting the environment to be returned to what it was prior to human use. This was the case for both water- and land-based areas. People also stated that it is important to plan well for the future and to consider the land type and what is appropriate, for example in the context of the land being naturally wet. Native forests and plants were important to some people and others wanted food production. Some wanted the land to be a legacy for the future.

PINES/KAIRAKI BEACHES COMMENTS

People values comments were generally in favour of supporting the natural environment to create positive human experiences, especially those that foster community and family experiences. Recreation opportunities were also favoured, and some were in favour of attracting others from outside to experience this area.

Place values comments, like the comments made in the Kaiapoi section, favoured good natural land management. More specifically, these comments supported maintaining the red zone land as an attractive natural setting, or in some cases protected as a natural environment.

What should be happening on the land in 15 years' time?

KAIAPOI COMMENTS

Participants want a range of different things to be happening on the land, but within a relatively tight band (environment-based recreation). Recreation in a well-restored natural environment was desired by many. Some thought that part of the land could provide an economic return and residential development was the most common suggestion for achieving this. Making the place a memorial to what has been lost through the earthquakes and creating a legacy were also important. For many, it was important to create activities and spaces of and for the community, which in particular should be 'family and community' focused.

Recreation was most popular, encompassing nearly half of the comments (912 out of 1,999). A green open space within which a range of different activities could occur was described by many. The spaces described ranged from unstructured open recreation spaces and parks, particularly those incorporating walking and cycling tracks, through to specific activities such as a dog park, BMX track and children's playgrounds. Providing specifically for sports facilities was also relatively popular, with suggestions covering both grass-based fields and hard courts. Some saw this as an opportunity to develop facilities for fishing and water sports such as kayaking.

Cultivating food for a range of outcomes, including healthy low-cost community food, social connection and education in food growing, was important to a relatively large number of participants.

Business and commercial was the second-most common theme, appearing in nearly one-fifth of comments (329). Residential development was the most frequently discussed topic. Any such development, though, was conditional on using only high-quality land (for building) or remediated land. It should be noted that some participants made specific objection to residential development and this was the only topic in the process that attracted substantial opposition. Others commented that the original residents should have the first right to buy back the land.

Camping, markets and cafés were commonly suggested hospitality and retail activities.

Entertainment events and festivals were suggested as a way to increase tourism and attract people to the area. Other entertainment activities proposed included: mini golf, indoor entertainment (eg, 10 pin bowling), theme parks and animal attractions. Less commonly a maze, water attractions and motorised attractions (eg, model train) were suggested.

Pasture farming was the most common primary industry suggestion, followed by market gardens, orchards and forestry. A few commenters opposed farming in the red zone.

Environmental management and promotion was another common theme (284 comments) and was closely aligned with the recreation theme discussed above. Trees were the most

commonly requested natural feature. Native plantings were also favoured, with some commenting such plantings would create an environment that supports birdlife. A significant number of participants wanted natural reserves created, including the restoration of previous natural ecosystems, for both land- and water-based areas. Many wanted lakes and wetlands to be developed and, in particular, areas that were previously wetlands to be restored.

The **infrastructure and public facilities** theme made up less than 10 per cent of comments. Transport was the most commonly commented on general topic within this theme; key topics discussed were increasing car parking and providing for watercraft, better public transport and roading. Linked with the recreation theme, people wanted facilities such as seats and benches, tables and toilets to support experiences within the red zone. A few comments were concerned with public infrastructure, such as waste and stormwater management – with sustainable options desired.

Art, culture, education and heritage ideas also comprised less than 10 per cent of comments. Public art was desired in a number of different forms including outdoor event spaces, ‘sculpture parks’ and other forms of public art such as street art. People also wanted to remember local history and culture through things such as information boards. Some wanted the opportunity to use some aspects of the red zone for education, such as gardening education for youth, or for celebrating Māori history and culture. The earthquakes were considered in some comments, which expressed a desire for the place to be a memorial to what has been lost and also a legacy for the future.

The **community and people** theme covered the people who the red zone is to provide for – including children, families, whānau, adolescents and older people. Ensuring that the red zone reflects and includes the community and is accessible to all was also important to commenters. Some saw this as an opportunity to bring the community together through things such as community gardens and events.

A number of comments did not fit within these themes, but generally dealt with how things are achieved rather than what is achieved. They covered the planning approach, such as who might be involved, appropriate timeframes and consideration to nearby green zone residents, and funding, such as using the land to help fund development or maintenance.

PINES/KAIRAKI BEACHES COMMENTS

Far fewer comments were provided on the Pines/Kairaki Beaches red zone area (152) than the Kaiapoi red zone area (1,999).

Recreational use of the land, as in Kaiapoi, was the most commonly suggested use of the red zone land in the Pines/Kairaki Beaches area, with over half (84 of 152) of the comments being made in relation to this. More specifically, recreation spaces with cycleways and walkways were sought, as well as areas with children’s playgrounds. Areas for horses and dogs, as well as horse tracks and ‘dog-friendly’ tracks, were desired. Picnic and barbecue areas were also suggested.

Growing food in the red zone by way of community gardens, fruit trees in public spaces or food forests and orchards was also desired.

Some comments were made about sports facilities, including three in favour of BMX.

The **environment** (19 comments) and **business and commercial** (18 comments) themes attracted similar numbers of comments. Trees, native plantings, fauna and allowing the area to be naturally restored were the main comments in relation to the environment, while topics under the business and commercial theme were much more varied. Some suggested motorhomes, though this idea was opposed by more than those who supported it, and a few suggested cafés or a dairy. Using some of the land for pasture, grazing or farming was suggested by a few. Two people commented on residential development.

The number of comments was similar for the themes of **community and people** (12 comments) and **infrastructure and public facilities** (11 comments). Equipping the red zone for children and the community was the primary concern for Pines/Kairaki Beaches. The sentiment in the community comments was for the red zone to be a positive, lively and well-used space, reflecting the earthquakes and those who lived there. Comments on infrastructure and public facilities were varied, with five comments on infrastructure (three of which concerned water-based infrastructure) and six comments on facilities (seats, benches, toilets, tables and rubbish bins).

The least commented on theme was **art, culture, education and heritage**, which drew just eight comments. These comments sought spaces for community events, sculpture and public art.



What the land should reflect

Overview

Distribution of ideas: people and place values

The pie charts present the responses to the question: *What is important to you – what do you want this land to reflect?* The charts distribute the 550 Kaiapoi and nearly 40 Pines/Kairaki Beaches ideas into two broad themes: *people* and *place* values.

For both Kaiapoi and Pines/Kairaki Beaches: around 60 per cent of ideas were classified into *people* values topics and 40 per cent into *place* values topics.

People values are the things that participants want to gain from experiencing the red zones in the future. *Place* values are the things that the land will reflect.

The bar charts that follow present the number of ideas related to the two themes for Kaiapoi. Because of the small number of comments on Pines/Kairaki Beaches, these charts are not produced for that area.

What the land should reflect: people and place value distribution

Kaiapoi



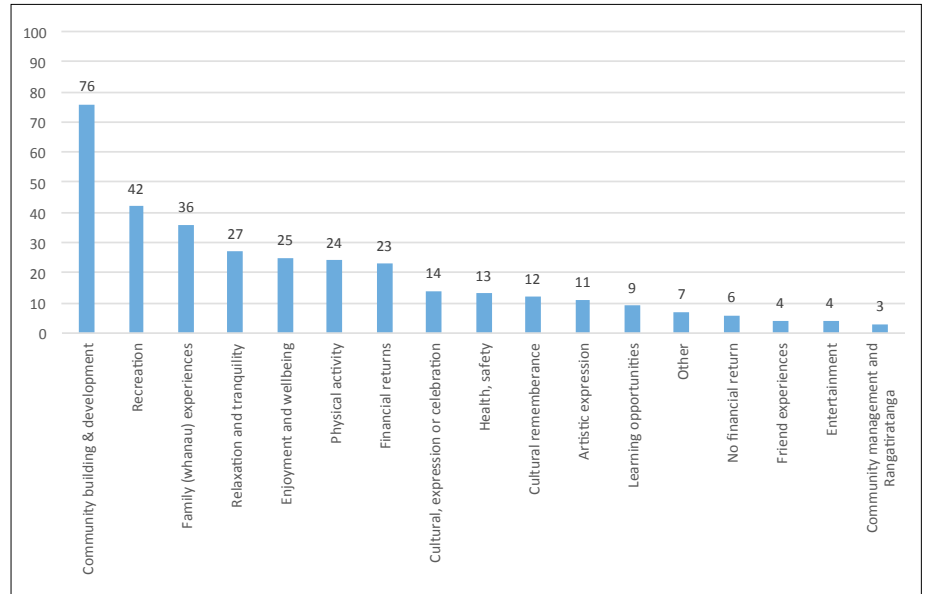
Pines/Kairaki Beaches



This chart shows that the highest number of ideas related to *people* values were classified into the *community building and development* topic. *Recreation; family (whānau) experiences; relaxation and tranquillity; enjoyment and wellbeing; and physical activity* were also popular topics.

The popularity of these topics suggests that people want things that build the community and enable families to share experiences, particularly physically active and healthy experiences.

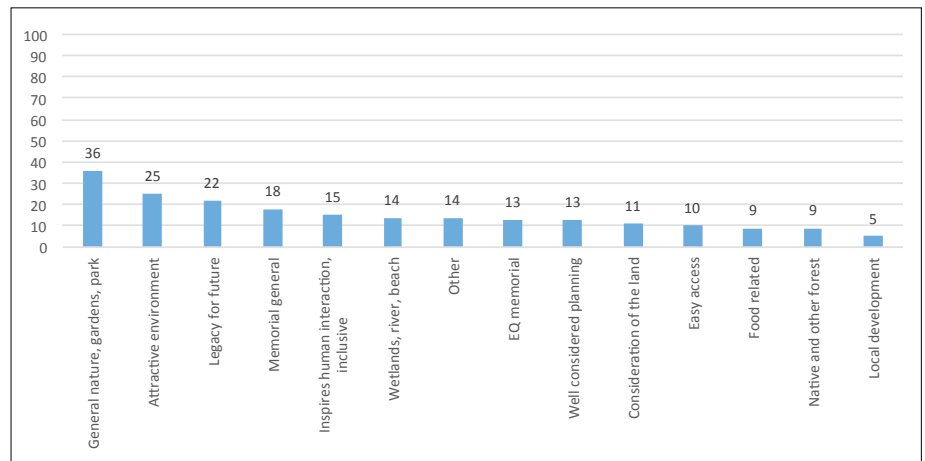
People value topics – Kaiapoī



This chart shows that the greatest number of ideas related to *place* values were classified into the *general nature, gardens, park* topic. *Attractive environment, legacy for future* and *memorial* were also popular topics.

This distribution of ideas suggests that people want the land to reflect a high-quality natural environment that both represents people’s remembrance of the past and provides something good for the future.

Place value topics – Kaiapoī



WHAT THE LAND SHOULD REFLECT: PEOPLE VALUES

Summary

Kaiapoi

In this section, most responses to the question, *What is important to you – what do you want this land to reflect?*, were similar to the responses to the other question in the conversation, *In 15 years' time, what would you like to see happening on this land?* Many participants provided examples of what the land should reflect, as opposed to higher-level *outcome* or similar statements. The responses have been interpreted relatively broadly in the context of responding to the *reflect* question.

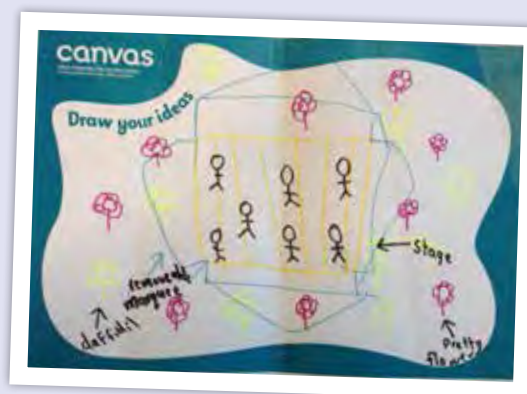
This discussion is focused on what the land should reflect for *people*. What the land should reflect for the *place* is discussed in the following section.

This is a summary of the themes that emerged from comments.

- Recreation involving physical activity in natural open spaces was a key driver that ran through many of these comments. Recreation, both generally and in the form of specific activities, was the most common suggestion; it was commonly described by participants as occurring in a green open space. Specific activities were commonly mentioned, including walking, cycling and picnicking. Relaxation, enjoyment and wellbeing were important outcomes for people. People also considered this an opportunity to promote good health and some were keen for this to be a place of learning in terms of making sure lessons are not forgotten from the earthquakes; environmental education was also mentioned by a few.
- A place that brings people together – whether it be the wider community or family and friends – is important to people. This priority came out in comments in which participants wanted the land to reflect a place that promotes community enjoyment, unity and spirit. An inclusive place that reflects the local community was important for a significant number of people. A place that promotes enjoyable family experiences through providing recreation activities was also desired by many participants.
- Reflecting the local culture and community in whatever is created is important to many people. Local art was considered a useful medium for expressing this culture. For some it was important to remember the past and express this through whatever is created.
- For some it is important that the land provides some kind of financial return. Some stated that this area will be a large amount of land for the Council to maintain and some of the land should be used to generate an income which could then offset maintenance costs. However, some were opposed to any form of commercial use of the land, stating that this place should be treated as a memorial. For a few this was an opportunity for community management of the land.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches

Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments were generally in favour of supporting the natural environment to create positive human experiences, especially those that foster the community and families. Some were also in favour of attracting others from outside to experience this area.



What the land should reflect: people values summary – most common 40 words (all comments)



Kaiapoi comments

Personal experiences

131 comments

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Recreation (general opportunities to physically and mentally recharge)

(42 comments)

Around three-quarters of the participants who commented on this topic stated in a range of ways that the land should reflect an outdoor recreation park or space. The most commonly described space was a green space or park. Other more specific descriptions of spaces and activities in an outdoor setting were walkways and cycle tracks, playgrounds, picnic areas, a motocross area and camping.

Several comments simply stated: recreation. This was interpreted as participants wanting the land to be used for recreation purposes. Several stated specific recreation activities other than parks, such as whitebaiting, yachting, community gardens, mini golf and BMX.

Sport and recreation – good health; Growth in the community.

Relaxation and tranquillity

(27 comments)

A significant number of participants stated they want the land to reflect a quiet or tranquil place. The words that were used to describe this included: relaxed, peace and quiet, peaceful, peace and harmony, relaxing with family, tranquillity, solace, calm, reflective spaces, peaceful spaces.

I want the land to reflect the relaxed community environment we have always had in the area and would like to see it benefit the people of Kaiapoi.

Enjoyment and wellbeing

(25 comments)

While this topic also has similarities with *recreation* and *physical activity*, the comments were mainly from participants who stated that the land should reflect enjoyment. Many of these comments linked enjoyment to outdoor activities and family experiences. The underlying message in these comments was that, whatever is created, it needs to be enjoyable.

Wellbeing was mentioned by several participants. One stated that things should happen quickly to improve people's wellbeing, while others commented that community wellbeing should be reflected in the land.

This could be made a destination for families to come out from Christchurch and enjoy and from North Canterbury and Kaiapoi in a relaxed scenic park.

Physical activity

(24 comments)

Around two-thirds of participants who commented on *physical activity* suggested specific activities, mainly related to sport. The suggestions included: walking, jogging and cycling; river sports; BMX; yachts; children's playgrounds; skate parks; football; and golf.

One-third of comments referred generally to physical activity. This idea was stated in different ways, but the common sentiment was in favour of people being more active.

The *recreation* and *physical activity* topics in this section are similar. The distinction that we have made is that *recreation* comments are on the whole related to people's mental, physical and emotional recuperation from work and life through leisure activities, whereas *physical activity* is more to do with physical health and the enjoyment that comes from sports and similar activities. There is an unavoidable cross-over between these two topics though.

Family living and recreation. Encouraging inhabitants to be more active as family units and value the beautiful landscape Kaiapoi has.

Health and safety

(13 comments)

About half of these comments were related to promoting health. This was stated in a number of ways including: healthy lifestyle, good health, health and wellbeing.

The other half of the comments in this topic referred to safety. Again, these comments were quite general and included that the land should reflect a safe place for children and young people and be a safe environment. One comment referred to wanting more non-smoking areas.

I want it to reflect our connection to nature, the environment and desire to live healthy lives. For good mental and physical health we need more grass and trees, which will bring native wildlife.

Learning opportunities

(9 comments)

A few comments were related to educating about earthquakes. Generally this was to ensure that the lessons recently learnt from earthquake experiences are not lost.

Educating about the environment and in particular food growing was also important for a few participants.

That knowledge of the recent past is not forgotten by the next generation to repeat the same or similar mistakes ie housing etc in a so called new plan – ie beyond 2050

Experiences with others

120 comments

A place that brings people together – whether it be the wider community or family and friends – is important to people. This sentiment was contained in participants' wish for the land to reflect a place that promotes community enjoyment, unity and spirit. An inclusive place that reflects the local community was important for a significant number of people. A place that promotes enjoyable family experience through providing recreation activities was also desired by many participants.

Community building, development

(76 comments)

About half of these comments stated directly or indirectly that the land should reflect something that is good for the local community to enjoy. Many of these comments stated that this should be a place that brings people together; some referred to developing *community spirit*.

Others discussed community more broadly and stated that the land should reflect something that attracts people from outside the local area, particularly wider Canterbury. Others stated that all should be included and the land should be inclusive of people from many different backgrounds and age groups.

About one-quarter of the comments in this topic stated or implied that what happens should reflect the local community. They often referred to the people that live there and the environment; these comments often referred to strengthening the community.

I wish the land to reflect the natural beauty of the area and the values of the former/current red zone members of the community.

Family (whānau) experiences**(40 comments)**

Nearly all of these comments discussed the land reflecting a place that enables enjoyable family leisure experiences. These experiences related to outdoor activities and popular things participated in with children such as picnics, walking, cycling, enjoying nature, entertainment and barbecues. There was also a common theme of a place where families can spend time together for unstructured leisure activities.

A few comments stated that the land should be available for families to live on again. There was also reference to providing food for people to collect via food forests.

... It is important to me, that families are celebrated and taken care of. To have spaces where people feel safe and relaxed.

Friend experiences**(4 comments)**

This small number of comments discussed being able to do things with friends and were similar in nature to the family comments above, in terms of enabling pleasurable leisure activities.

Cultural expression**41 comments**

Reflecting the local culture and community through whatever is created is important to many people. Local art was considered a useful medium for expressing this culture. For some it was important to remember the past and express this through whatever is created.

Cultural expression and celebration**(14 comments)**

Generally these comments related to reflecting Kaiapoi's culture. A few mentioned Māori or cultural expression, and one suggested noticeboards to celebrate the past. A couple of similar comments referred to Kaiapoi's spirit and strengths, with one suggesting that local art should be reflected. A few comments suggested inclusivity through stating: human diversity; and inclusiveness of age, gender and race. One supported letting people be creative in a positive way. A couple of comments referred to spiritual expression. One comment suggested renaming the area as 'Askeaton Park'.

One comment stated that promoting the local culture would increase Kaiapoi's exposure internationally.

One comment stated that the land should reflect characteristics of Kiwi culture such as integrity, truth, honesty, clean, fresh, world leaders, strong and competitive.

Another participant stated cultural consideration should be forgotten as cultural expression and sensitivity were only a concern at Council level.

Wind, air, water and river, land perhaps 'some' reflective to 'Kai tahu' it would attract a lot of national and international attention and put Kaiapoi on the map.

Cultural remembrance
(12 comments)

Most comments on this topic were in two broad topic groups. One group mentioned memorialising the recent earthquakes and the other group wished the land to more broadly reflect local history.

Several commenters who mentioned the earthquakes also specifically mentioned remembering the impacts on people.

Several comments suggested remembering local history. Māori heritage was mentioned by a couple of commenters, with one stating: acknowledge our “Tapuna” [sic]. One participant mentioned providing plaques to reflect past events.

