

Agenda

Woodend-Sefton Community Board

Monday 14 September 2026

5.30pm

Woodend Community Centre
School Road
Woodend

Members:

Mark Paterson (Chairperson)

Andrew Thompson (Deputy Chairperson)

Brent Cairns

Joel McLachlan

Mathew Potter

Shona Powell

Prudence Stone



WAIMAKARIRI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD
AT THE WOODEND COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL ROAD, WOODEND ON MONDAY
14 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 5.30PM.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORTS ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS
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	<i>RECOMMENDATION</i>	
	THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:	
	(a) Confirms , as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting held on 10 August 2026.	
3.2	<u>Matters Arising (from Minutes)</u>	
4	<u>DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS</u>	
4.1	<u>Pegasus Youth Playground at Maungatere Reserve – John van der Burg</u>	
	J van der Burg will be in attendance to discuss the Pegasus Youth Playground at Maungatere Reserve.	
5	<u>ADJOURNED BUSINESS</u>	
	Nil.	
6	<u>REPORTS</u>	
6.1	<u>Pegasus Youth Space – Approval of Locations Report – Grant Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader)</u>	17-180
	<i>RECOMMENDATION</i>	
	THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:	
	(a) Receives Report No. 260813238663.	
	(b) Approves Option 1, the adoption of Concept A for Rakahuri Reserve (Trim: 260813239002) for implementation for a Pegasus Youth Space.	
	(c) Declines a flying fox being provided at Maungatere Reserve as part of the Youth Space Project.	
	(d) Notes that the option recommended provides both the gaga dodgeball ring and basketball/tennis facilities at Rakahuri Reserve, together with associated amenity landscaping.	

- (e) **Notes** that funding is currently provided within the Annual / Long Term Plan for the Pegasus Youth Space of \$192,515 (101552.000.5223). Staff estimate the costs for this option to be \$120,000 which would leave \$72,515 remaining.
- (f) **Notes** that the unallocated budget will remain available for the balance of the financial year. Staff will actively engage with the youth around any infrastructure improvements that would support existing youth activities and present options to the Board for consideration at or before the February 2027 Board meeting. If no suitable opportunities are identified prior to the end of the financial year, the project balance may result in being reprioritized within the LTP or removed as being complete.
- (g) **Notes** the feedback provided by the youth, wider community and adjoining neighbours as part of consideration of the outcome of this report.

6.2 **Application to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund – Thea Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

181-195

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 260901260677.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$.....to the Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade towards hosting their annual Halloween Community event.

OR

- (c) **Declines** the application from the Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade.

7 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

8 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

8.1 **Chairpersons Report for August 2026**

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report from the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Chairperson (Trim: 260909272640).

9 **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 9.1. **Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 5 August 2026.**
- 9.2. **Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 12 August 2026.**
- 9.3. **Kaipoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 17 August 2026.**
- 9.4. **Review of Gambling (Class 4) Venue Policy and Totalisator Agency Board Policy – Draft Policies for Formal Public Consultation – Report to Council Meeting 4 August 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 9.5. **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report June 18 2026 to July 20 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 4 August 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 9.6. **Adoption and Submission of North Canterbury Council Head Start Proposal – Report to Council Meeting 5 August 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 9.7. **Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust Deliverables for 2025/26 – Report to Utilities and Rooding Committee Meeting 11 August 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.**

9.8. **Provision of Natural Burials Through a 24-Month Trial at Cust-West Eyreton Cemetery – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 18 August 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items 9.1 to 9.8.

Note:

1. *The links for Matters for Information were previously circulated to members as part of the relevant meeting agendas.*

10 MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

10.1 **Shona Powell**

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10.2 **Mathew Potter**

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10.3 **Philip Redmond**

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The purpose of this exchange is to provide a short update to other members in relation to activities/meetings that have been attended or to provide general Board related information.

Any written information submitted by members will be circulated via email prior to the meeting.

11 CONSULTATION PROJECTS

11.1 **Draft Community Outcomes 2026**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/draft-community-outcomes>

Consultation closes Friday 18 September 2026.

11.2 **Parking at Silverstream Shopping Centre**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/parking-at-silverstream-shopping-centre>

Consultation closes Friday 25 September 2026.

11.3 **Waimakariri Youth Council Future Voices Survey**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/waimakariri-youth-council-future-voices-survey>

Consultation closes Friday 25 September 2026.

11.4 **Managing and Minimising Our Waste**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/managing-our-waste>

Consultation closes Friday 2 October 2026.

11.5 **Draft North East Waimakariri Urban Plan**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/let-s-talk-about-the-draft-north-east-waimakariri-urban-plan>

Consultation closes Sunday 4 October 2026.

12 BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1 Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 August 2026: \$11,599.

12.2 General Landscaping Budget

Balance as at 31 August 2026: \$15,120.

13 MEDIA ITEMS

14 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

15 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board is scheduled for 5.30pm, Tuesday 13 October 2026 in the Sefton Hall.

Workshop

- *Members Forum*
 - *Board Christmas Dinner*

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD AT THE WOODEND COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL ROAD, WOODEND ON MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2026 AT 5.30PM.

PRESENT

M Paterson (Chairperson), A Thompson (Deputy Chairperson), B Cairns, J McLachlan, M Potter, S Powell and P Stone.

IN ATTENDANCE

T Bartle and P Redmond (Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward Councillors).

K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment), G Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader), J Mason (Landscape Architect) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

Four members of the public were present.

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting – 13 July 2026

Moved: P Stone

Seconded: J McLachlan

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting held on 13 July 2026.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters Arising (from Minutes)

There were no matters arising.

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

5 ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

6 REPORTS

6.1 **Report for Decision on the Waikuku Beach Toilet Facilities** – J Mason (Landscape Architect)

J Mason took the report as read.

S Powell noted the lack of changing facilities at Waikuku Beach and observed that the Public Toilet Strategy did not reference changing facilities. She asked whether the review of the strategy was likely to consider changing facilities. G Stephens advised that, under the Council's current Long Term Plan Work Programme, staff had not signalled any intention to change the existing levels of service. However, staff were progressing the Play and Active Recreation Strategy (PARS), which would be supported by a Places and Spaces Plan. This process could lead to future discussions about providing changing facilities. Any proposal to change service levels would require Council approval.

S Powell queried whether the review of the Public Toilet Strategy would include consideration of service levels relating to changing facilities. G Stephens responded that staff would need to consider this as part of the review process.

S Powell noted that the report referred to the possible installation of benches and hooks and that the Community Board may consider funding these through its general landscaping budget. She expressed the view that these items did not align with that budget and asked whether they could be included within the project budget instead.

J Mason advised that no budget had been allocated for these additional items. She noted that the Board could choose to submit an application through the Long Term Plan process.

T Bartle enquired about the maintenance budget for the toilets and how it operated, noting that the facilities were approximately halfway through their expected lifespan but were visually in poor condition. He asked when, within the 50 to 60-year lifecycle of such buildings, the Council allocated funding for upkeep, or whether maintenance was undertaken on an as-needed basis. J Mason explained that maintenance was addressed through several avenues, including community requests, Snap Send Solve reports, and scheduled maintenance programmes. She advised that a painting regime was in place for such facilities. J Mason also noted that, as highlighted in the report, some previously undertaken maintenance work had not met the required standard.

A Thompson noted that the toilets at the river mouth were due to be replaced sooner and asked whether data was available regarding toilet usage. J Mason advised that usage levels were not the factor triggering replacement. Rather, the facilities did not meet the required environmental design criteria, which led to their earlier replacement. She further noted that staff did not currently collect user data for the toilets.

B Cairns asked who determined the colour scheme when toilets were repainted. J Mason advised that staff had identified several options that could address the issue. She noted that if the Board wished to pursue an alternative treatment, such as a mural, this could provide a positive solution.

Moved: S Powell

Seconded: A Thompson

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260324082634.
- (b) **Supports** a targeted renovation approach of the Waikuku Beach Toilets of minor operational and capital works including a full re-paint, repair of the doors and other fixtures and fittings and the installation of accessible signage.

- (c) **Notes** that these works will be done using existing operational and capital budgets – namely an estimated \$12,500.00 from the Public Convenience Maintenance Budget (4450.2507.00) and \$500.00 from the Parks and Reserves Signage Budget (5104.101097.530). As these budgets are existing, there would be no additional rates impact.
- (d) **Notes** works requiring minor capital investment such as cycle stands, shower splash back and change benches will be put in a later report to the board for General Landscaping Budget consideration. This would have an impact on rates with an estimated increase of no more than 0.01%.
- (e) **Notes** that changing rooms are not provided for under the current LOS framework, and that any provision of changing or integrated accessible facilities would need to be a submission by the Woodend-Sefton Community Board to the Draft 2027 LTP or funded through existing budgets such as the General landscaping budget.
- (f) **Notes** that the budget for renewal of the Waikuku Beach toilet facility, programmed for 2051. Without Council approval, funding for the toilet renewal will remain in its current programme for 2051. The budget for toilet replacement will remain unchanged. Unless levels of service change.
- (g) **Notes** when approving the Beachfront Car Park Renewal in September 2025, the Board requested that the timing of the toilet and car park renewals be aligned, subject to funding approval. Due to the recommendations in this report, this request is no longer applicable. Accordingly, the Beachfront Car Park Renewal can proceed as programmed, and the proposed toilet renewal will not impact the timing or delivery of the car park project.

CARRIED

S Powell expressed concern that staff had been unable to identify funding of approximately \$4,000 for installing changing benches and hooks, or to address a maintenance issue by installing durable splashbacks behind the outdoor shower to prevent further deterioration. She considered these necessary improvements part of the Council's maintenance responsibilities, rather than funded through the Board's Landscaping Budget or requiring submission through the Long Term Plan process. S Powell welcomed the proposed toilet improvements and noted that resident feedback indicated a desire to renew the facilities. She suggested the Board could consider a mural to improve the appearance of the toilets.

A Thompson thanked staff for the report and expressed satisfaction that action was being taken, noting that the toilets had been in a shabby and unacceptable condition. He indicated that he would like the Board to consider whether additional funding could be secured to enable the remaining improvements.

B Cairns noted that he and his wife had previously painted the toilets in Kaiapoi using paint donated at no cost, and that the work took approximately six to eight hours to complete. He supported the motion and said he would be willing to volunteer to paint a mural, develop ideas to improve the toilets' appearance, or help organise volunteers to assist with the work.

6.2 Application to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

T Kunkel took the report as read and advised that Big Brothers Big Sisters North Canterbury, an organisation that delivers a youth mentoring programme within the Waimakariri District, was seeking a grant of \$375 towards the production of an advertisement to be screened at the Rangiora Town Hall Cinema to assist with the recruitment of additional volunteer mentors. She noted that the application met the Board's

funding criteria, as it had been submitted by a not-for-profit organisation and the amount requested was within the maximum grant available. However, the applicant's information indicated that only approximately 13% of the project beneficiaries lived within the Woodend-Sefton area, while the programme delivered benefits across the wider Waimakariri District.

T Kunkel further advised that Big Brothers Big Sisters North Canterbury had also submitted funding applications to all Community Boards. The organisation also received an operational grant of \$5,860 through the Council's Annual Plan process.

S Powell noted that she could not identify within the application where a budget had been provided or how the requested funding would be spent. T Kunkel advised that the application stated the funding would cover the cost of producing the advertisement.

P Redmond noted that he had served on the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters for 15 years and described it as a very worthwhile organisation that received no government funding. He explained that the organisation relied on fundraising, grants, and other funding sources to support its operations. P Redmond further noted that it would be difficult to determine what proportion of the project's benefits would be received within the ward, as the initiative aimed to recruit mentors from across the district. Consequently, there was no way of knowing where responses to the advertising campaign would originate. P Redmond suggested that the Board should consider whether approving the application could be viewed as duplicating funding support already provided through a Council grant.

Moved: A Thompson

Seconded P Stone

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 260710165341.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$375 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Canterbury towards the production of a 15-second cinema advertisement.

CARRIED

P Stone also supported the motion, as she believed it was essential to support projects that directly impact children in Woodend. She noted that each mentoring relationship could make a significant difference in a young person's life, resulting in meaningful and lasting improvements to their wellbeing and quality of life.

S Powell noted that it was an excellent charity and that its outcomes were impressive. She indicated that she was happy to support the motion and considered the funding amount to be appropriate given the size of the Board.

T Kunkel advised that the Waimakariri Riding Club was hosting a series of eight high-quality dressage events and was seeking funding for an arena groomer and associated equipment. She noted that the application met the Board's criteria because it was submitted by a sports club and the amount requested was within the Board's funding limit. However, only 15% of the expected participants were from the Board's area. She further advised that the club had submitted applications to three Community Boards and that the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board had declined the application.

Moved: S Powell

Seconded: J McLachlan

- (c) **Declines** the application from the Waimakariri Riding Club.

CARRIED

S Powell noted that, based on the organisation's budget, it appeared to be generating sufficient income to cover its expenses and return a surplus.

T Kunkel advised that the Woodend Spring Flower Show Committee had requested funding for hall hire and the publication of its event pamphlet. She noted that the Committee had been advised that Board funding could not be used for hall hire costs; however, it could apply to the Fees Waiver Committee for a rebate of those charges.

Moved: P Stone

Seconded: M Potter

- (d) **Approves** a grant of \$750 to the Woodend Spring Flower Show Committee towards publishing a booklet and purchasing consumables.

CARRIED

P Stone supported the motion, commenting that the application was consistent with grants approved in previous years. She noted that the Spring Flower Show had become an established part of Woodend's identity and was a significant community event.

M Potter also supported the motion, noting that printing alone exceeded the funding requested. He described the Spring Flower Show as an iconic community event that continued to attract strong local support.

B Cairns commented that it was a wonderful event for Woodend and acknowledged the significant contribution made by volunteers and the wider community in organising and delivering the event.

S Powell noted that the Spring Flower Show was a valuable event for the wider area and that it attracted attendees from throughout the region.

6.3 **Summary of Discretionary Grant Accountability 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 – Thea Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

T Kunkel noted this was the annual report, providing an update on all grants during the last financial year. The Board considered ten applications: eight were approved, one was declined, and one was withdrawn. The grant to the Woodend Netball Club was never uplifted. Staff had received five Accountability Forms to date; however, reminders had been sent to the organisations.

M Potter asked what the timeframe was for returning the Accountability Forms. T Kunkel noted they had 20 days after the event took place or after the product was purchased.

Moved: M Paterson

Seconded: S Powell

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260711165375.
- (b) **Notes** that of the \$9,855 of the Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Funding, \$3,459 was distributed for events and projects within the community.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council's 2026-27 Annual Plan includes a budget provision of \$7,200 for the Woodend-Sefton Community Board to approve grants to community groups for the 2026/27 financial year (July 2026 to June 2027). There was a carry forward of \$6,396 from the 2025/26 financial year, resulting in a total of \$13,596 available for the 2026/27 financial year.

- (d) **Circulates** a copy of this report to all other Community Boards for information.

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7 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

8 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1 Chairperson's Report for June 2026

Moved: M Paterson

Seconded: B Cairns

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report from the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Chairperson (Trim: 260805225016).

CARRIED

9 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 July 2026.
- 9.2. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 July 2026.
- 9.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 20 July 2026.
- 9.4. 2025 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.5. Draft Community Outcomes for Public Consultation – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.6. Bylaw Programme Update July 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.7. Adoption of Elected Member Expenses Policy – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.8. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report 19 May 2026 to June 17 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.9. Adoption of the Waimakariri Youth Action Plan 2026-2029 – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.10. Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan – Approval for Consultation – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 14 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.11. Private Well Study Results for 2025 – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 14 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: M Paterson

Seconded: P Stone

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items 9.1 to 9.11.

CARRIED

10 **MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

P Stone

- Attended the Lions Club working bee.
- New developments in terms of the Woodend Community Association championing and planting more trees, developing a food forest at Woodend beach.
- Attended Community Networking Forum - Problem Gambling Foundation had been attended and were lobbying hard to address the growing impact of gambling.

J McLachlan

- Pegasus Community Centre site visit. It was noted that the facility had the potential to become a significant asset for the community, providing valuable opportunities for community activities, events, and services.

M Potter

- It was noted that a visit had been made to Wellington to present the petition on behalf of Pegasus residents.

B Cairns

- It was reported that the Woodend Pegasus Food Forest had held another working bee. Volunteers had placed cardboard beneath mulch, pruned fruit trees, and planted windbreak trees donated by Woodend Nursery. While further mulching work was still required, the site was progressing well, with plants and trees showing strong growth. It was noted that the next stage would involve installing borders around the garden. It was further noted that this was one of 23 food forests he was involved with.
- It was noted that the Parking and Traffic Bylaw had been reviewed, renewed, and subsequently adopted by the Council.
- It was reported that the Head Start proposal, which explored the amalgamation of the Hurunui and Waimakariri District Councils, had been submitted. Staff had undertaken a significant amount of work to support the proposal.
- It was noted that the Play, Active Recreation and Sport (PARS) Strategy for Waimakariri was currently being developed.
- It was reported that an event had been held to recognise and congratulate local recipients of King's Service honours.
- Members were advised that tickets for the Rangiora Town Hall centenary celebrations were now on sale. The event was scheduled for 5 September 2026 and would include two concerts featuring groups and organisations that used the Town Hall.
- It was noted that the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust was finalising a sculpture commemorating the life of Kippenberger. The sculpture was intended for installation at MainPower Stadium.
- It was reported that the Maths to Art exhibition, featuring artwork from nine local schools, had been on display at the Kaiapoi Library.
- It was noted that the Kaiapoi Art Expo had been held alongside the Winter Festival organised by Blackwells.
- Members were advised that Karl Harworth was planning a Halloween event at Norman Kirk Park on 31 October 2026, following the success of the Matariki event previously held at the same location.
- Attendance at the Abbeyfield Annual General Meeting was reported. Abbeyfield noted plans to construct and operate a 14-resident housing facility in Rangiora.
- It was reported that the Pegasus Residents Group Annual General Meeting had been attended and that the group continued to undertake valuable work for the community.
- Attendance at the Pegasus Community Centre Users Meeting was noted.

- It was reported that the inaugural Peg and Pint Craft Market had been attended and had attracted strong attendance, with a good variety of stallholders participating.
- It was noted that Seafarers Day had been organised for 8 August 2026 and had been scheduled to align with Merchant Navy Day on 3 September 2026 at the Kaiapoi Coastguard facility.

S Powell

- Attended:
 - It was reported that the latest Ravenswood Community Cuppa had featured Joseph Hullen from Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust as the guest speaker. Discussion after the presentation focused largely on the Head Start Pathway proposal, with strong feedback on the importance of maintaining local representation and decision-making. Questions were also raised regarding the Pegasus Golf Course. It was noted that this would be the final Ravenswood Community Cuppa for the foreseeable future. Thanks were extended to those who attended, as well as the organisers and guest speakers who had contributed to the success of the events.
 - Attendance at The Woodpecker Trust Annual General Meeting was noted. It was reported that it was valuable to hear directly from grant recipients about the benefits of the funding they received.
 - It was reported that the Kaiapoi Art Expo had been attended, providing an opportunity to engage with exhibiting artists. Particular mention was made of an artist who, on opening night, discovered that she had sold her first piece of artwork and was delighted with the achievement. The Expo provided both experienced and emerging artists with an excellent opportunity to showcase, promote, and sell their work.
 - It was reported that volunteering had been undertaken at the Pegasus Community Centre. Visitors raised concerns about the lack of funding for the Woodend Bypass. Significant feedback and questions had also been received regarding the Head Start Pathway proposal and its potential implications, as well as the fast-track application for the development of the Pegasus Golf Course, which had now been lodged.
 - Attendance at the Pegasus Residents' Group Incorporated Annual General Meeting was noted. Ish Clark from the Council had attended as the guest speaker and had provided an update on the new Pegasus Community Centre. The Committee reported that it continued to undertake valuable work on behalf of the community.
 - It was reported that the afternoon tea held for local King's Service Award recipients had been attended.
 - Attendance at an Environment Canterbury drop-in session regarding the Ashley/Rakahuri Flood Resilience Project at the Waikuku Beach Hall was noted. The session had provided an opportunity to consider options for this long-term project. It was suggested that Community Boards should be kept informed as the project progressed, given its potential impact on Rangiora, Kaiapoi, and Waikuku Beach.
 - It was reported that fees for the new Pegasus Community Centre had been established by the Council in consultation with the Steering Group. The Council introduced higher hourly and daily charges for commercial users who use the entire facility exclusively. Staff had met with existing user groups to discuss how current bookings would transition to the new facility and to respond to any questions or concerns.
- Upcoming Events:
 - It was noted that the Youth Futures Career Expo was scheduled to be held at MainPower Stadium on 11 August 2026 from 4 pm to 7.30pm. The event would provide young people with opportunities to engage with employers, training providers, and career pathways.
 - It was reported that the Youth Action Plan had been adopted by the Council. Members were advised that a launch event was scheduled for MainPower Stadium on 17 September 2026 from 7 pm to 9 pm to mark the commencement of the Plan and celebrate the initiatives it would support for young people across the district.

- For information:
 - It was reported that public consultation on the draft Woodend Pegasus Area Strategy had been delayed. As a result, the dates previously advertised on the Woodend-Sefton Community Board page of The Woodpecker for public drop-in sessions were postponed.
 - It was noted that, as part of the Head Start Pathway process, Councillors had attended a number of meetings during the month with neighbouring councils. It was further reported that a proposal to establish a North Canterbury Unitary Council, comprising the Waimakariri and Hurunui District Councils, had been approved by both councils and subsequently lodged with the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport.
 - Members were advised that Greenspace staff were considering potential dates for surf lifesaving patrols at Waikuku, Pegasus, and Woodend Beaches for the upcoming summer season.
 - It was reported that a request had been made for the replacement of a directional sign on State Highway 1 in Woodend indicating the turn-off to the Woodend Beach Campground. The new sign had since been installed, replacing the previous sign, which had become faded and difficult to read.

11 CONSULTATION PROJECTS

11.1 Waimakariri Youth Council Future Voices Survey

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/waimakariri-youth-council-future-voices-survey>

The Board noted the consultation project.

12 BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1 Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 July 2026: \$12,724.

12.2 General Landscaping Budget

Balance as at 31 July 2026: \$15,120, with carry forward from the previous financial year to be reported in September 2026.

The Board noted the funding update.

13 MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

14 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

15 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board was scheduled for 5.30pm, Monday 10 August 2026 in the Woodend Community Centre.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:30PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**REPORT FOR DECISION**

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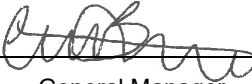
REPORT TO: Woodend Sefton Community Board

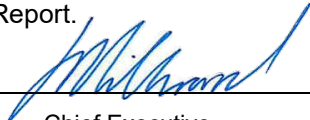
DATE OF MEETING: 14th September 2026

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SUBJECT: Pegasus Youth Space – Approval of Locations Report.

ENDORSED BY:
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General Manager


Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Woodend-Sefton Community Board for the final location and design of youth recreation facilities to be delivered through the Pegasus Youth Space Project. The project is funded through an existing budget of \$192,515 and follows several rounds of community engagement, including consultation with local youth, the wider Pegasus community, and residents living adjacent to potential reserve locations. This project was originally initiated in 2019 and was funded to provide a skate park in Pegasus. However, extensive engagement with young people and the wider community identified a preference for a broader range of youth-focused recreation opportunities. In February 2026, the Community and Recreation Committee approved changing the project scope from a dedicated skate park to a distributed youth spaces approach, enabling consideration of facilities such as a gaga dodgeball ring, basketball half-court/tennis backboard, and a flying fox.
- 1.2. Following further workshops with the Community Board, concept plans were prepared for Rakahuri Reserve, Waitaki Reserve, and Maungatere Reserve. Targeted engagement was then undertaken with nearby residents to understand the potential impacts of the proposed facility layouts. While feedback highlighted concerns relating to noise, traffic, privacy, and reserve amenity, particularly at Maungatere Reserve, staff note that such facilities are common features within neighbourhood reserves.
- 1.3. Staff's assessment concludes that two locations present significant challenges to achieving the project's objective of creating welcoming and well-used youth spaces. Karen Eastwood Park carries a risk that the proposed gaga dodgeball facility would be primarily used by younger children due to its proximity to the existing playground. Maungatere Reserve attracted substantial opposition from neighbouring residents, with a petition signed by most adjoining households. Staff consider that this level of opposition may undermine the ability to create a positive and welcoming environment for youth and therefore do not recommend investment at this location. While still a viable option, Waitaki Reserve isn't the recommended option due to the larger benefits associated with combining the two activities at Rakahuri Reserve.
- 1.4. This recommended option would deliver both a gaga dodgeball ring and a basketball half-court/tennis backboard at Rakahuri Reserve, supported by pathways, seating, landscaping, and associated amenities. This option helps address the identified shortage of youth recreation opportunities in northern Pegasus, provides the best value for money, creates a consolidated youth destination, and can be delivered for an estimated cost of approximately \$120,000, leaving around \$72,515 available within the existing budget. Should the Board approve this option, staff recommend that the remaining budget be retained and further work undertaken with local youth to identify additional improvements that support youth recreation and social connection elsewhere in Pegasus such as adventure biking at Gladstone Park. Given the budget has been carried since 2019, if no suitable opportunities are identified prior to the end of the financial year, the project balance may result in being reprioritized within the LTP or removed as being complete.

- 1.5. This could include investment in other youth-focused infrastructure that complements the facilities delivered through this project. Overall, staff consider the recommended option to provide the strongest balance between community feedback, value for money, equitable provision of youth recreation opportunities, and the long-term wellbeing of young people in Pegasus.

Attachments:

- i. Pegasus Youth Space– Report for Approval of Activities and Locations (Trim: 250826157901)
- ii. Pegasus Youth Space Design Feedback - Engagement Responses (Trim: 260813239192)
- iii. Pegasus Youth Space Conceptual Designs 2026 (Trim: 260813239002)

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Woodend Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260813238663.
- (b) **Approves** Option 1, the adoption of Concept A for Rakahuri Reserve (Trim: 260813239002) for implementation for a Pegasus Youth Space.
- (c) **Declines** a flying fox being provided at Maungatere Reserve as part of the Youth Space Project.
- (d) **Notes** that the option recommended provides both the gaga dodgeball ring and basketball/tennis facilities at Rakahuri Reserve, together with associated amenity landscaping.
- (e) **Notes** that funding is currently provided within the Annual / Long Term Plan for the Pegasus Youth Space of \$192,515 (101552.000.5223). Staff estimate the costs for this option to be \$120,000 which would leave \$72,515 remaining.
- (f) **Notes** that the unallocated budget will remain available for the balance of the financial year. Staff will actively engage with the youth around any infrastructure improvements that would support existing youth activities and present options to the Board for consideration at or before the February 2027 Board meeting. If no suitable opportunities are identified prior to the end of the financial year, the project balance may result in being reprioritized within the LTP or removed as being complete.
- (g) **Notes** the feedback provided by the youth, wider community and adjoining neighbours as part of consideration of the outcome of this report.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. In March 2025, the Woodend-Sefton Community Board approved consultation, design, and installation of a youth space in Pegasus, supported by \$192,515 of Long-Term Plan funding. While this funding was originally intended for a skate park to meet district levels of service, community discussions since 2019 have highlighted a preference to take a broader youth-focused approach based on the needs and aspirations of local young people.
- 3.2. Following initial youth engagement, staff consulted the wider community on three youth space options through surveys, workshops, schools, social media, and the Council's Let's Talk platform. A total of 164 community submissions were received, including 22 from Pegasus youth, with approximately 240 young people and 142 community members participating overall. Feedback indicated a preference for the "Three-Way Split" option, although support varied between age groups, with older youth showing stronger interest in a dedicated skate facility.
- 3.3. As a result, a report was presented to the Board for consideration of two potential options. This report is attached for the Board members reference (Attachment i: Pegasus Youth Space– Report for Approval of Activities and Locations). Option 1 proposed a dedicated skate facility at Karen Eastwood Park, aligning with the original intent of the funding and addressing the identified skate provision gap. Option 2 delivers a range of youth-focused activities across several locations in Pegasus, providing a broader mix of recreation opportunities but requiring approval from the Community and Recreation Committee as it departed from the original project purpose.