Acknowledge the impact of the earthquakes, and that this place (the red zone) was people’s homes and communities before earthquakes. Acknowledge the huge loss it represents to individuals, families and communities.

Artistic expression
(11 comments)

These comments generally stated that art should be reflected in what is developed. One comment stated that art should be used to reflect the earthquakes so future generations can know what was experienced and one participant mentioned a sculpture park. Most comments in this topic referred to art generally without providing detail.

Entertainment
(4 comments)

Participants did not provide a lot of detail with these comments; most just stated: entertainment. One participant stated free entertainment and another carnival day events.



For some it is important that the land provides some financial return. Some stated that this will be a large amount of land for the Council to maintain so some of it should be used to generate an income which could then offset maintenance costs. However, some were opposed to any form of commercial use of the land, stating that this place should be treated as a memorial. For a few this was an opportunity for community management of the land.

Financial return (23 comments)

Around three-quarters of the participants in this section wanted the land to be productive or profitable in some way; the other quarter stated that this was an opportunity to attract people to the area and boost the local economy.

About half of the comments on the land being productive did not state specifically *how* the land should deliver an economic return. However, most did give reasons *why* it should be productive. Four participants stated that that land needs to produce a financial return to the Council and ratepayers so that it is economically sustainable. Other individual comments were: protecting commercial interests will promote future growth; productive land will ensure a sustainable economic legacy; food production should be encouraged; generate community commercial gain.

While green space is a nice buzz word, it's a long-term noose around the council for ongoing maintenance. I would rather see it used to its economic benefit and cost the rate payer nothing in the long term.

Several participants suggested that some of the land should be used for residential purposes. These included specific statements: housing in 15 years' time; low-cost housing to provide an economic return; return to residential to ensure it is lived in and enjoyed; the land should be zoned semi-rural to enable larger blocks of land to be established.

One comment stated that vast amounts of money should not be poured into the land to make it available for housing.

Several participants stated that the land will attract people from outside the area to live or visit and be an economic boost for the community.

Specific business uses suggested were: farmland, cafés and a commercial hub.

It is important for current and future generations to consider something for the land that will attract outside visitors to come to kaiapoi and north canterbury to see what we offer which in turn promotes spending in the region and boosts our economy.

No financial return
(6 comments)

Counter to the discussion above, several comments stated that the land should not be used for residential development or commercial return.

As it can be considered as a memorial area, no commercial or any other money making activities should be permitted.

Community management and rangatiratanga
(3 comments)

One comment was that the community should work together to help build itself; one stated that people will learn how valuable the land is by using the land to produce fruit and vegetables. One comment stated that this is a unique opportunity for the community to participate and to achieve self-determination.

Unique community opportunity (to participate and self determination).

Other
(7 comments)

There was a range of other comments. These included two participants who were concerned about the impact from users: one was concerned about the noise from “hoons” and the other about the noise from motocross. Two comments focused on public transport: one wanted a tram and the other a sustainable way to get into the city. Two comments were to do with rates: one stated that “stayers” should not be at the cost of ratepayers and the other stated rates should be reduced because of the increased number of residents. One participant did not want to take the risk of rebuilding on this land. Another was tired of not having things.



Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments

Personal experiences

10 comments

These comments were in favour of providing recreation activities that enable outdoor relaxation and enjoyment.

**Recreation
(general
opportunities to
physically and
mentally recharge)**
(4 comments)

One participant suggested that with greater intensification in Christchurch it is important to provide nearby recreation activities for those people to enjoy. They suggested low-cost camping would attract locals and foreign visitors, especially if there was a bus connection to Christchurch.

Other suggestions were areas for sports or small community concerts and/or market areas; and a flat horse riding area that links with the beach, providing a variety of easily accessible riding conditions for a large number of users.

**Relaxation and
tranquillity**
(1 comment)

One comment stated they wanted native, peaceful environments.

**Enjoyment and
wellbeing**
(1 comment)

One comment referred to providing enjoyment and wellbeing through camping opportunities for high-density living Christchurch residents.

Physical activity
(2 comments)

One comment referred to providing an area for sports and another stated the land should be an all-ages park with things such as duck ponds, sensory playgrounds, giant chessboard and maze.

Native, peaceful environments. Areas for sports or small community concerts and/or market areas.

Health and safety
(1 comment)

One comment stated it would be good to provide a safe place for horse riding, as such places were increasingly difficult to find.

**Learning
opportunities**
(1 comment)

Teaching horse riding was important for one participant.

Experiences with others

9 comments

Community building, development (5 comments)

Nearly all of these comments connected the community and nature. One comment stated that improving the area would attract more people to visit the local beach community, one suggested providing for community concerts, and another stated that the feeling of a beach community needs to be fostered and retained. Another stated, “the community, past present and future”.

Family (whānau) experiences (4 comments)

Family experiences in a natural environment was the common theme in these four comments. One also mentioned safety and open access (for families); another stated development would encourage families to the beach and another that it should be a family destination.

People were moved off this land so it should not be rehoused in the future, It should be a park for all ages and duck pond, sensory playground, giant chessboard, maze. Turn the negative to a positive and make it a destination for families, young and old.

Cultural expression

1 comment

Entertainment (1 comment)

One comment was in favour of small community concerts.

Other topics

2 comments

Financial return (1 comment)

One comment was in favour of attracting tourists.

Community management and rangatiratanga (1 comment)

One comment stated that Kairaki is so important to their family that they have fought to retain their section even after their house has been demolished. They have maintained the land and made it available to community clubs and hosted events.

WHAT THE LAND SHOULD REFLECT: PLACE VALUES

Summary

Kaiapoi

The natural environment was a key consideration in many people's comments. Nature comments reflected a number of different uses for the land, including restoration and a place for remembrance.

This is a summary of the themes that emerged from comments.

- Good management of the environment was important to participants. This was most commonly represented in creating a green natural space, with some wanting the land to be returned to what it was prior to human use. This was the case for both water- and land-based areas. People also stated that it is important to plan well for the future and to consider the land in this planning – for example, that it is wet. Native forests and plants were important to some people and to others it was desirable to use the land for food production.
- How the land is used to represent the community is important to people. An earthquake memorial was a common suggestion with others also wanting the place to be a memorial to the recent past and earlier times in Kaiapoi. Some wanted the land to represent something that would be treasured as a legacy for the future. Enabling all to use the area no matter what their age, culture or physical ability was also important to some. Several wanted the land to reflect the local community's values and to be sympathetic to the existing environment.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches

Like the comments made in the Kaiapoi section, those commenting on the Pines and Kairaki Beach red zone area also sought good natural land management. More specifically, these comments supported the red zone land being maintained, or in some cases protected as a natural environment.



What the land should reflect: place values summary – most common 40 words (all comments)



Kaiapoi comments

Natural land management

117 comments

Good management of the environment was important to participants. This view was most commonly represented in support for creating a green natural space, with some wanting the land to be returned to what it was prior to human use. This was the case for both water- and land-based areas. People also stated that it is important to plan well for the future and to consider the land in this planning. Native forests and plants were important to some people and to others it was desirable to use the land for food production.

Nature, native and green space (general comments)

(36 comments)

Over half of the comments on this topic stated that the land should reflect nature in some way. Often these were short, simple statements that included or stated nature or referred to restoring a particular natural environment. Some comments made points about restoring or being more respectful of nature.

Around a quarter of these comments stated the land should reflect native trees or plants.

Another quarter of the participants who commented on this topic described the land as a green open space.

Give back to nature. We don't have to intensify areas with more buildings. Remove the rubble; plant natives, reintroduce the birds back and let nature be.

Attractive environment

(25 comments)

Around half of the participants commenting on this topic made a general comment that the environment should be attractive; they commonly also referred to a nature-based environment.

Several commenters stated that the land should reflect the natural beauty of the area.

A few also stated that they want a place that they can be proud of and that it attracts people from outside the area to appreciate also.

As a life time resident family we would like to see Kaiapoi become a place to be proud of and a place where people local and from other areas also want to come to. environment which looks nice and does not need large expenses to maintain.

**Wetlands, river,
beach**

(14 comments)

Nearly all of these comments mentioned protecting or enhancing the water-bodies of the area: river, wetland or beach. Just under half of these comments referred to looking after the river. The statements made were quite general in nature.

Around one-third of comments on this topic referred to wetlands. Nearly all of these comments mentioned returning the environment to its original pre-human natural state.

Take it back to what it was – wetlands, make a reserve. Encourage wildlife back into the area.

**Well-considered
planning**

(13 comments)

Around half of the comments on this topic were related to responsible planning. This included a few comments that the land should be used for its best purpose; a couple of comments referred to learning from what has happened; and a couple referred to reduced urban sprawl and that Kaiapoi should be cohesive; providing a natural environment was important for another participant.

Two comments stated that planning should be sped up and decisions should be made. One comment countered this by stating that things should not be rushed.

Three comments made specific planning suggestions. One comment stated the land between Hilton Street and Raven Quay should become a car park; another stated that semi-rural development should be encouraged; and another stated that residential development should be encouraged.

**Consideration of
the land**

(11 comments)

These comments consistently stated that the land type should be considered in future use and some specifically stated that it shouldn't be built on again. Around half of these comments implied that natural uses should be the priority with some giving the wet nature of the land as the main reason for this. A few stated it should be returned to its natural state or should go back to what it was used for, before it is built on.

As the land is wet, good drainage is required and the understanding that infrastructure won't be supported. We need to consider the land.

Food related
(9 comments)

Most of these comments referred to food production for the local community. Some specifically identified community gardens or free orchards. One comment referred to organic food and how it could benefit the whole community. One comment linked food production to Kaiapoi's name.

It is 'kai' apoi. Food, sustenance is what this area has always been about, fishing, agriculture. It still is for us and we would like the town, as it changes and inevitably expands to keep that at heart, even in its urban heart.

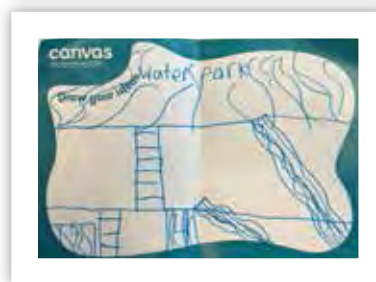
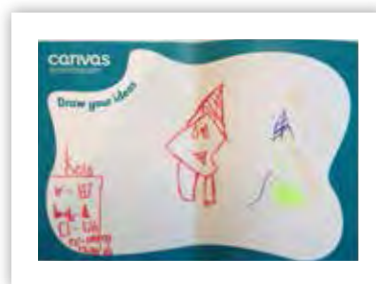
A couple of comments stated that the land should be used for commercial food production, specifically market gardens.

Planting edible trees now, native and exotic to reflect our native and exotic peoples, which will come to maturity one by one over subsequent years, reaching out in to the future, feeding our families and our community, a place to pass the seasons, the harvests, the passing of time whilst acknowledging the past.

Native and other forests
(9 comments)

All of these comments consistently stated that there should be an emphasis on creating or reintroducing a native forest environment. A few referred to restoring what had been there in the past.

90% native trees/shrubs 10% fruit/nut bearing trees. Simplicity and life balance would be reflected in such planting.



People and land relationship

82 comments

How the land is used to represent the community is important to people. An earthquake memorial was a common suggestion with others also wanting the place to be a memorial to the recent past and earlier times in Kaiapoi. Some wanted the land to be treasured as a legacy for the future. Enabling all to use the area no matter what their age, culture or physical ability was also important to some. Several wanted the land to reflect the local community's values and to be sympathetic to the existing environment.

Memorial (including earthquake memorial)

(31 comments)

Just over half of the comments on this topic suggested creating a memorial to reflect the impact of the earthquakes. The majority wanted the memorial to acknowledge the adversity that people had overcome. Some stated their specific requirements: fun, vibrant, social; artwork engraving; name to reflect loss from earthquakes; to reflect people and homes lost; a replica of a damaged house.

So many residents lost their homes, lives and community spirit it was a huge wreck to leave this area and still to this day peoples lives are effects. So it should be a place to reflect.

Several comments referred to remembering what had been there in the immediate past, such as people's sections and gardens, and others referred to remembering what had been on this land historically. A large number of comments referred to the place reflecting a memorial without specifically referring to the earthquakes.

Several comments were general statements, such as: place to gather and remember; memories.

(Note: The nature of the *conversation* may have meant that some participants considered it unnecessary to specifically refer to an earthquake memorial.)

What a great idea to commemorate the old Kaiapoi and incorporate it with the new Kaiapoi with a garden with interpretation panels of our journey as a community. In time the memories of what was will fade and it would be nice to have an area dedicated to the old Kaiapoi and a trail with posts of what was along the way.

Legacy for future
(21 comments)

This topic was divided into two relatively evenly sized groups of comments. One group was about reflecting something for Kaiapoi's future. The general feeling of these comments was to create something that Kaiapoi can be proud of or that improves the town. Some specifically stated that this is an opportunity to turn around a bad situation and do something positive for the future. Some stated that Kaiapoi should be developed to be more attractive to people from outside and to produce positive returns for the town in the future.

Things I see as important is bringing some pride back to this place that has such rich history.

The second group of comments generally described broad positive outcomes for the future, such as: restoring nature; providing food; and creating financial returns. Some considered this as a unique opportunity.

Most of our red zone residential areas have given the town available land which would have normally never become available so let's use it to its full potential and create suitable usage that would normally never be close to the towns a centre.

Inspire human interaction, inclusive
(15 comments)

The sentiment in all of these comments was quite similar: the general desire was for the land to reflect community ownership and inclusion. Around half of these comments referred in some way to creating a place for and of the local community. Some went into more detail, stating that the place should be welcoming to all cultures and age groups. One comment made the specific point that it should be a place that brings people together in good times and bad, with the earthquakes given as an example.

The land to reflect a community environment that can be used by all cultures.

A place where people of all ages can play and relax with lots of activities to participate in or spectate.

Community and bringing people together and to support one another, especially in times of hardship – like earthquakes.

Easy access
(10 comments)

Nearly all of these comments referred to making the area accessible for all to use. Some specific groups were mentioned including the elderly, younger people, disabled, those without a car, those with constrained by financial status or ability, those with dogs. Other physical access suggestions were also mentioned: providing a track between the river and the town to complement each other; suitable paths, seats for rest; well-designed tracks that appropriately accommodate specific activities.

– access for all regardless of age, money, ability, number of legs.

Local development
(5 comments)

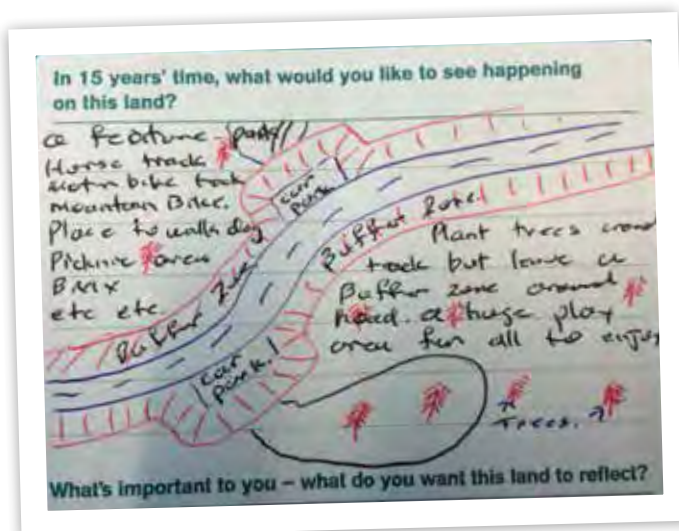
These were quite specific comments proposing that what is created reflects the local community's values and works with what exists in the area.

Ensure that what is created fits in well with what is already there.

Other

14 comments

Within the comments about what the land should reflect, there were a range of *people and the land* comments that did not fit into the topics above. These comments included that the land should reflect: more car parking in general; specifically car parking on Hilton Street opposite Countdown; more car parking behind the main shopping centre and the service centre; more trams; tighter commercial hub in the town centre; more intensive housing near the centre of town for retirees, first starters; next midwinter/Matariki, lights strung on the boats downstream and some spectacular lights display on the bridge upstream, for 10 days or so; vision and values; access/town centre recovery; and public access important but concern about “hoon” element; and sick of not having things.



Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments

Natural land management

12 comments

These comments supported maintaining the red zone land or, in some cases, protecting it as a natural environment.

Nature, native and green space (general comments)

(4 comments)

These comments referred to maintaining a natural setting for people to experience.

If it can no longer be built on, let us use it to enjoy a natural environment which looks nice and does not need large expenses to maintain.

Attractive environment

(4 comments)

The few comments made on this topic stated that they wanted the land to reflect the local natural environment and beauty.

Wetlands, river, beach

(3 comments)

These comments all stated in different ways that they want the natural beach environment retained or protected. One stated that the land should remain a natural resource as they believe it is no longer suitable for building on, another that the natural vegetation should be retained and another that the natural beach environment should be enhanced.

The feel of a beach community needs to be fostered and retained. Natural beauty should be enhanced for all to share without restrictions of fences and do not enter signs!

Consideration of the land

(1 comment)

There was one comment on this topic.

I think the land has changed since the earthquake. The red zoning confirmed this and I don't think it is suitable for permanent residency. My family have enjoyed this area for 4 generations and prior to the earthquake owned a bach at kairaki beach. It is important to us that the land remain a natural resource. I no longer think it is appropriate that people live there, given the flood risk. I suspect that if left, the land would become swampy again. We need to protect our natural environments for future generations to enjoy.

What should be happening on this land

Overview

The second question in the Canvas conversation was: *In 15 years' time, what would you like to see happening on this land?* This second section presents all the comments made during the conversation by discussing them in six themes. The first five themes are generally things that people want to happen to or on the land: *recreation; business and commercial; environment; infrastructure and public facilities; and art, culture, education and heritage*. The sixth theme is community and people; rather than presenting what people want to happen on the land, it presents who people want the land to provide for and who they wish to participate in activities with.

Distribution of ideas into themes

The following pie charts present the distribution of ideas across the six analysis themes. In total, 1,999 ideas are represented in the Kaiapoi red zone chart and 152 ideas in the Pines/Kairaki Beaches red zone chart.

Nearly half of the Kaiapoi ideas were related to *recreation* (46%).

The *business and commercial* (16%) and *environment* (14%) themes were the next most commonly commented on.

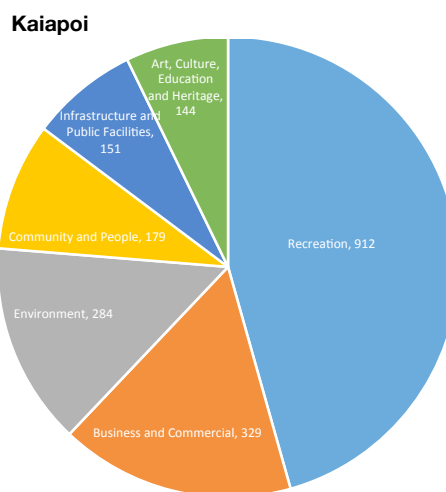
The themes that received the least comment were: *community and people* (9%); *infrastructure and public facilities* (8%) and *art, culture, education and heritage* (7%).

Over half of the Pines/Kairaki Beaches ideas were related to *recreation* (55%).

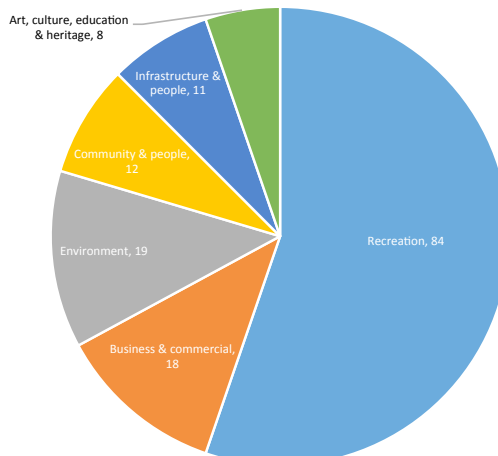
The *environment* (13%) and *business and commercial* (12%) themes were the next most commonly commented on.