- 3.4. Based on community feedback, Karen Eastwood Park, Waitaki Reserve, and Rakahuri Reserve were recommended locations should Option 2 proceed. Greenway, Maungatere, and Lakeside Reserves were not recommended due to lower levels of community support. Staff did not recommend one option over the other, as both provided valuable but different outcomes for Pegasus youth and the decision ultimately should reflect the priorities of the Pegasus community.
- 3.5. While unable to decide on specific locations at that time, the Woodend-Sefton Community Board recommended proceeding with Option 2, the Distributed Youth Spaces Approach, and referred this recommendation to the Community and Recreation Committee for approval, as changing the project's original purpose falls within the Committee's delegated authority. The recommendation includes the installation of a Flying Fox, Gaga Dodgeball Ring, and Basketball Half Court/Tennis Backboard, with the remaining budget allocated to landscaping and associated amenity improvements. It was decided that should this be approved, the Board could then approve specific locations for these activities. The Board noted that the project remains within the allocated \$192,515 Long-Term Plan budget and that the recommendation has been informed by extensive consultation with both Pegasus youth and the wider community.
- 3.6. The Board also noted that the project was originally funded to address a local shortfall in skate park provision, and that the recommended option would not fulfil this original objective, although skate facilities will be available in nearby Ravenswood. Following the local body elections, staff brought these recommendations to the February Community and Recreation Committee for approval. At their meeting the Committee approved the change of project purpose for the Pegasus Youth Space Budget (PJ 101552.000.5223) from the original intent of a Dedicated Skate Park to a Distributed Youth Spaces Approach for youth spaces across Pegasus.
- 3.7. In April, Staff undertook a workshop with the Board regarding how to progress with this project noting that while the Board had previously approved the three activities, they had chosen to await confirmation from the Committee before approving specific locations. This workshop outlined each of the potential locations (Karen Eastwood Park, Waitaki Reserve, Rakahuri Reserve, Maungatere Reserve, Lakeside Reserve and Greenway Reserve) and included high level summaries of each noting community concerns, staff assessment and recommendations.
- 1.1. Following discussion during the workshop, the Board felt that they needed more information regarding specific locations and how the approved activities might fit within them. The Board specifically requested staff create concept plans for the following locations:
- Rakahuri Reserve – Two options - Gaga Dodgeball only or, Gaga Dodgeball and Basketball/Tennis backboard combined
 - Waitaki Reserve - Basketball/Tennis backboard
 - Maungatere Reserve - Flying Fox
- 3.8. It is important to note that the Board did not make any decision regarding the placement of facilities within any of these reserves. The concepts were requested and subsequently prepared solely to assist the Board in understanding how these activities may fit within the identified reserves and to gather feedback on the potential designs. At the request of the Board Chair, staff undertook targeted engagement with the residents immediately surrounding these reserves in order to understand any specific feedback regarding these designs. Respondents were encouraged to focus their feedback on the proposed facility designs rather than reserve locations, as the Board has previously received feedback on location preferences through earlier engagement processes.
- 3.9. Unfortunately, the inclusion of Maungatere Reserve within both options led a number of residents to believe that a decision has already been made to locate a flying fox there. Where enquiries were received, staff clarified that this is not the case. Rather, the Board requested concept designs and community feedback to better understand how a flying fox could be accommodated within the reserve before any decisions are made regarding future progression. This has created levels of angst, stress and concern, in particular for the residents who adjoin Maungatere Reserve and who are largely opposed to any proposal for a flying fox within this reserve.

- 3.10. Staff acknowledge the uncertainty and concern experienced by these residents and recognise that the inclusion of Maungatere Reserve within both concept options has contributed to perceptions that a decision had already been made. While it is important to stress that no decision has been taken and the purpose of the process was to inform future consideration by the Board, staff have taken some key learnings from this process in order to reduce this risk in the future and ensure engagements are carried out in a clear and transparent manner.
- 3.11. Staff have now reviewed the feedback received (Attachment ii – Pegasus Youth Space Concept Consultation Feedback) and have summarised and responded to the main points in the sections below for the Board's consideration of final approval of location for this project.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1. There are a number of issues to consider regarding the locations for the approved activities. While Staff have categorised these below and provided discussion, it is important to note that the previous report (Attachment i) goes into more detail including the summary of previous feedback for these locations and should therefore be closely considered alongside this report.

Locations Under Consideration

- 4.2. As noted, the following locations have previously been identified for consideration; Karen Eastwood Park, Waitaki Reserve, Rakahuri Reserve, Maungatere Reserve, Lakeside Reserve and Greenway Reserve. Each of these had different opportunities and challenges associated with them which made them suitable for some activities and not others. In the previous report, Staff recommended the following locations to the Board based on these assessments;
- Rakahuri Reserve: Flying Fox
 - Karen Eastwood Reserve: Gaga Dodge Ball
 - Waitaki Reserve: Basketball/Tennis Backboard
- 4.3. The three remaining reserves were not recommended for the following reasons:
- 4.4. The Greenway: This reserve was ranked lowest by the community and second lowest by youth, indicating limited demand for youth-focused activities. Respondents also raised safety concerns, particularly around vehicle and pedestrian conflicts. The Skate Elements option was not strongly supported by youth, and the reserve lacks space for additional activities.
- 4.5. Maungatere Reserve: Although this is a valued green space, it was the least preferred location by youth, suggesting low demand for youth-focused activities. Strong opposition from nearby residents, including concerns about noise, privacy, and disruption, could also create ongoing conflict between users and the local community.
- 4.6. Lakeside Reserve: The skate elements option suggested for this location was met with low popularity from users and while staff considered relocating other activities, such as a tennis court or gaga dodgeball, the lakeside location makes ball sports challenging. Concerns about impacts on birdlife, the site's high visibility, and potential conflict with nearby residents made this location untenable.
- 4.7. While this was the previous recommendation, it should also be noted that a large part of the overall intent of this project has been to help address the current shortfall in provision of youth spaces within Pegasus which currently exists in the northern parts of the township in order create a more even distribution across Pegasus. Maungatere Reserve and Rakahuri Reserve were both specifically noted as being good locations to address this shortfall. At the April workshop with the Board, discussion was had regarding activities being located in various reserves around Pegasus and questions were therefore raised around the removal of Maungatere Reserve as an option due to the low response from youth noting that youth visited places like Blackadder Reserve as there were facilities there to draw them. It therefore stands to reason that if a youth asset was included at Maungatere Reserve, the popularity of this location to youth could improve.

- 4.8. While the Board understood the feedback from neighbouring residents to Maungatere regarding impacts on privacy and to other users of the reserve, they also wanted to understand better what these impacts would look like in reality. In particular, staff noted that while the Council attempted to manage privacy concerns, as a good neighbour, where possible, it was not an obligation it was required to enforce or legal requirement.
- 4.9. Staff were therefore asked to include a design for a flying fox at Maungatere Reserve when designing conceptual designs for the locations still under consideration. On the same basis, discussion regarding Rakahuri Reserve centred around the possibility of utilising this for both gaga dodge ball and the halfcourt/tennis backboard to meet the above shortfall with requests made to see a design for what this could look like with both activities at Rakahuri Reserve and also if these were split with the dodgeball ring at Rakahuri Reserve and halfcourt/tennis backboard.
- 4.10. Finally, concern was raised around the suitability of Karen Eastwood Park for a gaga dodgeball ring due to the current popularity of the play space for younger age groups with questions around whether youth would find this space inviting. It was noted that Waitaki Reserve therefore potentially provided a better location for a youth space. While a design was not requested for this space, and this space is therefore still a potential location for consideration, staff have still included a design for this space below for the Board's consideration noting that only the dodgeball ring was identified as suitable for this space. This wasn't included in the engagement because there were very few surrounding neighbours who would be impacted and the activity was associated with an established play space activity so did not change the existing use of the space at all.

Concept Designs for Individual Reserves

- 4.11. Following the workshop, staff created the conceptual designs for the following reserves. The purpose of these draft designs was to help the Board and neighbouring residents to understand the size, scale and potential layout of the activity and associated amenity landscaping for each reserve rather than a detailed concept for construction. The designs are outlined below with images showing the impact to the wider reserve;

Waitaki Reserve

- 4.12. The design for Waitaki Reserve includes a half basketball court with a tennis backboard to the rear which the basketball hoop will be mounted on. Included within this design is native planting to prevent balls heading to the road/wider reserve and a pathway connecting the footpath on Mary Ellen St to the central footpath. Also included is an accessible picnic table and perch leaner seat which provide space for passive youth activity and socialisation.



Image A: Concept Plan A: Rakahuri Reserve

Rakahuri Reserve

- 4.13. Concept Plan A for Rakahuri Reserve included both the Tennis/Basketball activity and the Gaga Dodgeball Activity. An accessible picnic table and perch leaner seat are once again included to provide space for passive youth activity and socialisation. Native planting helps stop balls from heading towards the road and a pathway links the space back to the main footpath and directly to the path leading to the wider Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust trails. Located centrally, it becomes a feature to the reserve while still allowing space for other activities to occur and maximising distance to neighbouring properties. Due to the savings associated with pairing these activities together, there is sufficient budget for the base of the dodgeball ring to be covered in accessible rubber matting.



Image B: Concept Plan A: Rakahuri Reserve



Image C: Concept Plan B: Rakahuri Reserve

- 4.14. Concept Plan B for Rakahuri Reserve includes only the Gaga Dodgeball Activity. An accessible picnic table is included to provide space for passive youth activity and socialisation. Native planting helps stop balls from heading towards the road and again a pathway links the space back to the main footpath and directly to the path leading to the wider Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust trails. Also located centrally space is allowed for other activities to occur while maximising distance to neighbouring properties. Without consolidating these activities into a single location, the project does not achieve the cost efficiencies in this design. To keep within overall budget, the accessible rubber matting for the base of the dodgeball ring has been changed to sand for this option. Sand is still suitable and is consistent with what is often found in similar gaga dodgeball rings in schools etc.

Karen Eastwood Park

- 4.15. As noted in the previous report, Karen Eastwood Park does not have sufficient space for the flying fox or for the basketball/tennis court activity. The design below therefore shows where there is sufficient space for a gaga dodgeball ring within the existing play area. This takes advantage of the existing raised platform and native planting between the play space and the ring as well as the existing steps to get down to the play space level. There is sufficient budget with this option to include rubber soft-fall and due to the existing pathway being higher and requiring steps, a secondary pathway is included from the eastern side to provide full accessibility.

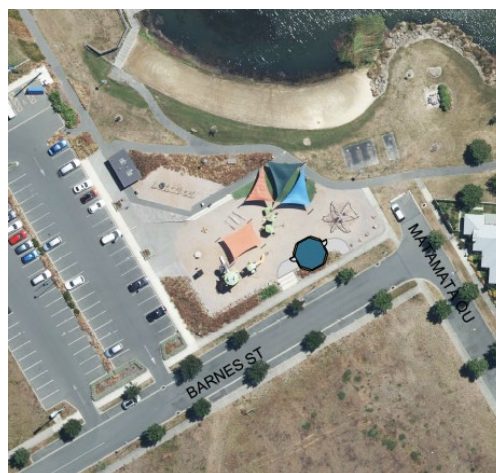


Image D: Concept Plan Karen Eastwood Reserve

Maungatere Reserve

- 4.16. Concept A for Maungatere Reserve shows the flying fox at the northern end of the reserve and running parallel to Kahu St. This takes advantage of the existing footpath network in this location and includes a footpath leading to a mound with a platform and a double flying fox. The flying fox is approximately 35m long which requires a platform height of approximately 2.0m high. This length has been chosen based on the height requirement rising as the length expands. The platform is located parallel with the existing street trees to best mitigate any privacy impacts on neighbouring properties. Staff did consider the northeastern side of the reserve parallel with Nga Tupuna St however there is a stormwater asset in this location which made this unfeasible. By locating the flying fox to the side of the reserve, plenty of space within the reserve is remaining for other activities to occur.



Image E: Concept Plan A: Maungatere Reserve



Image F: Concept Plan B: Maungatere Reserve

- 4.17. Concept B for Maungatere Reserve shows the flying fox at the Southern end of the reserve and running parallel to the centre of the reserve. While there is no existing footpath network along this section of the reserve, a footpath is included in the design leading towards Kahu St where there is a footpath on the other side of the road. Like Concept A, a mound with a platform and a double flying fox which is approximately 35m long is included requiring a platform height of approximately 2.0m high. The platform is located parallel with the existing street trees to best mitigate any privacy impacts on neighbouring properties. The flying fox does not start at the end of the reserve but approximately 40m from the end. This is to provide sufficient space to ensure that these trees would not be impacted by the proposed works. By locating the flying fox at this end of the reserve between the trees, plenty of space within the reserve is remaining for other activities to occur.

Consultation and Engagement

- 4.18. Staff undertook targeted engagement with the residents immediately surrounding Rakahuri Reserve, Maungatere Reserve and Waitaki Reserve. Karen Eastwood Park wasn't included in the engagement because limited neighbours and the activity being associated with an established playspace activity so no change to the existing use of the space. A lets' talk flyer was delivered with the aim to understand any specific feedback regarding these designs. Respondents were encouraged to focus their feedback on the proposed facility designs rather than reserve locations, as the Board has previously received feedback on location preferences through earlier engagement processes. A very limited amount of feedback was received relating to the designs with the majority relating to the location of the activity within any specific reserve. While staff have included a summary of all of this new feedback as it captures the views of those who are closest and potentially most impacted by any development, it is important that this is read in conjunction with the previous report which outlines the views of the community and their feedback around locations. This report is attached for the Board's reference (Attachment i)
- 4.19. Staff have collated and summarised the feedback received in the tables below for each reserve and included direct responses from staff:

4.20. Table 1: Feedback and Staff Response for Maungatere Reserve

Maungatere Reserve	
Feedback from people who live adjacent to Maungatere Reserve	
Feedback Summary	Staff Response
Distance to existing services	
It was noted that Maungatere Reserve is not close to existing services such as the Pegasus Hub or shops and that there are no toilet facilities available. It was also noted that there is already youth facilities nearby (Hurunui Reserve) so they would be best located elsewhere.	As this is planned for a youth space, toilets are not required as they have the means to be able to travel to facilities. Likewise, while staff understand the link between shops and youth spaces, these are not required to make a space suitable for use. Hurunui Reserve has a seating area and therefore potentially acts as a passive youth space but this project is specifically aiming for active spaces.
Previous consultation identified this as one of the least suitable locations	
Four respondents noted that Maungatere Reserve was ranked lowest by the youth for a youth space. In addition a couple of responses also questioned the flying fox noting they felt this was more for young people than youth and that the demographic around the reserve is mainly elderly folk.	While Maungatere Reserve was ranked lowest by the youth, there is currently nothing in the reserve to draw youth to this location. Reserves where youth related activities are located scored much higher so, this response might change if an activity was located at Maungatere. The flying fox scored well in feedback by the youth and has already been approved as one of the three activities. Open space provision should consider changing community demographics and serve users across all life stages, with youth able to access facilities via established active transport networks.
Maungatere Reserve already serves an important recreational purpose	
A number of respondents commented that Maungatere Reserve is already well used by youth for other activities such as kite flying , exercising, cricket, rugby and football games or simply strolling across. Others noted the peace and quiet that the reserve offers. It was felt by some that the addition of a flying fox would fundamentally change the character and amenity of the reserve as it would be a removal of this open space for existing users. Concerns also related to an increased numbers of kids visiting and that the flying fox blocks private property views to the reserve.	While the proposed flying fox would introduce an additional recreation opportunity, it would occupy only a limited portion of the reserve and the majority of the open space would remain available for existing uses. Regarding increased activity levels and impacts on views from adjoining properties. These matters have been considered alongside feedback identifying a need for youth-focused recreation opportunities. Overall, the proposal seeks to balance the reserve's existing open space values with the provision of additional play and recreation experiences for the wider community.
Noise impacts were consistently raised throughout consultation	
Noise impacts were noted by many with explicit reference not just to the sound of the flying fox but specifically to the noise of children screaming - especially when racing due to the double nature of the proposed flying fox. On resident also noted concerns about being woken by the noise of construction during the implementation phase.	The flying fox would introduce a new activity and associated noise that differs from the reserve's current use patterns. These noises are however consistent with the activities that could normally be expected within a neighbourhood reserves. Therefore, the associated noise or impacts, while managed as much as possible through design, should not prevent these activities being provided for youth in these areas as residents close to neighbourhood parks should have a general expectation of these activities occurring – even if not currently provided. Construction-related noise would be temporary and managed in accordance with standard construction practices

Privacy Concerns	
Five respondents from Maungatere Reserve noted concerns regarding privacy from people looking into their properties and the corresponding implications that they may need to fence their sections.	While there is no legal requirement to ensure privacy from a reserve into private property, in order to be a good neighbour, Council does attempt where possible to mitigate negative impacts on the privacy of neighbouring properties. For this reason, in both designs the platform is aligned with one of the street trees to help screen the view. That being said, impacts on privacy are not sufficient to prevent an activity which is permitted within a reserve from being undertaken such as installing recreation/play equipment like a flying fox.
Anti social behaviour	
Respondents noted a concern regarding teens loitering - especially at night - and that this proposal creates hang out spaces in dark areas which could lead to antisocial behaviour, vandalism and increased litter.	Youth are a valued and important part of our community and providing spaces where they are able to relax, enjoy and socialise is important for their wellbeing. This is a local level response for the local youth and is not intended to be used at night with lighting not included within the design. New Zealand research suggests that youth offending and antisocial behaviour are strongly influenced by levels of social inclusion, belonging, and access to positive community environments. A driver for this project is to provide such spaces for social inclusion and belonging. A rubbish bin has been added to the concept plan to reduce impacts of litter
Impact on neighbouring property owners	
Responses noted the increase in stress and impacts on wellbeing by this engagement and by the proposed flying fox and felt that this hadn't been considered. In particular noting that they didn't want to be responsible for the passive surveillance of the reserve and ensuring it is safe. It was also noted that this proposal would see a reduction in their house values - especially noting the current discussion around Wolfbrook and the Pegasus Golf Course	Staff acknowledge the stress and impact on wellbeing that this engagement and proposal has caused some residents. Responsibility for reserve users does not rest with neighbouring property owners and if anti-social behaviour was to occur, this is a police issue specific to that individual or group rather than justification for restricting or preventing the provision of spaces for youth within the community. There is no clear evidence that the provision of a flying fox within a public reserve adversely affects adjoining property values. Given the many factors that influence property values, any such impact would be speculative. Accordingly, this matter is not considered a significant factor in the assessment of the proposal.

Health and Safety	
A large number of respondents referred to the increased traffic movement and lack of adequate parking within and around the reserve and the risk to safety that this creates. Others noted that there are no footpaths along the length of Maungatere Reserve and that increased use of scooters and small wheels on route to the playground cause risk to other users. Concern was also raised about the safety of flying foxes, noting there were 911 ACC incidents related to flying foxes in 2023 in NZ. there was discomfort around this and the probability of residents being first on the scene and required to provide support due to their proximity.	This is a local response for local youth. It is not anticipated that significant numbers of people would travel to this reserve by car or that parking will be an issue. While there are no footpaths along the full length of the reserve, both designs linked to the existing footpath network in a safe manner. Occupants of properties adjoining the reserve may occasionally be called upon for assistance in the event of an emergency due to their proximity. However, responsibility for reserve users does not rest with neighbouring property owners. This is a common circumstance associated with properties adjoining public open space and is not considered sufficient justification for restricting or preventing the provision of play equipment within the reserve.
Design Feedback	
Feedback around the actual design was limited but the majority of respondents who noted this responded that the northern end would be more suitable as there is more room. The southern end was noted as being too narrow and particular concern was given for children due to lack of safe footpaths accessing this end and the proximity to the road. It was also noted that the trees would need to be pruned to make space at this end. Some respondents didn't feel that the information provided adequate information around the details, height, noise profiles etc.	This feedback is noted by staff who have considered this against the current concept. Staff can confirm that no trees would need to be removed or pruned for either option at this stage however in time ongoing maintenance of the trees may be required but this would be done as part of their regular maintenance programme.
Feedback from people who live adjacent to other reserves	
Two respondents who don't live alongside the reserve commented on Maungatere Reserve. One noted that the best option was for the flying fox to be at the northern end and the other recommending planting areas to block the northwest winds.	This has been noted however staff believe the existing trees and the western ridge provide sufficient shelter from the wind.

4.21. Table 2: Feedback and Staff Response for Rakahuri Reserve

Rakahuri Reserve	
Feedback from people who live adjacent to Maungatere Reserve	
Feedback Summary	Staff Response
Location and layout.	
Three respondents felt that it was too congested with both activities in this location. It was noted that previous feedback had shown opposition and that this was a valued and peaceful reserve and their desire for this to be preserved.	Staff note that there is still sufficient space for a large kick a ball round area with both options. Previous feedback has been included as an attachment as well as the previous summary report for the Board's consideration.

Neighbourhood Amenity Impacts	
Four respondents felt that it was too close to neighbours and concern was given to the increase in noise (in particular the thumping of the basketball) and to the risk of increased anti social behaviour. It was noted that this would impact on the neighbouring resident's ability to enjoy their homes and the reserve itself	Both options would introduce a new activity and associated noise that differs from the reserve's current use patterns. These noises are however consistent with the activities that could normally be expected within a neighbourhood reserves. Therefore, the associated noise or impacts, while managed as much as possible through design, should not prevent these activities being provided for youth in these areas as residents close to neighbourhood parks should have a general expectation of these activities occurring – even if not currently provided.
Parking and traffic.	
Parking issues were raised due to the narrow streets with no off street parking available. It was also noted that the main intersection opposite the reserve was seen to be dangerous for children to navigate.	This is a local response for local youth. It is not anticipated that significant numbers of people would travel to this reserve by car or that parking will be an issue. There are footpaths along the full length of the reserve and both designs link to the existing footpath network in a safe manner.
Facilities and Infrastructure	
Respondents noted that there is no current infrastructure on site and of particular concern was the lack of toilets. It was requested that additional seats be added to the plan.	As this is planned for a youth space, toilets are not required as they have the means to be able to travel to facilities. Likewise, while staff understand the link between shops and youth spaces, these are not required to make a space suitable for use. Both designs include a picnic table while Concept A also includes a perch leaner for people watching the basketball tennis area. Capping boards will also provide informal seating along the edge of the dodgeball ring.
Environment and Maintenance Concerns.	
Concern was raised regarding the potential for increased rubbish in the reserve and for cats to soil the sand in the dodgeball ring if that option was chosen. It was also noted that birds nest within the reserve and there may be negative impacts on these birds	Noted and a rubbish bin has been added to both designs. The sand base is more a compacted grit than a soft dry beach sand so this is unlikely to be an issue if Option B is chosen. These reserves are mowed regularly as part of the maintenance programme so nesting birds are already impacted. Native planting areas are provided as part of this proposal which will likely have a positive impact on the local flora and fauna.
Landscape & Visual Appearance	
There was a request to extend planting around the north-west and south sides to increase shelter and some felt that the lack of planting leaves the structure looking like an eyesore	Part of the Gaga Dodgeball game is watching people still in the ring play so access around the edges is important. A small shelter planting area has been added to the plans to break the wind but offset from the ring.
Financial Management	
One response questioned use of ratepayer funds	Noted, this is an approved budget recently confirmed by the Community and Recreation Committee for this purpose
Feedback from people who live adjacent to other reserves	

Residents from Maungatere Reserve also commented on the design at Rakahuri Reserve noting that they felt multiple choices in one location makes sense at the northern end of Pegasus and works well. This was due to a sense that there was more room, less traffic, it has footpaths around the edge and perception that there is a high proportion of families close by.	While Rakahuri Reserve may be a wider open space, the area of this reserve is significantly smaller than Maungatere Reserve. There is no evidence of less traffic and open space provision should consider changing community demographics rather than a static point in time. Staff consider the assessment should focus on the suitability of the proposal within the subject reserve, having regard to its own characteristics, rather than on preferences for alternative locations based on incorrect assumption.
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4.22. *Table 3: Feedback and Staff Response for Waitaki Reserve*

Waitaki Reserve	
Feedback from people who live adjacent to Waitaki Reserve	
Feedback Summary	Staff Response
Location and layout.	
No feedback was received by residents noting that they lived alongside Waitaki Reserve. However, five residents from Maungatere Reserve and one from Rakahuri Reserve provided comments.	Noted
Feedback from people who live adjacent to other reserves	
Many respondents noted that they felt Waitaki reserve was the best location due to it's location in central Pegasus and access to facilities such as toilets, the nearby playground and local shops etc. Others felt Waitaki Reserve was too small and that Blackadder St Reserve is close by so would be better located further north. The risk of children running onto the road chasing balls was noted along with a suggestion to shift the court to the southern area behind the medical practice for more shelter. Two residents from Maungatere Reserve felt that there was sufficient space for a flying fox in this reserve and it would be better located here than at Maungatere.	Preference around location have been noted for the Board's consideration. In response to the feedback around balls, additional planting has been added to the plan to slow balls/running users from accessing Mary Ellen St. The court has not been shifted as it is important to also have good passive surveillance over the space which would otherwise be hidden if tucked around the corner. Staff do not believe there is sufficient space in Waitaki Reserve for a flying fox as well without significant interruption to other users of the space. Staff note, Waitaki reserve is approximately one third the size of Maungatere Reserve.

Key Considerations in Assessing Feedback

- 4.23. Based on the above feedback, staff have updated the concept plans for each reserve. These are provided as Attachment iii: Pegasus Youth Space Conceptual Designs 2026. There are some key considerations which Staff believe need to be understood when assessing the above feedback and the feedback provided previously as part of the previous report, these are as follows;

- 4.24. Youth are a valued and important part of our community and providing spaces where they are able to relax, enjoy and socialise is important for their wellbeing. New Zealand research suggests that youth offending and antisocial behaviour are strongly influenced by levels of social inclusion, belonging, and access to positive community environments. A key driver for this project is to provide such spaces for social inclusion and belonging. This is a local level response for the local youth, it is highly unlikely that youth from other areas of the district will be drawn to travel to the proposed activities and most youth will likely arrive using the pedestrian network.
- 4.25. The feedback provided in this report is solely from neighbours who directly face the reserve. It does not include feedback from the youth or from the wider community. While it is important to understand the views of the neighbouring properties to ensure that where practicable, we are not creating undue issue, it is important that this feedback is reviewed and understood in its place alongside the wider community and user groups as they are directly impacted by the final outcome as well. For this reason the previous report has been attached to this report for your consideration.
- 4.26. There has always been a risk that the recommended option is not preferred by those immediately surrounding a given location or others in the community. It is right to acknowledge that each site considered for this project since its inception has had both advantages and disadvantages. Some of these are real while others may be more perceived risks or concerns based on previous experience in a different context. This means that it is likely that whatever location or activity is chosen by the Board will receive some negative feedback from the community or surrounding neighbours. It is therefore important to note that the Board have been through an incredibly thorough process supported by staff to work with the youth, consider current level of service gaps and consultation with the wider community and adjoining residents.
- 4.27. The recommended activities are all examples of activities that could normally be expected within neighbourhood reserves. Therefore, provided they comply with district plan noise regulations, the associated noise and impacts, while managed as much as possible through design, should not prevent these activities from being provided. Residents living near neighbourhood parks should expect these activities to occur, even where they are not currently provided within the reserve.
- 4.28. Staff have intentionally referenced above which feedback came from residents adjoining the reserve in question and which came from residents adjoining other reserves. It is important to note that a number of submitters identified a comparable youth development at Rakahuri Reserve as an appropriate outcome and acknowledged the benefits of providing youth opportunities, while objecting to a youth space in Maungatere Reserve on the grounds of concerns such as youth loitering, antisocial behaviour, litter and increased traffic/safety concerns. All of which could also be concerns with the other locations. This suggests a correlation between support for the provision of youth spaces, and the counter support for locations relative to neighbouring properties. While this perspective is understood, staff consider the assessment should focus on the suitability of the proposal within the subject reserve, having regard to its own characteristics, rather than on preferences for alternative locations.

Discussion of Approaches Available

- 4.29. While staff believe that all options being considered by the Board are viable and appropriate and will have both opportunities and challenges associated with them, it is also important to remember the holistic goal of this project is to create a series of spaces for youth within Pegasus to enjoy. Part of this is providing the infrastructure for the proposed activity such as a flying fox, dodgeball ring or basketball court/tennis backboard. A larger part is ensuring that the space itself is welcoming and safe for youth to use so that they have a sense of permission to utilise the space for its rightful purpose as a space for youth to congregate, socialise and recreate.
- 4.30. Two locations proposed currently have strong reasons why this holistic outcome may not be able to be met and which could lead to the failure of the project even if the infrastructure was installed. As noted by the Board, while there is space at Karen Eastwood for the gaga dodgeball ring, there is a high risk that its close proximity to the play space makes it undesirable for youth to use and that it would be utilised more by younger age groups. This is a potential risk if the Board chose this option however could still come to fruition.

- 4.31. It has however become very evident from the feedback that almost all residents surrounding Maungatere Reserve are against this proposal. This message has clearly been articulated by multiple emails to staff, elected members, management and the signing of a petition against the proposal by 14 of the 16 residents. While staff have commented above regarding the concerns raised, it is clear that even with these concerns considered and addressed, there would still be a strong level of hostility to any form of youth space being installed within this reserve. While unfortunate, this means that there is little chance of enabling a safe and welcoming environment for youth. This would therefore deem any investment in this reserve for a youth space financially imprudent. Staff therefore do not recommend proceeding with this location.
- 4.32. Staff do not believe there is sufficient space to add a flying fox into the other locations up for consideration without negatively impacting current users of these spaces unless this was substituted for one of the other activities. This means that the recommended options currently would not include a flying fox. Staff do however note that there were other activities which were suggested by the youth which could be investigated further as an alternative in due course. As an example, staff are aware of a group of youth currently using land within Pegasus reserves for informal adventure bike trails and investigations could be undertaken around the feasibility of providing any remaining funding for supporting/enabling this activity. This would enable the majority of the youth space to be completed and available for youth before any remaining budget could be utilised on a different activity. If the Board supported this direction, staff would actively engage with these youth and return to the Board in February 2026 with alternate options for consideration/approval.
- 4.33. As noted in the previous reports, there is a lack in provision for active youth spaces within Northern Pegasus and this proposal was designed to help address this. By nature, this does give stronger weight to the proposal for both activities to be located at Rakahuri Reserve, especially given the proximity of Waitaki Reserve to the School and Blackadder Reserves which both have basketball courts. Combining the two activities also has financial benefits as the supporting amenity landscaping is reduced which lowers overall costs. Some of these additional costs could be offset by changing to sand rather than rubber matting in the gaga dodgeball ring however this would reduce the accessible nature of the space and was not received well through the consultation feedback.
- 4.34. Staff therefore recommend proceeding with Concept A for Rakahuri Reserve which includes both the gaga dodgeball ring and basketball/tennis activities as well as associated amenity landscaping. This could leave budget remaining as a saving to Council or the Board could request staff investigate options for supporting existing youth activities where available and appropriate with associated infrastructure.

5. **OPTIONS**

- 5.1. Based on the above information, staff have identified the following options for the Board's consideration;
- 5.2. **Option 1:** Approve the adoption of Concept A for Rakahuri Reserve. This option provides both the gaga dodgeball ring and basketball/tennis facilities, together with associated landscaping, while remaining within budget. Staff estimate the costs for this option to be approximately \$120,000 which would leave \$72,515 remaining. Any surplus funding may be returned as a saving to Council or used, subject to Board direction, for a flying fox in a different location or infrastructure improvements that support existing youth activities elsewhere in Pegasus. Staff recommend this option.
- 5.3. **Option 2:** Approve the adoption of Concept B for Rakahuri Reserve and the Waitaki Reserve Concept Plan which would see gaga dodgeball at Rakahuri reserve and basketball/tennis at Waitaki Reserve together with associated landscaping. Staff estimate the costs for this option to be approximately \$145,000 which would leave \$48,882 remaining. Any surplus funding may be returned as a saving to Council or used, subject to Board direction, for infrastructure improvements that support existing youth activities elsewhere in Pegasus. While staff believe Option 1 offers better value for money and outcomes for youth, staff also acknowledge the feedback from neighbouring residents preferring option B for Rakahuri. This is a feasible option and while not recommended by staff, would be achievable if chosen by the Board.

- 5.4. **Option 3:** Approve locations for all three activities being split across three separate locations. This would require the Board to choose their preferred location based on the attached plans for each of the three activities. This option would utilise the full budget and could be arranged in a number of ways. However, this would mean that either Karen Eastwood Reserve was utilised for gaga dodgeball (and subsequently leaving Rakahuri available for a flying fox) or, Maungatere Reserve is used for the flying fox. Both of these outcomes utilise a reserve not recommended to proceed in the above discussion due to the risk that they do not provide safe, welcoming and desirable spaces for youth to utilise. Staff therefore do not recommended this option.
- 5.5. **Option 4:** Do not approve any locations at this time and request further information from staff regarding different locations or activities. This project has been progressing for a number of years now and there is clear feedback from the youth, wider community and adjoining neighbours. There are options available to the Board to approve activities directly requested by the youth and appropriate in the recommended locations. To go back to the drawing board would be to ignore this feedback and add significant further delays to this project and the implementation of youth space provision within Pegasus. Staff do not recommend this option.
- 5.6. The Management Team has reviewed this report and supports the recommendations.

6. **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT AND COMMUNITY VIEWS**

Mana Whenua Engagement

- 6.1. The subject matter and/or recommendations contained within this report are not likely to be of interest to mana whenua.

Groups, Organisations and the Wider Community

- 6.2. There are groups, organisations, or members of the wider community likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in, the subject matter of this report. This project has undergone three rounds of engagement with the community (youth, wider community and adjoining neighbours to reserves) and the results of this engagement have been discussed in this report

Implications for Community Wellbeing

- 6.3. There are implications on community wellbeing by the issues and options that are the subject matter of this report. Youth are a valued and important part of our community and providing spaces where they are able to relax, enjoy and socialise is important for their wellbeing. New Zealand research suggests that youth offending and antisocial behaviour are strongly influenced by levels of social inclusion, belonging, and access to positive community environments. A key driver for this project is to provide such spaces for social inclusion and belonging.
- 6.4. Some adjoining residents to reserves discussed within the options have noted negative personal impacts to their own wellbeing and enjoyment of their homes and use of the reserve were particular options to proceed. The Board need to consider this alongside the needs of the wider community and in particular the youth who will use these activities.

Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities

- 6.5. The Council's community outcomes are relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report.

Social ...a place where everyone can have a sense of belonging...

- Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation.
- Our community has access to the knowledge and skills needed to participate fully in society and to exercise choice about how to live their lives.
- Council commits to promoting health and wellbeing and minimizing the risk of social harm to its communities.

Environmental...that values and restores our environment...

- People are supported to participate in improving the health and sustainability of our environment.
- Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces.

Economic...and is supported by a resilient and innovative economy.

- Infrastructure and services are sustainable, resilient, and affordable

- 6.6. The Council's Strategic Priorities are not relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**Financial Implications**

- 7.1. There are financial implications for the decisions sought by this report.
- 7.1. Funding is currently provided within the Annual / Long Term Plan for the Pegasus Youth Space of \$192,515 (101552.000.5223). Staff have estimated that each of the two options could be achieved with the available budget and have provided the high-level costings of these below.
- The following table provides a summary of the funding and costs associated with the recommended option in this report:

Budget/Project Name	Pegasus Youth Space
PJ/GL Number	5103.1015522.530
Total Budget	\$192,515
Spend to Date	Nil
Recommended Tender/Quote/Expenditure	120,000
Other projected Commitments	Nil
Remaining Budget	\$72,515
Further Budget Sought	Nil
Rating Implication	Nil

- Whole of life costs for this work, including relevant ongoing operational expenditure, maintaining planting areas and the removal of rubbish from the bin. This has been estimated at \$703 per annum and will be undertaken through the existing Delta maintenance contract and included within the operational budgets as part of the upcoming LTP. This is expected to have negligible rating impact.

Community Resilience and Sustainability

- 7.2. The recommendations in this report do not have sustainability and/or climate change impacts.

Risk Management

- 7.3. There are risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

- 7.4. There is a risk that the preferred option and location of the community is not preferred by those immediately surrounding a given location or others in the community. It is right to acknowledge that each site considered for this project since its inception has had both advantages and disadvantages. Some of these are real while others may be more perceived risks or concerns based on previous experience in a different context. This means that it is likely that whatever location or activity is chosen by the Board will likely receive some negative feedback from the community or surrounding neighbours. It is therefore important to note that the Board have been through an incredibly thorough process supported by staff to work with the youth, consider current level of service gaps and consulting with the wider community.
- 7.5. Furthermore, the recommended activities are examples of activities that could normally be expected to be found within a neighbourhood reserves. Therefore, the associated noise or impacts, while managed as much as possible through design, should not prevent these activities being provided for youth in these areas as residents close to neighbourhood parks should have a general expectation of these activities occurring – even if not currently provided.
- 7.6. The budget was specifically allocated in response to an identified demand for enhanced youth recreation opportunities. Should the flying fox not be approved, there remains an ongoing risk that this demand will not be fully met and that the expectations of young people for additional recreation opportunities will remain continue. Returning a significant portion as a saving based on not finding a location supported by the neighbouring properties does have a corresponding loss in opportunity to the youth within the community. Based on this risk, staff have recommended that the unallocated budget remain available for the balance of the financial year. Should the community identify any further infrastructure improvements that would support existing youth activities, staff can develop and present options to the Board for consideration. If no suitable opportunities are identified, the project will be reported as completed and the remaining budget returned as a council saving.
- 7.7. There is a risk that the Board is unable to make a decision during this meeting. Should this be the case, the report will lay on the table and staff will await a decision from the Woodend-Sefton Community Board for approval. This would add delay to this project's completion dependant on what further information was required by the Board to make a decision.

Health and Safety

- 7.8. There are health and safety risks arising from the adoption/ implementation of the recommendations in this report. If approved, this will require work to be undertaken within Council reserves and in particular holes being dug and the use of tools and/or machinery. If approved, staff would require any contractors to be Sitewise approved and/or to submit an appropriate health and safety plan (Site Specific Safety Plan – SSSP).

8. CONTEXT

Consistency with Policy

- 8.1. This matter is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Authorising Legislation

- 8.2. The Woodend-Sefton Community Board has the delegated authority to approve the recommendation of this report.

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**REPORT FOR DECISION**

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REPORT TO: WOODEND SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

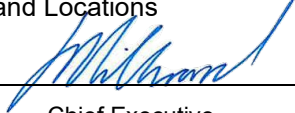
DATE OF MEETING: 08 September 2025

AUTHOR(S): Grant Stephens, Greenspace Design and Planning Team Leader

SUBJECT: Pegasus Youth Space– Approval of Activities and Locations

ENDORSED BY:
(for Reports to Council,
Committees or Boards)


 General Manager


 Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Woodend Sefton Community Board for the recently consulted Pegasus Youth Activities. This report summarises the feedback from the community engagement and provides options for recommendation.
- 1.2. In March 2025 the Woodend Sefton Community Board approved staff to consult, design and install a youth space in Pegasus. The Pegasus Youth Space has been allocated \$192,515 in the Long-Term Plan (LTP). It is important to note that the original intent of this funding was for a skate park within Pegasus to meet levels of service of provision of skate parks in the district. This outlines the provision of skate parks should be evenly distributed across key activity centres and of a size and scale reflective of the population catchment. However, public meetings dating back to 2019 with the Pegasus Residents Group and the Woodend Sefton Community Board have clearly identified a desire to use this budget with a youth focus by listening to the needs and desires of youth in the area to make a considered approach not limited to specifically skate.
- 1.3. Following consultation with the youth, Staff then consulted the wider community on three proposed youth space options using flyers, posters, social media, and the Council's Let's Talk platform. A total of 164 community responses were received, including 22 from Pegasus youth. Further engagement included workshops with students from Woodend, Kaiapoi High, and a submission from Pegasus Primary School. In total, approximately 240 youth and 142 community members participated in this engagement process.
- 1.4. To determine what a youth space in Pegasus might look like, staff have engaged local youth through school visits and an online survey to understand their needs and preferences. Staff have defined youth as being between 12 and 18 years of age as while some definitions go to age 24, those above 18 are generally less reliant on local facilities as they are more independently accessible. Survey results indicate an overall preference for Three Way Split – Rakahuri, Maungatere and Lakeside among both youth and the wider community, though concerns were raised about specific elements, particularly skate features at Lakeside Reserve. While this option remains the top choice, data from Pegasus Bay School which included younger students may have skewed youth results, and Kaiapoi High School showed stronger support for the option of a Dedicated Skate Area.
- 1.5. Two options are presented for the project: Option 1, A Dedicated Skate Item at Karen Eastwood Park, focuses solely on a dedicated skate feature, aligning with the budget's original intent and addressing the skate gap in Pegasus, though at the cost of variety. Option 2, Distributed Youth Spaces Approach, offers a mix of youth-focused activities across Pegasus, promoting inclusivity but not meeting the original skate park service provision. Each option carries opportunity costs, and the decision ultimately rests with the Pegasus community, balancing broad appeal against targeted provision.

- 1.6. If Option 2 is preferred, this would require C&R Committee approval as the delegation to change the capital programme and individual project purpose sits with committee delegation. Activities are recommended at three locations: Karen Eastwood Park, Waitaki Reserve, and Rakahuri Reserve. Greenway and Maungatere Reserves are not recommended due to low preference from the community. Concerns such as safety, noise, and community impact were raised during feedback. The safety comment appeared to be in relation to the perception associated with skate parks not necessarily with the activity itself. Lakeside Reserve was not recommended for progression due to limited support from the community.
- 1.7. Staff have brought the two options available back to the Woodend Sefton Community Board to make a decision between two very different options for the youth of Pegasus. Both options offer valuable outcomes but come with trade-offs, making it difficult for staff to recommend one over the other. The decision should instead reflect the priorities of the Pegasus community, acknowledging that any choice will bring benefits to some and disappointment to others
- 1.8. If approved by the Board, staff will proceed with detailed design—including landscaping features—and present final plans for approval in the new term, noting that construction is expected to begin in early 2026 following procurement and tendering.

Attachments:

- i. Pegasus Youth Space - Wider Community Consultation Report (Trim: 250826157898)
- ii. Pegasus Bay School - Pegasus Youth Space Consultation Report (Trim: 250826157897)
- iii. Woodend School - Pegasus Youth Space Consultation Report (Trim: 250826157900)
- iv. Kaiapoi High School - Pegasus Youth Space Consultation Report (Trim: 250826157899)
- v. Table of Other Activities Identified During Consultation (Trim: 250827158302)

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Woodend Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250225030706.
- (b) **Approves** Option 1: A Dedicated Skate Item at Karen Eastwood Park. This would use the full \$192,515 budget allocated for Pegasus Youth Space.

OR

- (c) **Recommends** Option 2: Distributed Youth Spaces Approach to the Community and Recreation Committee for approval. This would include a Flying Fox at Rakahuri Reserve (\$65,000) Gaga Dodgeball at Karen Eastwood Park (\$55,000) and Basketball Half Court/Tennis Backboard at Waitaki Reserve (\$50,000)
- (d) **Notes** recommendation C requires Community and Recreation Committee approval as the delegation to change the capital programme and individual project purpose sits with committee delegation.
- (e) **Notes** that The Pegasus Youth Space has been allocated \$192,515 (101552.000.5223) in the Long-Term Plan. Both options recommended are estimated within this budget including associated landscape amenity.
- (f) **Notes** Staff have consulted with Pegasus youth and the wider community, and the feedback received has informed the recommended outcomes detailed in this report
- (g) **Notes** that once locations and activities are approved by the Board, staff will undertake detailed design for the youth space and bring these back to the Board for final approval noting construction is planned for early 2026.
- (h) **Notes** the original budget allocation aimed to address the shortfall in skatepark level of service provision within Pegasus. Approval of Option 1 would not resolve this gap locally, although will be available in neighbouring Ravenswood.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. This joint project between the Greenspace Team and the Youth Development Facilitator, with support from the Communications and Engagement Team is to consult, design and install space for youth space within Pegasus. The Pegasus Youth Space has been allocated \$192,515 in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and staff have been working through the engagement process following a workshop with the Woodend Sefton Community Board in December 2023 to determine what this space is.
- 3.2. The process undertaken so far has therefore been to ensure that the needs and objectives of the local youth were understood before making proposals on what this space might be. It was therefore important that the local youth are engaged with initially to create a sense of ownership of the project and eventual space. For the purposes of this project staff have defined youth as being between 12 and 18 years of age as while some definitions go to age 24, those above 18 are generally less reliant on local facilities as they are more independently accessible. In total, staff consulted through the Stage 1 Engagement Process with approximately 140 youth which led to a vast amount of relevant and helpful information to inform the next step of the process.

Option	Description	Location
1	Dedicated Skate Area	Karen Eastwood Park or Waitaki Reserve
2	Basketball/Tennis Court	Rakahuri Reserve
	Double Flying Fox	Maungatere Reserve
	Lakeside Links	Lakeside Pathway
3	Natural Nest	Rakahuri Reserve
	Gaga Dodgeball	Maungatere Reserve
	Greenway Links	The Greenway

- 3.3. This feedback was presented and discussed in detail in a report brought to the Board in March 2025 (Pegasus Youth Space Options – Approval to Undertake Consultation Trim: 250225030706). It highlighted that youth enjoy locations like the beach, lake, and parks such as Wanaka Reserve. They prefer active activities (walking, biking) and passive ones (hanging out) and want diverse opportunities, especially for sports, recreation and play. A good youth space should be fun, safe, clean, accessible, and offer engaging activities.
- 3.4. After reviewing feedback, staff undertook a review of current sites in Pegasus. It was identified that Active Play, Active Sports, and Small Wheels were all categories which had room for improved provision. Three options were developed for a youth space, including a designated small wheel element and two options which include a range of options across Pegasus. The proposed options are shown in the below table, and staff sought approval to undertake consultation with the wider community to determine the preferences and feedback around these options.

4. **ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1. Staff have now completed consultation with the community on the three options which was carried out through a number of methods. A let's talk flyer was distributed to all properties that directly faced on to one of the six potential reserves (Maungatere Reserve, Pegasus Lake, Waitaki Reserve, Karen Eastwood Reserve, Rakahuri Reserve and the Greenway) and left at community spaces such as the Pegasus, Kaiapoi and Rangiora Community Centres. Posters were put up around the vicinity of these reserves also and in other community spaces such as at the beach with QR codes people could scan to directly go to the let's talk page.
- 4.2. The Let's Talk Pegasus Youth Space page was shared on the Council Website and social media and was then re shared on a number of local facebook groups such as the Pegasus Residents Group Page. The site had 313 visitors and 120 people provided online feedback. A further 44 people provided written feedback which was uploaded manually making a total of 164 responses from the community. Of these responses, 22 were from youth in Pegasus.

- 4.3. It was also important to return to the Youth and identify if what we had proposed fitted with what they anticipated. Staff therefore undertook workshops with students at Woodend School (35 year 8 students) and Kaiapoi High School where 50 students who live in Pegasus gave their feedback. Students were given an opportunity to answer the questions from the survey in an interactive and interesting way and were very engaged in both situations. While Pegasus Primary School didn't have capacity for a workshop with the Year 8 students, a group of year 8 students who are the schools Sustainable Development Goal Ambassadors lead a process internally and provided staff with a detailed submission from their school students representing.
- 4.4. In total, staff engaged through the Stage 2 Engagement Process with approximately 240 youth and 142 contributors from the community outside of the youth age bracket. The feedback received is attached to this report as Attachments i through to iv.
- 4.5. Staff collated the results of all of this feedback and have discussed this below based on three different categories:
- Preference for Options 1,2 or 3
 - Feedback on Specific Activities
 - Feedback on Specific Locations

Preference for Options 1,2 or 3

- 4.6. Respondents were asked to rate their preference for Option One (Dedicated Skate Area), Option Two (Three Way Split, Rakahuri, Maungatere and Lakeside) and Option Three (Three Way Split – Rakahuri, Maungatere and Greenway). The results show a clear alignment in preference between both youth and the wider community with the preferred option being Option 2.

Preference for Options 1, 2 or 3		
2025	Youth Average	Community Average
Option 1	Middle	Middle
Option 2	Highest	Highest
Option 3	Lowest	Lowest

- 4.7. While Option 2 was the overall preferred option, there were a number of responses where people identified that even if this was their preference, there were elements within this option which had issues relating to both specific locations and the proposed activities within them. As an example, a number of people showed support for the basketball/Tennis backboard at Rakahuri Reserve and flying fox at Maungatere Reserve but expressed concerns around the proposed skate elements around the Lakeside Reserve. While this feedback is discussed further in the relevant sections below, it highlights that even with the aligned preference, there are difficulties with the proposed sites which mean simply choosing between these options is not going to lead to the best results.
- 4.8. It should also be noted that while Option 2 was the preferred option based on the raw data, staff are aware that the Pegasus School submission included results from all ages at the school rather than limiting to just those in the youth age group. Unfortunately, staff were unable to pull out the results specifically from youth from the data provided and this therefore skews the results slightly.
- 4.9. If the Pegasus Bay School data is removed from the results, Option 2 is still preferred but only by a very narrow margin and if one only looked at the Kaiapoi High School results, Option 1 was the clear favourite. This would suggest that the younger students at Pegasus have less interest in skate whereas the older students do. Based on this understanding it is clear that both Options 1 and 2 are of interest to the youth and wider community.

- 4.10. Staff recommend the Board could therefore proceed with either Option 1 or Option 2 although if the second option was chosen, staff would suggest that a hybrid result is required taking into account the feedback on preference of activity and location as discussed below. These specific activities are discussed in detail below.

Feedback on Specific Activities

- 4.11. Respondents were asked to rank the different activities proposed within the three options provided above. These activities were; flying fox, dedicated skate item, basketball/tennis backboard, natural nest, gaga dodgeball and skate elements (along a path).

Preference for Activities		
Youth Preference	Ranking	Community Preference
Flying fox	1st	Flying fox
Basketball/Tennis Backboard	2nd	Basketball/Tennis Backboard
Gaga Dodgeball	3rd	Skate elements
Dedicated Skate item	4th	Dedicated Skate item
Natural nest	5th	Natural nest
Skate elements	6th	Gaga Dodgeball

- 4.12. Based on the above table, both the flying fox and the Basketball/Tennis Backboard are the preferred activities both by the youth and by the wider community. Staff therefore would recommend that these two activities progress as youth spaces as part of this project.
- 4.13. While the youth ranked Gaga dodgeball as third, this was in sixth or last place by the community. This could have been because it is a relatively new sport which would be more recognisable to youth than older age groups. The lower community ranking may also have been because of the perceived noise impacts on the community.
- 4.14. The dedicated skate item was ranked in fourth place by both the community and the youth while skate elements was ranked sixth/last by the youth and third by the community. Based on this feedback, as the skate elements option wasn't supported by the youth or strongly by the wider community in either location, staff don't recommend this progressing. Likewise, the natural nest was ranked in fifth place by both the community and the youth and therefore staff would recommend that this option not be progressed either.
- 4.15. The dedicated skate item was a larger element which would require the complete budget to install and would therefore prevent any of the other options progressing. It should be noted that this was the original intent of the budget provided based on Council's levels of service outlining the provision of skate parks should be evenly distributed across key activity centres and of a size and scale reflective of the population catchment. Pegasus currently does not have any provision for skate currently so any decision not to provide this needs to be made with an understanding that this would be unlikely to be funded in the future by Council and skaters would need to utilise skate facilities in other areas such as Ravenswood.
- 4.16. As noted above, staff are aware that the Pegasus Bay School submission included results from all ages at the school rather which skews the results slightly. If the Pegasus Bay School data is removed from the results, the Flying Fox and Basketball/Tennis options still remain in the top three but the dedicated skate item jumps to second in preference for youth.
- 4.17. This would suggest that the younger students at Pegasus have less interest in skate whereas the older students do. This corresponds with the results of Kaiapoi High where a dedicated skate item ranked second from their data set and the youth from the wider community where it ranked third.

- 4.18. A number of other activities were suggested as part of the feedback which have been included in the attached table Attachment v. Some of these options have been identified as well out of scope of the project while others do have merit and staff have made comments on these for the Board's consideration. It is important to note that no consultation has been undertaken on these ideas so it is not possible for staff to identify if these would be preferred over other activities. Staff have made comments against each option noting whether it has potential or is not recommended and the reasons/considerations that would be required including potential location. Those with potential would need to be swapped with one of the recommended activities as there would be insufficient budget to account for additional activities. This list also provides a helpful resource for future projects should there be community support to drive either funding or requests to Council.

Based on the above, there are two options which the Board could follow when it comes to activities and both have positive outcomes and opportunity costs which make it challenging for staff to recommend one over the other. Rather, this decision needs to be made by the Pegasus community through the Woodend Sefton Community Board noting that either way there will be some who are excited by the outcome and some who will be disappointed.

Option 1: Dedicated Skate Feature

- 4.19. This option would see the dedicated skate feature progress with the full budget utilised for this project. As noted above, this option was second in preference if the results from Pegasus Bay School are removed so as to limit to only those in the youth age group. With only the Flying Fox ranked higher in this situation, there is a compelling case that this is a strongly sought after item by youth – especially if scores relating to the Skate Elements were added to this (being also a skate related activity) This option would honour the original intent of the budget and would mean that the level of service for skate park provision would be met in Pegasus. This would also mean that the youth who desired a skate element would not need to leave their community in order to access one
- 4.20. **Opportunity Cost:** This option would not provide a broad range of options for youth, some of whom may not enjoy the skate activity. This option would mean that none of the other options – including the flying fox which ranked highest would be progressed using this budget. There is therefore a risk that if this option was approved, it may lead to unmet expectations within the community. A limited scope may lead to lower engagement from youth who are less interested in skate activities, which could affect the overall inclusivity and community impact of the space. Broadening the design could help ensure it appeals to a wider range of users and maximizes the value of the investment.
- 4.21. While this option is not as inclusive of other recreational pursuits, it is possible that some of the other elements in Option 1 could be provided in the future through budgets such as play space renewals or by external sources such as the school as an expected level of service within reserves.
- 4.22. **Financial Implications:** This option would use the full scope of the budget provided of \$190,000. This would include both the construction as well as any work required to make the space suitable for a skate element in the location and associated landscape amenities.

Option 2: Distributed Youth Spaces Approach

- 4.23. This option would see a Flying Fox, Basketball/Tennis backboard and Gaga Dodgeball Court installed in different locations around Pegasus. This would reflect the results from all youth surveyed including the full Pegasus Bay School submission. While this submission does include younger children's views, they are the children who directly live in Pegasus and will grow using these spaces. This option means that there would be a variety of different activities provided which meet the broader needs of the youth in the area rather than a more focused group who enjoy skate. It also reflects that Flying Fox and Basketball/Tennis backboard both ranked in the top three no matter how the results are viewed.

- 4.24. **Opportunity Cost:** This option however does not meet the levels of service provision as noted above for skate parks/elements within the district for which this budget was originally created. It is unlikely that additional budget or space will be allocated to this area in the future for this purpose so if the community approve Option 1 this would be to accept that skate will not likely be an activity provided within this community.
- 4.25. It is evident through the consultation that there are a number of youth in Pegasus who would like a skate park/element and if not provided through this project, it is likely that they will continue to request this activity or seek it in other areas. There are plans for a skate element to be included as part of the Ravenswood Development approximately three km from the centre of Pegasus which could become more accessible in the future should the detailed design of the Woodend Bypass include safe pedestrian access across the motorway but currently this is not accessible to youth.
- 4.26. While expanding the design to cater to a wider audience may seem inclusive, it risks diluting the core purpose of the space. Trying to accommodate too many interests can lead to a lack of focus, resulting in facilities that are too generic or underwhelming for any specific group. In this scenario, the space may fail to deeply engage any community, including skaters, and ultimately struggle to deliver meaningful impact or sustained use.
- 4.27. **Financial Implications:** Staff identified the costs of these three activities in the previous report as shown below. Based on this, it is likely that there would be \$20,000 remaining which could be put towards a fourth activity or be kept as contingency/potential project savings. As noted above, no budget is allocated in this option to skate features and it is unlikely that future funding would be provided for these types of assets.

Activity	Budget
Double Flying Fox	\$65,000
Basketball Half Court with Tennis Backboard	\$50,000
Gaga Dodgeball	\$55,000
Total	\$170,000
Remaining Budget	\$20,000

Feedback on Specific Locations

- 4.28. Respondents were asked to rank their preferred location for a youth space based on six potential sites (Karen Eastwood, Waitaki, Rakahuri, Maungatere, Lakeside and the Greenway Reserves). In a separate question, they were also asked to rank their preferred location for a dedicated skate element, with two options available of Karen Eastwood or Waitaki Reserves. Some also suggested other locations however, for the purpose of this report, these have not been considered as the potential locations have previously been considered in detail within the report to the Board (Pegasus Youth Space Options – Approval to Undertake Consultation Trim: 250225030706) which was approved by the Board prior to undertaking consultation.

Preferred Location for Dedicated Skate Item

- 4.29. The results from feedback show a clear preference for Karen Eastwood Reserve over Waitaki reserve which in both the youth and the wider community results scored less than half as popular as Karen Eastwood. Reasons given for this talk to the distance from residents, the potential hubbing of associated noisy activities and the impact on other users of Waitaki Reserve if this option was approved.
- 4.30. Some feedback noted that if a dedicated skate item was created, there was a desire for more than just one item and the potential for a future full skate park. Staff note that there is insufficient budget or space for numerous skate features or larger skate park. However, the budget provided has been set on a per capita basis where the size offered here is based on the population of the Pegasus Community. This means it is unlikely that additional funding would be provided in Pegasus for more elements or a larger skate park as this would be above the LOS. Staff therefore are confident that the location recommended is sufficient to provide for the LOS provision for Skating in Pegasus.

Preferred Location for a Distributed Youth Spaces Approach

- 4.31. The results from this feedback show that each location has positive attributes as well as concerns highlighted which need to be considered. The feedback from each location has been discussed below. . It should be noted that while 'Other Location' scored higher for the wider community when looking at the raw data. However this was then split across various different locations suggested. As noted above, these locations have already been approved by the Board after a significant process of considering all available options

Karen Eastwood Park (Community 1: Youth 1)

- 4.32. This location also received the most positive feedback across the different options. Respondents noted that it already has an established playground and infrastructure for play, making it a natural extension for further activities. It was also noted that the space is central & well monitored and the proximity to the lake and shops, with potential for CCTV monitoring and high foot traffic increased safety. It was also noted that this space had great accessibility as it is within walking and biking distance for most Pegasus residents.



- 4.33. Concerns were however raised about placing noisy facilities like skateparks or courts near residential properties and the potential for antisocial behaviour if youth activities aren't properly managed. It was also raised that there was a risk of overcrowding. Concentrating too many activities in one area could potentially overwhelm the space or nearby residents.