The themes that received the least comment were: *community and people* (8%); *infrastructure and public facilities* (7%) and *art, culture, education and heritage* (5%).

Overall theme distribution



Pines/Kairaki Beaches



Distribution of ideas by top 20 topics

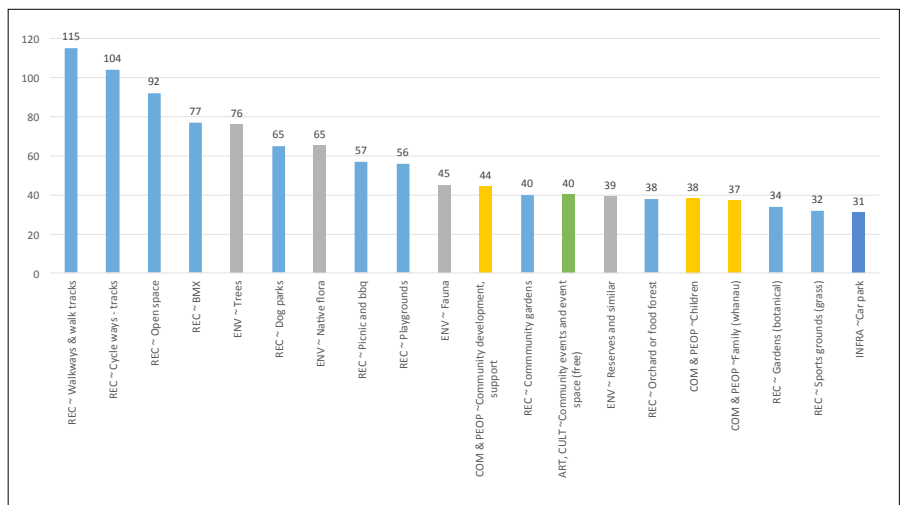
The two following charts present the top 20 topics across all the themes for Kaiapoi and Pines/Kairaki Beaches. The bars on the charts are colour coded to match the colour of the themes in the preceding pie charts.

The first four topics for Kaiapoi are all from the *recreation* theme. Physical activity, including walking and cycling in a natural setting, is popular. BMX is a particularly popular activity.

Note that residential development is also considered a possibility by a significant number of Canvas participants, but that the sub-theme is split into four topics (general comments (23), land quality and remediation (23), zoning (15) and resident buy back (12)). As a result, it does not appear on the chart as an individual topic.

Note: A distribution of all topics for each theme is presented for Kaiapoi in the Appendix.

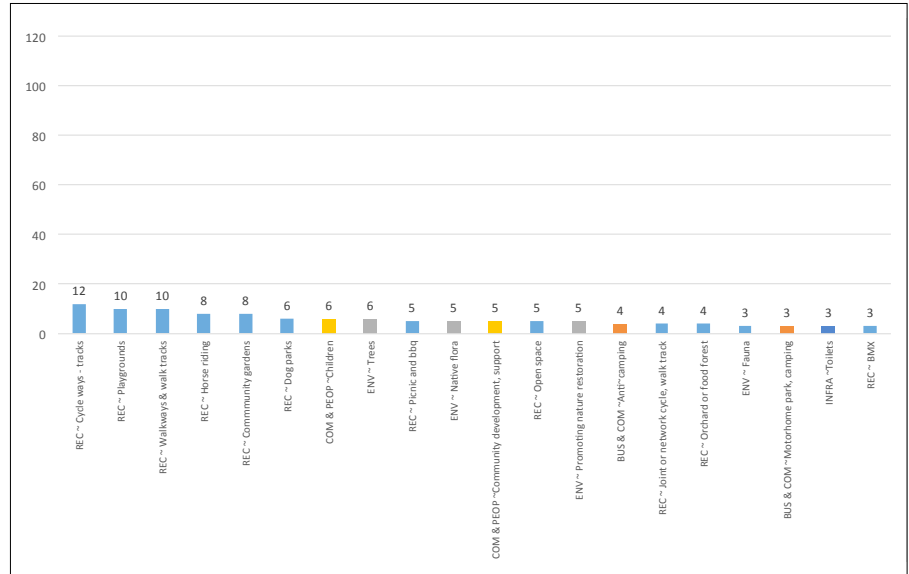
The top 20 topics across all themes – Kaiapoi



Similar to Kaiapoi the most common topics for Pines/Kairaki Beaches are recreation based: the six most popular topics are from the *recreation* theme. There are some differences between the Kaiapoi and Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments, although the small total number of Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments means that conclusions should be drawn only cautiously.

Note: Due to the small total number of Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments, a distribution of all topics for each theme is not presented for this area in the Appendix.

The top 20 topics across all themes – Pines/Kairaki Beaches



RECREATION

Summary

Kaiapoi

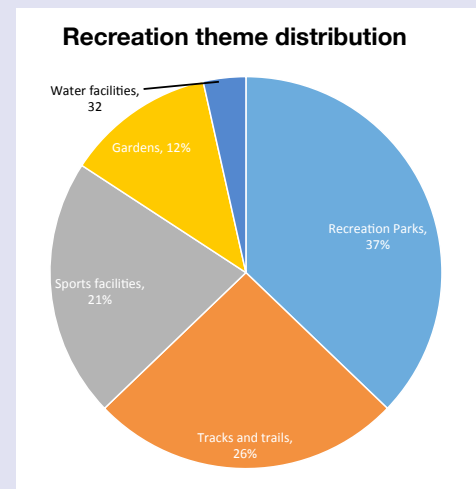
In total there were 912 recreation-related comments, making it the most popular theme. Participants were in favour of the red zone facilitating recreation in a variety of forms.

A green open space that accommodates a range of activities was the most common suggestion. Suggestions ranged from unstructured open recreation spaces, including parks that incorporate walking and cycling tracks, through to specific activities such as a dog park, BMX track and children's playgrounds. Providing specifically for sport was also relatively popular with many suggesting developing sports grounds. Water-based activities were commented on by fewer participants but some saw this as an opportunity to develop facilities for fishing and sports such as kayaking.

Cultivating food to enable a range of outcomes – including healthy, low-cost food for the community, social connection and food-growing education – was important to a relatively large number of participants.

This is a summary of the main ideas provided.

- **Recreation parks**, most commonly in the form of open spaces where people can participate in unstructured recreation activities, were frequently suggested. Specific types of parks or areas within parks requested by a significant number of participants included dog parks, children's playgrounds and in particular an adventure playground, picnic areas, barbecue areas, a skate park and an area for horse riding.
- **Tracks and trails** were recreation facilities commonly suggested by participants. These came in two main forms: cycleways and walkways. For many of these participants it was important that tracks ran through natural areas or had a scenic outlook. Many suggested walking and cycling tracks but it was unclear if this meant joint or separated tracks in many instances. Examples of similar places on which the land should be modelled included McLeans Island and Bottle Lake forests.
- **Sports facilities** were sought in the red zone. A BMX track was popular. Grassed areas for sports such as soccer and rugby and hard-surface courts for sports such as netball and tennis were also commonly suggested. A golf course was a popular suggestion with many proposing relocating the existing golf course to the red zone. Club rooms, fitness courses and swimming facilities were also suggested.
- **Gardens** – and in particular growing food in the red zone by way of community gardens, fruit trees in public spaces and food forests or orchards – made up almost three-quarters of comments on this sub-theme. Participants liked the idea of having food growing because of the links to learning, building community, keeping active, accessibility of food and nutrition. Gardens in general, but particularly flower gardens and botanic gardens, were also commonly suggested.
- **Water-based recreation** such as fishing and various boating activities that used the river made up the majority of this sub-theme. Water sports, such as jet skiing, and a rowing club were also suggested.
- **Other recreation facilities** suggested were more community-based and enabled people to come together. A viewing platform/hill was suggested by a few.
- **Recreation concerns** were expressed by some participants. Most concerns focused on noise.



Pines/Kairaki Beaches

There were 84 recreation-related comments regarding Pines/Kairaki Beaches. Most of these comments focused on recreational areas with cycleways and walkways as well as playgrounds and areas that provide for horses and dogs. Growing food in the red zone by way of community gardens, fruit trees in public spaces or food forests and orchards was also desired. Some comments were also made about sports facilities.

Recreation – most common 40 words (all comments)



Kaiapoi comments

Recreation parks

339 comments

Recreation parks, most commonly in the form of open spaces where people can participate in unstructured active and passive recreation activities, were very frequently suggested. Specific types of parks or areas within parks requested by a significant number of participants included dog parks, children's playgrounds and more specifically adventure playgrounds, picnic areas, barbecue areas, a skate park and horse riding.

Open spaces

(92 comments)

All of these comments were in in favour of using the red zone area as a recreation park. Around three-quarters of these comments were a short statement in favour of turning the land into a park or open space. An overall summary of the more detailed comments is that people want a large, open, green space that is accessible for children, youth, families, adults and elderly alike and that can be used freely for many different active and passive recreation activities.

Using the existing natural areas such as the Kaiapoi River and wetlands was suggested by many.

Turn it into parks for people to visit for picnics, fun days, children fishing etc.

Several participants implied that using the red zone as a recreation park was important for rest and relaxation but particularly for earthquake recognition, reflection and recovery. One participant suggested naming walkways after lost Kaiapoi streets and another emphasised the importance of enabling "push play" for families.

Creating a space like Spencer Park, McLeans Island and Bottle Lake forests, the Groyne, or Hagley Park was suggested. The recreation area at Oreti Beach in Invercargill was also identified as an example to follow.

Areas suggested for park, recreation and green space include: Courtenay area (suggested by a few participants), Charles Street and more specifically Charles Street from Jones Street, Beswick Street east, Cass Street area and more generally incorporating Kaiapoi lakes and Courtenay Lake.

Leisure is important and a place for us to relax and enjoy time with our children. Since the EQ all the things in Kaiapoi that we used to use to help break the monotony were damaged when we needed them most! One of the best ways for people to de-stress is to get in tune with your senses and the best way to do this is to go outdoors. And yet we have not been able to walk, ride, bike, boat as the stop bank path was damaged, the boat ramp, the bike track, the skateboard track etc. So we have had to go further afield to do this when we had it all on our doorstep.

Dog parks and dog-friendly spaces

(65 comments)

These comments were in favour of a dog park in Kaiapoi, which was stated without further elaboration by a high proportion. Several commented that a Kaiapoi dog park should be like the dog park at the Groynes and a few participants advocated having water features, training or agility facilities and having the area fully fenced off. A few participants stated the dog park should not be like the Rangiora one and another suggested a dog park similar to that in Rolleston.

Two participants suggested the dog park be in the Courtenay Drive area; another suggested the area between Charles Street and Sewell Street.

Several participants commented that having a dog park would have additional benefits such as getting people active, socialising animals including dog obedience, and enabling dog owners to meet other dog owners in a safe, dog-friendly space. It was also thought that having a good dog park would bring business to the area as people would travel to use it, especially with people already coming from outside of Kaiapoi to walk their dogs. Linkages from any potential dog park to walkways was also sought by a few participants. One participant suggested that any dog park developed should be located away from residential housing for noise reasons.

Several participants also sought dog-friendly parks and walkways more generally, including facilities for dogs.

A public park which incorporates a dog-park like the one at The Groynes with separated areas, walks, trees and water areas – all fenced off.

Playgrounds

(56 comments)

These comments were in favour of children's playgrounds, and playgrounds in general. Some locations for playgrounds were suggested: the corner of Charles and Jones streets, the Courtenay Drive area and by the river.

A few participants suggested that playgrounds be themed – for example, with a “space”, “fantasy” or “earthquake” theme. The earthquake-themed playground idea included having explanation boards so that the park was educational and fun. Specific play equipment suggested by one participant included a sandpit, tyre swing and obstacle course. Another participant commented that safe play environments were important.

Most amazing playground for children.

**Picnic and
barbecue areas**
(57 comments)

Over three-quarters of these comments were in favour of picnic areas and facilities and around one-quarter suggested barbecue areas. Comparisons with Bottle Lake Forest, areas in Australia (and in particular Albury), Spencer Park and a “mini-Groynes” were made. Participants stated that these areas need to have places to sit and to be family friendly.

Locations suggested included near the river bank, under shady trees, in the Charles Street/Jones Street area, near shelterbelts to stop cold easterlies and in places with views of sports activities.

It should be family-friendly with perhaps BBQ facilities and picnic tables.

Skate park
(30 comments)

These comments were in favour of a skate park. Many suggested a skate park in conjunction with other recreation activities, particularly a BMX track.

Several participants commented that a skate park was important for young people and that they need something positive and constructive to occupy them. One participant noted that the last skate park was demolished in 2010 and another requested a skate park “ASAP”.

One participant thought the proposed skate park at Trouselet Park Reserves was a great asset but noted that it was disconnected from Williams Street, that screening by buildings creates safety risks and there is inadequate car parking.

Skateboard park for our young ones.

**Adventure
playgrounds**
(20 comments)

Adventure playgrounds in general were suggested as well as specific equipment, most commonly a flying fox (from a viewing hill, over the river). Other equipment suggestions were: mud slides, luge, waterslides, a fort, castles, obstacle courses, climbing walls, a giant slide and trampolines built into the ground.

A few people commented that this adventure playground should be suitable for all ages.

Horse riding areas

(19 comments)

About half of these comments suggested riding schools or “areas” for riding horses. More specifically, a stable in Kaiapoi was suggested by two participants, as was an equestrian centre. One participant suggested the equestrian centre be high performance with a national sports focus. Flat areas for training and schooling and trails suitable for carriages were other individual suggestions.

Several participants suggested including horse riding treks or trails like, for example, those in the Burwood Plantation. Horse treks that link up with Woodend and Pegasus were suggested by one participant.

One participant sought for there to be no horses in areas planted out with mature bush and trees while another participant suggested that an arboretum be planted which could allow for facilities such as horse trails.

Horse trails and equestrian area-- further thought: make sure there are trails suitable for carriage driving enthusiasts.

Tracks and trails

234 comments

Tracks and trails were a common recreation activity suggested by participants. These came in two main forms: cycleways and walkways. For many of these participants, it was important that tracks ran through natural areas or had a scenic outlook. Many suggested walking and cycling tracks but it was unclear if this meant joint or separated tracks in many instances. Examples of similar places on which it was suggested that the land be modelled included McLeans Island and Bottle Lake forests.

Walkways and walking tracks

(115 comments)

These comments were in favour of walkways, walking trails and tracks. About a quarter of comments suggested walkways along the river bank, with a few commenting that the stopbank should be reinstated for walking.

A large number of participants also suggested that walkways should be in nature/green spaces, areas of bush, where birdlife can be heard.

Being able to walk and be near the river; having quiet and peaceful spaces.

Several participants suggested walkways should be through parkland and reserves and a few suggested walkways amongst wetlands and the lake.

Participants suggested copying similar spaces, including McLeans Island and Bottle Lake forests, the Groynes, Hagley Park and Burwood Plantation.

I would like to see a big park of native trees and shrubs with walkways for the enjoyment of all especially bird life.

Walkways and walking tracks

(115 comments)

continued

Several participants proposed that walkways link to other spaces, though the specific links varied. Two participants suggested a footbridge over the Kaiapoi River, one a connection with the BMX track, and the other a connection with Courtenay Lake. Two participants sought better access to the beach via walkways; another sought better access to the Kaiapoi centre. Other suggestions included: a “network” of trails linking with Woodend and Pegasus; walkways connecting with the river bank and Pines Kairaki tracks; and rebuilding the walkway to the Kaiapoi river mouth. Signposting to guide users of the tracks was also suggested.

Majority should be parkland with a variety of trails and walkways.

Specific locations suggested for walkways included the Courtenay area, Williams Street towards Charles Street, north of Kaiapoi and the Gray Crescent/Cass Street area. Two participants suggested redeveloping the Pointer Track.

A few participants commented that walkways should be accessible for everyone including the disabled, and those with wheelchairs and pushchairs. Two participants specifically sought grassed walkways.

Cycleways and tracks

(104 comments)

These comments were in favour of continual cycle tracks. Many participants suggested mountain bike tracks as well as cycleways or cycle paths. Two participants suggested a downhill track, one suggested a race track and another suggested a bike park.

I would love to see a biking track in this area.

A number of linking bike tracks were suggested – Pegasus, to the Northern Arterial cycle route via a clip on to the old Waimakariri Bridge, the Waimakariri River Regional Park biking trail and Woodend. Signposting to guide track users was also suggested.

Several participants specifically noted that bike paths should be for children and a few suggested they should be for users of all ages.

Many participants made comments that cycleways and bike tracks should be amongst green spaces like parks, or bush, or playgrounds or near the river.

As a mum of 3 kids I would like to see a mountain bike type cycle track perhaps with some small jumps etc for the kids to enjoy.

Several people identified McLeans Island and Bottle Lake forests as examples of spaces for cycle paths. Another suggestion was to look at Whangarei and Warkworth for riverside opportunities, including walk and cycle links.

Cycleways and tracks

(104 comments)

continued

Suggested locations for cycle tracks included: Charles Street, the Gray Crescent/Cass Street area, from North East Kaiapoi to Courtenay, along the river bank, Beswick Street east, river walks on both sides of the Courtenay area, Courtenay reserve, Brookland and the large area on the north side of the river.

An interesting space like McLeans Island/Bottle Lake Forest where people can walk and bike – and if you plant the trees now they'll start maturing soon enough. This is a place I would spend a lot of time.

Joint cycle, walkways

(15 comments)

Often participants suggested both walkways and cycle tracks, although it was sometimes difficult to determine from comments if the participant wanted separate walking and cycling tracks or combined tracks.

One participant suggested separate tracks for biking and horse riding.

Multi use exercise pathways.

Sports facilities

195 comments

Participants sought various sports facilities to be available in the red zone. A BMX track was a very popular individual activity. Grassed areas for sports such as soccer and rugby and hard-surface courts for sports such as netball and tennis were also commonly suggested. A golf course was a popular suggestion; many suggested relocating the existing golf course to the red zone. Club rooms, fitness courses and swimming facilities were also suggested.

BMX track

(77 comments)

These comments were in favour of a BMX track in the red zone. Several noted the loss of the old one and consequently the loss of fun for children and youth.

A BMX track to replace the one munted in quake in Kaiapoi in 2010.

A few participants also commented that the red zone was an ideal location as there was plenty of land so a BMX track here would not impact on any residents. Specific suggestions for the location included: north east Kaiapoi, at the end of Cass Street, the Askeaton Drive area, Beswick Street east, the end of Hilton Street between Parish Lane and the NCF Reserve, at Pines Beach and at Brookland.

I would love to see Public Gardens and walkways also a BMX track for our young youth.

**Sports grounds
(grassed)**

(32 comments)

A large number of participants suggested sports grounds and several of these suggested sports grounds where multiple sports can be played concurrently. Fields for soccer and rugby were suggested by several participants and fields for softball, cricket, touch rugby and rugby league were suggested by a few. Two comparisons with Hagley Park were made.

It was commented that sports grounds need to be on suitable ground and sloped for winter water run-off. More grounds would reduce pressure on existing local parks. Suggested locations included: Rich Street/Hilton Street, Kaiapoi east (good access, relatively level land, water and drainage available), south and west of Sewell Street to Williams Street and Askeaton, and between Rich Street and Black Street.

One participant commented that other sports grounds in the vicinity of Kaiapoi may be sufficient.

District sports grounds – rugby, soccer, hockey all playing at once.

Golf

(27 comments)

These comments were in favour of creating a golf course. Many participants suggested relocating the existing golf course to the red zone and using the existing golf course land for housing (see “Residential development” in the “Business and commercial” section for the focus on change in land use).

Specific new locations included Courtenay Downs/Drive and the Golden Groves area.

Several participants also more generally suggested golf as a sporting activity for the red zone. This included a driving range and a golf course (9 or 18 holes). One participant commented that the effect of golf was to “inject significant business to the town from visitors”.