Waitaki Reserve (Community 2: Youth 3)

- 4.34. Respondents noted Waitaki Reserve for its central location being close to Pegasus Medical Centre and other amenities, making it accessible and visible. Some felt that it would have a low residential impact being surrounded by fewer homes compared to other proposed sites, reducing potential disruption. It was also noted that the space offers open space for youth to gather without disturbing quiet residential streets.



- 4.35. Others felt that there was a demographic mismatch as this area is mostly populated by older residents with few children nearby. In particular, this had potential for disruption to the peaceful surroundings if high-activity facilities were introduced. It was also noted that the reserve is already used for family activities like football, dog walking, and casual gatherings. These activities could be impacted by the introduction of a youth space in this reserve.

Rakahuri Reserve (Community 3: Youth 4)

- 4.36. While ranking third in the community, there were still some concerns raised regarding this Rakahuri Reserve. One respondent noted that the option of building "the nest" in the linkage area near Te Kohanga Wetlands is inappropriate due to being a flood and tsunami flow path, as well as its proximity to residential homes. It was also noted that Rakahuri Reserve is far from Pegasus town centre, lacks parking, has narrow streets, and is distant from the school—making access difficult, especially for children and emergency services. Concern was also raised that the proposed tennis and basketball courts in Rakahuri Reserve could create excessive noise for nearby residents. A central location near the lake, away from homes, is suggested instead



Maungatere Reserve (Community 4: Youth 6)

- 4.37. The ranking for Maungatere Reserve was interesting as the flying fox was proposed in Maungatere Reserve and scored the highest in terms of favoured activity.
- 4.38. Some noted that Maungatere Reserve is already a valued green space with existing recreational users and that it is one of the few remaining open green areas in Pegasus, cherished by both youth and adults. It is already popular for walking, running, biking, dog exercise, ball games (football, rugby, frisbee), and kite flying. There is concern that a youth space would compete/ prevent some of these existing activities.
- 4.39. Noise from the proposed activities of a double flying fox or Gaga Dodgeball pit was also raised as a concern with the expectation raised that they would generate loud disruptive noise (e.g. loud impacts, shouting, ball thumping). It was noted that the reserve is surrounded by homes, making it unsuitable for high-activity youth installations that could disturb the quiet character of the area. Others expressed concerns around safety and privacy. Elevated structures (e.g. launch towers) were seen as having potential to create sightlines into private homes, compromising residents' privacy and that the well-lit streets around the reserve could attract loitering and late-night activity if youth facilities are added.
- 4.40. Some felt that it was a misplaced investment using this location and that funding should focus on enhancing the successful town centre play area near the lake, rather than developing less-used or peripheral spaces. Spreading facilities across multiple reserves was seen as a lost opportunity to build on the success of central, vibrant community hubs.



Lakeside Reserve (Community 5: Youth 2)

- 4.41. This ranking of this Lakeside Reserve indicates a significant disparity in perception between age groups. Some respondents supported the idea of small-wheel elements (skate/scooter/bike) around the Lakeside Path, noting they could be well used by all age groups. It was also felt that there was available space with wider grassy areas near the lake seen as suitable for light recreational use if thoughtfully designed.
- 4.42. Others raised concerns around safety noting the already high levels of pedestrian traffic (walkers, runners, dog walkers, cyclists, elderly on mobility scooters, and parents with prams) which makes the area unsuitable for skate or other high-speed activities. The risks of collisions and overcrowding due to mixed-use congestion were seen as high.
- 4.43. Concerns were raised about constant background noise affecting residents and visitors and that skateboards and youth activity equipment would disrupt the peaceful, reflective environment of the lakeside.
- 4.44. The potential environmental impact of skate elements/youth was also noted. The lakeside is valued as a tranquil, natural space; skateboarding and similar activities were seen as incompatible with its character. The lake is also home to a number of migratory birds, some endangered such as the Crested Grebe. One resident therefore felt that noisy activities which encouraged youth into the area could create a risk to the nesting habits and safety of these birds. Social behaviour issues were raised due to previous experiences near skateparks (e.g. in Lyttelton) included graffiti, drug use/sales, vandalism, and antisocial behaviour. Fear was raised that similar issues could arise in Pegasus if a skatepark is introduced. Once again a demographic mismatch was observed with the area heavily used by families and older residents; youth may prefer more private, dedicated spaces for their activities. This led to scepticism that teenagers would use a lakeside facility shared with families.



The Greenway Reserve (Community 6: Youth 5)



- 4.45. Respondents expressed appreciation for the current state of the Greenway, describing it as “perfect as it is” giving implied support for maintaining its natural and functional design without introducing new recreational elements.

- 4.46. Frequent car collisions and failure to stop at crossings were noted and speeding vehicles and narrow lanes already pose risks to pedestrians as they traverse the reserve. This could be significantly worse if skaters were traveling at speed. Concerns that skate elements might attract cars and encourage reckless driving behaviour, such as cutting across intersections at speed could lead to increased risk of serious accidents or fatalities. The pathway is also heavily used by walkers, including parents with young children and dog walkers. It was felt that introducing skate elements could lead to dangerous interactions and near misses. It was also raised that too many road crossings make it unsuitable for uninterrupted skating or wheeled activity.
- 4.47. The Greenway's long, straight layout was described as "boring" for skaters with the suggestion that even if installed, skate elements may not be well used or appreciated by the intended audience in this location. Space constraints were also raised as there is limited usable space due to a flood flow path down the centre, swales along the margins and trees occupying grassy strips. These features were seen to restrict the addition of skate or wheel-based infrastructure.

Recommended Location Options for a Distributed Youth Spaces Approach

- 4.48. Staff have considered the above feedback and note that all have challenges which would need to be addressed when it comes to the addition of a youth space. It is also important to note that some feedback, while genuinely felt by adjoining landowners, is based on an assumption that greenspaces will not be developed further or that they should not generate noisy activities. It is a reasonable expectation that any neighbourhood reserve can be utilised for the intended use under the Neighbourhood Reserves Management Plan and this includes activities such as play features and youth based activities.
- 4.49. However, this process has identified two locations which staff would not recommend progressing for the following reasons.
- **The Greenway:** This reserve was ranked lowest by the community and second lowest by the youth suggesting that it would not be well utilised for youth-based activities. Respondents also noted a high number of safety concerns – in particular regarding the risk of vehicle/pedestrian collisions due to the layout of the reserve. As discussed above, the Skate Elements option was not highly popular with youth and there is insufficient space to undertake other activities within this reserve.
 - **Maungatere Reserve:** Although Maungatere Reserve is a valued green space, it was the least preferred location by youth, suggesting it would not be well utilised for youth-focused activities. Additionally, significant opposition from local residents—citing concerns around noise, privacy, and disruption to existing recreational use—indicates that developing a youth space here could lead to ongoing tension between youth users and the surrounding community
- 4.50. Staff also note that due to the low popularity of the skate elements option, the Lakeside Reserve (within which this was the only option proposed) would therefore not progress. Staff considered if one of the other options could be 'relocated' to Lakeside Reserve such as the tennis court or gaga dodgeball however the proximity to the lake makes ball related activities troublesome and some of the objections raised regarding this site are transferrable such as the potential impact on the birdlife and the highly visible nature of the site which could make youth less likely to use the site and create tension with the surrounding neighbours.
- 4.51. This leaves three locations open for consideration. These are; Karen Eastwood Park, Rakahuri Reserve and Waitaki Reserve. Staff have discussed these at more length below and considered their suitability for the activity options as recommended above.

Karen Eastwood Park

- 4.52. Staff agree that there are a number of positive attributes associated with this site, it is easily accessible, close to amenities and already has an activity (play space) which generates noise so there is already an expectation from surrounding residents of noisy activities in this location.
- 4.53. There is however not sufficient space for a flying fox and while a basketball half court/tennis backboard would fit in the space, this would either be close to the lake edge or, close to the car park. Both of these could increase associated risk to users. There is however sufficient space for a gaga dodgeball pit within this area without significant rearrangement required and an appropriate distance from the beach and car park.
- 4.54. There is a risk that locating a youth activity within the existing play space frequented by a younger age group would limit the use of the space by youth. It is likely that at times, younger children will utilise any additional activity in this space. However, the advantage of Gaga dodge ball is that it is a game that can be played across age groups and which works best with a larger number of players. Locating this activity in an already well used location increases the opportunity for larger numbers of players while not negatively impacting on the wider play space.

Waitaki Reserve

- 4.55. As above this was the second preference of the community and third for youth. The only activity proposed for this site previously was the dedicated skate element and it is likely that it was concerns around this that lead to unrest regarding antisocial behaviour potentially associated with a youth space. While there may be a perception of a demographic mismatch, the highest proportion of youth identified as living closest to Waitaki/Karen Eastwood Reserve. It is also a potential that youth with family who visit the play space at Karen Eastwood, may make the short walk to Waitaki Reserve to use a youth space if provided. This space is located near amenities and older youth may also appreciate the nearby café.
- 4.56. Unlike Karen Eastwood, there is sufficient space for either of the three activities. However, Staff recognise the potential impact on other users that an activity the size of a flying fox might take up (especially given the confined nature from existing trees and structures) so wouldn't recommend this at Waitaki Reserve. Given the suitability for Gaga Dodgeball at Karen Eastwood, the recommendation would be for the Basketball/Tennis backboard to be located at Waitaki Reserve. This could be located in the north western corner so as not to impede on other users significantly and away from existing residents.

Rakahuri Reserve

- 4.57. As the two other locations recommended are in central Pegasus, and noting the outcomes of the previous report (Pegasus Youth Space Options – Approval to Undertake Consultation Trim: 250225030706) which highlighted a lack of youth activities in northern Pegasus, this reserve is actually in prime location for the third youth space. It is also currently completely undeveloped and a very large open space meaning that there is sufficient space for a flying fox or similar without preventing use for other activities or being located too close to neighbouring properties.
- 4.58. It is important to note that while there is a perception around the noise generated by flying foxes, we have a number of these in the district in close proximity to neighbouring residents. With the new nylon based running system utilised at parks such as Owen Stalker and Townsend fields, we have received no complaints or concerns raised from neighbouring residents. The fox at Owen Stalker Park in particular is less than 15m from one resident and 20m from another.

- 4.59. There is therefore sufficient space within Rakahuri Reserve for a 30-40m flying fox while still leaving space for other users to kick a ball around etc. Likewise, should the Board choose to proceed with one of the 'other' options as per Attachment v, this is where staff would recommend that these could be located eg a bmx pump track.

Recommended Youth Space Outcome

- 4.60. Based on the above feedback, staff have therefore come to the following potential outcomes as outlined in the below tables for the Board to consider;

Option 1: Distributed Youth Spaces Approach		
Location	Activity	Budget
Karen Eastwood Park	Gaga Dodgeball	\$55,000
Waitaki Reserve	Basketball Half Court with Tennis Backboard	\$50,000
Rakahuri Reserve	Flying Fox	\$65,000
	Total	\$170,000

Option 2: Dedicated Skate Item		
Location	Activity	Budget
Karen Eastwood Park	Skate Element	\$190,000
	Total	\$190,000

- 4.61. Should the Board approve staff progressing with either of these options, staff will undertake detailed design of the associated reserves/activities including associated landscaping features such as seats, paths etc and bring these back to the Board for final approval at the November Board meeting. Work will then commence to tender and procure the youth space with construction planned for early 2026.

Implications for Community Wellbeing

There are implications on community wellbeing by the issues and options that are the subject matter of this report. The youth in Pegasus have confirmed that there is not adequate provision of space and activities for them to enjoy within the Pegasus community. This can lead to isolation and other wellbeing challenges for youth if not addressed and can be a contributing factor to other antisocial behaviour due to these wellbeing challenges and not having other activities to occupy time.

This report seeks approval of a youth space aimed at improving the level of service to youth in Pegasus and which has been developed in collaboration with the youth of the area and through consultation with the wider community. It was important that the wider community and existing users of these spaces had an opportunity to provide feedback to help develop this project into a successful community asset.

- 4.62. The Management Team has reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

5. COMMUNITY VIEWS

5.1. **Mana whenua**

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū are not likely to be affected by or have an interest in the subject matter of this report.

5.2. **Groups and Organisations**

There are groups and organisations likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. Staff have already consulted with Woodend and Pegasus Primary Schools and Kaiapoi High School to support the development of this proposal and have returned to these schools for feedback speaking to over 240 youth.

The Pegasus Residents Association is also interested in this project and were provided with copies of the lets talk flyer to provide feedback and to keep at the Pegasus Community Centre for anyone who may wish to provide feedback as well as being requested to share the consultation information on their social media.

There may be other groups who may have an interest in outcome and who will either have provided feedback through the general process or were able to contact staff and meet directly with them. One group was a Menz Shed from Christchurch who have recently built a Gaga dodgeball pit for a local school and offered their services to the Pegasus Mens Shed to support them should this option proceed and they wish to tender for this project.

5.3. Wider Community

The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. This is the reason that consultation has been undertaken with the wider community. In total, staff engaged through the Stage 2 Engagement Process with approximately 240 youth and 142 contributors from the community outside of the youth age bracket. This means contributions were received from over 380 people. The results of this feedback are discussed in detail in Section 4 above.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1. Financial Implications

There are financial implications of the decisions sought by this report. While this report is seeking confirmation of the final activities and locations for these youth spaces, staff will then proceed with detailed design for these reserves and a report will be brought back to the Board's November meeting for approval to implement. This report will include an accurate cost estimate for the specific work required in each reserve to undertake the related activity.

- 6.2. There is budget included in the Long-Term Plan for the Pegasus Youth Space of \$192,515 (101552.000.5223). While originally allocated to meet the level of service provision of Skate Parks in the district, the community, Residents Association and Board have consistently asked staff to seek the views of the community to ensure that the space created meets the needs of the local youth population.

Staff have estimated that each of the two options could be achieved with the available budget and have provided the high-level costings of these below.

Option 1: Distributed Youth Spaces Approach		
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Karen Eastwood Park	Gaga Dodgeball	\$55,000
Waitaki Reserve	Basketball Half Court with Tennis Backboard	\$50,000
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	Total	\$170,000
Option 2: Dedicated Skate Item		
Location	Activity	Budget
Karen Eastwood Park	Skate Element	\$190,000
	Total	\$190,000

The estimated costs in the above table include the costs of the actual elements as well as costs of associated landscaping requirements such as pathways, planting etc. Professional fees and a 10% contingency budget are also included within these costs.

As noted above, there are a number of other options which were raised through consultation and staff have made recommendations in Attachment v as to their potential. Should the Board choose to proceed with one of these options, this would need to be instead of one of the current recommended options as there is insufficient budget to add a fourth activity/location.

6.3. **Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The recommendations in this report do not have sustainability and/or climate change impacts as they are only recommending the approval of location and activity for the youth space. During the detailed design of these spaces, staff will work to identify local sources and contractors where possible. Sustainability is more than just

6.4. **Risk Management**

There are risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

It should be noted that the original intent of the budget was based on Council's levels of service outlining the provision of skate parks should be evenly distributed across key activity centres and of a size and scope reflective of the population catchment. This was subsequently allocated on a per capita basis based on the population of Pegasus. Pegasus currently does not have any provision for skate currently so any decision not to provide this (Option 1) needs to be made with an understanding that this would be unlikely to be funded in the future by Council and skaters would need to utilise skate facilities in other areas such as Ravenswood.

There is a risk that the preferred option and location of the community is not preferred by those immediately surrounding a given location or others in the community. It is right to acknowledge that each site considered for this project since its inception has had both advantages and disadvantages. Some of these are real while others may be more perceived risks or concerns based on previous experience in a different context. This means that it is likely that whatever location or activity is chosen by the Board will likely receive some negative feedback from the community or surrounding neighbours.

It is therefore important to note that the Board have been through an incredibly thorough process supported by staff to work with the youth, consider current level of service gaps and consulting with the wider community.

Furthermore, the recommended activities in Option 1 are examples of activities that could normally be expected to be found within a neighbourhood reserves. Therefore, the associated noise or impacts, while managed as much as possible through design, should not prevent these activities being provided for youth in these areas as residents close to neighbourhood parks should have a general expectation of these activities occurring – even if not currently provided.

Should major concerns be raised, staff will look to work with the respondents and adjacent residents to find a resolution before bringing the detailed design back to the Board and if need be will keep the Board informed throughout this process. As a destination Community Reserve, the skate element proposed in Option 2 is also in line with the type of activity suitable for Karen Eastwood Park.

There is a risk that the Board is unable to make a decision during this September meeting. Should this be the case, the report will lay on the table and staff will await the end of the election period before coming back to the newly elected Woodend Sefton Community Board for approval. This would add approximately two months to the timetable for completion shown in Section 4.

Health and Safety

There are no health and safety risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report. It is for approval of location and activity only and does not approve any physical works.

7. CONTEXT

7.1. **Consistency with Policy**

This matter is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

7.2. Authorising Legislation

Reserves Act 1977

Neighbourhood Reserves Management Plan 2015

7.3. Consistency with Community Outcomes

The Council's community outcomes are relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report.

Social ...a place where everyone can have a sense of belonging...

- Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation.
- Our community has access to the knowledge and skills needed to participate fully in society and to exercise choice about how to live their lives.
- Council commits to promoting health and wellbeing and minimizing the risk of social harm to its communities.

Environmental...that values and restores our environment...

- People are supported to participate in improving the health and sustainability of our environment.
- Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces.

Economic...and is supported by a resilient and innovative economy.

- Infrastructure and services are sustainable, resilient, and affordable
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7.4. Authorising Delegations

The Woodend Sefton Community Board has the delegated authority to approve the recommendation of this report.

Pegasus Youth Space - Wider Community Consultation Report

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

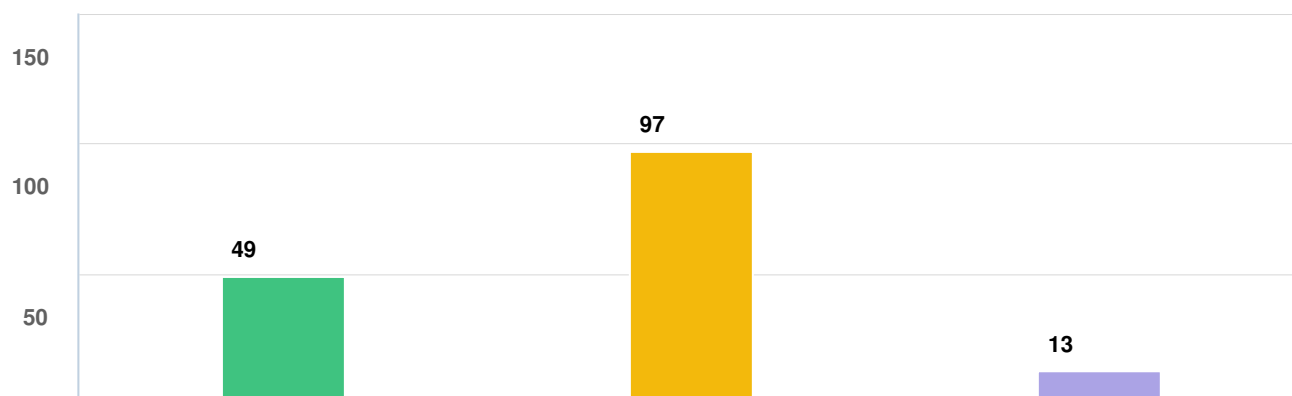
21 February 2020 - 18 June 2025

PROJECT NAME:

Pegasus Youth Space - play options



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Which option do you like the most?**Question options**

- Option 1 - dedicated skate area in Karen Eastwood Park or Waitaki Reserve
- Option 2 - basketball / tennis court in Rakahuri Reserve, double flying fox in Maungatere Reserve and lakeside links pathway
- Option 3 - natural nest in Rakahuri Reserve, gaga dodgeball in Maungatere Reserve and Greenway Links

Optional question (159 response(s), 5 skipped)

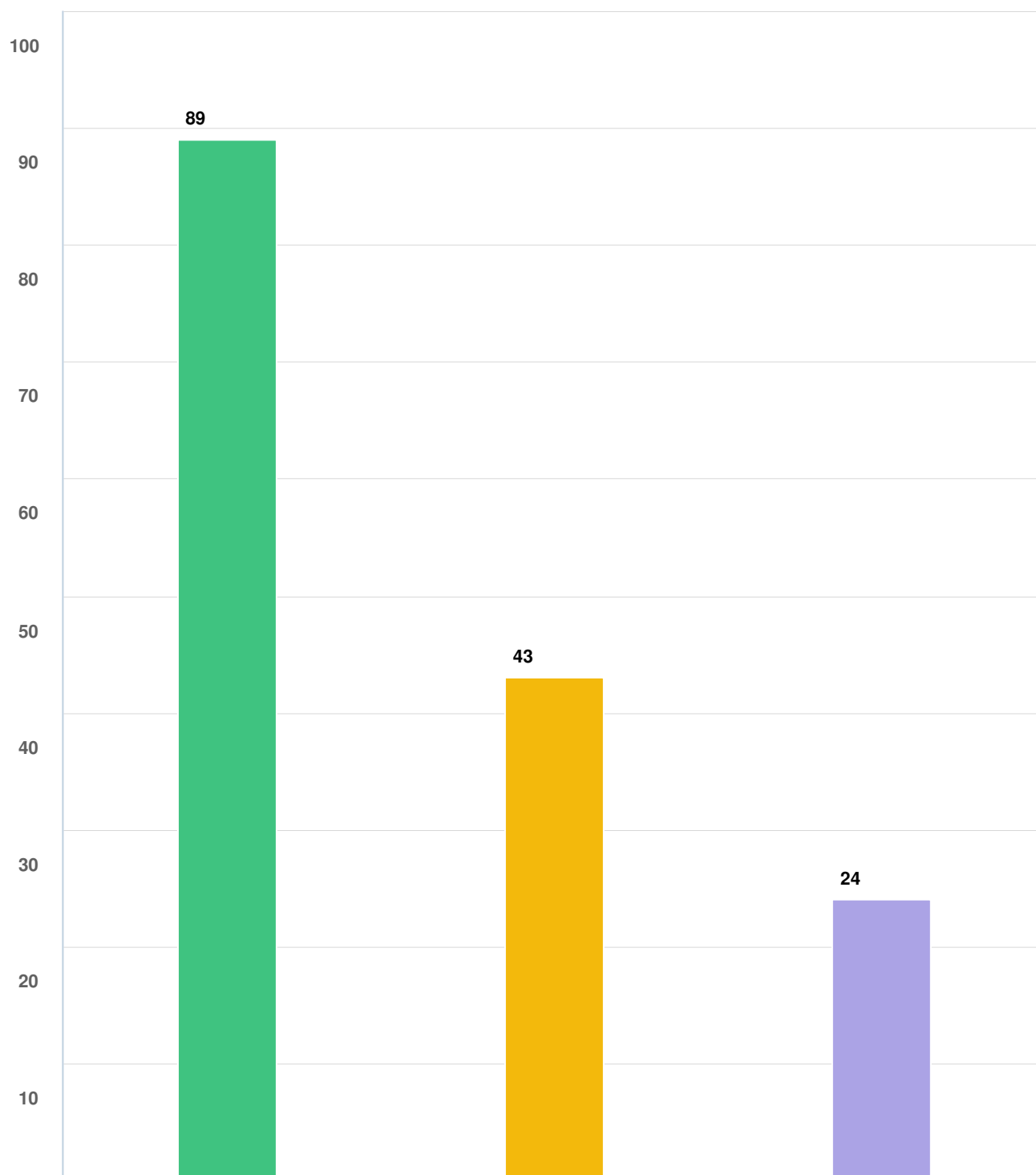
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Q2 Please rank these activities in preference from 1 to 6, with 1 as your favourite and 6 being your least favourite

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Basketball / tennis court	2.68
Double flying fox	2.75
Small wheels skate elements	3.36
Dedicated skate item	3.54
Natural nest	3.91
Gaga dodgeball	4.52

Optional question (160 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Ranking Question

Q3 If we only built a dedicated skate item, which location would you prefer?**Question options**

● Karen Eastwood Park ● Waitaki Reserve ● None of these

Optional question (156 response(s), 8 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Please rank your favourite locations for youth activities from 1 to 6, with 1 being your most favourite and 6 being your least favourite

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Karen Eastwood Park	2.51
Waitaki Reserve	2.90
Rakahuri Reserve	3.65
Lakeside Pathway	3.67
Maungatere Reserve	3.72
The Greenway	4.40
Other	5.74

Optional question (153 response(s), 11 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question

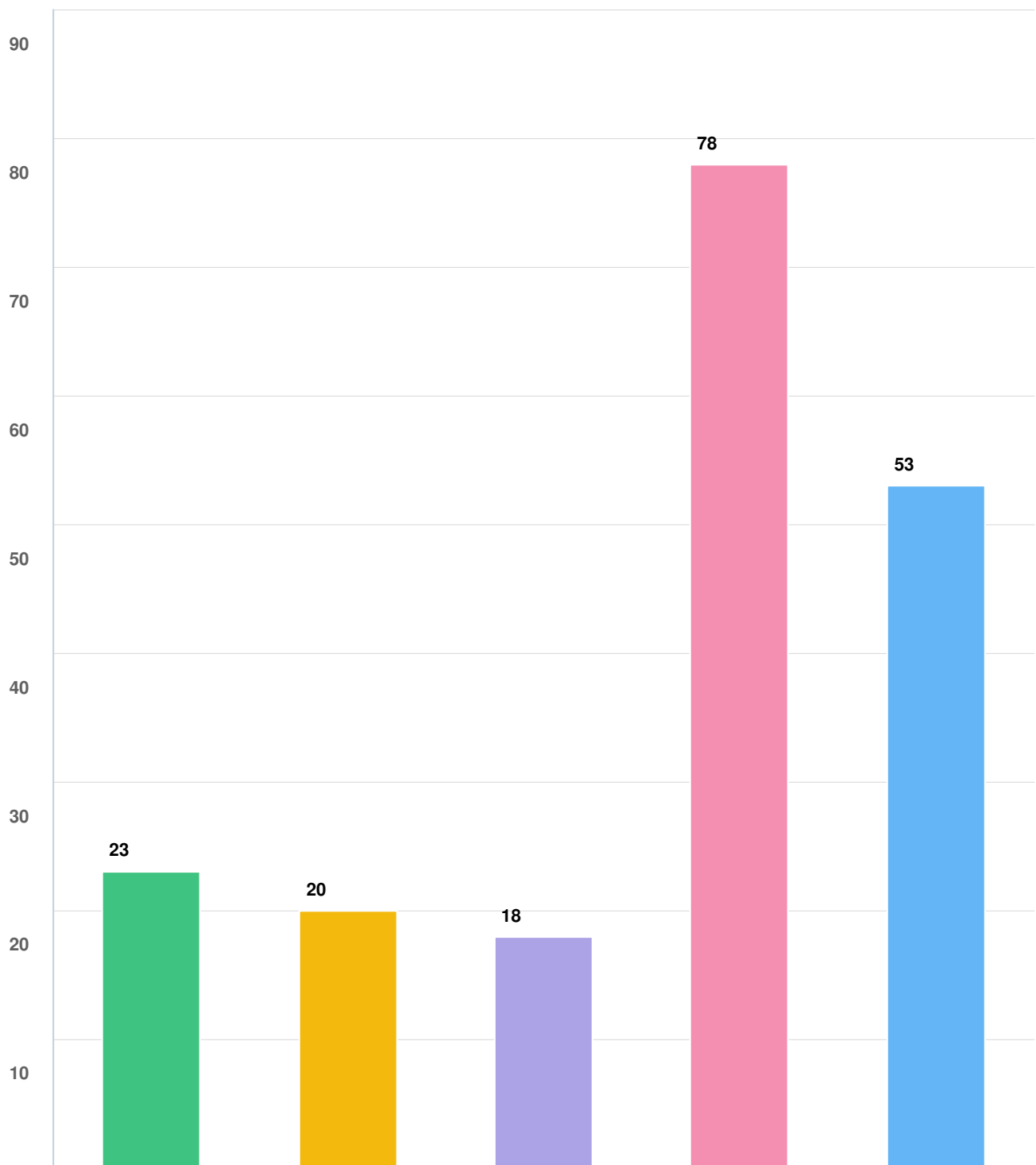
Q5 | If you chose other for your favourite location for youth activities, please write that location(s) here

5/18/2025 11:35 AM	Pegasus Lakeside play area
5/20/2025 06:53 AM	In the vicinity of the stand of pine as one departs Pegasus on Tiritiri Moana Drive heading towards the beach
5/22/2025 10:58 AM	N/A
5/23/2025 04:16 PM	Empty sections on Infinity Drive opposite the bridge next to the townhouses
5/23/2025 07:48 PM	Lakeside
5/25/2025 02:06 P	Lots of youth from my high school have told me they want a full sized basketball court. A perfect location for this would be next to the tennis courts at Gladstone Park.
5/27/2025 09:06 AM	By the lake between Good Home & the swing bridge
5/30/2025 02:15 PM	All together by Gladstone Park
6/02/2025 12:54 PM	Karen Eastwood park
6/02/2025 07:31 PM	A note for q 6 the greenway is a pain in the backside to drive down with people coming out of side streets not looking. Adding in lots of kids around would make it even worse to drive down. Closer to the main playground is probably better for families.
6/03/2025 12:06 PM	Where is Karen Eastwood Park? It's not on the map.

6/04/2025 10:21 AM	The island with the waterfall
6/04/2025 10:40 AM	Rakahuri Reserve
6/04/2025 02:01 PM	No preference.
6/04/2025 04:44 PM	We desperately need something for the children on the reserve near the corner of the kohanga and the esplanade
6/04/2025 07:26 PM	Area near bobs bridge on lakefront
6/05/2025 07:43 AM	Indoor space
6/05/2025 11:11 AM	Jove Dr or Awatere St for dedicated skate item
6/05/2025 03:34 PM	Waikuku
6/05/2025 04:26 PM	Lakeside Pathway - This is absurd 60,000,000
6/06/2025 01:28 PM	Back of dog park for all activities
6/06/2025 04:48 PM	Activities which does not promote harm to the participants such as lawn bowling, tennis and basketball. As far away from Hodgkinson Road as possible- We both witnessed two boys on small wheels bike chasing the geese for not reason during our walk.
6/06/2025 04:49 PM	Near school or by the new community center site.

Optional question (23 response(s), 141 skipped)

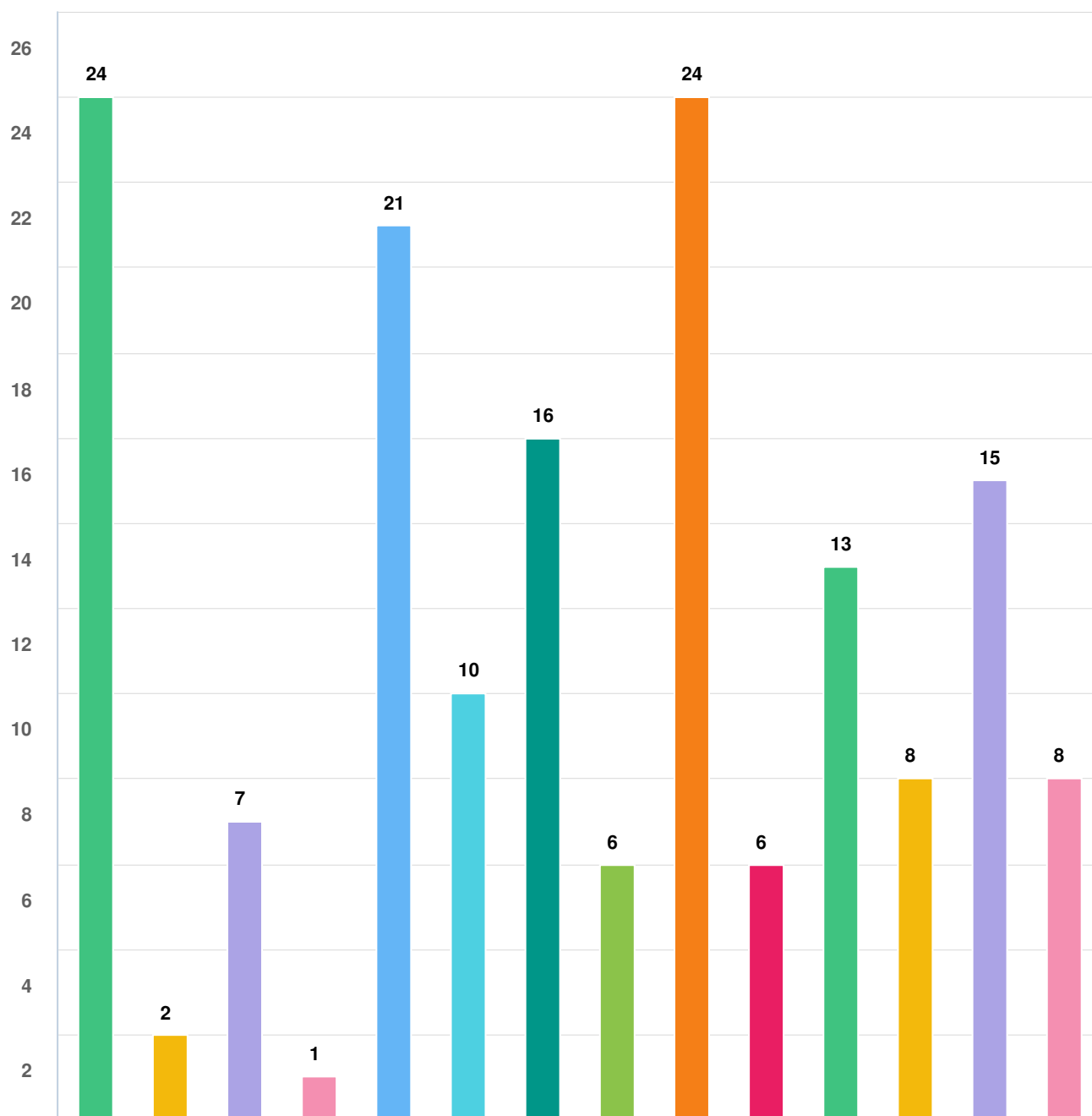
Question type: Single Line Question

Q6 Which age group do you fall under?**Question options**

0 - 12 years 13 - 16 years 17 - 30 years 31 - 59 years 60+ years

Optional question (158 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 Which park or pathway is closest to where you live?**Question options**

- Near Karen Eastwood Park
 ● Next door / adjacent to Karen Eastwood Park
 ● Near Waitaki Reserve
- Next door / adjacent to Waitaki Reserve
 ● Near Rakahuri Reserve
 ● Next door / adjacent to Rakahuri Reserve
- Near Maungatere Reserve
 ● Next door / adjacent to Maungatere Reserve
 ● Near Lakeside Pathway
- Next door / adjacent to Lakeside Pathway
 ● Near The Greenway
 ● Next door / adjacent to The Greenway
- None - I do not live in Pegasus
 ● None - I do not live close to any of these

Optional question (161 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q8 Are there any other youth activities that you would prefer that haven't been included?

No

5/17/2025 07:00 AM

No but I think that a more central location would prove more suitable than utilising an area on the very edge of Pegasus, which would be less used. Also there are very few children living around the area of this reserve, in fact just two pre-schoolers, the majority residents living around this reserve are elderly and retired.

5/17/2025 08:02 AM

Please do not ruin the greenway. It's perfect as it is

5/17/2025 09:30 PM

Library

5/18/2025 09:16 AM

Some sort of concrete scooter track and flying fox and court would be so good for Pegasus youth.

5/18/2025 10:35 AM

Youth club

5/18/2025 11:15 AM

Whale pool

5/18/2025 11:35 AM

No, but I seriously suggest you add a basketball court as there is a growing youth that enjoy basketball, I play basketball nearly everyday at the Pegasus Bay School courts with about 2-4 friends from school, having a proper court would make for so much more fun and engagement.

5/18/2025 08:34 PM

Pump track, MTB skills area (similar to the one recently created off River Road in Rangiora). This could be located in the area to the east of Gladstone Park, between the dog park and gravel road. A 'Bottle Lake-type' cycling track could also be created through the pine plantation to the east of Gladstone Park. A track of sorts already exists but it doesn't take full advantage of the changing elevation.

5/20/2025 06:53 AM

Youth group, social worker, talent development (coaching in strengths development - As an experienced coach with a heart for helping

5/20/2025 08:19 PM

people work out where they fit, I'd be very keen to be involved if there were ever the opportunity

5/20/2025 09:24 PM

Frisbee golf, mini golf, indoor arcade with pool and table tennis. My first preference would be a skatepark, but the way it is described here as just a single halfpipe is a bit disappointing considering the cost and what other options the budget can provide.

Go kart ring

5/20/2025 09:59 PM

5/21/2025 08:26 AM

Fix the lake so its safe for swimming and water activities like kayaking
Reading social media posts on this development and thr majority was in regards to the lake not being safe to use. If it was, you would be providing for all residents not just Pegasus youth. A learn to ride bike park wouldve been nice. Even in conjunction with building it within the school grounds so parents had somewhere safe to teach young children to ride bikes and scooters.

Splash pool

5/21/2025 01:45 PM

No

5/22/2025 09:59 AM

N/A

5/22/2025 10:58 AM

5/22/2025 03:44 PM

An indoor space with table tennis, pool table and hangout space. A climbing wall would be good too

5/22/2025 09:14 PM

5/23/2025 10:43 AM

Running, walking, biking, playing with dogs. These activities are taking already place at Maungatere Reserve. This Reserve is one of the few green spaces left in Pegasus and is enjoyed by youth and adults alike. It is preferable to have playing activities concentrated in one designated place with sufficient space and distance to habitation, rather than spreading these activities over multiple reserves in Pegasus.

Frisbee field, running, walking, cycling, playing with dog

5/23/2025 11:08 AM

Potentially a whale pool / paddling pool or something similar to the facilities at New Brighton Beach where water activities are available such as splash pads and fountains on absorbent ground without offering a pool where unsupervised children pose the risk of drowning. This could be located on the empty raised area between the good home and the current playground. We live Maungatere Reserve. One of the selling points of our house was that the reserve would not get built on. Currently a lot of people use the reserve to exercise dogs as they have excess space to run, ball games including football, rugby, frisbee and kite flying are popular on the reserve. Building on it would take this away. It is also a place where I can allow my son to play with his friends and I can watch from inside my house, allowing him a gradual step of independence and freedom. It's nice to see all of this from my window. Please don't take that away with concrete and construction.

5/23/2025 04:16 PM

Additional comments. In the Community Board report there is a comment re the nest at Rakahuri, that it could be built "within the linkage area that leads out to the wider walking trails in the Te Kohanga Wetlands." This would not be appropriate, as this is the secondary flood flow path from the street to the wetlands in major floods and is also a tsunami flow path. It is also very close to houses. There is ample higher, safer and more suitable space within Rakahuri reserve itself. The Greenway is quite space-limited, with a flood flow path down the centre walkway, swales at each margin, and trees in the limited strips of grass between. Also, too close to roads and too many road crossings. I consider that option 1 is less suitable because it is principally one activity in one location, nothing for the northern part of Pegasus. Have you considered a different 3-way split? Nest at Rakahuri, small wheels along Lakeside, and one of the other three for Maungatere?

5/23/2025 04:34 PM

Balance bike track, paddling pool, splash pad

5/23/2025 07:48 PM

Nice to have all activities close to ea. in central Pegasus (area A)

5/24/2025 05:04 PM

Our household thinks that what would be best for the community is

5/25/2025 08:26 AM	the slate item but mainly one large skate bowl
5/25/2025 02:06 PM	A full sized basketball court - 2 hoops - (inspiration from the new one in Ravenswood as it has a really nice court surface to play on
5/26/2025 04:31 PM	No, Thank you for listening and asking for our opinion, I'm impressed as we in the past opted for a skate park and it's included in the plans. Next: we need a pathway from the south east of Pegasus main road through the wetlands to the beach. This would be amazing. Right now we need to take car because a walk takes 40 min. With a path it would be 10-15 min. Thank you &3 !!
5/26/2025 04:36 PM	I have an 18 month old more play options for young kids would be great! Having a dedicated play area for kids under 2 would be amazing. There is not really a safe space for these young kids to play with other kids their age. A big sandpit would be a great addition to Pegasus as well as a water play area. I know youths are typically older kids but I think it would be a great opportunity to cater to the 0-2 yr demographic as well as bring other parents together with a fun space. Adding more kid friendly play equipment would be nice to stuff that big kids & young kids can enjoy like built in the ground trampolines.
5/26/2025 04:41 PM	1. Make use of Gladstone Park eg. Disc Golf course could be established at minimal cost (or full cost concrete tees and premade targets). More of a family activity and suitable for all age groups. 2. Use a natural area such as the rise to the East of Gladstone park, or the pine trees near Beach Road car park for an off road short course MTB route. This could cater for older children as well as some adults. 3. Actively engage with developers to consider ways to detoxify lake Pegasus.
5/26/2025 04:43 PM	- Anonymous
5/26/2025 04:46 PM	Pool community Football Net Water play little kiddos
5/26/2025 07:29 PM	Slack lines

No

5/26/2025 08:29 PM

5/27/2025 07:54 AM

Things for the 8-12 age group (note i think the b'ball backboard should be on one of the central sites to make those areas more vibrant.

5/27/2025 09:06 AM

With anything where groups meet unfortunately there is always a small number of people that create problems. For this reason I/we feel that the youth activities should be condensed in one area which is already part established like the playground by Karen Eastwood Park. This way monitoring is more likely with CCTV. The lake is a natural drawcard for people with shops close by. The area between the swing bridge and Good Home seems a good spot and not right next to houses. People buy houses not expecting a skateboard park on their doorstep so this should be a consideration.

Q7 also ticked Next door/adjacent to The Greenway on physical copy
- Anonymous submission.

5/28/2025 12:55 PM

5/29/2025 09:49 AM

I stumbled on one of the Councils posters regarding the subject proposal and wanted to share my views as both a resident and someone who will potentially be adversely affected by the proposal across the road from me. I have enjoyed the relative quiet of living adjacent to a green space so any threat to that is obvious. I won't advocate on that aspect however. I would prefer to offer a couple of observations. The first is that Pegasus has an incredibly successful play area. The success of this, apart from the facilities on offer, is the location. The 'Town Centre' is a vibrant hub every weekend. People from Pegasus, and visitors alike, flock to the area enjoying the lake side amenities, as well as the food outlets and the Good Home. It's great for families and is a real asset to the community. Further development in this area seems the obvious choice. I would hate to see more funding wasted on unused 'youth areas' just for the sake of filling in vacant spaces. The playground development in Hurunui Reserve is a classic case of the wrong thing in the wrong place. I live around the corner from there and go past it all the time – it is basically unused. Pegasus is about the Lake and it's adjacent spaces. People like to be near the lake – kids too. Putting anything on the outskirts of the suburb, in my view, has already proven a

mistake and one that should not be repeated. With the Community Centre scheduled to be built in the 'Town Centre' I believe we will have a 'heart' in Pegasus that will be the envy of other suburbs. Fragmenting facilities throughout the suburb will be a missed opportunity to grow on the success of what we already have.

5/29/2025 09:57 AM

I would like to express my strong concerns about the proposed youth activity installations—specifically the double flying fox and Gaga Dodgeball pit—on the Maungatere Reserve. This reserve is one of the few open green reserves in Pegasus and is surrounded by residential housing. Installing activity equipment like a Double Flying Fox or a Gaga Dodgeball arena here would inevitably lead to significant noise pollution. Even modern flying fox models, such as the one in Townsend Park, produce loud impacts when hitting the stop point, as well as excited shouting from children. A double flying fox, where kids race one another, would amplify this effect even more. Similarly, the constant thumping of balls and lively noise from a Gaga Dodgeball pit would be intrusive and unsuitable for a quiet residential setting. In addition, depending on where a "launch tower" or similar structure is built, there may be negative impacts on the privacy of nearby homes, as these installations could create elevated sightlines into private properties. There are also safety concerns. The roads surrounding Maungatere Reserve are very well-lit with streetlights, and the addition of youth facilities could encourage loitering into the evening/night hours, potentially creating an uncomfortable and unsafe environment for nearby residents. More suitable alternatives exist. Karen Eastwood Park and Waitaki Reserve are both centrally located, further away from private residences being closer to the Pegasus Medical Centre. These areas offer plenty of space for young people to gather and enjoy activities without disrupting the quiet character of strictly residential streets. The youth of Pegasus already enjoy the lakes, the beach, the sports fields, and the open areas around Karen Eastwood Reserve. These locations provide ample opportunity for recreation and socialising—without compromising the peace and safety of the urban surroundings. Thank you for considering the impact on the community when evaluating and presenting these proposals to the board.

5/29/2025 10:05 AM

I acknowledge the importance of creating an appropriate youth space for the wellbeing of kids in Pegasus; however, as an interested party living adjacent to the proposed activities in Maungatere Reserve, I would like to make the following submission. 1. I believe it is more beneficial (from a wellbeing and economical perspective) and balanced to concentrate the proposed activities in one dedicated area, preferably as an extension of Karen Eastwood Park/Waitaki Reserve or Lakeside instead of potentially spreading them over three

different neighbourhoods. A central location with an already established playground infrastructure is in walking/biking distance from most neighbourhoods in Pegasus. Moreover, the suggested central locations are in places where the impact on the surrounding neighbourhood is more focused and manageable compared to the other locations. 2. The Maungatere Reserve is one of the very few green areas in Pegasus. Currently it is used for recreational activities (running, walking, soccer, walking dogs by local youth and adults alike. Adding another significant youth activity will increase noise pollution (e.g. yelling kids and will visually impact the green space that is appreciated by many living in the surrounding area. 3. The proposed activities in the Maungatere Reserve are likely to create additional car traffic and parking the area from parents dropping-off and picking-up kids. 4. My main concern is that the proposed playground infrastructure will be used as a hang-out place and attract older youth in the evening and during nighttime (there are plenty of streetlights). This undoubtedly will be a significant nuisance to the neighbourhood in terms of quality of living. We have not heard of any specific preventive measures by Council other than the usual enforcement measures. 5. There is already a recreational area in Pegasus-North (Hurunui Reserve, close to Maugatere Reserve where local youth play and hang-out. This Reserve could potentially be further developed instead of the Maugatere Reserve. 6. I would support the development of the Maungatere Reserve as a green space with a walking/running path to better facilitate the current recreational activities. Thank you for considering the above points. I am looking forward to your decision.

5/29/2025 11:24 AM

Q7 Near Lakeside pathway & near the Greenway also ticked on physical form. There should be public access to Pegasus School grounds at weekends and after school finishes to give further activity space.

5/29/2025 11:28 AM

Q7 Next door/adjacent to Lakeside Pathway also ticked. Skatepark. I lived near one in Lyttelton. it brought in graffiti, drugs, drug sales, bad behaviour (eg. breaking street signs and mirrors on cars). We also not want this in Pegasus!

5/29/2025 11:31 AM

Not certain that a "flying fox" or "flying foxes" suitable for Pegasus as it might attract youths gathering after hours, noise, drinks, crime etc. and noisy for residents living by.

5/29/2025 11:34 AM

It needs to be centrally located to all youth. Creating an area on the outskirts will not get used after the first flurry of interest. Also close to other high foot areas is good for the safety of all.

5/29/2025 11:38 AM

What do the young people think? Some indoor activities such as table tennis or pool.

5/30/2025 02:15 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to give input to the Pegasus Youth Project. As suggested here are some comments/thought for you to consider. Pegasus has a diverse age range of young people and this is why we have chosen Option 2 because it offers more than one proposal and therefore enables more options for youth. As basketball is a popular past time for youth so an available hoop with half court would I believe get good use and probably more than half court tennis. A flying fox is usually a hit with young people, especially with younger children. Waitake Reserve is used for a variety of activities including families playing football, folk using the available seats for rest and eating lunch, ball retrieval with dogs and as a park for people to wander through. The reserve is also bounded by several units including doctor, chemist and physio. most of the folks around the reserve are older with no children. A final thought - most (if not all) skate parks I have observed are in area away from surrounding houses. Sincerely

5/30/2025 02:22 PM

I believe any activities around or near the lake is very unsuitable, due to safety concerns.. Especially when it is used alot by bikers, people walking and walking dogs , people already skate around there. To many activites will make it very unsafe

6/02/2025 12:54 PM

Fix up some of the green spaces and pathway walks in the wetlands and around Pegasus.

6/02/2025 01:09 PM

Splash pad for kids , especially as we can no longer use the lake for children.

6/02/2025 07:48 PM

6/02/2025 08:08 PM

There are so many lake runners, bikers walkers and dog walkers, a skate park would have major safety issues due to being near the lake.

6/03/2025 10:45 AM

Youth centre open for games/books, relax spaces, music maybe

6/03/2025 03:44 PM

Please do not go ahead with some of these activities. Pegasus residents enjoy our lake and green spaces. Skate parks, flying foxes, etc. do not need to be located near houses. Use some open spaces away from residential area.

6/04/2025 08:19 AM

We don't live in Pegasus but in Waimak area and come to there all the time to play and have adventures. A drop in youth hub would be amazing as well

6/04/2025 09:46 AM

All I can ask is please make sure whatever project is carried out, do it properly and don't try to achieve too much or it just won't get used. Less is best if it means it gets used, respected and brings people to Pegasus.

6/04/2025 10:21 AM

A sealed pump track for skateboards and scooters! (Bigger and better than the little Ravenswood one)

6/04/2025 10:23 AM

If you are building skate features get the dimensions right and don't use Dave North

6/04/2025 11:13 AM

Disk golf

6/04/2025 11:18 AM

Football Field. Currently there's no football field day in Pegasus.

6/04/2025 11:21 AM

Pump track

6/04/2025 02:01 PM

Splash pad

Indoor playground maybe

6/04/2025 06:39 PM

6/04/2025 07:26 PM

My vision for the Pegasus youth development space would be to provide an area designated as a surf skate wave. It's simply a section of smooth concrete skate space that's shaped like a wave either one sided or preferably two sided. These surf skate wave are becoming increasing popular around the world which allows users to train surfing technique on a skateboard. They allow a wide cross section of users including scooters, bikes, roller bladers, surfskates and regular skateboards. We've seen close attempts at this type of set up with some of the pump tracks installed around Christchurch. They can be used for after school coaching, holiday programmes and youth development initiatives including local and regional competitions. With a wider cross section of users, public perception for a surf training area for youth would be much higher than that of a traditional skatepark.

6/04/2025 07:32 PM

Something that offers sheltered seating. For those that just want to hangout in a dry, sheltered space with mates,, outside of the house.

6/04/2025 08:17 PM

An indoor activity place rollerskating, pool table,

6/04/2025 08:24 PM

I can't believe you suggest a tennis and basketball court in Rakahuri reserve. The noise bouncing between those houses there will be immense. keep it by the lake, central and no houses close by.

6/04/2025 09:13 PM

OUTDOOR CONCRETE PING PONG TABLE. PUMP TRACK - SLIGHTLY OLDER LEVEL THEN THE RAVENSWOOD ONE OR A SURF SKATE WAVE. GAGA DODGEBALL - EVEN THOUGH DIFFERENT OPTION THEN I HAD SELECTED WOULD BE GREAT ADDITION AND SOME GOOD WEIGHT WORK OUT EQUIPMENT SPACED OUT AROUND THE LAKE.

6/04/2025 09:44 PM

Bike park

6/04/2025 09:46 PM

A concrete pump track by waitaki reserve

I would like a concrete pump track that is bigger than Ravenwoods

6/04/2025 09:47 PM	one, a ping pong table outside the main bridge on the island, and a BMX track at Karen Eastwood park
6/05/2025 07:43 AM	Indoor space like gym for basketball or badminton.
6/05/2025 10:13 AM	no
6/05/2025 11:05 AM	Would like to see exercise equipment around Lakeside so youth can do extra with mum & dad. Also seniors can use to help with strengthening/agility.
6/05/2025 11:11 AM	Just need somewhere for youth to "Hang Out". They don't need to be active the whole time, just warm, dry, and safe and away from prying "adult" eyes. The Greenway is not a safe place for skate elements. Cars often collide and cross the road without stopping. Speeding cars are not unusual and each lane is too narrow to steer away from problems. I trust that more notice will be taken by the WDC of these public responses than they did for the new Pegasus Community Centre as absolutely nothing has been amended in the original plans after that so-called "consultation".
6/05/2025 11:16 AM	Cannot understand why these activities are not suited to being located in the same area i.e. land at the hake in vicinity of proposed community centre, which is easily accessible. Greenway is not suitable for 'wheels'. This is a roadway, and busy at that. Plus the pathway is constantly busy with walkers - parents with young children. People walking dogs etc and don't need kids dodging cars to cross the roads. Enough near misses now. Anonymous.
6/05/2025 11:17 AM	Anonymous
6/05/2025 11:19 AM	
6/05/2025 11:21 AM	

Anonymous

6/05/2025 11:22 AM

Anonymous

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6/05/2025 11:40 AM

Q1: Saving \$5000 for a seat by the courts. Q3: But multiple items is better use of \$\$, keep centralised. Q4: Karen Eastwood Park for Basketball/Tennis, Rakahuri Reserve for nest, Lakeside Pathway for small wheels, Maungatere Reserve for nest alternative. Not for me to suggest. Other comments: Teenagers do not want to be told what/how to: be active, behave - they want to hang out with peers. The NEST is a great idea - they'll make it their own. Basketball/Tennis/Football area would get used but needs to be at Northern end as Gladstone Park caters for this in the south. Seating needed too. Beware: it is very noisy and annoying hearing balls endlessly bounce! A dedicated skate park is only going to cater to a few and thus not a good use of limited financial resources. A series of small wheels skate/scooter/bike elements around the Lakeside Path will be well used by ALL ages. There are wider grass areas that could be used well. The Greenway is not a viable option if you wish to avoid traffic/skater accidents/incidents. It would encourage cars to congregate and speed the length in races, cutting across intersections at speed, with skaters not stopping and then the inevitable crashes and possible deaths. Skaters (etc) would think the area really boring as it is long and straight. I hope the time, thought and effort of all the submitters are given the respect they deserve this time as not one of the ideas for making the new community centre a better place have been taken on board.

Surfing

6/05/2025 03:34 PM

6/05/2025 04:26 PM

We are in more desperate need of a water feature similar to the Waikuku Whale pool. Families are not going there because of the treacherous drive - and it would provide a lake alternative, an "intermittent fountain pad" that streams water vertically would suit all ages, and be a wonderful addition to the playground area. Every time this has been mentioned it has been very popular. So far the suggestions are anchoring at predominantly boys. Particularly skating (statistically). Objections to Proposed Skateboard "Elements" Around

Pegasus Lake We propose as a viable alternative to elements around the Lake perimeter, a skate feature be installed at a location to the rear of the Chemist or Doctors' surgery so that parents can supervise either on the existing park benches, or from the Cafe within meters and in clear view. Not only can children be monitored by adults in general and parents, but this would also be a positive catalyst for bringing further business to the Cafe itself. It is understood the Council owns a portion of land here. If not, from the developer's perspective, there is a large portion that is unsuitable for residential sale, and that is currently underutilized. One other consideration is that at least during after school hours, some medical assistance in case of injury is with meters given the location next to the current facilities. The Playground area is not far and already developed and suited for youth activities and car parking. In terms of the proposed Lake Perimeter, there are the following safety concerns. 1. Active Safety Hazards Are Already Happening: Children and Teens currently misuse paths and bridge slopes for skating: Including High-speed descents from the main bridge, which is descending steeply into several blind spots, then past the BBQ area, and over the second bridge. They also launch from several further elevated paths directly toward dog walkers from multiple points around the lake. This includes gaining speed on downhill slopes and taking corners within 3 meters of bird nesting areas of a rare species we are trying to protect particularly on the North Ends of the Lake. Multiple blind corners and downhill paths make these behaviors extremely dangerous, especially within the winter months, where several areas don't dry out and remain slippery and / or Icy all day. The introduction of further 'Skate elements' would normalize and increase this unsafe activity, not only from local residence, but an increase of people coming into Pegasus to use the areas. With the current activity, and witnessed abuse between scooter riders, skaters, and dog walkers already- to assume that skate "elements" to the side of the path with the intention to not disturb the remaining public, is an unreasonable expectation. Over any weekend, I could already count around 35-40 Skateboards currently over the course of the two days, most of which people need to retreat to the grass to avoid. There is already disconnect and disharmony with Dog walkers, and anyone on any form of e-transport, skateboarders, roller bladers, e-bikes etc in their way. There is some confusion with residence in how Skaters are to transport themselves to the next element without skating. In a sudden change of habit, they are expected to lift their skateboards and walk to the next feature, I would suggest that the person who proposed that- gain more life experience and understanding of Social Behaviors, before being associated with decisions that affect rate payers, or safety. We believe there are many reasons that "Skate Elements around the Lake" should not even have been published to raise expectation for locals who are unawares of current hazards, without speaking to the nearest residence first, to gain further insight

of witnessed behavior, including the actions (and complacency) of irresponsible parents and dog owners. In this direct vicinity, there have been children bitten by dogs running off their leads as it is, and toddlers as young as 3, literally hundreds of meters away from their parents. That is not out of the ordinary, and being out in front of a Pier especially has turned us, and my immediate Lake side residence, into unofficial lifeguards. The term "Irresponsible parents" is a gross understatement, and it is increasing. Including toddlers on "balance bikes" and tiny children on skateboards they can't even stand up to ride- down on the edge of the pier all alone, without an adult in sight. In terms of usage, the skaters of all ages (from Children to adults) who currently use the walkway seldom use any form of safety equipment With "Element's" the use for these will be more spontaneous. Whereas, with a concentrated area there is a far greater likely hood of knee pads and helmets being used, to lower the risk of injury. Currently, there is frequent damage caused by electric scooters, with teens spinning the back tires at speed (like a burnout) to burn marks into the walkways, bridges, and piers. Teens speeding on E-scooters are already a serious danger to all users of the Lake, and are used both during the day, and well into the night It is completely unrealistic, to anticipate that teens (and adults) will not try individual skate elements as opportunities for stunts... and whether young children are there or not, and in any weather condition Including icy conditions at nighttime, and into late mornings. In terms of current use and blind spots already, I personally know of one adult who is a friend of the family, who shattered his hip around a blind spot on the path, passing through behind a large tree area nearest to the Radio Boats on the West Side. In avoiding children, he flew into the lakeside rocks. He ended up in hospital for several days, which I could likely obtain documentation or statement. He was on an electric skateboard, and his daughter behind on a normal scooter. That incident was approximately 2 years ago. To effectively invite more skateboarders into these types of areas around the Lake is the Council being content, with a consistent increase in injuries. 2. Environmental Contradictions and Wildlife Protection: Pegasus Lake is home to the rare and protected Crested Grebe which this Council has failed to protect [or take reasonable steps to protect and/or educate the public), so badly, and so irresponsibly, that this is a matter for the courts already with a Statement of claim still being prepared. This includes collaboration with Forest and Bird, Local Residence, Bird watching and Photography Groups, and Consultation with the Wanaka Based Crested Grebe Protection Group. To go ahead and install "Skate elements" anywhere even remotely close to the lake with that pending would only strengthen the case in showing a complete disregard for our rare wildlife in favor of lining the pockets of associated, and related contractors, at ratepayers expense. It is understood that the Men's Shed has voluntarily initiated the construction and installation of floating nesting platforms to support

their breeding. This is a great initiative, although it does elevate the grebe's which would be even more disturbed by Teens or Children gathering in those areas. Increased Skating type activity near the lakeside, deters the birds from nest near in the first place. The nesting platforms in Wanaka are successful, because there are no dogs allowed in the area, and the Council is actually active in their preservation. That, and the Social Behaviors and expectation is different at Lake Wanaka, and not nearly as disrespectful as this population. In Pegasus, I have seen dogs sent into the water to chase the birds, and balls (and stones) literally heaved at the birds on purpose. In 2 separate cases, they include beer bottles. Skateboarding activity introduces noise, vibration, and high-speed movement, which threatens breeding success and bird safety, even further than the existing roaming dogs, Which again, this Council has shown absolutely no regard for. There is a direct contradiction between community-led conservation efforts and increased recreational disruption initiated in ideas such as 'skate elements' around these breeding areas. It has also come to light that someone within Council was allegedly aware of, and approved the poisoning, of a nesting area along the lakeside to prepare for a potential radio boat competition. This matter is currently under further investigation. The lack of foresight demonstrated by pursuing 'skate elements' in this same sensitive area, risks exacerbating what already appears to be a pattern of favoritism, community disregard, the disregard of very rare wildlife, and incompetence.