In contrast, another participant commented that while the Kaiapoi east area could suit a golf course, golf is a “declining industry” and would be unlikely to be economic.

Golf course, shift existing course and use Kaiapoi Golf course for building houses.

**Sports grounds
(hard-surface
areas)**

(21 comments)

Several participants suggested netball courts and a few suggested surfaces for basketball, tennis, hockey, volleyball and petanque.

Suggested areas for hard-surface sports were inland from Gray Crescent/Cass Street, higher sandier areas of Blackwell Crescent and Courtenay Drive. One participant commented that new courts might free up existing sites.

Hockey turf, netball, tennis courts, and other sports facilities.

Sport buildings
(16 comments)

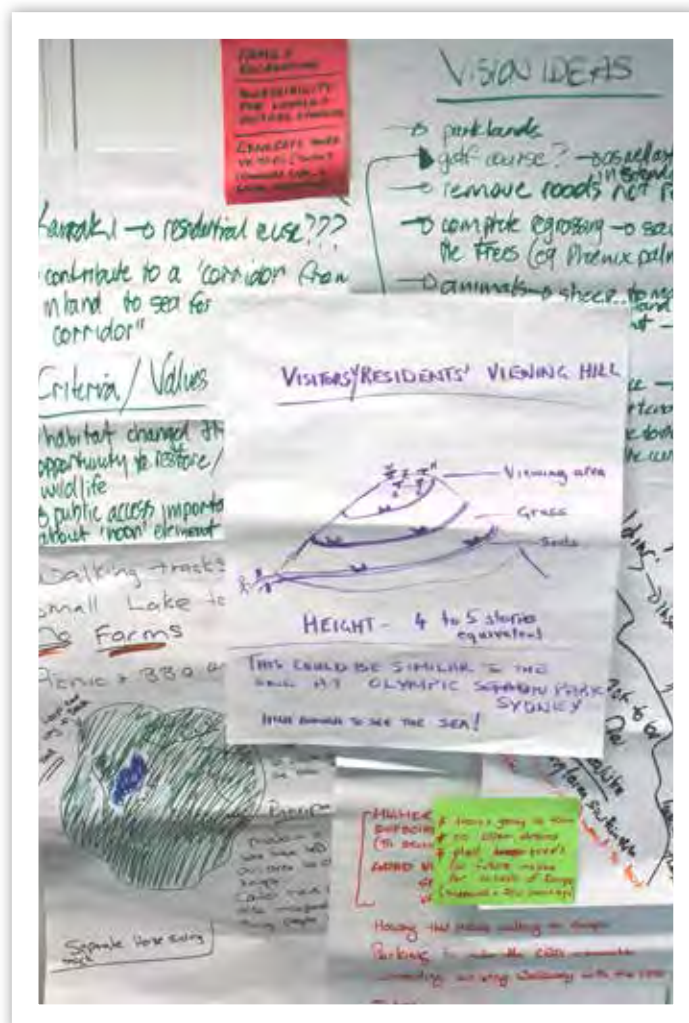
Club rooms were suggested by several participants. Two comments suggested facilities should be “world class”. A sports stadium was suggested by two participants with one suggesting this could be developed at a high school. Another participant supported club rooms but not a sports “complex”. Two suggestions for a sports gym were also made.

Fitness courses
(13 comments)

These comments suggested incorporating some form of exercise circuit or fitness track, with one participant likening it to Hagley Park.

Swimming pools
(9 comments)

Swimming pools and paddling pools were suggested by several participants. One participant suggested these be outside for summer; another suggested they include a hydroslide.



Gardens

113 comments

Growing food in the red zone by way of community gardens, fruit trees in public spaces and food forests or orchards made up almost three-quarters of this sub-theme. Participants liked the idea of having food growing because of the links to learning, building community, keeping active, accessibility of food and nutrition. Gardens in general, but particularly flower gardens and botanic gardens, were also frequently suggested.

Community gardens

(40 comments)

These comments were in favour of community (interpreted to be mainly vegetable) gardens in the red zone.

Areas for community gardens around the red zone.

Several participants also suggested setting aside spaces for allotments and a few suggested spaces for market gardens. One participant suggested gardens run by government to provide food for those struggling. Another suggested potential for private and semi-public gardening. Linking these spaces to farmers' markets was suggested by a few participants.

A Community organic garden and orchard that would produce fresh produce that could also be sold at the Farmers Market and the funds used for community.

These kinds of spaces were considered important as learning spaces as food growing was stated to be a "lost art". For example, community gardens allow retired folk to teach youth, schools to use them and people to learn new skills and share gardening expertise, while also keeping people active and focusing on nutrition. A population increase was also identified, as was greater poverty and an increase in prices for fruit and vegetables. A food garden could help address some of these issues.

Two specific locations suggested were the red zone near the town centre and in the area around St Bartholomew's Church in Cass Street.

I think the red zone area closest to the town centre could become a market garden, allotment style area that features a farmers market every weekend. The high school's horticultural class could have an area and use it to teach the next generation how to grow veges, I think that is becoming a lost art. There is enough space here that to have a community asset that gives back to the residents and helps to educate the youth.

Fruit trees and food forests
(38 comments)

A large number of participants made comments about having fruit and/or nut trees in parks, in public spaces, along walkways – anywhere that is accessible for the public to pick and eat them.

Many specifically identified food forests and a few specifically suggested orchards. A few noted that food forests require low maintenance. A participant provided a video link to a man in the United States of America who has developed a fruit tree that grows 40 different kinds of fruit.

Kaiapoi north was suggested as an area where food forests could be grown. One participant suggested food forests would put the “kai” into Kaiapoi.

I would love to see the land still be useful as well as beautified and so I think the planting of edible plants/gardens and especially enduring orchard/fruited trees which the community and local wildlife can support/harvest soon, and long into the future would be ideal. I love the thought of people being able to go for a walk and pick and eat as they go.

Gardens (botanical)
(34 comments)

Gardens in general were suggested by many participants. Several participants suggested flower gardens more specifically and a few suggested rhododendrons in particular. Other flowers mentioned included roses, camellias, wildflowers, sunflowers, lavender, bluebells and daffodils. A few participants commented that preserving trees, shrubs and flowers from people’s gardens was important.

Several people also suggested a botanic garden. One participant suggested a Japanese garden with cherry blossom trees and footbridges and another suggested a Chinese garden.

Other suggestions for gardens were: aviary, fish pond, seats, footbridges, bridges, trees, shrubs and a brick pavement with household surnames of families living in Kaiapoi in the 4 September 2010 earthquake.

Retain as many of the existing trees/shrubs as possible as some of them take a long time to grow – it would be lovely for Kaiapoi people to recognise the Rhododendron or Camellia they had in their gardens – a fitting living memorial.

Water-based recreation

32 comments

Water-based recreation, such as fishing and various boating activities that use the river, made up the majority of this section. Water sports, such as jet skiing, and a rowing club were also suggested.

Water-based facilities (general)

(23 comments)

Participants primarily advocated using the river – for recreation (fishing, boats, canoeing, kayaking, rowing and sailing), for children and for bringing people together and into the area thus adding value to the economy. Hire facilities were also suggested. One participant suggested removing some of the stopbanks to enable better access to the river.

Many participants suggested fishing; three specifically sought this activity for children and wanted it to be safe. Another participant suggested reinstating anglers' access. One participant did not support fishing and commented there were already enough spaces for this.

Two participants suggested a “water park” and one participant suggested a marina.

The river is the glue of Kaiapoi. It's the thing that brings people closer together.

Water sports

(9 comments)

Three suggestions were made for facilities to host jet sport competitions. One participant commented jet sports might be better located in the Waimakariri. Land in Sunnymeadows was noted to be low lying and could be used as a water area for marina, jet skiing and other water sports. Boat clubs, boat storage sheds and kayak and canoe facilities were suggested and Raven Quay was identified as a potentially good area for such storage. A rowing club and rowing course were also suggested by a few participants.

Other

34 comments

Other recreation facilities suggested were more community-based facilities that enabled people to come together. A few participants suggested a viewing platform/hill. Other suggestions were one-off comments. Some participants expressed concerns about recreation, mostly in relation to noise and disturbance.

Other facilities

(19 comments)

Several participants suggested community spaces of some description – venues, halls, hubs or anywhere for people to come together. Two participants suggested a viewing platform or hill for visitors and residents to walk up and look out over Kaiapoi.

Two participants suggested climbing walls. Other suggestions included a go-kart track, a model race track and a “burn out pad” for young drivers that is fenced and away from houses.

**Recreation
concerns**

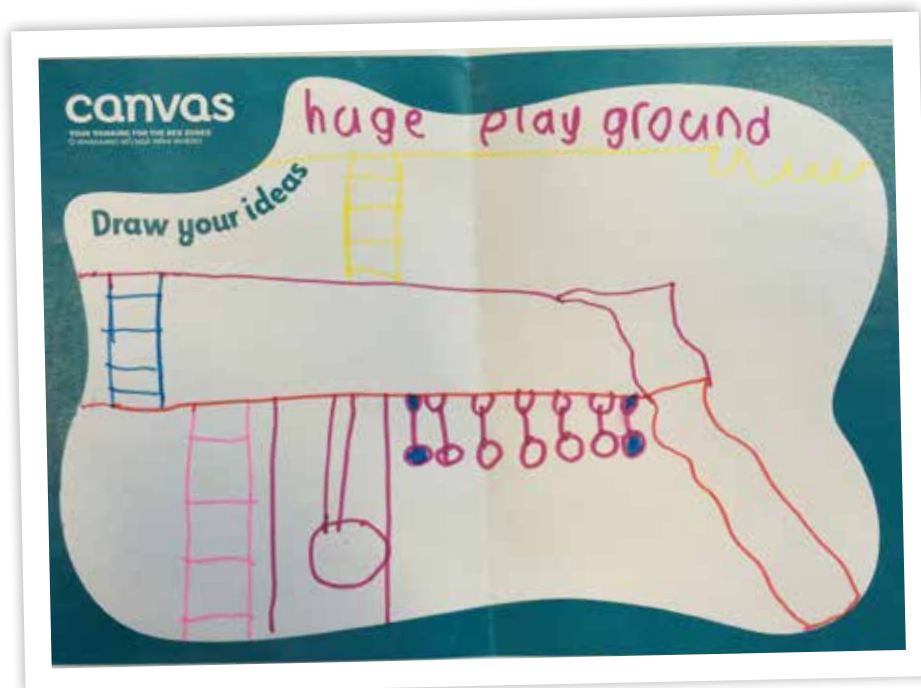
(15 comments)

A few participants commented they did not want more sports grounds: one noted there are enough already, others that it was too noisy and one that often quiet relaxation times are spoiled by rugby balls being kicked into that space.

Two participants commented they did not want to see motocross and another did not want a four-wheel drive track. Their objections were for noise reasons.

One participant did not want to see a dog park in the red zone and suggested that it be relocated behind the airport.

Other participants did not want to see: concrete cycleways; or bikes or horses in spaces of mature bush and trees, fences and flat land.



Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments

Recreation parks

37 comments

These comments supported children's playgrounds, horse riding areas and dog-friendly environments. They also more generally supported spaces that were open, green and had picnic and barbecue facilities.

Playgrounds (10 comments)

These comments were in favour of providing children's playgrounds. Two participants reminisced over the area pre-quake and suggested bringing it back to at least that standard. Another participant commented about ensuring shade over the playground. One comment was in favour of a large children's playground. The remaining comments suggested playgrounds more generally.

Horse riding areas (8 comments)

Several participants suggested and supported including horse riding tracks or areas more generally for horse riders to use in the vacant land in Pines/Kairaki Beaches. One participant suggested a flat area for horse-riding schooling that links with the beach to "make a total package for horse riders in our lovely place". They stated that this type of space is quite rare.

I would like some space for horses to come and have a little flat space to do some schooling etc as this would be a great place which you could come to and do some schooling followed by a ride on the beach and through forests, what a magic day that would be!!

Dog parks and dog-friendly spaces (6 comments)

These comments were in favour of providing spaces for dogs. Three participants suggested a dog park; the other three were in favour of providing for dog walking.

Open spaces (5 comments)

These comments suggested creating open, green park spaces for active and passive recreation activities.

Specifically these comments included: develop a park with grass and trees; land used for recreation activities with walking, biking, running, dog walking, fruit trees and picnics while some areas are more natural; and a specific location suggested for such activity was the red zone area around Pines Beach Oval.

Pines beach Oval (park) is the focal point of this settlement, where families come for picnics, galas, and the playground or for a destination on a Sunday drive. The red zone loosely surrounds the park and thus development of this space is a way of improving the park, much the same way a frame enhances a painting.

**Picnic and
barbecue areas**

(5 comments)

Four of these comments were general statements in favour of picnic areas and one was in favour of barbecue areas.

Skate park

(1 comment)

One comment was in favour of a skate park.

**Adventure
playgrounds**

(2 comments)

One participant was in favour of an adventure playground and another in favour of a parkour park. ("Parkour" practitioners use their body and their surroundings to get from A to B as efficiently as possible.)

The development of an outdoor entertainment adventure area at Pines Beach including mini golf, obstacle course, flying fox, giant slide, maze, and adult exercise.

Tracks and trails

26 comments

Cycleways and tracks as well as walkways and tracks were supported in the Pines Beach and Kairaki Beach red zone areas.

**Cycleways and
tracks**

(12 comments)

These comments were in favour of creating biking tracks through natural areas. One was in favour of a cycleway along a stopbank from Kaiapoi to Kairaki, as part of a wider cycling initiative.

Have a walking and cycling track among the native plantings.

**Walkways and
walking tracks**

(10 comments)

These comments were in favour of creating walking tracks. Most of these comments were general statements in favour of walking in natural areas. More specific suggestions included walking through food and flower gardens, orchards, nice vegetation, native plantings, and trees and shrubs. One participant suggested paths should not be sealed but instead left with a firm surface and another was in favour of a walkway that extends from Kaiapoi along the river to Pines/Kairaki Beaches.

This submission is regarding Pines Beach and Kairaki. Rather than having vacant land reverting to weeds or even grassed areas, I would like to see it planted with trees and shrubs and winding paths built through it.

Walkways and walking tracks**(10 comments)***continued*

One comment was in favour of a boardwalk through wetlands.

A board walk that starts on beach grove and links up to the river tracks to Kairaki and Kaiapoi. The Boardwalk takes you through the wetlands and through native plantings of flax, cabbage trees etc. And leads you to a picnic area set amongst the plantings and sheltered from the Southerly by a grove of planted pine trees.

Joint cycle, walkways**(4 comments)**

Three comments suggested a walking/cycling track through the area. One comment was in favour of a walking/cycling track that connects Kaiapoi and Pines/Kairaki Beaches along the river.

Gardens**13 comments**

These comments supported community gardens, fruit trees (publicly as well as in food forests or orchards) and flowers.

Community gardens**(8 comments)**

These comments were in favour of developing community gardens. A few commenters referred to allotments linked to the camp. The benefits of gardens included: learning new skills, sharing expertise, meeting people in the community, being self-reliant through growing own food, and having access to gardens.

[15 year vision] This area is famous as a community-led project following on from a major disaster (earthquake) and turning this adverse event into something positive and healing. Initiated by green zone neighbours offering to adopt red zoned land adjacent to their properties, but still clearly in public ownership, the project was then opened to other interested groups and individuals to expand the gardens and orchards. As custodians and leaders, the green zoners applied for community funding and set up their gardens which then were used as teaching resources and sources of seeds and cuttings for other gardens. Donations of materials and expertise were used to improve the sandy compacted soils till they became highly productive, feeding and rewarding the community and inspiring others.

Fruit trees and food forests**(4 comments)**

One participant suggested having an orchard planted in the area bordered by Dunns Avenue, Chichester Street, Hood Avenue and Reid Memorial Avenue; another between Kay and Rinaldi on the eastern side of Dunns. Similarly, another suggested a food forest around the perimeter. More generally the planting of fruit trees and berries for foraging and encouraging birdlife were suggested by one participant.

**Gardens
(botanical)**
(1 comment)

One comment was in favour of wild flower fields.

Sports facilities

5 comments

BMX track
(3 comments)

Three comments were in favour of BMX at Pines/Kairaki Beaches. One comment was in favour of providing exciting and interesting places for children and another was generally in favour of BMX.

Build another BMX track for the children, lets give our children lots of exciting interesting places to play.

**Sports grounds
(hard-surface
areas)**

(1 comment)

One comment was in favour of basketball courts.

Swimming pools
(1 comment)

One comment was in favour of a pool.

Water-based recreation

1 comment

Other facilities
(1 comment)

One comment was in favour of flooding the red zone and making it into a lake for children to sail on.

Negative recreation

1 comment

**Negative
recreation**
(1 comment)

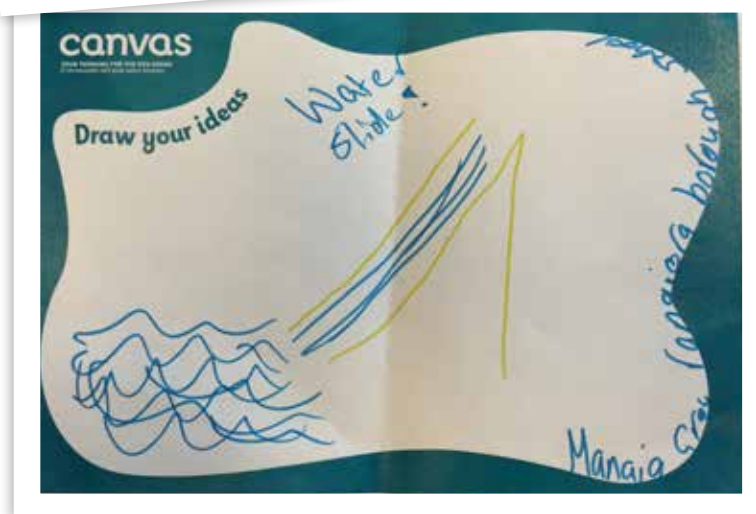
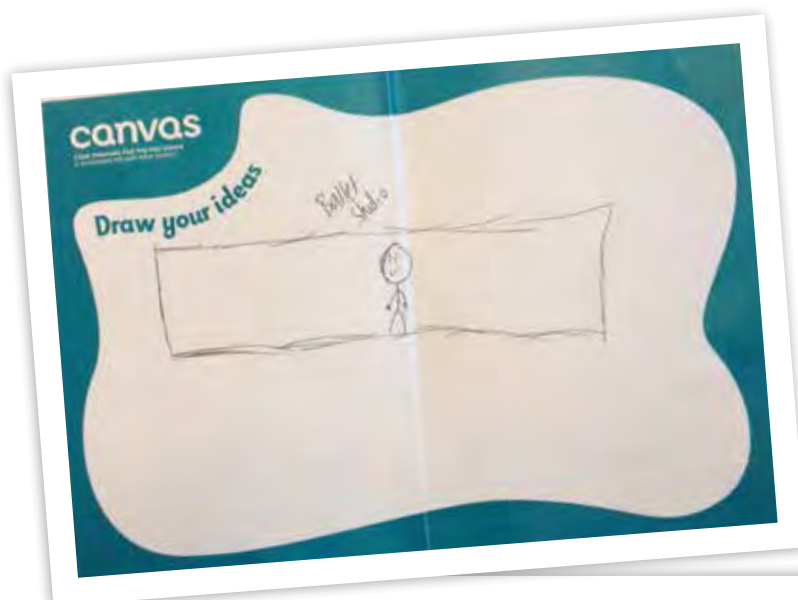
One comment was not in favour of noisy activities.

I do not want any more noisy activities in this area as I live there and we already have noise from the timber factory and Woodford Glen. However, I would not object to a children's play area. Walkways and cycle tracks please and lots of trees.

Other

1 comment

Other (1 comment) One comment was in favour of a community hall.



BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL

Summary

Kaiapoi

In total, there were 329 comments made related to the business and commercial theme. While this was the second-most popular theme, the total number of comments was still less than half that of the recreation comments.