3. Dog-Related Risks and Council Inaction: There is frequent presence of dangerous dog breeds (e.g. Pitbulls, Rottweilers, Staffies) off-lead around the lake. Dogs are routinely triggered by skateboards and electric scooters, causing barking and unpredictable, territorial behavior. Specific example: a teenager (who is a nice enough kid actually) skates a downhill slope next door to my home repeatedly sets off barking in a neighbour's German Shepherd, often continuing up to an hour after he leaves, initiating further territorial behavior from surrounding dogs. As a Surfer and Board Rider, I personally have skated down this same portion frequently, but stopped doing so, after narrowly missing a pram after circling round a blind spot at speed. The same is true with the large bridge at the peak, down past the BBQ area, which gains speed extremely fast. I did that myself but stopped doing so after realizing how dangerous it was, due to the lake path being so much busier now. Again, the same with my electric skateboard, I also stopped that the same reasons. Photo evidence has been captured of a white, American/British Pitbull walked off-lead despite numerous complaints. The only times it is leashed are near roads for the dog's protection, never out of consideration for the public. The owner has reportedly responded with verbal abuse when approached about leash rules. The Council response has been completely inadequate to these types of matters: Let alone introducing skate elements to the environment. The response from

other residence about complaints to the Council, is that "They don't bother anymore" it's pointless. Even though there is dangerous dog breeds that owners let roam the lake. It took nearly two years of complaints, hundreds of photos, and mauled wildlife for any action, which resulted in a single 300x200mm sign over 3.5 km of track. Even then, the sign had to be manually lowered after installation due to visibility issues.

4. Overcrowding and Explosive Growth:) The Lake pathway traffic has surged, and will only increase due to recent Pegasus housing, Ravenswood, and now a further fast-tracked development.) Peak usage sees 200+ people at any one time, with a mix of dog walkers, runners, elderly, children, scooters, e-scooters, e-bikes, rollerbladers, prams and mobility scooters F Many walkers already resort to grass due to congestion. F Skate elements will exacerbate these issues, increasing collision risks and forcing more pedestrians off designated paths, and disharmony between users. There is already disgruntled relations and verbal comments made by people toward high-speed e-bikes and e-scooters. The grass is used to pass traffic on the path so often, it has literally worn in tracks on the grass Infront of my property and others. 'r

5. Further Public Misuse and Wildlife Harassment: Tennis type balls are frequently thrown onto private property and into the lake for dogs to fetch, with Wildlife routinely disturbed or harmed. Several mauling's are well recorded, which used to be the home of white Swans, which have since disappeared as a result. Personally, after politely citing leash laws, we had a tennis ball deliberately thrown at the side of our house. Incidents of dogs entering homes, (quite literally inside) and owners trespassing through yards looking for them. Irresponsible dog owners are Extremely unlikely to ensure children's safety around skate elements, in favor of giving their dog right of way, or leaving it to run wild. In fact the noise of skating activity further aggravates dogs. /

5. Noise, Disruption, and Late-Night Risk: Skateboarding elements seems an attempt to "urbanize" the look and experience of the Lake, and introduces grinding, loud landings, shouting, which sounds ridiculous, but is actually an issue. As well as the type of noise and unpredictable movement triggers barking in dogs. Gathering also incites the use of loud Bluetooth Speakers late at night exacerbating what already happens frequently around the lakeside picnic tables, particularly in School Holidays. Even Disruption from dogs that live on the properties of lakeside residence continues affecting wildlife even at night simply with teens roaming at all hours. Turning the perimeter of the lake into an unofficial skate park is just going to exasperate all behaviors, especially as the population increases.

7. Vandalism and Visual Degradation: Small skate elements are often targets for graffiti which is common knowledge. we clearly don't want this happening anywhere. But once around the lake, it would absolutely ruin the aesthetics, and lower property values, even after they have been repaired several times by the Council. This also carries a greater expense in maintenance and repairs being spread out. After being

detached once, it will keep happening as being territorial, and this kind of behavior is constantly proven. All of this disrupts the peaceful intention, and character of the lakeside environment. 8. Council Consultation Failure and Broader Trust Issues: Waterfront residents were not consulted directly, despite being the most impacted, and having the most insight into the implications of the immediate areas. Publishing skate ideas to a broad community in brochures, before more specific feedback reflects poor planning. It appears to be based on input from children as young as t2, which is dumbfounding to a lot of us as a collective, and as ratepayers, in giving them potential options that are completely unsafe, and unreasonable. It also shows lack of foresight in understanding the funnel effect from responsible families to negligent individuals. This is increasingly being seen as reflective of deeper issues in Council decision-making and recruitment. Several other community concerns already exist: Blinding rugby field lights that literally cause a road hazard in poor weather and traffic. Wildlife protection is lacking across the district. Questionable land consents and favoritism toward specific developers. Alleged non-disclosure of planning decisions. According to publicly available reports (e.g., Stuff NZ), Council has previously cited health and safety as a key issue for restricting public access to infrastructure. Yet, introducing skate elements without consistent winter safety protocols contradicts that stance. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/82139862/tov-rn-barred-from-bridge-developer-blames-health-and-safety-laws> A growing number of residents are now questioning why the Council appears committed to "urbanising" our natural environment through concrete-based installations like basketball courts and skateparks-despite the very reason people live here being its natural features: beach, forest, bike trails, and open space. A better and widely supported alternative was a "fountain whale" type splash pool similar to Waikuku, or, / Intermittent water fountain Pad for all ages, to replace swimming access to the lake. This would provide a safe, family-friendly feature without compromising the natural environment. Many local parents currently avoid taking their children to such places like the Waikuku Children's pool, due to the long, difficult drive and safety concerns, particularly for mothers managing multiple children. The community's confidence in the recruitment process and project assignment within Council is waning. There is growing frustration at the sheer volume of impractical, unsafe, and uninformed decisions that waste ratepayers' money on short-sighted installations. We suspect that this decision has already been made, and the Council is only going through the feedback process as a procedural requirement. This undermines genuine community engagement and reflects poorly on the integrity of the decision-making process. This suspicion is supported by past examples, such as the Council's purchase of a waterfront property. The developer confirmed the sale is already gone through well before any community feedback was sought-proving that decisions are at times made regardless of the public consultation that follows. I know

this because I personally called the developer a prospective buyer, saying I would like to make an offer, and that was their response. Then a month later, I got a relative to do the same thing. He got the same response that the Council is the purchaser, this time recorded. Coupled with the fact it was never marketed for sale as it had been some time ago, because of that fact. Months later there was a "Consultation" that coincidentally landed with the same result regardless of feedback, and in this case at the cost of millions of dollars to the rate payers. That decision was made, months prior, and the mere idea of "skate elements" being proposed around the Lake, with so many shortcomings and lack of common sense we believe the same thing has happened, which is again highlighting that property deal and a distrust toward the Council that is now is commonly spoken about. There is a growing community now that agrees: should something like skate elements go ahead in such unsafe and poorly considered locations, then multiple issues will warrant investigation. This is no longer a singular opinion. It reflects the views of the entire waterfront and a growing number of residents from the full lake perimeter, Wetlands, and Gladstone area who are raising similar concerns.

9. Unsustainable Co-Use with Dogs: Dogs and skate features are not compatible in shared open spaces. A possible compromise would be a full ban of dogs around the lake to support skating-but that still leaves skate-related safety issues unresolved. Council has shown they cannot enforce dog bylaws alone; adding skate features only worsens the enforcement burden.

10. Winter Safety and Icing Risks: Skate elements become treacherous in frost and ice. Each skate element would need to be manually chained off during icy conditions to prevent serious injuries. This would create a constant safety and liability issue for the Council.

Conclusion: The area around Pegasus Lake is already strained by overuse, biodiversity threats, and conflicting user behaviours. Adding skate elements will escalate risks to safety, wildlife, and livability. We strongly urge the Council to reconsider this plan and relocate all skate elements to a more appropriate location-one that protects Pegasus' identity, safety, and environment for future generations, with a viable and sensible option suggested in the introduction, or the Gladstone Park area, where there is a dedicated dog park and they are in a fenced, controlled space. As well as mitigating many of the other issues mentioned. Moving forward, we would certainly hope for some common sense to prevail, due to a collective life experience. Sometimes what can be very nice ideas in theory, and what actually happens is a completely different thing, across even a smaller population such as Woodend, Ravenswood, Pegasus, and now even a further pending large sized development. Relying on all people being responsible and taking appropriate precautions is just not a reality. On Social Media, there is person endlessly championing the idea of a concrete "Wave" type installation as one of the elements around the lake, as being a person who is new to the area. In winter

conditions, I have literally ridden and used pump tracks, and features literally exactly how he is promoting. I can tell you from personal experience, it is flat out dangerous to have those in this environment anywhere near the lake, with so many other users. Let alone the ice that actually pools near the lower slope, and the noise that style of skating creates. He has done so with such vigor and description; it prompted investigation into his relationship with the potential contractual work: And Sure enough. Two persons in particular stand to receive direct financial gain are actively promoting this around the lake should it be awarded to them, who live miles from the vicinity, and stand to gain from it. As we were saying above, and with examples. We think that it has already been decided, and if so this example, and others, will be audited. We already know what company that person works with and what companies he is aligned with. There are safety and wildlife considerations here, that cannot be ignored. To go ahead for people to gain financially over and above, is not only nationally newsworthy, (certainly Chris Lynch Locally but Nationally- and needs explicit and accurate investigation. It's this type of thing that all of us- have become absolutely sick and tired of. If this goes ahead.. it is so dangerous and dumbfounding, that adds weight to the suspicion it was always going to regardless of "consultation" yet again. It is the final catalyst for far greater investigations. It's not just me anymore, now there is a Solicitor within our own concerned community, which is growing by the week So our expense has all but reduced to nothing to start finding out and actioning investigations into what's been happening here, and over quite some time. I would anticipate that if a board starts making further ridiculous decisions such as that it's a matter of short timeframe there is an embarrassing clear out. As ratepayers, we deserve to have representatives with common sense, with knowledge of the local demographic, Social Behaviors, and Tendencies across that population, risks involved, respect for the environment, and a sufficient life experience that we can rely on, Over and above financial or peer incentive. Thanks.

Basketball hoop around the playground. I have heard children do not want a skateboard area. If you have one why not around trees at the entrance to the Track to the wetlands on the way to the beach, or around the dog park. We lived for many years near the half pipe in the Woodend Rec and it was hardly used. Kids would sit on it and throw their rubbish everywhere. To me it was a waste of money. Why don't you go to Forms 1-2 at the Pegasus school and ask there opinions and kaiahei High youths to on what would be good for the youth of Pegasus.

BMX Track

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I have lived in Pegasus for 8 years. We pay handsomely for the beautiful location. Residences like to share their location but 1: Speeding cars 2: Loading up our rubbish tins 3: Parking campervans for the day blocking our views 4: Lack of consideration when parking so residences having visitors park so far away. Respect and consideration works both ways. We share our location with you (the visitor) if the rolls were reversed would you be so charitable if I come to your front yard.

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Q7: Near Waitaki Reserve & Near Lakeside Pathway also ticked on physical form.

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Submission Regarding Proposed Council Options – Strong Objection
I strongly object to all of the council's proposed options. The survey itself is clearly biased, with no option provided for submitters to reject all proposals outright. It appears deliberately designed to force respondents into selecting a preferred option, rather than allowing space for outright opposition. I am firmly against any use of ratepayer money for these proposals - especially when we are already facing unsustainable and unjustifiable yearly increases in our rates. The council should be acting with greater financial responsibility, not planning further spending on unnecessary developments. We already have an abundance of natural and community assets in Pegasus - such as the beach, the lake, parks, and a school - that provide ample recreational opportunities for young people. There is no demonstrated need for a separate, dedicated "youth engagement space."
Encouraging young people to constantly rely on curated spaces may further erode their ability to create and enjoy their own entertainment and use their imagination. My personal experience living near a skate park was overwhelmingly negative. After it was constructed: Our property was burgled three times. A \$15,000 bike was stolen. A group of youths came to our front door and threatened us. On top of this, there was constant noise from skateboards hitting the concrete and loud music from portable speakers. The value of our property noticeably declined—something no homeowner would willingly accept. I wouldn't wish having a skate park near someone's home on my worst enemy. If the council insists on building a skate park, it must be located well away from residential properties. The site currently being considered does not meet this basic requirement and is wholly inappropriate. To be clear: I am vigorously opposed to any ratepayer-funded development of this kind. If the council feels legally or

politically obligated to spend money, then I suggest focusing those funds on cleaning up and improving the lake area -something that would genuinely benefit all residents of Pegasus, not just a small demographic.

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I have chosen option 2 as I had no choice to say what I personally prefer but would like the following noted - I like the idea of a skate park and also the basketball court/tennis court but don't like the option of the skateboard areas around the Lake which have been included in the option 2. The Lake is a great place to walk and ride our bikes and I oppose having any skating facility along the lake at all. It is enough to have the dog walkers and young ones on bikes there so I think it should be left as it is. In my opinion no teenagers would use this anyway. I have had teenagers and also have worked with them and they do not like having to be out with families etc and would rather have facilities of their own in a more private place like a dedicated basketball/tennis court or skateboard park. I would like to see this facility done well so that it is well used and thanks for the ability to send our feedback.

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Please leave the Lakeside environment as a peaceful, well utilised walkway for all residents to use. Lakeside links pathways do not belong there and skateboards are more suited to designated areas where they do not disturb or deter from the environment.

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I like option 2 as a fly fox appeals to more age groups. I would be concerned about it being used at night by youth as the noise would be disturbing for neighbouring homes. I don't know how you would control this. I strongly oppose the Lakeside links pathway as the current walkway is very popular with young and a lot of elderly residents. Safety is paramount and skateboarders are a risk to walkers, cyclists etc. A number of elderly residents use the lakeside walkway daily on their mobility scooters as do young parents with prams or buggies. The lake walk is a lovely peaceful area for one to destress and reflect. The seats are popular at all times of the day for everyone to sit and enjoy the tranquillity of the environment. Nobody wants to hear the background noise of skateboards. A designated

skate area is OK but this needs to be away from residential areas, to minimise disturbance.

NO

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Fitness route around the lake for people of all ages and for young people who don't have access to a gym or equipment.

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I would like to add the following comments to this submission. The Rakahuri Reserve is on the far side of Pegasus so access for young kids would be limited and there is no parking in this area and the streets are narrow and it's far from the school. This could cause major issues with accessibility for emergency vehicles.

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Optional question (101 response(s), 63 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Pegasus youth project – play items consultation

Te Kura Tuatahi O Manga Kawari Pegasus Bay School:

The project team met with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Ambassadors from Pegasus Bay School, who created their own online survey form to collect feedback from students. This group collected feedback from 136 students from Pegasus Bay School.



Grant Stephens collecting feedback from the SDG Ambassadors

An SDG Ambassador is a student leader who helps raise awareness and take action on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These goals focus on making the world more fair, sustainable, and healthy for everyone.

At Pegasus Bay School, SDG Ambassadors:

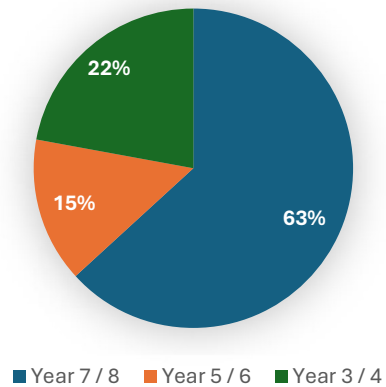
- Lead projects that make a positive impact in our community.
- Share ideas through presentations, campaigns, or creative problem-solving.
- Support sustainable practices and learning around global issues.
- Represent the school when sharing their SDG journey with visitors.

It's a great opportunity for this group of students to grow as leaders, learn about global challenges, and help build a better future.

Age group of students

The majority of students at Pegasus Bay School who participated in the survey were year 7 and 8 students.

Student age groups



Question 1: Which option do you like the most?

The survey asked students to indicate which option out of the below they like the most.

Option 1- dedicated skate item in Karen Eastwood Park or Waitaki Reserve



Option 2 – Basketball / tennis court in Rakahuri Reserve, double flying fox in Maungatere Reserve and skate elements on the lakeside links pathway.



Option 3 – natural nest in Rakahuri Reserve, gaga dodgeball in Maungatere Reserve and skate elements items along the Greenway links

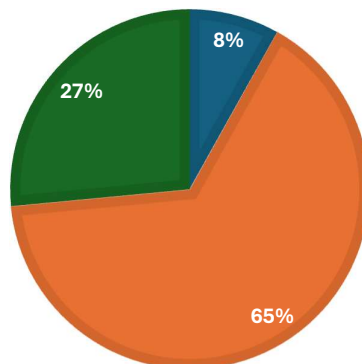


The results:

The most preferred option was option 2, which included the basketball / tennis court in Rakahuri Reserve, double flying fox in Maungatere Reserve and skate elements on the lakeside links pathway.

FAVOURITE OPTIONS

■ Option 1 ■ Option 2 ■ Option 3



Question 2: Rank your favourite activities?

The survey asked students to rank their favourite play activities in order of 1 – 6, with 1 being their most favourite and 6 being their least favourite:

- dedicated skate item
- basketball / tennis court
- double flying fox
- skate elements
- natural nest in
- gaga dodgeball

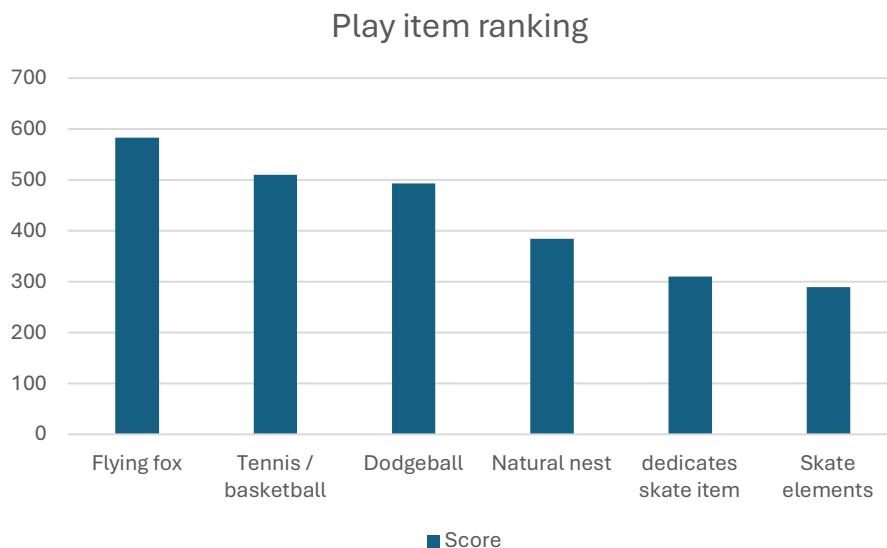
Results:

Using a weighted scoring system where:

- Rank 1 = 6 points
- Rank 2 = 5 points
- Rank 3 = 4 points
- Rank 4 = 3 points
- Rank 5 = 2 points
- Rank 6 = 1 point

Based on the ranked voting data assigning higher weights to higher preferences, the overall order of preference for each of these play items is:

- Flying fox – 583 points
- Tennis / basketball court – 510 points
- Dodgeball – 493 points
- Natural nest – 384 points
- Dedicated skate item – 310 points
- Skate elements – 289 points



Question 3: If we built a dedicated skate item, which location would you prefer?

Students wrote in the survey their preferred location for a dedicated skate item, if this went ahead from these choices:

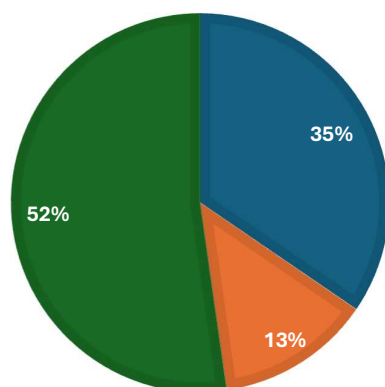
- Karen Eastwood Park
- Waitaki Reserve
- None of these / no skate park

Results:

The most preferred skate location was Karen Eastwood Park.

FAVOURITE LOCATION FOR A SKATE PARK

■ Karen Eastwood Park ■ Waitaki Reserve ■ None of these / no skate park



Question 4: Please rank your favourite locations for youth activities from 1 – 6, with 1 being your favourite and 6 being your least favourite.

On the survey students were asked to rate these locations by writing a number from 1 – 6 and only using each number once.

The locations were.

- Karen Eastwood Park
- Waitaki Reserve
- Rakahuri Reserve
- Lakeside pathway
- Maungatere Reserve
- The Greenway

The results:

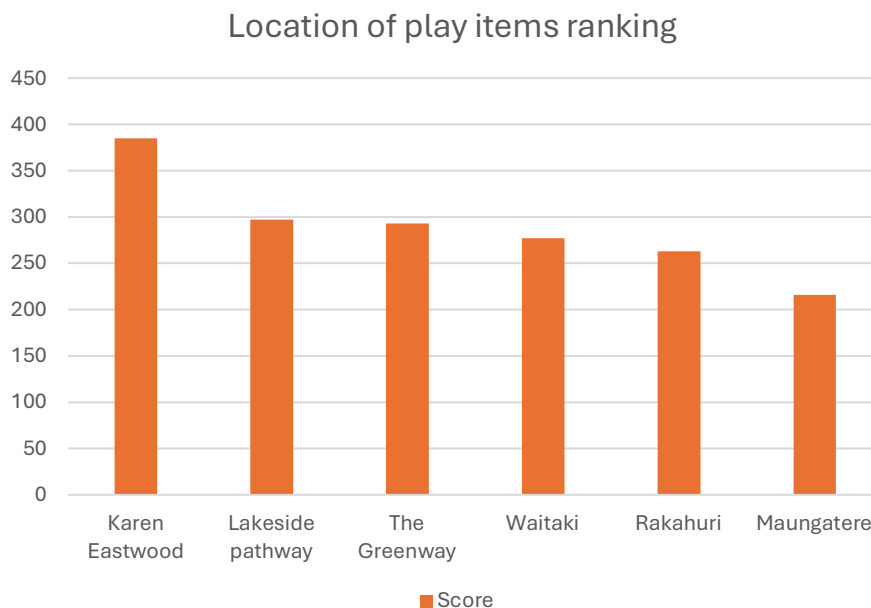
Based on the ranked voting data and assigning higher weights to higher preferences, the overall order of preference to locate any play items are:

Using a weighted scoring system where:

- Rank 1 = 6 points
- Rank 2 = 5 points
- Rank 3 = 4 points
- Rank 4 = 3 points
- Rank 5 = 2 points
- Rank 6 = 1 point

The results of the popularity ranking from 1 to 6 based on total scores:

1. Karen Eastwood – 385 points
2. Lakeside Pathway – 297 points
3. The Greenway – 293 points
4. Waitaki Reserve – 277 points
5. Rakahuri – 263 points
6. Maungatere Reserve – 216 points



There were also comments from students on other locations for play items, this included:

- Wetlands - 6 comments
- Trails near the beach - 6 comments
- Nature trails at the golf course – 1 comment

- Tiri Tiri Moana Drive – 1 comment
- Turvey Street – 1 comment
- Nest near the beach – 1 comment
- Moorcroft Reserve – 1 comment

Question 5: Which park or pathway is close to where you live?

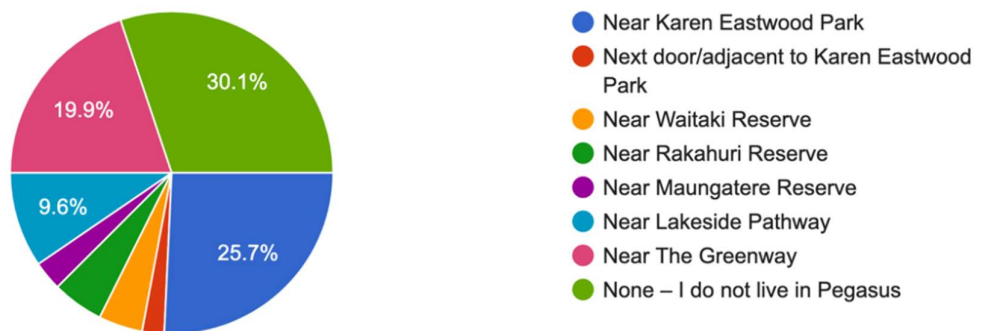
The survey form asked students to write down which park or pathway was closest to where they live.

Results:

The majority of the students live near Karen Eastwood Park, but there were also 30 percent of students who do not live in Pegasus.

Which park or pathway is closest to where you live?

136 responses

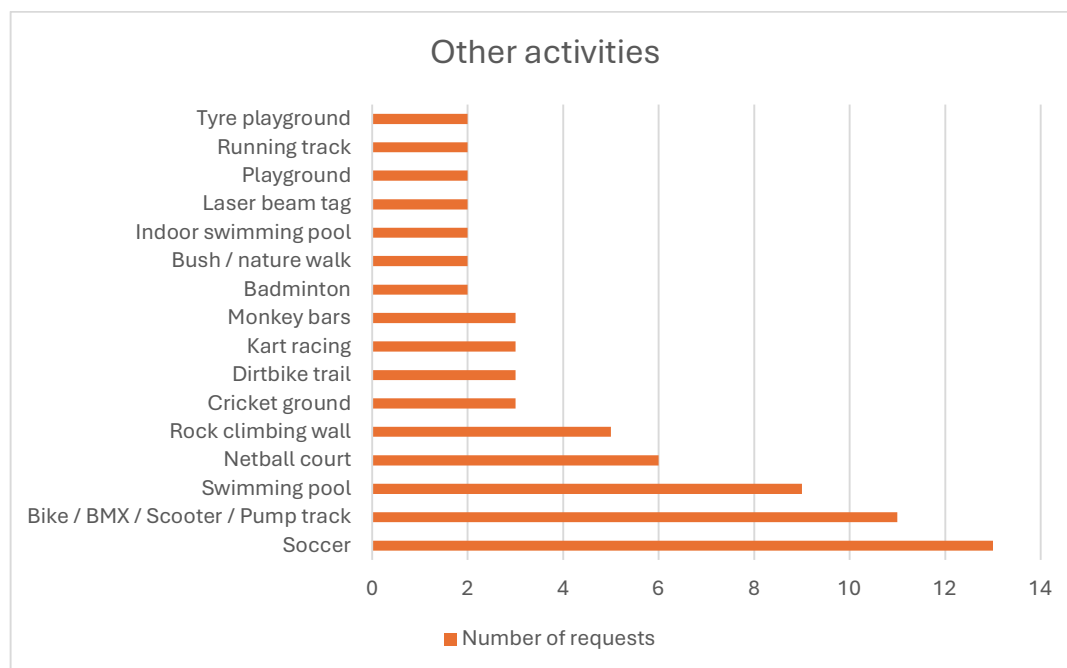


Question 6: Are there any other youth activities that you would prefer that we haven't included?

There were 33 students who wrote that 'no' they did not have any other preferences and one student who wrote 'I don't know'.

Results:

The most popular 'other' play activities were soccer and a bike track that could incorporate bikes and scooters / pump track.



Other items with only one request included:

- 12 to 13 ripper rugby
- Indoor hangout space
- Farm
- Another forest
- See saw
- Gladstone Park
- Big shiny thing from Gladstone Park
- Squash court
- Golf
- Boba shop
- Stadium for basketball
- Golf training
- Dedicated skate park
- Just ruin the greenway
- Hikes
- Hockey
- Timezone
- Ice skating rink
- Walking track
- Wave pool
- Indoor tennis
- Water park
- Wetlands
- Natural nest
- zoo

Pegasus youth project – play items consultation

Te Kura Tuatahi O Pakiaka Woodend School:

On 19 June 2025, the project team visited Woodend School to speak with around 35 year 7 and 8 students, so that we could understand their specific views on the play items being proposed.

We introduced the project and the team to the students and explained why we needed feedback from them and then we talked them through the activities. The students were split up into three groups (as we combined the dot voting activities) and they each moved around the room to answer five questions in total at the stations. These stations replicated the questions in the online survey that was available to the wider public. The final question we asked them to answer together as a large group and it was focused on items we may have missed.

Activity 1: Which option do you like the most?

Dot voting – Students were asked to use one sticky dot and place it on their favourite option.

Option 1- dedicated skate item in Karen Eastwood Park or Waitaki Reserve



Option 2 – Basketball / tennis court in Rakahuri Reserve, double flying fox in Maungatere Reserve and skate elements on the lakeside links pathway.



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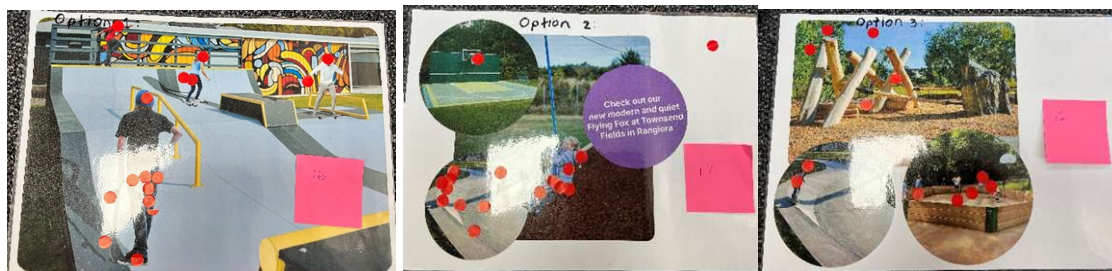
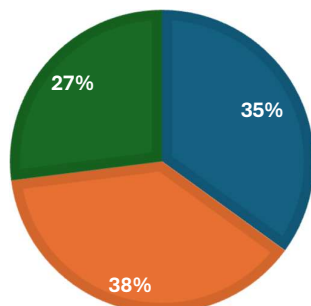


The results:

The dot voting indicated that option 2 was the most popular option, followed by option 1 and option 3.

FAVOURITE OPTIONS

■ Option 1 ■ Option 2 ■ Option 3

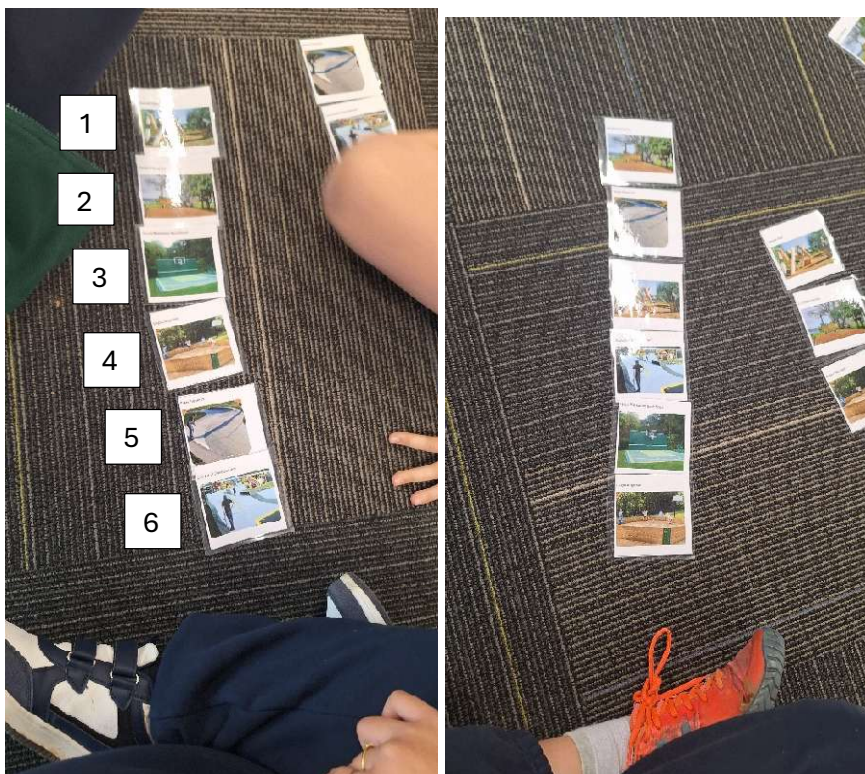


Images of the results from the students.

Activity 2: Rank your favourite activities?

Students were given a set of cards to put out on the floor in their order of preference for each of the play activities, with the card at the top of the row being their favourite item and the bottom card being their least favourite item from these:

- dedicated skate item
- basketball / tennis court
- double flying fox
- skate elements
- natural nest in
- gaga dodgeball



Images of some of the results from the students.

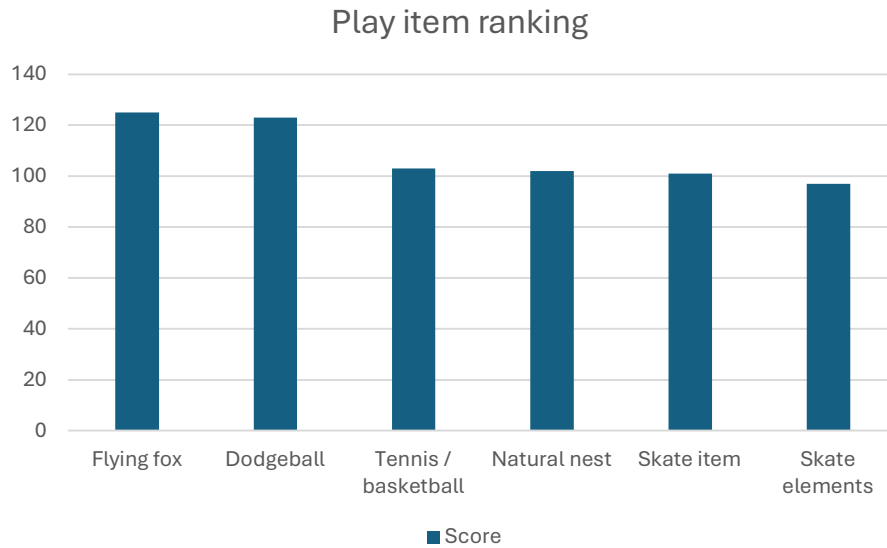
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Based on the ranked voting data assigning higher weights to higher preferences, the overall order of preference for each of these play items is:

- Flying fox – 125 points
- Dodgeball – 123 points
- Tennis/basketball – 103 points
- Natural nest – 102 points
- Skate item – 101 points
- Skate elements – 97 points



Activity 3: If we built a dedicated skate item, which location would you prefer?

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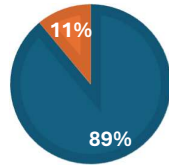
- Karen Eastwood Park
- Waitaki Reserve
- Add other ideas and if someone has already written your idea, give it a tick.

Results:

The most preferred skate location was Karen Eastwood Park.

FAVOURITE LOCATION FOR A SKATE PARK

■ Karen Eastwood Park ■ Waitaki Reserve



Images of the results from the students.

Other ideas collected include:

Woodend ✓✓✓

Ravenswood ✓✓

Woodend Beach ✓✓

Beach

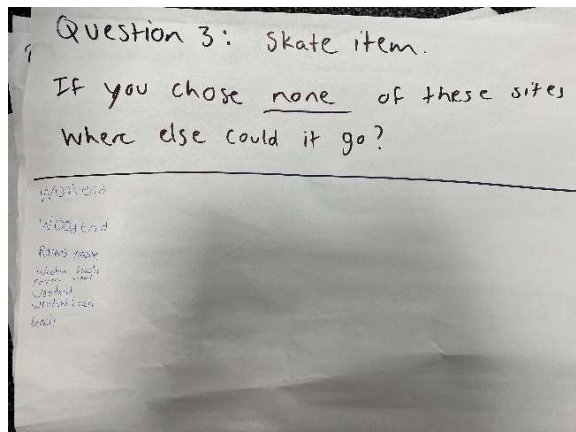


Image of the results from the students

Activity 4: Please rank your favourite locations for youth activities from 1 – 6, with 1 being your favourite and 6 being your least favourite.

On the large post it note pad students were asked to rate these locations by writing a number from 1 – 6 and only using each number once.

The locations were.

- Karen Eastwood Park
- Waitaki Reserve
- Rakahuri Reserve
- Lakeside pathway
- Maungatere Reserve
- The Greenway

The results:

Based on the ranked voting data and assigning higher weights to higher preferences, the overall order of preference to locate any play items are:

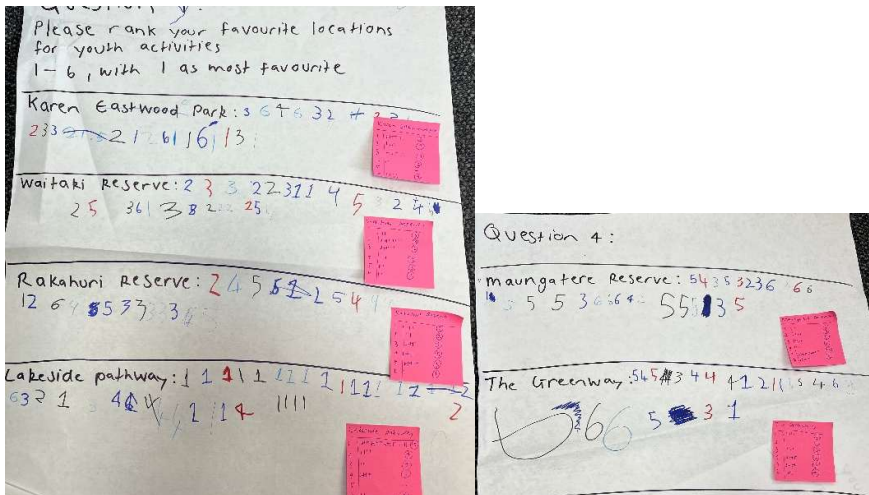
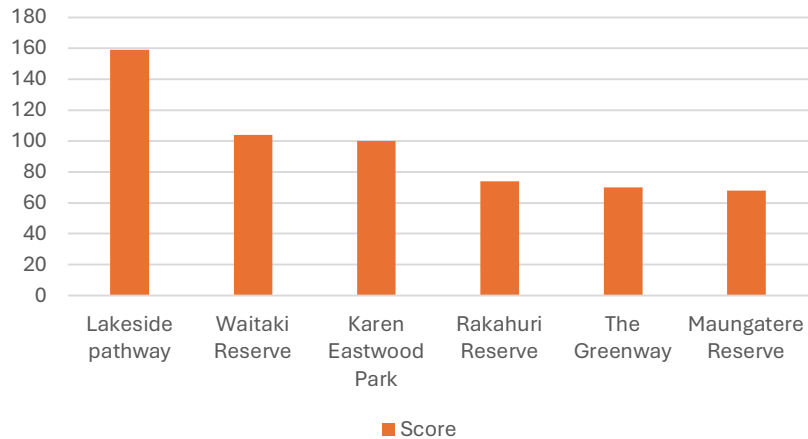
Using a weighted scoring system where:

- Rank 1 = 6 points
- Rank 2 = 5 points
- Rank 3 = 4 points
- Rank 4 = 3 points
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- Rank 6 = 1 point

The results of the popularity ranking from 1 to 6 based on total scores:

1. Lakeside Pathway – 159 points
2. Waitaki Reserve – 104 points
3. Karen Eastwood Park – 100 points
4. Rakahuri Reserve – 74 points
5. The Greenway – 70 points
6. Maungatere Reserve – 68 points

Location of play items ranking



Images of the results from the students

Activity 5: Which park or pathway is close to where you live?

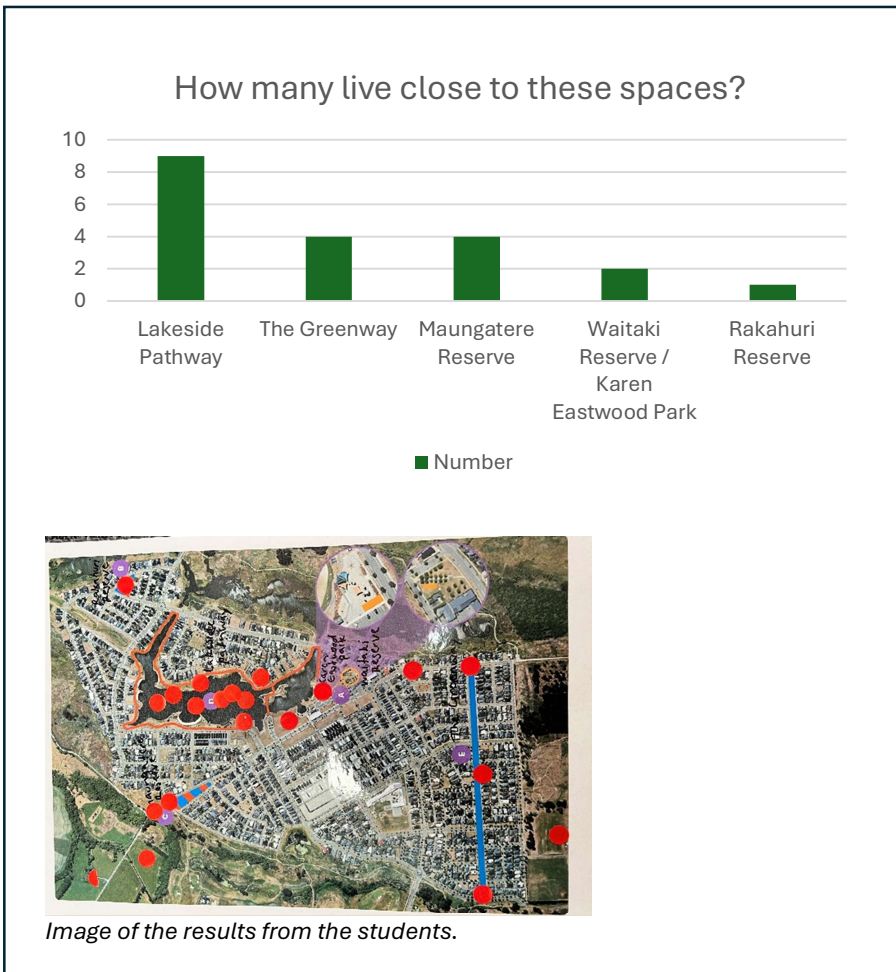
Using the large map students were asked to use one sticky dot and place it on the park or pathway that is closest to where you live?

The locations are.

- Karen Eastwood Park / Waitaki Reserve (location A)
- Rakahuri Reserve (location B)
- Maungatere Reserve (location C)
- Lakeside pathway (location D)
- The Greenway (location E)

Results:

The majority of the students we worked with live closest to the Lakeside pathway.


Activity 6: Are there any other youth activities that you would prefer that we haven't included?

Students were asked as a large group to put up the hand and provide us with an answer to this question, which was then written down on a large post it note pad and repeat ideas were ticked.

Results:

Hamster wheel ✓✓✓✓✓

Swing

Pump track with jumps

Football field ✓✓

Highschool ✓✓

Climbing net✓
 Bike track (flat)
 Parkour✓
 Train
 Chalk drawing board
 Carousel
 Amusement park
 Giant game boards
 Swimming pool
 Movie theatre
 Fix the lake
 Connection path
 Water fountain

Question 6: As a group

Are there any other youth activities you would prefer that we haven't included?

Swing	giant game boards
pump track with jumps	swimming pool
football field ✓	movie theatre
highschool ✓	fix the lake
climbing net ✓	connection path
bike track	water fountain
parkour ✓	
hamster wheel ✓ (human size) ✓	
train	
chalk drawing board	
carousel	
amusement park	

Image of the results from the students.



Images of Waimakariri District Council staff working with the students at Woodend school

Pegasus youth project – play items consultation

Kaiapoi High School:

On 12 June 2025, the project team visited Kaiapoi High School to speak with around 50 year 9 and 10 students who live in the Pegasus area, so that we could understand their specific views on the play items being proposed.

We introduced the project and the team to the students and explained why we needed feedback from them and then we talked them through the activities. The students were split up into five groups and they each moved around the room to answer five questions at each of the stations. These stations replicated the questions in the online survey that was available to the wider public. The final question we asked them to answer together as a large group and it was focused on items we may have missed.

Activity 1: Which option do you like the most?

Dot voting – Students were asked to use one sticky dot and place it on their favourite option.

Option 1- dedicated skate item in Karen Eastwood Park or Waitaki Reserve



Option 2 – Basketball / tennis court in Rakahuri Reserve, double flying fox in Maungatere Reserve and skate elements on the lakeside links pathway.



Option 3 – natural nest in Rakahuri Reserve, gaga dodgeball in Maungatere Reserve and skate elements items along the Greenway links

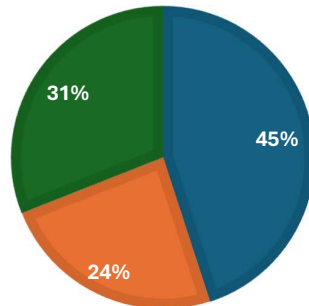


The results:

The dot voting indicated that option 1, the dedicated skate item was the most popular, followed by option 3 and option 2.

FAVOURITE OPTIONS

■ Option 1 ■ Option 2 ■ Option 3



Images of the results from the students.

Activity 2: Rank your favourite activities?

Students were given a set of cards to put out on the floor in their order of preference for each of the play activities, with the card at the top of the row being their favourite item and the bottom card being their least favourite item from these:

- dedicated skate item
- basketball / tennis court
- double flying fox
- skate elements
- natural nest in
- gaga dodgeball



Images of some of the results from the students.

Results:

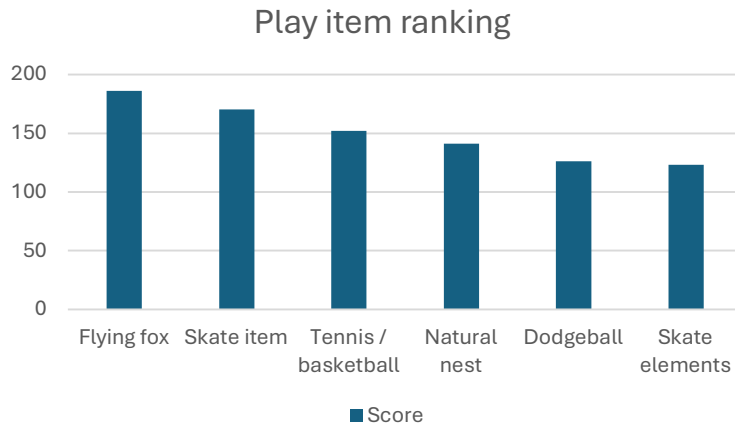
Using a weighted scoring system where.

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Based on the ranked voting data assigning higher weights to higher preferences, the overall order of preference for each of these play items is:

- Flying fox – 186 points
- Skate item – 170 points
- Tennis/basketball – 152 points

- Natural nest – 141 points
- Dodgeball – 126 points
- Skate elements – 123 points



Activity 3: If we built a dedicated skate item, which location would you prefer?

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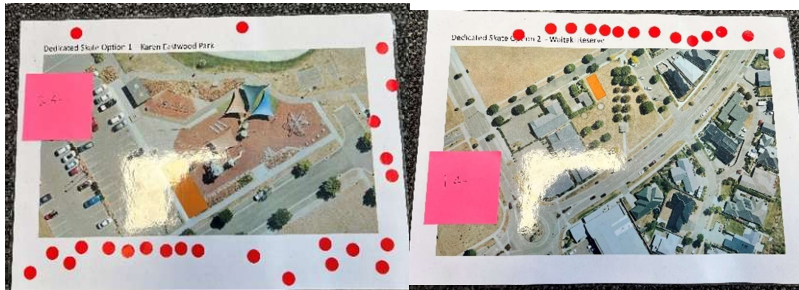
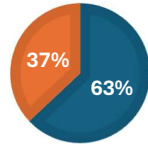
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Results:

The most preferred skate location was Karen Eastwood Park.

FAVOURITE LOCATION FOR A SKATE PARK

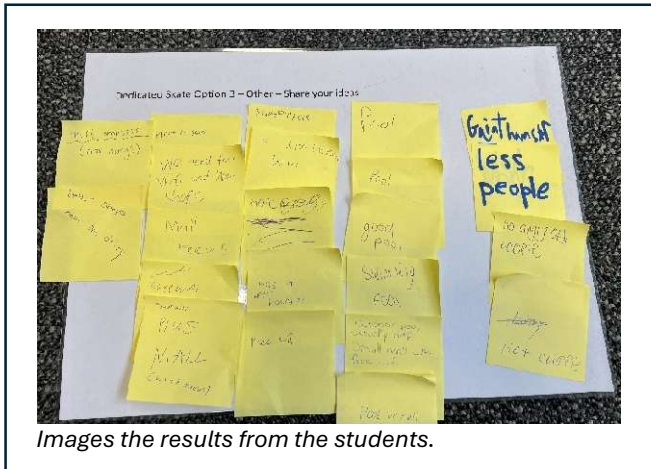
■ Karen Eastwood Park ■ Waitaki Reserve



Images of the results from the students.

Other ideas collected include:

Good pool ✓✓✓✓✓
 Giant hamster wheel
 Less people
 No angry old people
 Next to shops
 Mall ✓✓✓
 Free Wifi ✓✓✓✓✓
 Hot chippies
 Better shops
 Near the dairy
 Pump track
 Has a water fountain
 Thrift shops
 A skatepark bowl
 More rugby



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The results:

Using a weighted scoring system where.

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Based on the ranked voting data assigning higher weights to higher preferences, the overall order of preference for the play item locations were:

Karen Eastwood – 113 points
Waitaki Reserve – 75 points
Rakahuri Reserve – 58 points

Maungatere Reserve – 44 points

Lakeside pathway – 43 points

The Greenway – 37 points



Activity 5: Which park or pathway is close to where you live?

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- Lakeside pathway (location D)
- The Greenway (location E)

Results:

The majority of the students we worked with live closest to The Greenway and Karen Eastwood Park / Waitaki Reserve.



Image of the results from the students.

Activity 6: Are there any other youth activities that you would prefer that we haven't included?

Students were asked as a large group to put up the hand and provide us with an answer to this question, which was then written down on a large post it note pad and repeat ideas were ticked.

Results:

Pump track ✓

Free Wifi at all reserves

Volleyball net – could set this up on the beach in Pegasus

Food stand at the skate park

Badminton court

Hockey turf
Football pitch
Dirt bike track
Bumps on the greenway

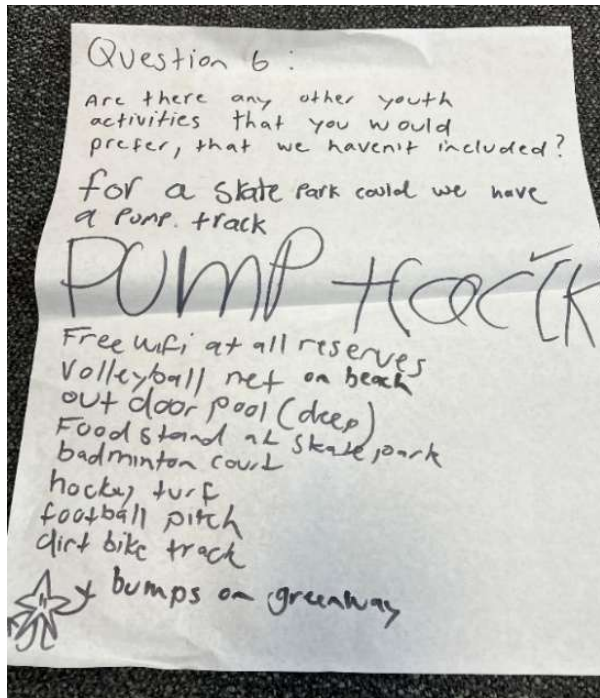


Image of the results from the students.



Images of students completing the activities

Other Ideas for Youth Spaces Within Pegasus				
Idea	Qty	Recommendation	Staff Response	Potential Location
BMX Pump Track	7	Potential	Could be achieved within budget.	Rakahuri Reserve
Bike Track	4	Potential	Could be achieved but would need to identify a location.	Te Kohaka Tuhaitara Trust/Gladstone Park
Frisbee/Disc Golf	4	Potential	Could be achieved but would need to identify a location.	Gladstone Park
Table Tennis	4	Not Recommended	Pegasus wind would render this unlikely to succeed outside	N/A
Sheltered Seating/Hangout space	3	Included	It is hoped that this will be included alongside the current activities as part of detailed design	Rakahuri/Karen Eastwood/Waitaki Reserve
Pool Table	2	Not Recommended	Difficult to achieve in public space due to equipment required	N/A
Exercise Equipment	2	Potential	Could be achieved but would need to identify a location.	Lakeside, Te Kohaka Tuhaitara Trust
Surf Skate Wave	2	Not Recommended	Insufficient budget and dedicated Skate/Small Wheels element not supported by feedback	N/A
Large Skate Bowl	1			
Scooter Track	1			
Rollerskating Track	1			
Mini Golf	1	Not Recommended	Difficult to achieve in public space due to equipment required	N/A
Climbing Wall	1	Potential	Could be achieved within budget.	Rakahuri/Karen Eastwood/Waitaki Reserve
In Ground Trampoline	1	Potential	Could be achieved within budget.	Rakahuri/Karen Eastwood/Waitaki Reserve
Slack Lines	1	Potential	Could be achieved within budget.	Rakahuri/Karen Eastwood/Waitaki Reserve
Whale Pool/Splashpad/Water Play	8	Not Recommended	Out of Project Scope	N/A
Youth Club/Centre/Youth Support Person	5			
Pool	4			
Balance/Learn to Bike Track	2			
Football	2			
Library	1			
Indoor Arcade	1			
Go Karts	1			
More Play for Younger Children	1			
Fix the Lake	1			
Indoor Playground	1			
Indoor Gym for Basketball or Badminton	1			
Surfing	1			

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Pegasus Youth Space - Design Feedback

Let's Talk Waimakariri

Project: Pegasus Youth Space - Design



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RESIDENT SIGNATURES

**Responded At:** Jul 01, 2026 16:22:28 pm**Last Seen:** Jul 01, 2026 04:17:08 am**IP Address:** 150.228.155.234**Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback**

not answered

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

My property adjoined onto this reserve. I like option 1 as it means I can take my 3 children ages 9, 3 and baby to one designer area which would entertain all of them. I dont think we need the flying fox as its only a flying fox you'll find that its only people walking past that may use it plus its on a busy road. Flying foxes are predominantly for older kids and I don't want teens loitering around it at night time. We already have issues with this.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered



Responded At: Jul 02, 2026 12:12:17 pm

Last Seen: Jul 01, 2026 23:20:48 pm

IP Address: 157.132.254.192

Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

Not affected - no comment

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

This reserve is across the road from me. It doesn't matter that the flying foxes are quiet - children racing one another on flying foxes are not. I do not relish screaming (and they will be screaming!) children piercing my quiet days relaxing outside. I can see it becoming quite stressful over time and will severely impact my mental well being. This is not OK and its affect on the residents should not be underestimated. In addition, this area is too far from the hub of Pegasus The establishment of anything resembling this in this reserve is nonsensical. I specifically purchased by this reserve because it offered PEACE and QUIET. And, importantly, the Reserve is already currently well utilised by local youth for kite flying, dog exercising, cricket, rugby and football games or simply strolling across. It is meeting the vision of Bob Robertson so why you feel the need to turn that on its head baffles me.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

Not affected - no comment

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

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Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

This is the heart of Pegasus and is by far the best and only option: It will add to the current offerings and consolidate the reputation of the existing facilities in this zone It is an area that has a vibe with lots of people throughout the day and into the early night time which will discourage anti-social behaviour. People are around here a lot of the time - unlike the other options where the residents will have to suffer the consequences of dealing with unwanted behaviour. There are toilet facilities It is an existing and well known recreational area Adults have options - coffee/drinks/pizza etc It will help struggling business by attracting more people There is car parking Developing anything on the other outer areas of the town will create potential 'hang out' spaces for teenagers in dark areas at night and that never ends well for the poor souls who have to live by them.