Residential development was the most frequently made suggestion. However, this came with provisos: ensuring only remediated land and high-quality building were used and suggestions that existing owners have the first right to buy back land if this was to occur. It should be noted there was also a large number of comments that opposed residential development.

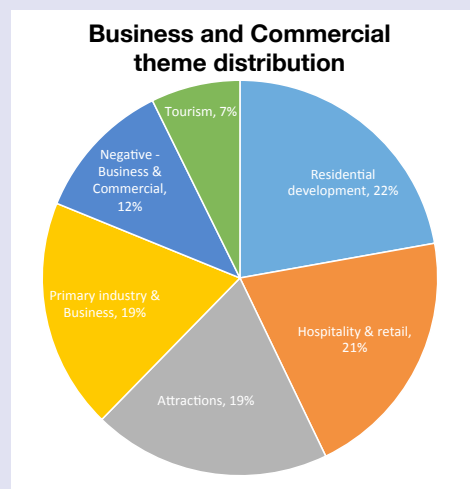
Camping, markets and cafés were the most commonly suggested hospitality and retail activities. While freedom camping was suggested as an activity by a number of commenters, there was also some opposition to this idea.

Tourism was generally sought by some for its economic returns. Related to tourism, entertainment festivals were a common suggestion. Other entertainment activities suggested included mini golf, indoor entertainment, theme parks and animal attractions.

Pasture farming was the most common primary industry suggestion followed by market gardens, orchards and forestry. A few commenters were opposed to farming.

This is a summary of the main ideas provided.

- **Residential development** in areas of the red zone (particularly areas believed to have sustained little damage) was suggested by a number of people. Any residential development should be on high-quality or remediated land and it was commented original residents should have the first right to buy back. There were also a number of suggestions for the existing golf club to be relocated to the red zone and its current land to be used for housing rebuild.
- Various **attractions** were suggested. Most commonly these included mini golf, indoor entertainment, theme parks, animal attractions, a maze, motorised attractions (such as go-karts) and water attractions. A number of one-off suggestions for attractions were also made.
- **Hospitality and retail** primarily sought by people were motorhome parks or campsites, markets (particularly farmers' markets) and food and beverage outlets (particularly cafés). A handful of shops were also suggested though these were generally non-specific.
- **Primary industry and business**, such as pasture, grazing or farming areas of the red zone, were suggested by a number of people primarily from the perspective of "returning the land to farmland". Market gardens, horticulture, orchards and forestry were identified specifically as potential primary industry business opportunities. Some general comments and suggestions around business and commercial development were also made, though these varied.



- Space to provide for activities such as **outdoor entertainment** (particularly theatre and concerts) and festivals of various types was suggested. These ideas linked with **tourism** promotion and returns for the area.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches

There were 18 comments related to the business and commercial theme in this section. Most of these were varied comments regarding hospitality and retail. A few participants suggested providing for motorhomes, although more participants opposed this than supported it. Using some land for pasture, grazing or farming was suggested by a few.

Business and commercial – most common 40 words (all comments)



Kaiapoi comments

Residential development

73 comments

Residential development in areas of the red zone (particularly areas believed to have sustained little damage) was suggested by a number of people. Any residential development should be on high-quality and remediated land and it was commented original residents should have the first right to buy back. There were also a number of suggestions for the existing golf club to be relocated to the red zone and its current land to be used for housing rebuild.

General comments on residential development (23 comments)

These comments indicated a general desire for land in the red zone (particularly land close to the centre) to include an element of residential development. Retirement homes were suggested by a few participants, as were high-density houses. Family homes, subdivisions, small lifestyle blocks, apartments, houses for young owners and renters and houses that were affordable were also suggested.

Note there were over 20 commenters who opposed residential development and their comments are discussed in the “Negative – business and commercial” section at the end of this theme.

Residential rebuild even if it doesn't reflect the same as it was before.

Land quality and remediation (23 comments)

Overall, these comments were making the point that if some of the land is of good enough quality or can be remediated to sustain residential development, then that should happen.

A large number of participants commented about land quality and remediation in the red zone with several participants believing areas of the red zone sustained little to no damage and should be rebuilt on. A few participants commented that pockets of good land should be used for development. Several other participants believed the land should be remediated, repaired with suitable foundations and then built on.

Specific areas identified for rebuilding included: Courtenay Drive (by two participants), Kaiapoi North red zone, Charles Street and the land north of Sewell Street.

Residential development was thought to bring people back to Kaiapoi. One comment was made that the price of the land should reflect the cost of necessary foundation improvements that may be required.

The current red zone area in Courtney Dr should be redeveloped back to low density housing with the land repaired and suitable foundations.

Zoning

(15 comments)

A large number of participants suggested moving the golf course in order to build more housing in that area. A few participants suggested that the Courtenay Drive land should be used for the site of the golf course, and then housing could be built on the old site. One participant suggested the Kaiapoi rugby fields should also be moved.

Resident buy back

(12 comments)

Many comments were made regarding the ability for previous owners to buy back their old sections in the areas that are being considered to return to residential use. One participant explained that they must be able to buy their land back at the same price, otherwise it would be disrespectful and “cause heartache and conflict”. Another suggested selling the land to a developer who would remediate and then sell the sections, with the original owners having first preference to their section.

One participant argued that where property owners have refused Government offers and have retained private ownership, this falls under “Existing Uses” in the Resource Management Act 1991 and they should be able to remain.

Hospitality and retail

68 comments

Hospitality and retail sought by participants was primarily for motorhome parks or campsites, markets (particularly farmers’ markets) and food and beverage outlets, in particular cafés. A handful of comments suggested shops, generally without further detail.

Motorhome park, camping

(30 comments)

A large number of participants suggested motorhome or caravan parks and campsites or holiday parks.

A few commenting on motorhomes stated that this should be in conjunction with the New Zealand Motor Home Association and for short-term stays and that vehicles must be “self-contained”. One participant cautioned against any potential motorhome area turning into an “American-style trailer park”, noting that strict adherence to planning and health regulations would be needed.

Many participants suggested camping and several specifically suggested freedom camping areas. The camping areas could be near walkways and cycleways. A few participants recognised the monetary value, both through encouraging tourists and visitors to the area and by providing an income that could be used for the upkeep of the environment.

One participant commented that grey wastewater from tourist campervans should stay in Charles Street and that a parking area should be close by.

**Motorhome park,
camping**

(30 comments)

continued

Note that there were four commenters who opposed freedom camping and their comments are discussed in the “Negative – business and commercial” section at the end of this theme.

I would like to see an area allocated for the visiting motor homes, belonging to The New Zealand Motor Home Association, to park up, empty their waste and go shopping, etc.

Markets

(16 comments)

These comments were in favour of providing an area for markets. Several participants suggested farmers’ markets in particular, with two suggesting these be weekly and another suggesting every second weekend. Exemplar markets identified were the Riccarton Bush and the Matakana markets.

One participant suggested a celebration of the rich Māori heritage with a Māori “wet” market site, to supply fresh vegetables and fish.

One participant suggested that funds raised from the markets be used for the community, while another commented that markets would create “such a great community vibe”. A night market was also suggested.

Kaiapoi – kai means food and poi is a form of dance. Bringing markets and music back to the lifeless town is a brilliant way to get the community together.

**Food and
beverage**

(13 comments)

Nearly all of these comments suggested cafés in the Kaiapoi area. One participant suggested creating a garden with a café for locals and tourists. Another participant referred specifically to rebuilding the coffee place in Hansen’s Mall. A few comments were about making the area a place to come on weekends, by building more cafés.

One participant suggested more fine dining on the river front and nice bars, to provide a vibrant night life outside Christchurch.

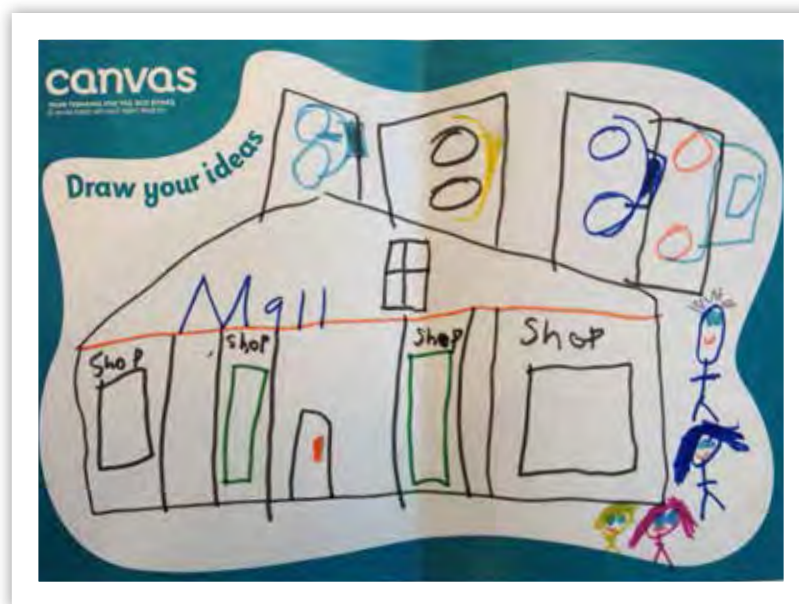
Other suggestions included a new dairy, a “floating café” on the river and a “good range of eateries”.

One participant stated that they did not want pokies to be included. Another participant suggested fewer eateries, as there are already at least 22 of them.

Surrounded by cafes and art sculptures to create a catalyst and a mecca for people to want to stop and have a walk round.

Shops
(9 comments)

These comments referred to shops and shopping in general. A specific suggestion included “Book binding, psychic readings, Trade Aid, emporiums, 2nd hand book stores, artists’ galleries”. One participant commented that shops should be mixed “from chains to boutique” and include popular retailers and a good range of eateries. It was noted by one participant that shops would encourage tourists into the area and “inject significant business to the town”. Along Charles Street and atop the stopbank were suggested locations for shops.



Attractions

64 comments

Various attractions were suggested. Most commonly these included mini golf, indoor entertainment, theme parks, animal attractions, a maze, motorised attractions (such as go-karts) and water attractions. A number of one-off suggestions for attractions were also made.

Mini golf (11 comments)

These comments generally suggested a mini golf course. A couple of comments were made about the need for “more things family oriented”.

One participant suggested that the mini golf course be “coin operated”, while another suggested a fun theme like a pirates’ cove.

A mini golf course with a fun theme, like “Pirates cove mini golf”.

Indoor entertainment (10 comments)

Several comments were made regarding the need for “indoor play places we can go to when it is wet”. Several participants suggested a cinema, while a few others suggested a 10 pin bowling alley.

An indoor skate park with wooden ramps was also suggested, along with a “dance park”, “Time Zone”, “paint ball” and a “youth centre”.

If it is possible, using part of the area to build a venue that could host 10 pin bowling, a multi-purpose area that could accommodate netball, football and badminton courts, roller blading and perhaps even a couple of cinema screens would be a valuable asset serving all ages of the community. Some of the land could be used for car parking for the town centre.

Theme park (9 comments)

These comments were generally in favour of some form of theme park. Several participants suggested a “theme park” or “fun park”. One participant explained that “some people just want to have fun”. A couple of commenters referred to a “Disney” style park.

Animal attractions (9 comments)

These participants made suggestions relating to animals. These included a zoo, animal petting farm, bird sanctuary, aquarium, wild cat world and small animal park. One participant commented about liking Orokonui Ecosanctuary north of Dunedin.

Maze
(6 comments)

These comments suggested a maze to be created in the Kaiapoi area. A couple of participants specifically mentioned a hedge maze.

One participant suggested a "[Harry Potter Hedge Maze](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwMq4vZ-VmY)" (www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwMq4vZ-VmY), while another preferred "a big maze, biggest in NZ, something big".

I would like to see set up in Kaiapoi, possibly in the area around Courtenay Drive, an old English hedge maze that was community run with refreshment stalls etc.

Water attractions
(6 comments)

Four of these comments related to using the river and having kayak, canoe and paddle bikes available for people to hire. One more specific suggestion was to make the red zone area between Black Street and Kaiapoi Borough School a "Kaiapoi Rivertown Historic Precinct". The other two comments suggested hydrosleds.

Motorised attractions
(5 comments)

Half of these comments suggested miniature trains and the other half suggested go-karts with one participant specifically suggesting a "car rally" area run in the style of a treasure hunt with people being given clues to find their way through the course.

Other suggestions
(8 comments)

These comments were varied. Two participants suggested paintball and another two suggested a bouncy castle. Other attractions suggested were: "an activity house, stone land, photo land", a giant doll house and "skylander palace". One participant commented that having recreational activities in the red zone would make it a "place of destination".



Primary industry and business

62 comments

Primary industry and business, such as pasture, grazing or farming areas of the red zone, were suggested by a number of people primarily from the perspective of “returning the land to farmland”. Market gardens, horticulture, orchards and forestry were identified specifically as potential primary industry business opportunities. Some general comments and suggestions around business and commercial development were also made, although these varied.

Pasture, grazing, farming (22 comments)

Two-thirds of these comments suggested returning the land to farmland, with a few commenting on the loss of good farming and growing land to subdivisions. Several participants made more specific suggestions such as grazing for stock (sheep, horses and cows) although two participants specifically did not want to see cows. One participant suggested that parts of the land might suit free-range poultry.

Two participants suggested a dairy farm and one participant suggested not having cows due to the smell being blown with the easterly. This participant was cautious about water issues, vegetation needing protection from horses, horse droppings needing to be picked up, adequate fencing being needed and animals generally needing to be looked after.

A “working farm” was suggested and supported by a few participants. It was commented schools could visit; similarly another suggested an “amalgamated schools farm”.

Market gardens (14 comments)

These comments were in favour of market gardens, particularly to make up for previously lost productive land. A few participants also suggested allotments. It was commented that this could then support a farmers’ market and may help address poverty.

I'd like to see the area where our family home was (Sewell St near corner of Beswick St) and where we used to live returned to its original uses in pioneering times, as a market garden or similar. That whole area was market gardens and orchards. There is a natural spring and quite a few old wells in that area to access water for plant watering. Plants thrived in the area after the quakes so future quakes would have minimal impact on such usage.

Horticulture and orchards**(11 comments)**

Most of these comments suggested orchards and a few generally suggested horticulture. More specifically, vineyards and “fruit and nut tree orchards” were also suggested.

One participant suggested tree crops, such as walnuts, chestnuts and fruits including peaches, lemons and figs, which could be sold on to restaurants as “local produce”.

One participant suggested the produce be sold at farmers’ markets and the funds from this be put back into the community.

A lot of good land has been taken over for housing and this would be a good opportunity to restore the balance.

Forestry**(6 comments)**

A few participants gave a general suggestion of more forestry. One participant explained that a small forestry plantation could provide money for the future Council and another warned about needing to take long-term rising sea levels into consideration.

One comment was made explaining that forestry is not too fussy about remaining concrete or possible contamination (on the land). It raised the points that Kaiapoi is relatively close to Lyttelton for log export and that there is little land preparation needed. This participant did, however, warn about the fire risk with some species and possible safety issues involved with forestry being too close to residential areas.

Business suggestions not elsewhere included**(9 comments)**

A few participants made general comments in favour of more commercial development such as hubs and employment opportunities.

Two comments were made suggesting the Raven/Hilton/Bowler Street area as one location for commercial/business premises.

One participant suggested a “hot yoga room” and another suggested a driving school business.

Create a business hub that is supportive which would be a feeder for the business community.

Tourism

24 comments

Space to provide for activities such as outdoor entertainment (particularly theatre and concerts) and festivals of various types was suggested, which could feed into tourism promotion and returns for the area. Several participants were generally in favour of promoting tourism to increase economic returns.

Entertainment, festivals, events (paid for)

(16 comments)

Several comments were made suggesting an outdoor amphitheatre to be built for multiple uses – primarily live theatre and plays, films and concerts. These suggestions were also present in the community events topic (under the *art, culture, education and heritage* theme) but have been included here because of their potentially commercial aspect.

Several other events were also suggested: sports events, flower shows, annual winery concerts, festivals and carnival day events. A few participants supported an annual river/mountain festival, with music acts, food and performances. One participant suggested a festival to help grow Kaiapoi's profile.

It would also be good to increase Kaiapoi's ability to attract visitors from outside the immediate region i.e. make the Kaiapoi red zone a special place where people will go for recreation and special events, e.g. an annual river/mountain festival with music acts, food and performances.

Tourism promotion and returns

(8 comments)

These comments were varied. Several general comments were made about tourism. A few participants referred to the monetary benefits of tourism, such as increasing "tourism dollars" and the ability to put money "back into the community".

One participant specifically suggested building a marina into the Cass Street area to allow for "boats capable of cruising the marina", houseboats and a floating café. The participant compared this to Amsterdam and Seattle and commented that both places attract tourism with such facilities. Another idea was to have a jet sports lake and then host championships to attract money into the area.

Another participant suggested creating a "day out" in Kaiapoi to be a "weekend destination" and a "destination for families". This participant also commented that there would be more employment opportunities with an increase in tourism to the area.

Negative – business and commercial

34 comments

Residential development was the most frequently opposed topic. This opposition was mainly expressed in general terms but there were also a number of specific reasons given to support this opinion, including the unsuitability of the land for building and disrespect to previous owners. Other activities opposed by a few commenters were farming and freedom camping.

Anti-residential (21 comments)

Around three-quarters of these comments made simple statements to not build on the red-zoned land, without offering any further detail. They commonly provided a comment like “parkland not residential”.

I would like to see the red zone (where I lived) along Courtney Drive to be put into flower and scrub gardens. But whatever you do please do not build anything on this land.

A few commenters stated that it would be a mistake to build on the land because it has been learnt from the earthquakes that the land is not suitable for residential development. Some stated that a lot of money should not be spent on remediating the land to make it possible to build on.

A few commenters made the point that it would be offensive to the previous owners to build on the land again.

I really do not want to see any building on this land as that would be disrespectful to the previous owners ...

Anti-freedom camping (4 comments)

All of these comments were adamantly opposed to freedom camping.

No way to freedom camping, we have plenty of good camping grounds.

Anti-farming (3 comments)

Two comments simply stated no dairy farms and one stated no farms.

Anti-other (6 comments)

There was a range of other activities that were opposed or negative comments were made about them: no industrial subdivision; no commercial enterprises and no private facilities; recreation use only; fewer eatery places, already have 22+; gap fillers are tacky; no building as that would be disrespectful to the previous owners; no concert venues.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments

Hospitality and retail

7 comments

Motorhome park, camping

(3 comments)

These comments were in favour of camping. One suggestion was for a large camping area near the beach for the benefit of Cantabrians and international visitors; two comments were in favour of a freedom camping site with proper facilities provided such as waste dumps.

A large area providing a mixture of camping facilities next to the beach for the recreational use of Cantabrians and also allowing Canterbury to benefit from the end of the tourist market (both domestic and international) who have less to spend on accommodation or want the traditional NZ experience. The camping ground facilities should provide a wide range of accommodation, eg. powered sites for caravans, tent sites and cabins of various sizes (for the many NZers who are not fortunate enough to be able to own their camping equipment and international backpackers), communal kitchen and bathroom facilities. It would be good to also have designated areas for freedom camping with a source of running water and self composting toilets. Also a facility for campers to properly discharge their waste from chemical toilets.

Food and beverage

(3 comments)

Two comments were in favour of a mobile café. One was in favour of providing a gravel area for multiple providers. Another comment suggested there is a need for a new dairy at Pines Beach.

Markets

(1 comment)

One comment was in favour of providing an area for markets.

Primary industry and business

4 comments

Pasture, grazing, farming

(4 comments)

One comment was in favour of turning some large areas into farmland and another stated that land behind a shelter belt could be used for grazing horses or sheep. One comment was in favour of reverting to grazing land with sheep/cows and part orchard.

Negative – business and commercial

4 comments

Anti-freedom camping

(4 comments)

These comments were opposed to freedom camping. One stated that is what the camping ground is for, another that this area should be kept unique and another that the Council has invested mega dollars in the Kairaki Beach camp ground and there is no need for another area, especially for freedom camping.

As a resident of Kairaki I am not keen on random people camping next door. The WDC have invested a lot in the redeveloped camp ground. That's the place for camping.

Residential development

2 comments

General comments on residential development

(2 comments)

One resident stated that their house has been removed from their section in the red zone but in the future they intend to rebuild. Another stated that it should be returned to what it was, and this is possible with good foundation design.

Attractions

1 comment

Motorised attractions

(1 comment)

One comment was in favour of an amazing race style attraction – a fenced-off area for a car rally where people are given clues to find their way through the course. It was suggested that those who make it through would be rewarded with a prize.

ENVIRONMENT

Summary

Kaiapoi

In total, there were 284 environment-related comments made, the third-most common theme. Participants were in favour of the red zone containing and restoring natural environments.

Trees were the most commonly requested natural feature. In regard to plants in general, many wanted them to be native and to create an environment that supports birdlife.

A significant number of participants wanted natural reserves created, including the restoration of previous natural ecosystems, for both land- and water-based areas. Many wanted lakes and wetlands to be developed and in particular areas that were previously wetlands to be restored.

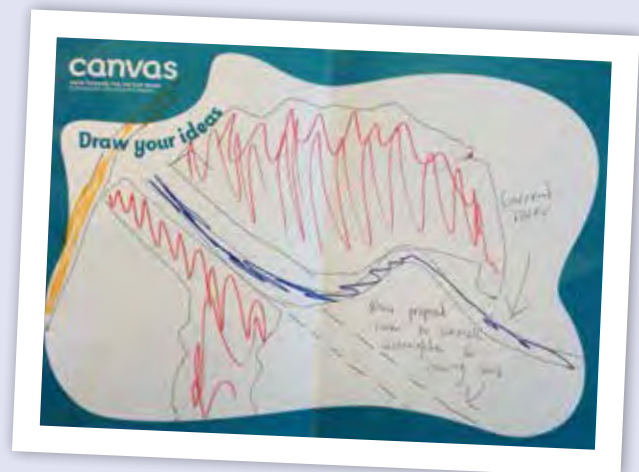
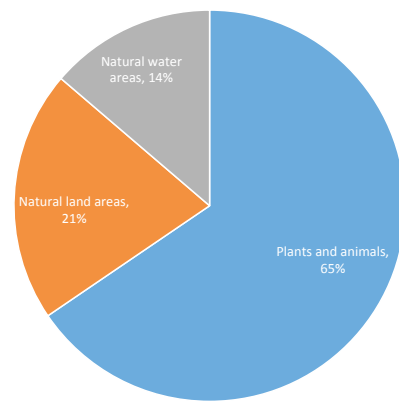
This is a summary of the main ideas provided.

- **Plants and animals** but particularly trees (including existing and edible trees) and native flora were sought by participants. Trees and plants were desired in areas of the red zone where people will be, such as parks and recreational spaces. Fauna, particularly birdlife, was desired by a significant number of people.
- **Natural land areas** such as reserves, nature parks, nature walks, arboretums, eco-sanctuaries and other similar ideas were suggested for the red zone. Many participants also expressed a desire for the land to be “returned to nature” or at least to consist heavily of natural land areas or be managed using good conservation practices.
- **Natural water-bodies** that are looked after were sought by some participants. There was also support for allowing suitable areas of the red zone to return to their natural state – wetlands and swamp. Participants wanted to use and celebrate these water-bodies particularly for recreational activities and walkways and some wanted more of them.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches

There were 19 comments made in relation to the environment in this section. Having trees, native plantings and fauna in the red zone was supported by commenters as was allowing some of the area to be naturally restored.

Environment theme distribution



Environment – most common 45 words (all comments)



Kaiapoi comments

Plants and animals

186 comments

Participants wanted the red zone to include lots of trees (especially existing trees and edible trees) and native plantings. These made up about three-quarters of the comments in this sub-theme. Trees and plants were desired in areas of the red zone that people will use, such as in parks and recreational spaces. Fauna, particularly native birdlife, was desired by a significant number of people.

Trees

(76 comments)

A high proportion of the comments in favour of including trees in the red zone simply stated “trees”. A significant number also connected trees with parks and recreation areas.

Many participants sought to retain existing trees in the red zone. One suggestion was for Kaiapoi residents to decide which trees to keep and another was that gardeners from the area would be happy to nurture them. This was important to people as a type of memorial and reflection of residents who established them. Specific trees and areas included: the Phoenix palms and cherry trees, and trees on Hilton Street, in the Courtenay Drive area and in the riverside area north of Kaiapoi.

The land should be made into green areas, with parks, trees, tracks and picnic areas.

Edible trees were specifically suggested by many – fruit and nut, feijoa, walnut and keeping any existing fruit trees such as the cherry trees on Dawson Douglas Place. Native trees, exotic trees, wetland trees and more specifically mānuka and oak trees were also suggested.

Trees were described as being useful for shade, providing shelter from winds and providing an outdoor environment. It was suggested that trees be planted to stabilise land.

Specific areas where trees could be planted included: Askeaton Park, along the water edge, Beswick Street east, Cass Street and Kirk Corner.

More specific tree-related suggestions included having “two lines of trees” on the perimeter like Hagley Park, a “tree top walkway” and a “woodland walk”.

Native flora
(62 comments)

These comments were in favour of native plantings being used in bush, trees, wetland species and plants in general. These native plantings were described in the context of walkways, cycleways, picnic areas, family areas, and sports and recreation by many participants.

I would like to see a big park of native trees and shrubs with walkways for the enjoyment of all especially bird life.

Many participants commented that native flora would assist in the return of native birds, which was desirable. Native flora was also described as being appealing for colour and texture, beautification and passivity. A few participants identified specific natives including: rimu, nikau palms, ferns, mānuka, kōwhai, rātā, tōtara, beech, kauri, kahikatea, mataī and pōkākā. One participant disagreed with rimu or beech for the reason that they “don’t belong down on the coastal plains”.

Other more specific comments included a native arboretum, a native plant reserve and propagation area, pest-free fences, and planting in pines but under-planting in natives and then culling the pines. A few participants commented that local communities would be interested in planting and developing sites for natives.

Specific areas suggested for planting natives included the Courtenay area, Kaiapoi North East and the riverside of the walkway.

It seems a common theme. I’d like to see a forest of native trees developed in the existing extensive red zone in Kaiapoi. This would consist of desirable natives such as rimu, totara, kowhai, beech, even kauri (it was shown some time ago that these can grow reasonably steadily using the correct cultivars). This would attract a significant bird population.

Fauna
(45 comments)

Almost all of these comments expressed a desire for there to be birdlife, and over half of these specifically sought native birds such as the bellbird and tūī. Planting trees and vegetation, particularly those that are native, was suggested by many participants as the way to attract birds.

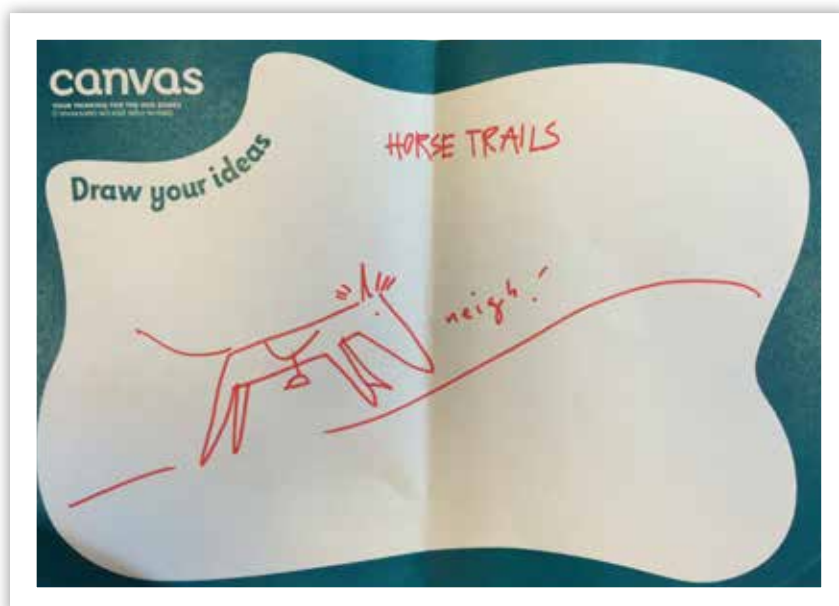
Others also commented that wetlands, a small lake and an aviary may attract birdlife. A few participants sought plenty of waterbirds such as ducks, swans, fernbirds, marshcrake and bitterns. A few participants also suggested a bird sanctuary or aviary, with one participant referring to the bird aviary in Singapore as an example. One participant noted that pest-free fences or other ways of dealing with pests that endanger native birds would be great.

Native trees that attract birds, bell birds, tuis etc.

Wildlife areas and corridors were suggested by several participants. A few participants sought fishlife, including migratory fish such as whitebait, and a fish pond was also suggested. Bees via beehives and the planting of mānuka were also suggested by a few participants.

An opportunity to include wet lands and breeding grounds for wading birds and migratory fish (whitebait etc.).

Other desired fauna included small farm animals and insects. One participant favoured getting rid of the stoats and possums.



Natural land areas

59 comments

Natural land areas such as reserves, nature parks, nature walks, arboretums, eco-sanctuaries and other similar suggestions were made for the red zone. Many participants also expressed a desire for the land to be “returned to nature” or at least consist heavily of natural areas.

Reserves and similar suggestions

(39 comments)

These comments suggested reserves be developed in the red zone. These included nature reserves, native reserves and scenic bush reserves and were often in the context of park land, walkways and cycleways and included existing flora. One negative comment was that the community can maintain only so many reserves.

Two participants asked for the Askeaton Reserve to be reinstated.

Put it into reserve for community use.

Nature parks and nature walks were suggested by a few participants as were arboretums, with one participant referring to the Eastwood Hill established in Gisborne as an exemplar to follow. Other more specific suggestions included: a heritage botanic garden specialising in edible and domestic plants with a New Zealand seed bank repository; an eco-sanctuary like that north of Dunedin; wild areas for nature study; a sensory garden trail with carefully selected plants; propagation area; a wildlife corridor, an ecological park to raise awareness of human interaction with the land and a “mountain to sea” vegetation corridor. One participant expressed concern over the expense of establishing and maintaining places like eco-sanctuaries.

One commenter provided a list of suggested names for a reserve: “Te Rākai a Hewa Reserve; Rivertown Reserve, Golden Grove Reserve, Waimakariri Reserves, Phoenix Reserve, Kaiapoi Redzone area was known as ‘Golden Grove subdivision’ we shouldn’t lose that memory”.

Promoting nature restoration

(20 comments)

Many participants expressed a desire for the red zone to be returned to nature. One participant suggested using Mother Nature to do this; another suggested using conservation practices to “preserve what is possible to conserve”.

Many participants sought for the red zone land to consist of natural, green space and parks.

An opportunity to return the area to the native forest and wetland it once was.

Natural water-bodies

39 comments

Protected and supported natural water-bodies were sought by participants. There was also support for allowing suitable areas of the red zone to return to their natural state – wetlands and swamp. Participants wanted to use and celebrate these water-bodies, particularly for recreational activities and walkways, and some wanted more of them.

Protecting natural water-bodies

(17 comments)

About half of these comments supported protecting, enhancing or cleaning up the natural water-bodies, particularly the Kaiapoi River and Courtenay Lake. Planting along the river bank of the Kaiapoi River and restricting development were specifically suggested.

The other half of these comments related to allowing some of the red zone area to revert back to its natural state, specifically wetlands and swamp. Planting out in wetlands was suggested by a few participants to speed up this process.

It was commented by one participant that having these natural spaces would help demonstrate the different ecosystems that belong in the area and the interface between the land and sea dynamics.

Using natural water-bodies

(14 comments)

The comments suggested celebrating and using the natural water-bodies for activities such as boating, punting, canoeing, whitebait fishing and kayaking, as well as having walkways alongside these to take in the views, look at aquatic life and follow various river activities.

One participant suggested using wet areas of land in the red zone by allowing them to return to wetlands and reminisced that a lake that used to be filled with goldfish was great for families and children.

Water features such as footbridges were suggested by two participants.

New water-bodies

(8 comments)

A number of participants made general suggestions for lakes or ponds, with two participants more specifically suggesting creating a new lake, for example, in wet areas of the red zone, or by Cass Street/Kirk Street. One participant suggested forming streams for waterbirds.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments

Plants and animals

14 comments

Trees, native plantings and fauna were supported by commenters.

Trees

(6 comments)

These comments were in favour of including trees. Lots of trees, in amongst park and play areas, were sought especially as they assist in providing shade.

One comment was in favour of a shelter belt along the western side of Dunns Avenue from Chichester to Rinaldi to provide wind protection and enhance the visual appeal of the drive into Pines Beach.

Native flora

(5 comments)

Native plantings, including trees, were suggested by several participants. A few participants provided a context for this, such as walkways and mountain bike trails amongst natives and a board walk from Beach Grove to river tracks to Kairaki Beach and Kaiapoi.

It was stated that native plantings would provide “scenic benefit and may offer the possibility of helping to prevent erosion” and another commented they would “encourage birds”. Another participant provided examples of other areas such as Riccarton Bush which is important for moths and the Loblolly Marsh which has been important for supporting biodiversity.

Fauna

(3 comments)

Encouraging birdlife and wildlife more generally was important to a few participants in the Pines/Kairaki Beaches area.

Natural land areas

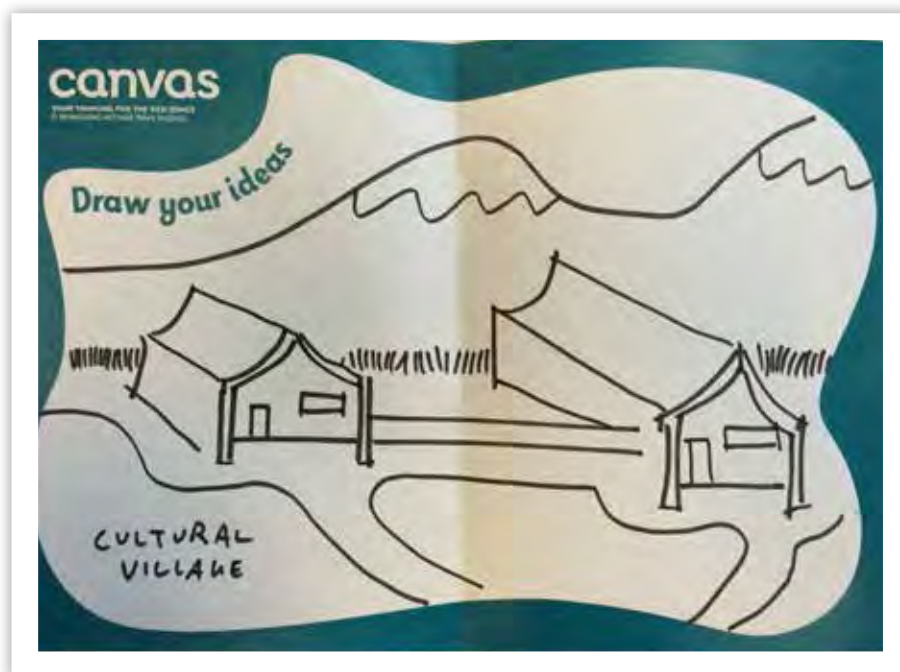
5 comments

Promoting nature restoration

(5 comments)

These comments were in favour of promoting nature restoration. This included: natural resource for people to relax in; corridors of native plants for birds; letting some revert back to natural ecosystems; and green spaces for people to enjoy.

I would like to see the existing specimen trees retained and the whole area planted in New Zealand Native Forest trees and plantings with picnic areas, walkways, and cycle ways etc, similar to that of Bottle Lake Forest. There may come a time when the Bottle Lake Pine Plantation will be harvested and a "New Kaiapoi Native Forest" could provide for the activities currently being carried out there. Advantages I see include; - Reduced maintenance and therefore less tax burden on ratepayers. - An opportunity to reintroduce native birds such as Bell Birds and Tui. - An additional attraction for the Kairaki Motor Camp. - An opportunity to include wet lands and breeding grounds for wading birds and migratory fish (whitebait etc.). - An opportunity to return the area to the native forest and wetland it once was.



INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

Summary

Kaiapoi

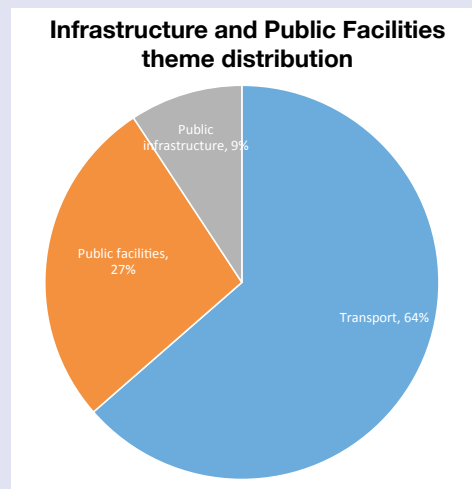
In total, 151 comments on infrastructure and public facilities were made. Transport was most commonly commented on as a general topic, with increasing car parking, providing for watercraft, quality public transport and roading the key topics discussed. People wanted facilities such as seats and benches, tables and toilets provided to support experiences within the red zone. There were also a few comments regarding public infrastructure such as waste and stormwater management.

This is a summary of the main ideas provided.

- **Transport infrastructure** primarily sought was car parks/ parking, with several suggestions that parking be near the town centre or along Hilton Street. People also sought better water transport access, either through new boat ramps, or keeping and improving the Askeaton and Cass Street boat ramps. Park-and-ride and trains were popular suggestions for public transport and many participants made comments about either new roads or improving roads.
- **Public facilities** primarily wanted by people were seats, benches, tables and toilets.
- **Public infrastructure** comments largely related to waste, with two suggesting a new fire station and another two making comments around infrastructure to deal with flooding and rain water.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches

There were 11 comments related to infrastructure and public facilities made in this section. Three comments were made suggesting water-based infrastructure and only singular comments made on car parks and roads. Public facilities suggested also varied, with two suggestions for seats and benches, and two for toilets and one-off suggestions for a table and rubbish bins.



Infrastructure and public facilities – most common 45 words (all comments)



Kaiapoi comments

Transport infrastructure

96 comments

Car parking was the most commonly sought transport infrastructure. Several suggestions were for more parking near the town centre or along Hilton Street. People also sought better watercraft access, either through new boat ramps or by keeping and improving the Askeaton and Cass Street boat ramps. Park-and-ride and trains were popular suggestions for public transport and many participants made comments about either new roads or improving roads.

Car parks

(31 comments)

These comments were in favour of increased parking provision. Several participants wanted more car parking in general, though a large number of participants were specific in their suggestions for where car parks and parking should be located.

Several participants suggested that car parking should be close to the town centre, with a few noting this would make the main shopping centre more accessible for shoppers, locals and visitors.

Several participants suggested car parks along Hilton Street, in a variety of different locations. A few suggested a car park in the Raven Quay/Black Street and Hilton Street red zone area. A few participants suggested car parking around the library and museum, such as between Hilton Street and Raven Quay. Another suggested Raven Quay/Hilton/Bowler Street.

Some of the land could be used for car parking for the town centre.

Two participants suggested a car park near Murphy Park to support recreationalists there as well as Borough School. Other suggestions included areas close to the river; a car park in the land to the east of New World to free up the current one for commercial development; between Parish Lane and the NCF Reserve, opposite Countdown; and in the land between Countdown and the river. Three participants commented on the boat ramp car park: two noted that more boat trailer parking was needed and the other that it needed to be repaired.

Other comments included: that car parking is a priority; that parking is important for commercial interests; that overnight parking for visitors is needed; and that satellite free parking in Belfast for people to commute would be good.

Water-based infrastructure
(29 comments)

These comments were about accessing, launching and storing boats. Many participants made general comments about wanting boat ramps, and several participants sought to specifically keep and/or improve on the Askeaton boat ramp and a few the Cass Street boat ramp (which was noted to flood often).

A marina was also suggested by several participants. One suggested this be located in the Cass Street area, another suggested closer to the town centre off Charles Street and another suggested using the low-lying land in Sunnymeadows. A marina was thought to provide better access to the river for boats, be used for dragon boat racing, attract visitors and make better use of the river.

Kaiapoi as a river town needs to keep the Askeaton boat ramp open and accessible as it is the only low tide ramp in Kaiapoi. Bigger powerboats are unable to be retrieved at low tide anywhere else and it is used 24/7. In the longer term it would be ideal to build up the boat ramp car park using some of the landfill that seems to be being dug up all around the District.

Other water facilities sought included a jetty and floating pontoons which could be used for fishing. One participant was against having a jet boat area due to noise.

Public transport
(20 comments)

These comments were in favour of more public transport. Several participants suggested some form of park-and-ride, which they saw as offering the benefits of having less people on the roads, meeting new people, keeping cars safe, being cheap or free and being convenient. Park-and-ride for bus, train and shuttles going into Christchurch was suggested by a few participants. Belfast was a suggested location for a satellite park, as was near the railway line.

Several participants suggested trains or a tram, for example, around the Waimakariri District or from Rangiora to the city.

Park and ride space, both for bus and train to Christchurch.

A few people stated they wanted better transport options in general and that these should be coordinated and integrated. An orbiter or similar service, a link to university and a bus from Rangiora to Oxford were also specifically suggested.

Roads
(17 comments)

These roading comments covered a number of areas. About half of the participants suggested new roads be built, with a few referring to the Council's Strategic Options for Transport Infrastructure document. One participant supported option one with no additional construction for the next year or two and then a variation on option two (Gray Crescent Reserve link with Blackwell Crescent) followed by a new short road at the southern end of Bracebridge Street, option three and then five. Another supported option two, or more generally anything that would enable northeast Kaiapoi to link more closely to the town centre. One participant supported option four, while another commented option four would result in issues with driving into town and increased traffic from subdivisions. Building another bridge over the river was suggested, as was a new road from Cass Street to Feldwick Drive.

Several participants wanted roads to be fixed or replaced, specifically the road along the river bank from Raven Quay, and Courtenay Drive to be realigned. One participant suggested leaving the roads and paths in the red zone for access and not spending money maintaining them; another suggested removing roads that are no longer required. One participant suggested road humps to slow down fast cars and another no road access.

Public facilities

41 comments

Seats, benches, tables and toilets were the most commonly suggested public facilities. There was a range of other facilities suggested by individual commenters.

Seats, benches
(18 comments)

All of these comments were suggestions for seating and benches. These were mostly in the context of a park area in the red zone, but also near the river and in the Courtenay Drive reserve area. Seating was noted to be important for rest stops for the elderly, disabled and young among others and should be in sheltered or shaded spaces.

Tables
(9 comments)

All of these comments were suggestions for tables. These were often suggested in the context of picnic or barbecue areas or near the river.

Toilets
(9 comments)

All of these comments suggested toilets. One was in the context of a campervan park, another of a skate park and one of event spaces. The remaining comments were general suggestions to provide toilets.

Other public facilities
(5 comments)

The following suggestions were made: more phone booths, a drinking fountain, power point access, planter hanging baskets in Williams Street, no fences around grassed areas.

Public infrastructure

14 comments

A few general comments were made regarding infrastructure management. Generally people wanted good management of waste and stormwater.

Public infrastructure (14 comments)

These comments were about infrastructure services mainly provided by Council.

A few participants made comments relating to waste: a better (free) rubbish system, no dumping of rubbish, a green waste system, a grey wastewater system for campervans, fixing the sewage system and a new pump house. A few other comments related to fixing the land – pipes, footpaths and lights (along river banks, Courtenay Drive).

Two comments were related to flooding: a stormwater retention pond (to service the green zone) and developing a lake in flooding areas.

Other suggestions included: portable “stuff” in case of an earthquake; for there to be buildings only as necessary; and fencing of the northeastern area.

Two participants suggested a new fire station.



Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments

| Public facilities | | 6 comments |
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| Seats, benches (2 comments) | One comment wanted chairs to be provided at a café area near Kairaki Beach and another suggested providing seats throughout natural areas. | |
| Toilets (2 comments) | Two comments suggested having a proper toilet and waste disposal area for freedom campers. | |
| Tables (1 comment) | One comment wanted tables at a café area near Kairaki Beach. | |
| Other public facilities (1 comment) | One comment suggested rubbish bins. | |
| Transport infrastructure | | 5 comments |
| Water-based infrastructure (3 comments) | One comment was in favour of a boat ramp and another in favour of a marina wharf development for fishing. One comment was in favour of a fenced boat compound at Kairaki Beach. | |
| Car parks (1 comment) | One comment was in favour of improving car parking at Pines Beach. | |
| Roads (1 comment) | One participant asked for lanes and private roads to be resealed as an act of goodwill to repair the damage that Council trucks were doing to them. | |
| Other public facilities (1 comment) | One comment suggested rubbish bins. | |

ART, CULTURE, EDUCATION AND HERITAGE

Summary

Kaiapoi

In total, 144 comments on art, culture, education and heritage were made. Public art was desired in a number of different forms including public events via outdoor event spaces, public sculptures in a location commonly referred to as a sculpture park, and other forms of art such as street art. People also wanted to remember local history and culture through things such as information boards. Some wanted the opportunity to use some aspects of the red zone for education, such as gardening education for youth. The earthquakes were considered in some comments with a desire for the place to be a memorial to what had been lost and also a legacy for the future.

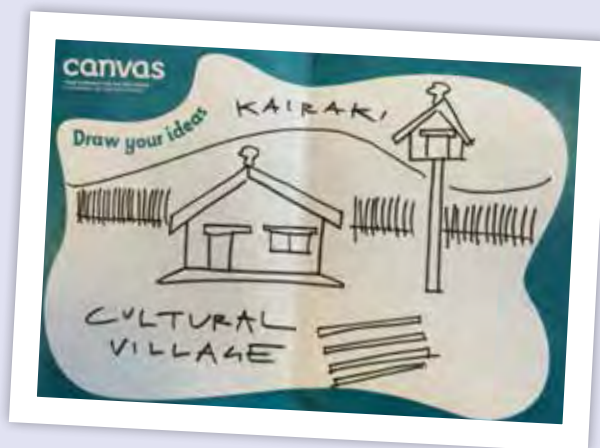
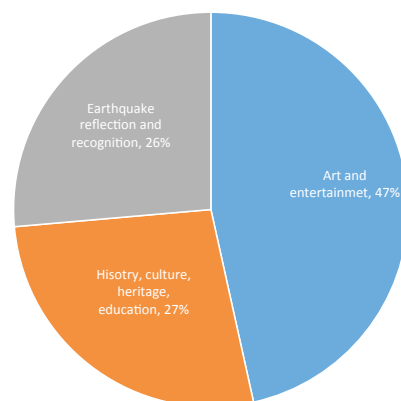
This is a summary of the main ideas provided.

- **Art and entertainment** in the red zone were sought. A popular suggestion was an amphitheatre or a similar space to be used for outdoor events and entertainment and likewise spaces that could host festivals, carnivals, markets and similar events. A sculpture park or trail as well as public art more generally were suggested. A few comments were made regarding architecture.
- People wanted the **history, heritage and culture** of Kaiapoi to be reflected in the red zone. Information boards of some kind were commonly suggested as were more comprehensive reflections such as history parks or trails, meaningful naming of areas or new tracks and trails in the red zone or markets focusing on Māori history. People recognised potential for **education opportunities**, particularly around food growing.
- **Earthquake reflection** spaces or more specific tributes were important to people. Suggestions varied for what form this should take, although memorials, plaques and gardens were most common. People also spoke of generally wanting the red zone to be a space where people, now and in the future, benefit from what happened and wanting a positive legacy to come out of the earthquake experience.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches

There were just eight comments made relating to art, culture, education and heritage in this section. These were primarily in the *arts and entertainment* sub-theme with two suggestions each for spaces for community events, a sculpture park and public art. One-off comments were made on history and earthquake reflection.

Arts, Culture, Education and Heritage theme distribution



Art, culture, education and heritage – most common 40 words (all comments)



Kaiapoi comments

Art and entertainment

67 comments

Art and entertainment in the red zone were sought by some participants in a range of different formats. A popular suggestion was an amphitheatre or similar space to be used for outdoor events and entertainment and likewise spaces that could host festivals, carnivals, markets and events. A sculpture park or trail as well as public art more generally were suggested. A few general comments were made regarding architecture.

Community events and event space (free)

(40 comments)

These comments were in favour of a space to enable public gatherings for community and entertainment events. A large number of participants suggested an amphitheatre or similar such space for the purpose of running outdoor events and entertainment. Many participants suggested such space for outdoor theatre (like, for example, Regent Park in London), film, music and performance events.

Several participants suggested festival spaces (for example, a “Kaiapoi Rivertown Historic Precinct”, an “annual River/Mountain Festival” and for the Kaiapoi Christmas Carnival to be reinstated) as well as carnivals and markets more generally (during the day and the night). Other specific desired event spaces were for kapa haka, talent quests, buskers, youth parties and dancing.

I would love to see Kaiapoi have an outdoor theatre, where movies nights, plays and musicals could be had over the summer period. And create a festival to bring people to our community! I believe this will grow the Kaiapoi profile.

Sculpture park

(16 comments)

These comments were in favour of including public sculptures in developments. A sculpture park or trail in the red zone was suggested and supported by many participants. More specific comments included artworks displays, divided into different sections; a kinetic installation incorporating sound, water, land, reflection of quakes and Ngāi Tahu; and ensuring it is child and adult friendly.

The land between Charles Street and the river bank extending east beyond the post office was a suggested location, as was along the river bank, with Mark Laresen’s letterboxes as an example.

Sculptures more generally were also suggested as well as a “giant bubble machine sculpture” and sculptures by Canterbury artists.

Create a large sculpture park or trail displaying artworks throughout the red zone land.

Public art
(6 comments)

These comments were about general public art. Art displays, street art, plaques with poetry and installations were suggested by several participants, one of whom suggested that art displays reflect early history of the area. The Kaiapoi Arts Expo was identified as a successful event. Buskers were also suggested by two participants.

A “Chocolate house, big lollies, a big lolly head, big chocolate teeth” was suggested by one participant.

Art – external display, installations, sculpture.

Architecture
(5 comments)

Some comments were made in relation to architecture. These included: using English architecture and heritage mementos; having colourful fountains and lights; ensuring varied character; suggesting natural buildings (inexpensive and low rise); and to save historically significant buildings (like the former BNZ building).

History, culture, heritage and education

39 comments

People wanted the history, heritage and culture of Kaiapoi to be reflected in the red zone. Information boards of differing types were commonly suggested, as were more comprehensive reflections such as history parks or trails, meaningful naming of areas or new tracks and trails in the red zone or markets focusing on Māori history. People also recognised potential for education opportunities, particularly around food growing.

History (general comments)
(11 comments)

These participants wanted the history of Kaiapoi to be incorporated into the surrounds, for example, via information boards, a history trail, a maritime history park, statues of pioneers, memorial plaques, and English architecture and heritage mementos. One participant suggested the former BNZ building on the corner of Charles and Williams streets be retained and restored for its historic significance.

Heritage expression
(11 comments)

These comments mentioned that the red zone should reflect the heritage, journey or identity of Kaiapoi.

A few participants specifically suggested naming walkways, tracks or reserves after streets that have been lost, or surnames of longstanding families. An interpretation panel of the community’s journey was also suggested.

Repairing culturally significant buildings and ensuring the area is of varied character and is multicultural were other suggestions.

A place that reflects the history of Kaiapoi and shows its unique identity.

Education opportunities
(10 comments)

Using part of the red zone for education was suggested by participants in a range of ways. A few participants suggested agricultural-style education, including: developing an agricultural programme to teach youth how to live from a garden; providing space for the high school horticulture class; an amalgamated school farm; and a space where a food forest, botanic garden and seed bank repository would become an education destination.

Other education suggestions were general in nature: a community asset to educate the youth; use the area between Hilton Street and Black Street for education purposes; and to leave “wild areas” for nature study and use the skills of university students to benefit their study and the community. One participant suggested an earthquake-themed playground with equipment incorporating real data (lean angles, cracks, building bends) with explanation boards to educate around these.

Māori history and culture
(7 comments)

Celebrating and incorporating Māori history and culture was suggested in these comments in varied ways. One participant suggested having a “wet” market site with an emphasis on local growers, traditional methods of growing and Māori history and another suggested a heritage botanic garden that specialises in “edible and domestic plants pioneers and Māori used, for example medicine, craft textiles, dyeing, and pest control”. It was suggested that Māori history and culture could also be reflected through a “cultural precinct”, artwork, marae and cultural meeting places. One participant noted it was the wishes of the Waimakariri District residents to re-create some of their lost rural and ancestral land.



Earthquake reflection

39 comments

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Earthquake memorial (23 comments)

These comments suggested an earthquake memorial or tribute of some kind. Several participants made non-specific suggestions such as “somewhere we can go to remember” or “memorial”, generally indicating a desire for the earthquake experience to be reflected in the red zone in some way.

A memorial in the form of information – for example, picture or information boards and plaques – was suggested by several participants. One participant suggested moving a red zone house onto the land, with history and cultural information inside. Similarly, another suggested creating a life-size replica of an earthquake-damaged house for viewing.

Memorial for local people who lost their lives 22 Feb 2011.

A few participants suggested a memorial park or garden with one participant suggesting this be on the north side of Kaiapoi River and another suggested a “memorial journey” with ashes, plaques and trees.

Other specific suggestions included: a recreation area to remember those who lived in the area; an earthquake-themed playground with information panels; 28 oak trees to reflect those lost in war and as a reminder of earthquake loss; a sculpture park to reflect the quakes and Ngāi Tahu; and an artistic monument to reflect the earthquake.

Creating a “legacy” (16 comments)

Many participants wanted the red zone to be a positive legacy for the benefit of people now and in the future, especially given what has caused the creation of this area. There were various suggestions for what this would look like though generally the ideas revolved around a natural environment consisting of parks, recreation, walkways/cycleways, picnic areas and edibles (gardens, fruit trees – the “kai” of Kaiapoi).

The area needs to be a peaceful place for everyone to enjoy as so many redzoner’s lost their dreams and peace of mind and some their entire futures in the Sept quakes.

Having lost my home in Charter’s St I would like future citizens to be able to benefit from the disaster of the earthquakes.

Another suggestion, taken from the following video (<http://vimeo.com/69138889>), was to create a treehouse classroom for children as a positive legacy of the earthquake.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments

Art and entertainment

6 comments

Community events and event space (free) A community arts space and areas for community concerts were suggested.

(2 comments)

Sculpture park Sculptures and a sculpture park were suggested for this area.

(2 comments)

Public art A community arts space and murals were suggested for the area.

(2 comments)

History, culture, heritage and education

1 comment

History (general comments) One comment stated that building a boardwalk and the use of pines are in keeping with the history of Pines Beach.

(1 comment)

Earthquake reflection

1 comment

Creating a "legacy" One comment would like the community rebuilt to what it was.

(1 comment)

COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE

Rather than discussing the things that people want to see happening on the land in terms of activities and developments, this section is focused on the groups that participants want things provided for and who they want to experience the area with.

Summary

Kaiapoi

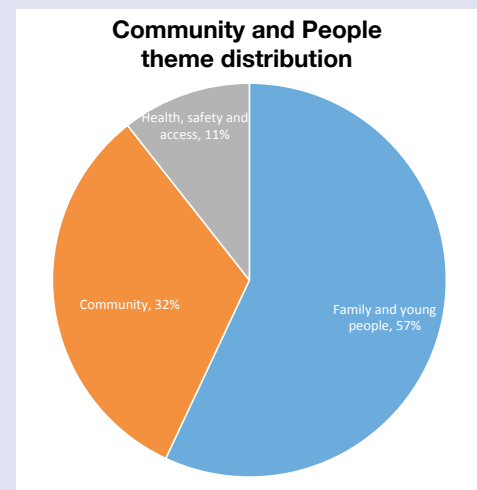
In total, there were 179 comments made on the community and people theme. As part of their comments, participants often identified who they wanted particular activities to be provided for. Groups identified included children, adolescents, older people and families. Ensuring that the red zone reflects and includes the community and is accessible to all was also important to commenters. Some saw this as an opportunity to bring the community together through things such as community gardens.

This is a summary of the main ideas provided.

- Spaces for **families and young people**, but particularly children, in the red zone were important to people. These spaces were generally areas for active and passive recreation: playgrounds for children; picnic and barbecue areas; walking and cycling as well as playgrounds for families and recreational facilities such as BMX tracks, skate parks and sports grounds for adolescents.
- Providing **community** spaces in the red zone was important. This means that the red zone reflects the community, is accessible and available for all and acknowledges in some way the earthquake journey the community has taken. A number of food-related activities were identified specifically for assisting in community development. Housing those who had lost their homes was also identified as being important for bringing life back to the community.
- **Health, safety and access** aspects such as good lighting, safe buildings, and equipment and facilities for all ages and physical abilities were considered important in red zone environments. These things will contribute to ensuring the space is inclusive.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches

There were 12 comments relating to community and people in this section. Ensuring activities are available for children in particular made up half of these comments. The sentiment in the community comments was for the red zone to be a positive, lively and well-used space, reflecting the earthquakes and those who lived there.



Community and people – most common 40 words (all comments).



Kaiapoi comments

Families and young people

102 comments

Spaces for families and young people, but particularly children, in the red zone were important to people. Participants wanted active and passive recreation provided for particular groups, including: playgrounds for children; picnic and barbecue areas for families; walking and cycling as well as playgrounds for families; and recreational facilities such as BMX tracks, skate parks and sports grounds for adolescents.

Children

(38 comments)

These comments were from participants who wanted the red zone to include spaces and activities for children. Many suggested a playground, while suggestions varied as to what this would look like – an adventure playground, a fantasy playground and an earthquake-themed playground. A few participants suggested a paddling pool.

Other specific suggestions for children's activities included a lake with goldfish, mini golf, mini train, flying fox, cycleways, BMX track, skate park, rest stops, spaces to learn how to bike, fishing areas and a dolls house.

Park including facilities for children.

Family (whānau)

(37 comments)

These comments were from participants who wanted provision for families. A significant number of participants sought for the red zone, or activities in the red zone, to be family friendly. They wanted spaces for family time, bonding and spending time together. A large number of participants made these comments in the context of passive and active recreational green spaces for families – for example, a space with picnic and barbecue areas, playgrounds, walking and cycling.

More specific suggestions included reinstating or creating a new lake as this was a great family environment; family rafting competitions; mini golf; affordable activities; dog-friendly areas; camping grounds; model race tracks; fishing; and amenities like cafés.

A few participants suggested family homes and one suggested zoning the area as semi-rural to allow families to re-establish small lifestyle blocks.

A weekend fun place to bring the family. Take a ride on the Tuhoe. The kids can have a spin on noddy train. Grab an ice cream, have a spin on the chocolate wheel, kids karts, watch a demonstration, buy some lunch from one of the international food suppliers (a bit like a cross between the arts centre and a Sunday at new Brighton a few years back) try your hand at traditional carving/flax weaving, have a BBQ, fly a kite. Before you leave grab some fresh veggies buy some fresh fish from the locals ...

Adolescents
(27 comments)

These comments were from participants who wanted things provided for adolescents. Many participants stated generally they wanted to see more recreational facilities and activities for youth.

Several participants suggested a skate park and a few suggested a BMX track and courts for netball or basketball.

I want to see land used for the youth of the district.

Other suggestions were: outdoor adventure; a youth entertainment centre (where alcohol-free dance parties could be held); a space for hanging out; rollerskating; and a burnout pad for young drivers that is fenced and away from houses. Several participants made food-related suggestions such as youth learning from others in a garden environment, either as part of an education curriculum or in a community space.

Activities for young people e.g. skateboard park.

Other comments were that activities should be safe and affordable for youth.

The community

58 comments

Community spaces in the red zone were important. This meant the red zone reflected and involved the community, was accessible and available for all (including for all ages and abilities) and acknowledged the earthquake journey the community has taken. A number of food-related activities were identified specifically for assisting in community development. Housing those who had lost their homes was also identified as being important for bringing life back to the community. Some participants were keen to consider and provide activities for older adults.

Community development and support (44 comments)

These participants generally commented about ensuring red zone development was for the community, that it reflected the community and was available for everyone. A few participants made comments about the area being one that acknowledges the earthquakes and retains a connection to those who lived there.

Many participants identified various food-related activities such as community gardens, food forests, seed banks, beehives and honey production, planting edible plants, farmers' markets and orchards. They saw these activities as being good for creating community, for example, through working together, working with the land and being able to harvest produce. A few participants also commented that some of these activities could fundraise for the community or donate produce to a food bank to support the community. One participant commented that community is more sustainable when it supports those who are struggling.

Somewhere we can go to remember what was there, and reflect on what has happened to us all, somewhere positive to look to a good community future that everyone can enjoy.

Several participants made comments about ensuring community input on use of the land both generally and specifically, for example in remediation work, development and planting out.

Several participants made comments about residential development and how housing people who have lost their homes is important for the community and bringing life back to Kaiapoi.

A Community organic garden and orchard that would produce fresh produce that could also be sold at the Farmers Market and the funds used for community.

Other more specific uses of the red zone that would be suited to creating community were: recreation, festivals, outdoor theatre, spaces for gathering, earthquake memorials of various types, green space and a community hub.

Older adults
(14 comments)

These participants generally sought spaces that reflect and can be used by older adults. Several participants identified elderly and older adults in particular, wanting there to be “something” for them, with specific suggestions including a retirement home, a peace and tranquillity area, a high-quality nature area and health areas. A few participants commented that access ways for elderly (and disabled) needed to be improved – by adding seating, pathways, toilets and rest stops in particular.

A place where people of all ages can play and relax with lots of activities to participate in or spectate.

Health, safety and access

19 comments

Health, safety and access aspects such as good lighting, safe buildings, equipment and facilities for all-age and physical abilities was considered important in red zone environments to ensure access for all.

Health and safety
(12 comments)

Participants made general comments seeking a safe area but also more specifically for it to be safe for children and women. Ensuring the area was well lit, especially at night, was suggested, as was ensuring river bank edges were well defined. A safe built (buildings and any housing) environment was also desired.

Participants generally sought the red zone to be a healthy environment, or a health-promoting environment, for example through having areas for exercise, lots of trees for oxygen and fruit trees for healthy snacking.

Access and inclusion
(7 comments)

Ensuring the red zone was welcoming and accessible for different ages and physical abilities was suggested by several participants. Mobility scooter access from the town centre to Askeaton boat ramp was suggested.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches comments

Families and young people

7 comments

Children (6 comments)

A children's play area (including natural play area) or playground was suggested in these comments. One participant reminisced about their childhood in the area and suggested the beaches be returned to what they used to be like when there were galas every year.

Other suggestions included a BMX track, picnic spaces and areas with painted checkerboard, draughts, and snakes and ladders for children and adults to play. It was noted that such areas should be shady.

Family (whānau) (1 comment)

One comment mentioned parks for families.

The community

5 comments

Community development and support (5 comments)

The sentiment in these comments was for the red zone to be a positive, lively and well-used space, reflecting the earthquakes and those who lived there.

One participant thought this was particularly important given the surrounding areas are becoming more populated. Another suggested turning a major disaster into something positive and healing. Yet another stated that the area should be adopted by the former owners to lead redevelopment or, if this is not possible, to create local community groups.

Other comments

This is a summary of comments that didn't fit within the themes created to classify the questions on *what people want the land to reflect* and *what should be happening on the land*. These comments are generally to do with how things are achieved rather than what is achieved. They cover things such as the planning approach and funding.

Planning approach – 20 comments

Several comments were made in regard to who might be involved in the planning approach. A few comments were made in relation to the community, with one participant commenting genuine engagement with the community is needed and another commenting that the area should be left until the community has a better idea of how much space will be available. Involving local firms or local non-profit organisations to carry out maintenance was also suggested, as was using a trust to help with management of the land. The Norman Kirk Trust suggested that it be involved in this (this was a longer document, and the detail can be directly referenced). One participant suggested using the best possible professional advisors.

Two comments suggested Kaiapoi should be made back better or involve something new while two other participants preferred a focus on what already exists – fixing all that is still broken, and starting building on what already exists. Similarly another commented that prior to any decisions and building activity, it is necessary to identify who will be responsible for the care and upkeep of the area and how it will be funded.

Four of these comments were related to changing the name of the red zone. Suggestions included: “Green Slate”, “Green again”, “Courtenay Greens” as well as “Te Rākai a Hewa Reserve, Rivertown Reserve, Golden Grove Reserve, Waimakariri Reserves and Phoenix Reserve”.

Other comments sought for the planning approach to be adaptable for the future; long term in its thinking; should focus on urbanisation; make good use of space and not take a ‘business as usual’ approach.

Pines/Kairaki Beaches comment

One comment was in favour of decisions being made locally.

My property happens to be “Green Zoned” and on the edge in Pines Beach and therefore stand to be heavily impacted by any developments. True, there are many great Ideas, however those that have made these suggestions and even more so those from further afield, will in no way bear the consequences of such developments. Any Developments should only happen with the total agreement of the effected parties, especially where there is a commercial element involved.

Funding – 14 comments

Several participants made comments around rates, with two suggesting reducing maintenance costs to reduce the tax burden on ratepayers and another two suggesting a “user pays if you stay in the red zone” scheme. Another participant suggested cheaper rates; similarly another suggested not adding unnecessarily to rate costs. One participant suggested central government should pay the costs, not ratepayers, as it owns the land and does not pay rates to the Council. Another participant commented that although there would be a major cost involved in the redevelopment of the area, they would be willing to pay for it through their rates/taxes.

A few participants made suggestions for how to use the land in a way that would help finance or maintain it. Three suggestions were made around using the land for farming, horticulture, market gardening or agriculture to finance it. Two participants suggested using the land in a very low-maintenance or low-cost way. One participant suggested selling the golf course to finance the development of roads and housing.

Planning period – 9 comments

Two participants thought a five-year timeframe was better and that a 15-year timeline would not be relevant to previous red zone residents or people who were affected by the earthquakes. Another commented not to worry about what is happening 15 years into the future.

One participant suggested stopping the “endless consultations” and instead taking leadership and getting on with it now, not in 5, 10 or 15 years from now. In contrast, another participant commented not to rush into making regrettable decisions and another stated that long-term solutions, in particular a 50-year plan, are required.

Transition – 6 comments

These participants talked about what should be done between now and when activity on the red zone begins. Four of these comments sought for the remainder of the land to at least be maintained – tidying up mess, dirt, rubbish, roads, footpaths and left-over buildings and grassing the area, including leaving all the trees in the interim.

One participant suggested that addressing potential for residential development first, and then canvassing the public for ideas on the use of previously privately owned land, was a better way to do it. Similarly another commented that anything done in the red zone must be temporary because in 15 years’ time the land will be remediated and built on.

Links with neighbours – 10 comments

These comments all related to giving due consideration to nearby green zone residents as well as those still living in the red zone area. Consideration in general was common, but more specific comments related to security, maintenance, landscaping, privacy, access and noise.

At least some of the ideas being proposed in this consultation could adversely affect people living in this area. The impact on these residents, and their future needs should be paramount in any decisions about the future of the red zone.

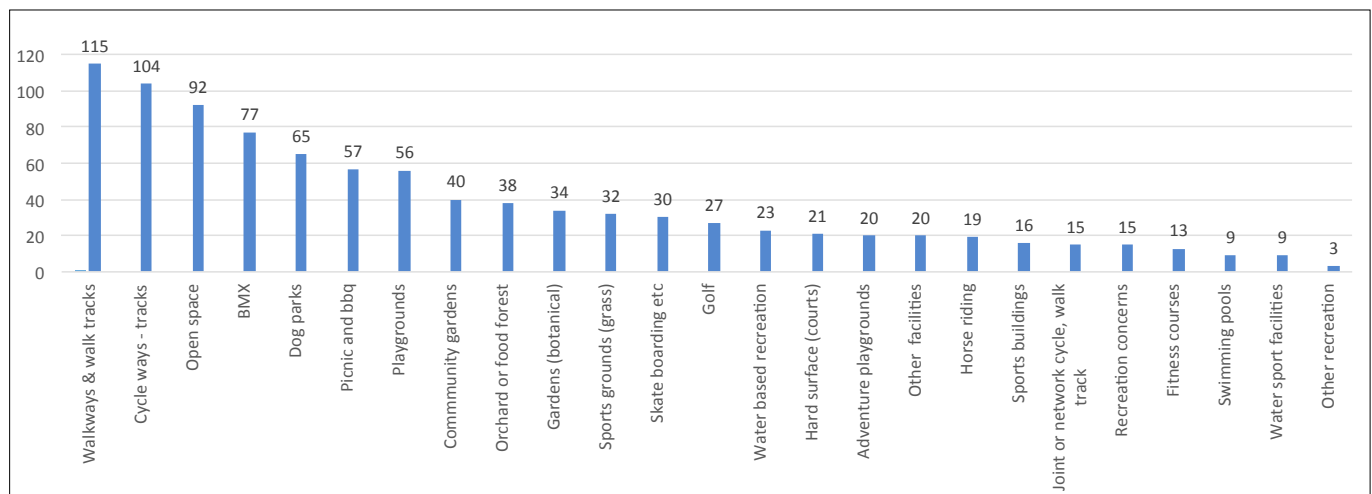
Appendix

Kaiapo: Distribution of topics within each theme

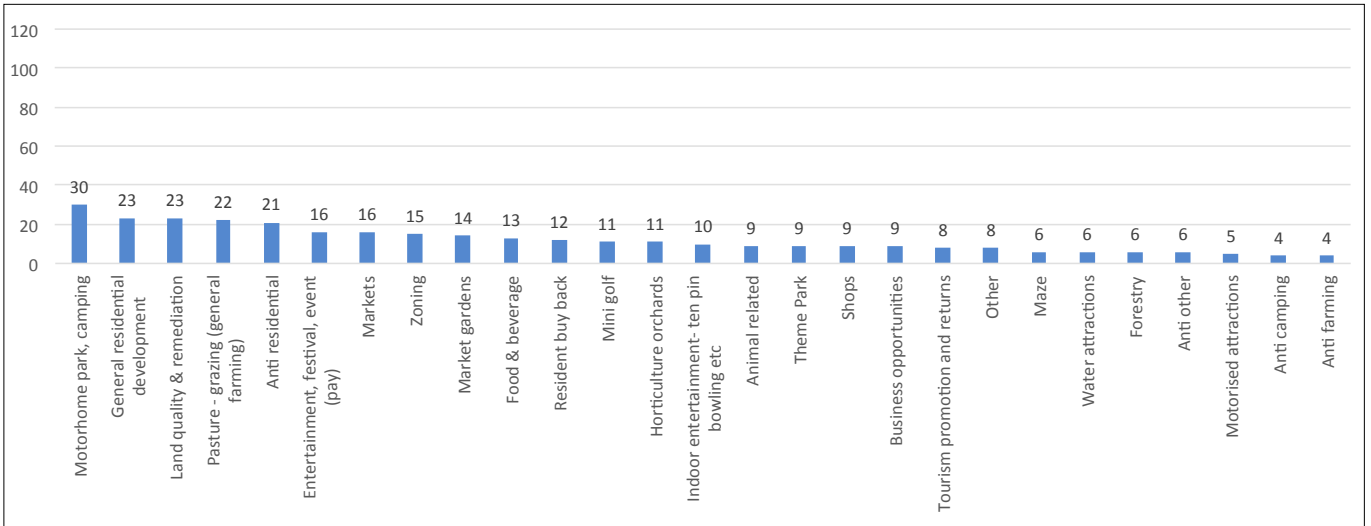
The charts that follow represent the number of comments within each topic for each of the six themes for the Kaiapo red zone, for the response to the question: *In 15 years' time, what would you like to see happening on this land?* Note there is a consistent scale (up to 120) in each chart so relative comparisons can be made between topics.

These charts were not generated for Pines/Kairaki Beaches because the numbers of comments under each theme were too few to be informative.

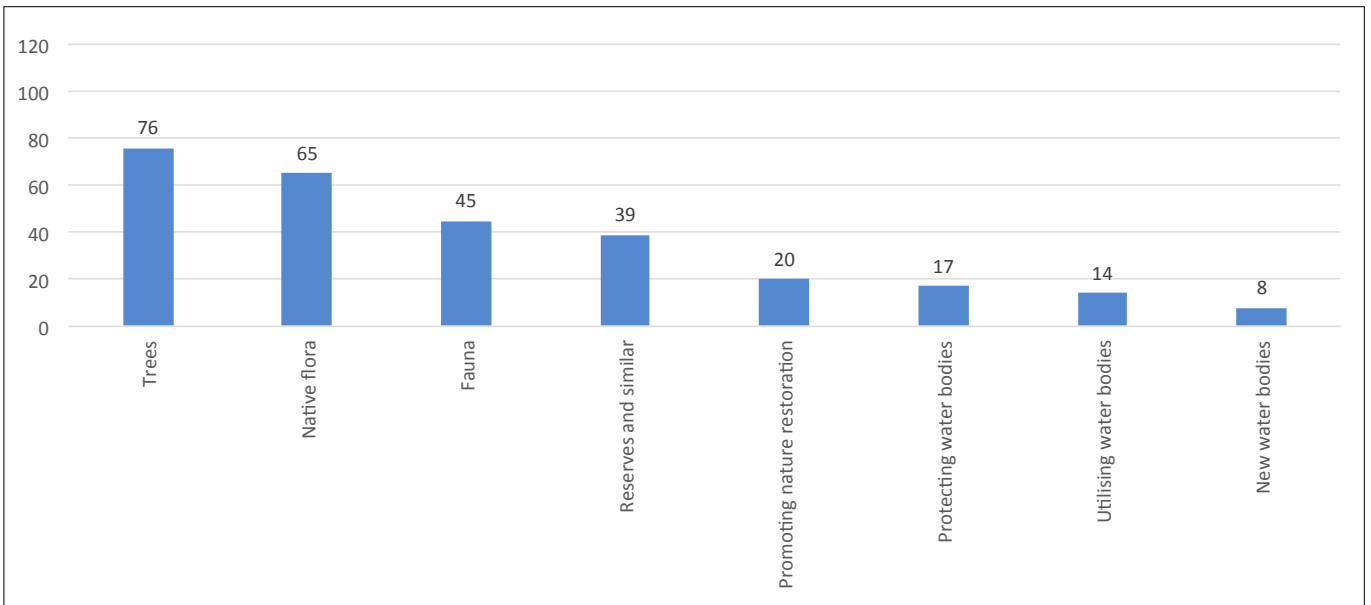
Recreation: count of comments within each topic (Kaiapo)



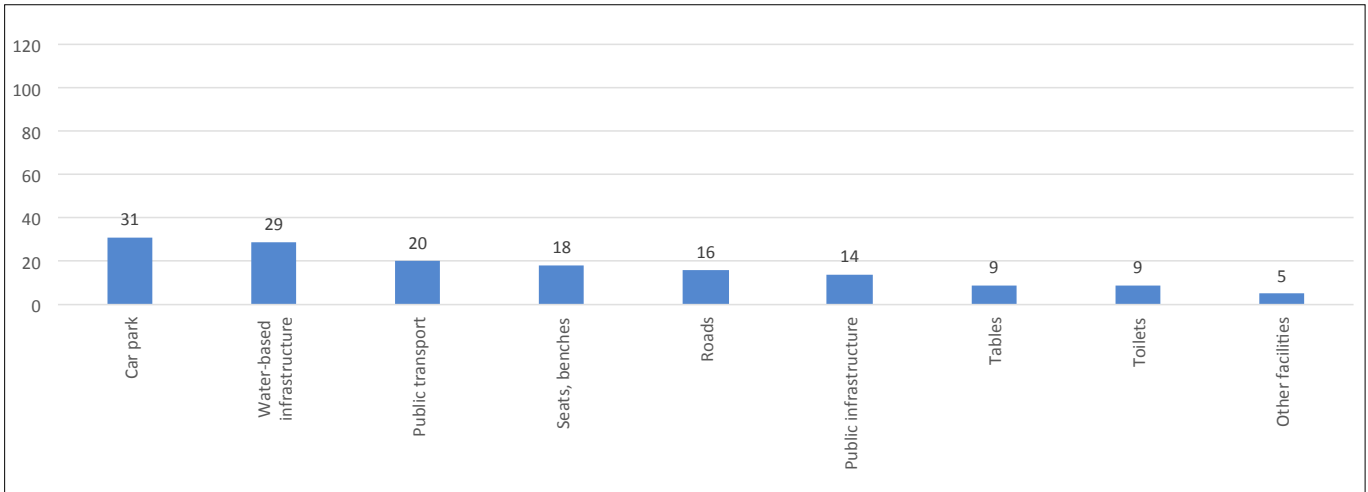
Business and commercial: count of comments within each topic (Kaiapoi)



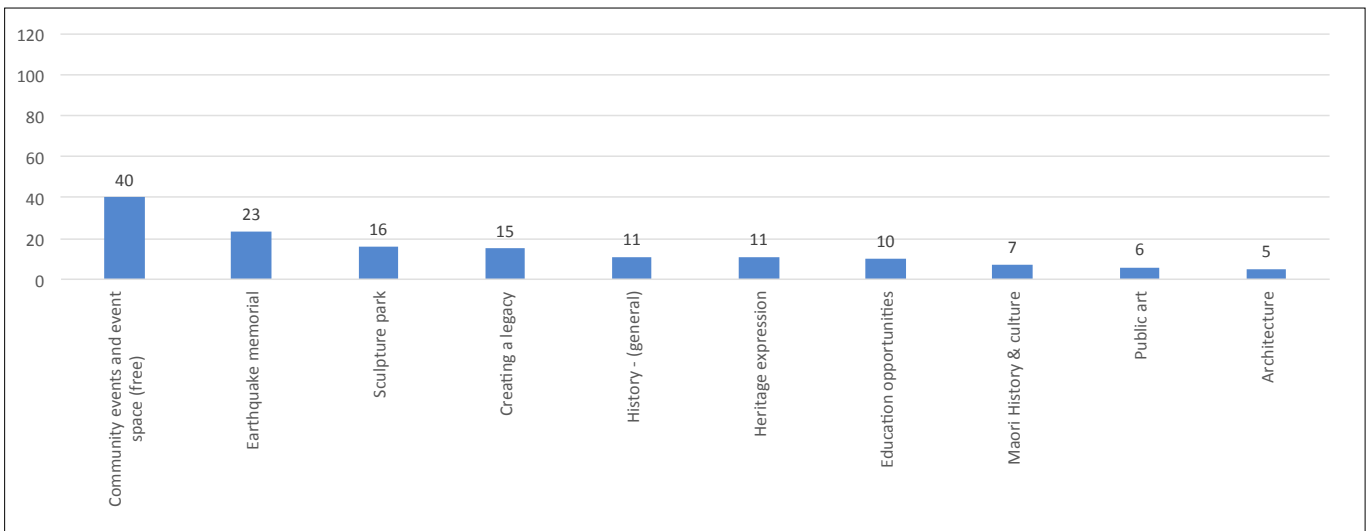
Environment: count of comments within each topic (Kaiapoi)



Infrastructure and public facilities: count of comments within each topic (Kaiapoi)



Art, culture, education and heritage: count of comments within each topic (Kaiapoi)



Community and people: count of comments within each topic (Kaiapoi)