Good Morning Board Members,

I recently received a *Let's Talk* consultation flyer regarding the proposed Pegasus Youth Space development at Maungatere Reserve. I have completed the form on-line and do not intend repeating that feedback here. What disturbs me is that this new consultation (at Rate Payers expense) ignores previously canvassed feedback/consultation/consideration and has ignored the feedback garnered during that process. The Council, the Community and the 'Youth' have already spoken; they do not want a double Flying Fox in Maungatere Reserve.

I am at a loss to understand why this proposal remains an option and wonder how anyone on the Board would put their individual desires before the Community they serve. This is not how democracy works. I will remain fully engaged in this issue and the process and will fight it's furtherance at every step.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pegasus



Responded At: Jul 06, 2026 10:52:56 am

Last Seen: Jul 05, 2026 22:47:44 pm

IP Address: 103.75.11.187

Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

Not suitable, especially if the flying fox gets put in this location as per the original recommendation from the council.

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Not suitable. My property adjoins this reserve. Separate feedback has been sent via email to Grant Stephens on both the unsuitability of this location and the lack of good faith in this proposal.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

Seems like a suitable location.

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Not suitable. My property adjoins this reserve. Separate feedback has been sent via email to Grant Stephens on both the unsuitability of this location and the lack of good faith in this proposal.

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

Looks suitable.

Dear Grant,

I am writing to formally raise serious concerns about both the decision made to install a Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve and the process by which this decision has been made and communicated.

The Process Violates Community Board Guidelines

The Community Board's own governance guidelines establish clear requirements for transparent decision-making. The Board has made a decision—to proceed with Maungatere Reserve—without publicly notifying the community that this decision had been made, who made it, or the rationale for doing so. This decision has instead been presented to us implicitly, embedded within a consultation on "two options" that both involve the same reserve.

The "Two Options" Are Not Genuine Choices

The current consultation presents what appears to be a binary choice between two design options—but both options are fundamentally the same: they both involve installing the Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve. This is not genuine consultation; it is a pre-determined outcome dressed up as community choice. The real decision—to place the flying fox at Maungatere Reserve—has already been made behind closed doors, and we are now being asked to comment only on design variations of an outcome that the Council's own earlier consultation found to be the least preferred location.

Why This Matters

The Council's own consultation process clearly identified that:

- Youth ranked Maungatere Reserve last among all proposed sites for a flying fox installation
- Council staff recommended against installing a flying fox at this location due to specific concerns relating to noise, privacy, disruption to existing recreational use, and potential ongoing conflict with the surrounding residential community
- 14 of 16 adjoining property owners (87.5% of those most directly affected) oppose the installation of the flying fox at this location

The Board now appears to have disregarded these findings and predetermined the decision to install the flying fox at Maungatere Reserve without transparent explanation.

My Objection

I formally object to the installation of the Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve. This objection is based on:

1. Maungatere Reserve being demonstrably unsuitable for a flying fox installation according to the Council's own consultation and professional assessment
2. The specific concerns raised by affected residents and youth about the noise, privacy impacts, and disruption that a flying fox would cause at this location
3. A decision-making process that has breached the Board's own governance requirements for transparency and public notification
4. The presentation of design variations as a "choice" when the fundamental decision to install the flying fox at Maungatere Reserve has already been predetermined

I respectfully ask that the Board:

- Publicly disclose who made the decision to install the flying fox at Maungatere Reserve, when this decision was made, and the rationale for overriding the consultation findings and staff recommendations against this location
- Conduct genuine consultation on whether Maungatere Reserve is an appropriate location for a flying fox at all, rather than consultation limited only to design variations of a predetermined outcome
- Ensure future decision-making processes comply with the Board's own governance guidelines regarding transparency and public notification

I look forward to your acknowledgement of receipt and a response addressing these concerns.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Responded At: Jul 07, 2026 15:36:13 pm

Last Seen: Jul 13, 2026 20:15:03 pm

IP Address: 203.97.68.30

Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

I strongly oppose the proposal to install a Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve. This objection is not based on opposition to youth facilities. I fully support investment in quality recreation for young people. My objection is that Maungatere Reserve has already been identified, through the Council's own consultation process and professional assessment, as one of the least suitable locations for this type of facility. The consultation results clearly showed that Maungatere Reserve was not supported by either the community or the intended users. It ranked fourth out of six locations by the wider community and, more significantly, was ranked last by young people themselves. If the purpose of this project is to provide facilities where young people actually want them, it is difficult to justify selecting the location they considered the least desirable. Even more compelling is the recommendation made by Council staff. Their report concluded that Maungatere Reserve should not proceed because of significant opposition from neighbouring residents and the likelihood of ongoing conflict arising from noise, privacy concerns and disruption to existing recreational use. The proposal now before the Board appears inconsistent with those professional recommendations. Maungatere Reserve already performs an important role within Pegasus as one of the few remaining large open green spaces. It is extensively used by walkers, runners, cyclists, families, dog owners and people participating in informal sports such as football, rugby, frisbee and kite flying. These activities depend upon large, uninterrupted open areas. Installing a permanent Double Flying Fox would fundamentally change the character of the reserve from a flexible open space into a destination playground centred around a single activity. The impacts on neighbouring residents have also not been adequately addressed. A Double Flying Fox is unlike many other playground facilities because it generates repeated bursts of noise throughout the day as users queue, encourage one another and repeatedly use the equipment. Council's own consultation identified noise as one of the principal concerns raised by nearby residents. Privacy impacts are equally significant. One proposed location would place the Double Flying Fox approximately 25 metres from a neighbouring master bedroom, bringing increased activity, noise and overlooking immediately adjacent to private homes. Moving the facility closer to reserve boundaries simply transfers impacts from reserve users directly onto neighbouring properties. The proposal would also increase visitor numbers, traffic movements and demand for on-street parking in streets that were never designed to service a destination playground. There are currently no public toilet facilities at Maungatere Reserve, creating additional concerns as visitor numbers increase. These issues, together with the potential for litter, vandalism and anti-social behaviour, represent cumulative effects that should be considered collectively rather than in isolation. Importantly, there are already better alternatives available. Council staff identified Karen Eastwood Park, Waitaki Reserve and Rakahuri Reserve as more suitable locations for active youth recreation. These locations received stronger community support, provide greater separation from neighbouring homes and are better suited to accommodate higher levels of activity. In addition, Hurunui Reserve already provides youth recreation facilities within approximately 300 metres of Maungatere Reserve, reducing any justification for duplicating similar infrastructure in such close proximity. This proposal also raises broader concerns about the integrity of the consultation process. Residents participated in good faith believing their views would meaningfully inform Council's decision. The consultation demonstrated that youth did not support Maungatere Reserve, neighbouring residents strongly opposed it and Council staff recommended it should not proceed. Ignoring these findings risks undermining public confidence in future consultation exercises. Finally, the views of the residents most directly affected should carry significant weight. Every household bordering Maungatere Reserve was consulted. Fourteen of the sixteen adjoining properties support the objection, while the remaining two are neutral. No directly adjoining property supports the installation. This represents 87.5% support from those who will experience the greatest impacts every day. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Board reject the proposed Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve and instead locate the facility at one of the alternative sites already identified by Council's own consultation and professional staff. Doing so would support youth recreation while respecting community consultation, protecting residential amenity and preserving one of Pegasus' most valuable open green spaces.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

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Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Dear Woodend-Sefton Community Board Members, Governance Team Leader, and Consultation Team Leader,

Following on from our recent submissions on the Pegasus Youth Space survey and in particular the Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve, the affected residents have grave concerns regarding the significant disconnect between the information presented in the consultation survey document and the subsequent responses provided by the Consultation Team Leader, the Governance Team Leader and the Chair of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board, who all have advised that **no decision has been made to install a Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve.**

While we acknowledge this clarification, it is fundamentally inconsistent with the consultation material that was provided to residents.

The consultation document states that feedback is being sought on "**the location and arrangement of activities and associated landscape features inside the reserve rather than the choice of reserve or equipment, which has already been considered by the Board.**"

To any reasonable member of the public, this statement conveys that the Board had already considered and accepted both the reserve and the equipment, leaving only the detailed layout within the reserve to be determined.

That impression is reinforced throughout the consultation material.

The survey presents two concept plans for Maungatere Reserve, each showing a Double Flying Fox in a different location within the reserve. Respondents are asked to provide feedback on these two options. At no point are residents asked the fundamental question of whether a Double Flying Fox should be installed at Maungatere Reserve at all.

Instead, the consultation effectively presents a choice between **Option 1** and **Option 2**, creating the clear impression that the installation of a Double Flying Fox within Maungatere Reserve has already been accepted and that only its position remains open for discussion.

If the Board had genuinely not reached any decision regarding the suitability of Maungatere Reserve, the consultation should have clearly communicated that position and invited feedback on that fundamental question.

Instead, the consultation framed the issue as **where** the flying fox should be located within the reserve, rather than **whether** it should be located there at all.

This distinction is critical.

The previous consultation asked the community a fundamentally different question: **Which reserve is the most appropriate location for youth recreation facilities?**

That consultation produced a clear outcome.

- Maungatere Reserve was ranked the **least preferred location by young people**.
- Significant concerns were raised by neighbouring residents regarding noise, privacy and compatibility with existing recreational use.
- Council's own professional staff recommended that Maungatere Reserve should **not proceed** as a location for a youth recreation facility because of the likelihood of ongoing conflict between reserve users and surrounding residents.

The current consultation asks an entirely different question.

Rather than asking whether Maungatere Reserve remains an appropriate location, it assumes that a Double Flying Fox forms part of the reserve and asks respondents to comment on its position within the reserve.

These are not equivalent consultation questions.

One asks **whether** the facility should be located at Maungatere Reserve.

The other asks **how** the facility should be arranged once that location has effectively been accepted.

That change in focus is precisely why so many residents believed the Council had already decided to place a Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve despite the outcome of the previous consultation.

We are equally concerned that the consultation invites feedback on the proposed design while providing almost no information about the design itself.

Residents were not provided with basic information such as:

- the overall height of the structure
- the length of the flying fox
- the height of the launch platforms
- anticipated noise characteristics
- visual impacts
- operational details
- or any assessment of the effects on neighbouring properties

Without this information, residents were not in a position to provide meaningful feedback on the "design" as requested.

Meaningful consultation requires that participants are given sufficient information to understand what is proposed and to assess its likely effects. That did not occur here.

Our concern is therefore not simply about the outcome of this proposal. It is about the integrity of the consultation process itself.

The explanation now being provided by Council staff and a Board member is not reflected in the consultation document that residents were asked to respond to. The issue is not what the Council may have intended, but how a reasonable member of the public would understand the consultation material they received.

In our view, a reasonable reader would conclude that:

- the choice of reserve and equipment had already been determined
- the Double Flying Fox was going to be installed at Maungatere Reserve
- the only remaining decision was whether it should be located at the northern or southern end of the reserve.

That interpretation is entirely understandable given the wording, structure and content of the consultation document.

Meaningful public consultation depends upon participants clearly understanding:

- what decisions have already been made
- what decisions remain open
- and how their feedback can genuinely influence the outcome.

Where consultation material creates a reasonable impression that a key decision has already been made, public confidence in both the consultation process and the eventual decision is inevitably undermined.

We respectfully ask the Board to acknowledge this disconnect between the consultation material and the subsequent explanations provided to residents.

We further ask that the Board carefully consider whether the consultation, as presented, enabled residents to provide fully informed feedback on the matters that were genuinely still open for consideration.

Finally, we respectfully submit that any decision regarding Maungatere Reserve should continue to give significant weight to the findings of the original consultation, in which young people ranked Maungatere Reserve as their least preferred location,

neighbouring residents overwhelmingly opposed its selection, and Council's own professional staff recommended that it should not proceed.

We ask the Board to ensure that both the consultation process and the final decision reflect the principles of transparency, fairness and genuine community engagement upon which public confidence in local government depends.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards

A solid black rectangular box used to redact a signature.

Dear Grant,

Please find attached our submission objecting to the proposed installation of a Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve.

This submission has been prepared following a detailed review of the Council's consultation findings and staff assessment. Our objection is not to the provision of youth recreation facilities; rather, it is based on the view that Maungatere Reserve is not an appropriate location for this type of installation.

As outlined in the attached submission, Council's own consultation identified Maungatere Reserve as one of the least preferred locations, with youth ranking it last among the proposed sites. Council staff also recommended that the reserve should not progress due to concerns relating to noise, privacy, disruption to existing recreational use, and the potential for ongoing conflict with the surrounding residential community.

In preparing this submission, we have consulted directly with the households that border Maungatere Reserve. Of the 16 adjoining properties, residents from 14 support this submission, representing 87.5% of those most directly affected. Their signatures are included with the submission as evidence of this support. We respectfully ask that the concerns raised in the attached submission, together with the documented consultation outcomes and staff recommendations, be given full and careful consideration before any decision is made.

We would also appreciate it if you could please acknowledge receipt of this submission. As the Woodend-Sefton Community Board members, Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been copied into this email for their information, we would also appreciate confirmation from those recipients that they have received the attached objection.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your acknowledgement of receipt.

Kind regards,



Dear Board Members,

Re: Objection to the Proposed Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve

We wish to formally object to the proposal to install a flying fox at Maungatere Reserve.

This objection is not based on opposition to youth facilities. We strongly support investment in facilities for young people within Pegasus. Our concern is that Maungatere Reserve has already been demonstrated, through Council's own consultation and staff assessment, to be an unsuitable location.

1. Council's own consultation identified Maungatere Reserve as one of the least suitable locations

The consultation results clearly show that Maungatere Reserve was not supported as a preferred location.

The report states:

- **Community ranking:** 4th out of six locations
- **Youth ranking: 6th (last)** out of all proposed locations

This is particularly significant because the project exists to provide facilities desired by young people. If youth themselves ranked Maungatere Reserve as their least preferred location, it is difficult to justify selecting it.

2. Council staff specifically recommended that Maungatere Reserve should NOT proceed

The strongest evidence is contained in Section 4.49 of the report.

Staff concluded:

"Maungatere Reserve... was the least preferred location by youth."

They further noted:

"Significant opposition from local residents citing concerns around noise, privacy and disruption to existing recreational use indicates that developing a youth space here could lead to ongoing tension between youth users and the surrounding community."

Staff therefore recommended that Maungatere Reserve **not progress**.

It is difficult to understand why a flying fox is now proposed in a location that Council staff expressly advised against.

3. Maungatere Reserve already serves an important recreational purpose

The report acknowledges that Maungatere Reserve is:

- one of the few remaining open green spaces in Pegasus
- already heavily used by walkers
- cyclists
- runners
- dog owners
- families
- informal sports
- kite flying

Unlike more developed reserves, Maungatere provides passive recreation and open space.

Installing a major play attraction changes the character of the reserve and reduces its value as one of Pegasus' remaining quiet green spaces

4. Existing users would lose amenity

Council's own assessment acknowledges concerns that a youth-focused installation may compete with, rather than complement, the reserve's existing recreational uses.

Maungatere Reserve is currently well used for a wide range of informal and organised activities, including:

- Football
- Rugby
- Frisbee
- Dog exercise
- Walking
- Cycling
- Running

These activities rely on large, uninterrupted areas of open grass that can be used flexibly by people of all ages. Installing a permanent double flying fox would reduce the availability of this open space and change the character of the reserve from a versatile, multi-purpose recreation area to one dominated by a single fixed activity.

Furthermore, if Council's proposed solution is to relocate the flying fox closer to the reserve boundaries in an attempt to minimise impacts on existing users, this would simply transfer the adverse effects to neighbouring residents by bringing increased noise and activity even closer to adjoining homes.

Rather than enhancing the reserve, the proposal would diminish its flexibility, reduce the amenity enjoyed by current users, and create unnecessary conflict between recreational use and the residential environment surrounding the reserve.

5. Noise impacts were consistently raised throughout consultation

Council records acknowledge concerns including:

- shouting
- loud impacts
- repeated use
- increased congregation
- ongoing activity

Unlike many playground items, a double flying fox generates repeated bursts of noise throughout the day because users naturally encourage one another while waiting and taking turns.

These concerns were not isolated complaints, they formed one of the key reasons staff recommended against Maungatere Reserve, with large numbers of effected surrounding properties.

6. Privacy concerns remain valid

Residents also raised concerns about:

- elevated launch platforms
- overlooking neighbouring homes
- Increased activity immediately adjacent to private properties (Option 2 placing the Double Flying Fox just 25 metres from a residence's master bedroom)

These concerns are unique to this reserve because homes directly surround much of the reserve.

6a. Additional Community and Infrastructure Impacts

Parking

The proposed double flying fox is likely to attract visitors from outside the immediate neighbourhood, increasing demand for on-street parking. The surrounding streets are residential and were not designed to accommodate significant numbers of visitor vehicles. Increased parking demand will inconvenience residents and contribute to congestion during peak periods.

Traffic Safety

An increase in visitor numbers will inevitably result in increased vehicle movements around the reserve. This raises concerns for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, dog walkers and children accessing the reserve.

Unreasonable Behaviour and Community Safety

A popular destination play facility has the potential to encourage groups congregating before and after use, particularly during evenings, weekends and school holidays. This may lead to increased noise, littering, vandalism and other anti-social behaviour. It is unreasonable to expect neighbouring residents to become the de facto observers or reporters of inappropriate behaviour resulting from this facility.

Public Toilet Facilities

There are currently no public toilet facilities at Maungatere Reserve. Increased visitor numbers are likely to create demand for amenities that do not exist, potentially resulting in unsanitary conditions or impacts on neighbouring residential properties.

7. There is already youth play infrastructure nearby

Hurunui Reserve already provides youth play facilities within approximately 300 metres.

The report itself notes the value of concentrating active recreation in suitable locations rather than spreading facilities across every reserve.

Duplicating active play in Maungatere Reserve provides relatively little additional benefit while substantially increasing impacts on nearby residents.

8. Better locations already exist

Council staff identified three preferred locations:

- Karen Eastwood Park
- Waitaki Reserve
- Rakahuri Reserve

These locations scored more highly during consultation and were considered more suitable for active recreation.

Karen Eastwood Park already functions as Pegasus' recreation hub.

Rakahuri provides significantly greater separation from neighbouring homes.

Waitaki has sufficient space for active recreation.

Choosing one of these locations would better reflect both community consultation and staff recommendations.

9. This proposal is inconsistent with the consultation process

Residents participated in good faith believing their submissions would genuinely inform the outcome.

The consultation concluded:

- youth least preferred Maungatere;
- nearby residents strongly opposed it
- staff recommended it not proceed.

If Council now installs a flying fox at Maungatere Reserve despite these findings, it undermines confidence in future consultation processes and raises questions about why community feedback was sought if the documented conclusions are ultimately disregarded.

10. The Cumulative Effects on Neighbouring Residents Have Not Been Adequately Considered

While each of the issues raised in this submission is significant in its own right, it is the cumulative effect of these impacts that is of greatest concern.

The proposed double flying fox would not simply introduce a single new piece of playground equipment. It would fundamentally change the nature and intensity of activity within Maungatere Reserve, resulting in a combination of adverse effects for neighbouring residents, including:

- Increased and repetitive noise throughout the day.
- Greater numbers of visitors and associated vehicle movements.
- Increased demand for on-street parking.
- Additional traffic safety risks for pedestrians, cyclists and children.

- Reduced privacy for adjoining properties.
- The potential for groups congregating, littering, vandalism and other anti-social behaviour.
- A lack of supporting infrastructure, including public toilet facilities.
- The loss of valuable open space currently enjoyed for passive recreation and informal sporting activities.

These impacts should not be considered in isolation. Together, they represent a substantial and permanent change to the character of both the reserve and the surrounding residential environment.

Council's own consultation demonstrated that neighbouring residents identified many of these concerns, while Council staff concluded that the proposal was likely to create ongoing tension between reserve users and the surrounding community. The addition of a double flying fox, particularly if relocated closer to residential boundaries, would only intensify those effects.

We respectfully submit that the proposal is inconsistent with the existing character of Maungatere Reserve as a neighbourhood open space and that the cumulative adverse effects on nearby residents outweigh any additional recreational benefit that this location may provide.

When considered alongside the availability of more suitable locations already identified by Council staff, there is no compelling justification for proceeding with the installation at Maungatere Reserve.

11. A balanced outcome is available

Supporting youth recreation does not require using every reserve.

Pegasus benefits from having different types of public spaces serving different purposes.

Maintaining Maungatere Reserve as a quieter open reserve while directing more intensive youth facilities to Karen Eastwood, Waitaki or Rakahuri would better reflect:

- community consultation,
- youth preferences,
- staff recommendations,
- neighbourhood amenity,
- and the long-term character of Pegasus.

Conclusion

We respectfully request that the Board reject the installation of a flying fox at Maungatere Reserve.

This request is entirely consistent with the Council's own consultation findings and the recommendations of its professional staff. Retaining Maungatere Reserve as a quieter open green space while locating active youth facilities in more suitable reserves would provide the best balance between supporting young people and protecting the amenity enjoyed by existing residents.

- **We consulted every household directly bordering Maungatere Reserve**
- **Of the 16 properties directly adjoining the reserve, 14 support this submission, and 2 are neutral**
- **The enclosed signatures represent 87.5% of the residents most directly affected**

Statement of Support for the Objection to the Proposed Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve**Woodend-Sefton Community Board**

We, the undersigned residents, support the attached submission objecting to the proposed installation of a double flying fox at Maungatere Reserve.

By signing below, we confirm that we have read, or have had explained to us, the attached submission and support its request that the proposed double flying fox at Maungatere Reserve not proceed.



Please note: The names and addresses collected on this form are solely for the purpose of demonstrating support for the attached submission to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board regarding the proposed double flying fox at Maungatere Reserve.

Residents OBJECTING to the Proposed Double Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve

Gary & Michele Hammond
13 Kahu Street

Louise & Cameron Waghorn
11 Kahu Street

Jason Pluck
9 Kahu Street

Mat & Beth Callen
3 Kahu Street

Allan & Yvonne Pope
37 Kahuraki Drive

Shannon & Ross
36 Kahuraki Drive

Option 1

Option 2

John van der Burg
Angela Bairati - van der Burg
30 Nga Tupuna Street

PA & DJ Ambler
28 Nga Tupuna Street

Darryl Sanders
26 Nga Tupuna Street

Sarah & Matt Blair
24 Nga Tupuna Street

Robyn & Ron Brady
15 Chimera Street

Roger & Kay Evans
18 Nga Tupuna Street

Sarah Lewis & James Leyden
16 Nga Tupuna Street

Jessica Hawke
14 Nga Tupuna Street

Simmi Beauty Sa



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multiple play choices in one area will work well. That side of Pegasus barely has any play areas so it makes sense to put more down this end.

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Best choice for location. has a footpath near by for access safely from roads at the back of the reserve which is wider, the space in this area will allow more play options around the flying fox. Will limit the risk of balls etc going on the road. Will allow dog walkers to use the reserve as they currently do.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

Waitaki reserve looks too small to have a play area on. There is already a basketball court at Blackadder Street which is on this side of Pegasus. There is Blackadder St playground and the main pegasus playground near Waitaki reserve. It would be better on Rakahuri reserve where there is more room and less traffic with balls.

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

This is the narrowest point of the reserve. it has no side walks to connect to making it more dangerous for children to reach. being narrower it doesn't allow more play options around it. As it goes the whole width of the reserve it blocks off half of the reserve for dog walkers. balls etc more likely to go onto the road as its very narrow here and results in the children being close to the road as well,

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

See 3. option 2 This side has multiple play areas and this road is busy. The risk of children running out onto the road to get balls is high

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Seems sensible to have amenities all in one spot. More variety in the one area.

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

If we must have a flying fox in the reserve, seems more logical to put it at the end with more space.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Strongly oppose this option. We are directly adjacent the proposed flying fox. we feel that this would greatly hinder the road for parking which is already narrow. it also appears very cramped at the top end. the reason we built here was for the green space, not a flying fox as our view!

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

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not answered

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Do not want this to go ahead. Live in Nga Tupuna St. Have 2 dogs and walk every day. Daily lots of people walk across the grass area. They have dogs - often chase a ball. Parents use with children to play - rugby - football - cricket - golf practice. It should be left as is.

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered



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Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

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Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

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Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

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Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

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We live directly opposite the planned location as shown on the map (24 Marangai Drive) The area is relatively congested with both Tennis, Basketball and dodgeball options and too close to one side of the reserve. Perhaps better in the centre of the reserve. Other considerations - Parking, street are narrow; Provision for rubbish; soiling of the sand (cats). Additional Seats.

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

This option would be better given the space and number of houses around it.

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

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I, [REDACTED] am submitting this feedback as a resident at [REDACTED] but with a street and house frontage onto Nga Tupuna Street as we have a corner section. Our street frontage is directly opposite the site suggested for the Flying Fox in Option 2. "Our young people told us they love spending time at the beach, lake, and parks like Wanaka Reserve. They enjoy both active activities like walking and biking, and more relaxed ones like just hanging out. They also want a space that's fun, safe, clean, accessible and full of engaging activities." This option comes closest to providing a space that is full of engaging activities. Rakahuri Reserve is an undeveloped site where several activities could be included with an attractive landscaping plan, close to areas with families that would most utilise an area for youth. My feeling is that for the money to be spent addressing the needs of the teenagers adequately, encouraging a sense of 'Our Place' through combining all 3 activities in one site makes more sense rather than distributing the activities widely leading to under utilised facilities which will fall into disrepair and encourage antisocial behaviour and vandalism. Concerns about a lack of supporting infrastructure will be easier and cheaper to solve in one area rather than 2 or 3

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Firstly, this reserve is not near any of the infrastructure such as toilets or shops and takeaways that typically, teenagers would look for. It is not surprising therefore that the youth survey rated Maungatere Reserve so low in their preferences. At any time only two people can be actively engaged in using the equipment. There is nothing to enhance the social cohesiveness necessary for them to 'hang out' in a socially responsible manner without totally removing the established uses this reserve has of dog walking, and informal child-centric play with balls, kites frisbee bikes etc. The suggestion of low native planting carries the implicit expectation that the adults in the surrounding houses will keep a watchful eye on participants using the Flying Fox and ensure that behaviour is appropriate and inclusive. As residents in our mid-70s who have done our share of this over many years, it is not something we expected to be faced with or would feel comfortable having to deal with when we purchased our house here in Aug 2025. There are very real questions surrounding the erosion of resident's rights to privacy acknowledged in information provided to the Community Council by Waimakariri District Council. In Maungatere Reserve, however, there is no way of mitigating this issue without losing the charm and utility of this green space other than to move the Flying Fox from one end of the park to the other, shifting the privacy and other concerns to another set of equally upset and angry residents. The demographic in the surrounding houses on Kahu and Nga Tupuna Streets is largely older folk. There are, I think only three families with children out of 15 households. It seems to us that the community would be better served by this facility being in an area with a younger demographic, where the parents have more of an interest and indeed responsibility to ensure their kids are developing appropriate behavioural skills involved in their use of the provided facilities and can more readily provide the help required if the worst happens and someone is injured. Although many of the dangerous aspects of flying foxes that appeared in the 1980s have now been mitigated by more stringent Health and Safety measures, there were still 911 ACC injuries caused in New Zealand by Flying Foxes in 2023. Logically, if as heavily used as anticipated, two Flying Foxes would presumably, double the risk of injury. We feel very uncomfortable knowing this and recognising the likelihood of being, by necessity, first on the scene, should the inevitable happen. Health and Safety measures now in place for Flying Foxes, while reducing the number of injuries somewhat, also largely sanitised and watered down the excitement factor of Flying Foxes for the intended age group. Today's Flying Foxes, are more suited to the 7-12 age group which is why they are, in Waimakariri, positioned alongside play equipment more suited to younger children. (Townsend Road Reserve in Rangiora and Stalker Park Woodend). That is also, no doubt, why the Flying Fox got so much support from predominantly younger children in the survey, as all children at Pegasus School were included in the survey as part of the development of their submission instead of those targeted as the Youth demographic. ie. teenagers 12- 18 years. The subsequent submission gave information which was informed primarily by 84% of the Pegasus School children who were younger than the intended focus of the survey, a figure of around 356 children. The number of children outside the youth designation of 12 – 18 years who influenced the choice of activities and position of these in Pegasus equates to around 7 times the number of Pegasus Youth who had a chance to register their true preferences unencumbered by the views of younger children ie the 50 Pegasus Youth attending Kaiapoi High School. There are a number of other issues that still have not been clarified in our reading of the previous documents informing this survey including road and pedestrian safety, mitigation of noise in an area with less family residences, aesthetics in an attractive park already utilised for many less intrusive informal purposes. I am totally opposed to the use of Maungatere Reserve for a Flying Fox Activity.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

If just one activity is placed at Rakahuri Reserve, the opportunity to provide the desired "space that's fun, safe, clean, accessible and full of engaging activities." will be lost and the space will remain without the hoped for engagement and enjoyment that the teenagers are looking for. My advice would be to include all 3 activities in the space as I do not believe the single activities in 3 diverse positions in Pegasus will give the kids what they are looking for, a "place to hang out" and enjoy social contact with their peers.

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

All my objections to the use of Maungatere Reserve noted in Option 1 also are equally valid with regard to Maungatere Reserve in Option 2, however there are more which directly affect me as the proposed position for the double Flying Fox is directly across Nga Tupuna Street from our property frontage including our Lounge, front door and bedrooms. This is the narrow end of the wedge shaped reserve and so there is even less distance between our house and the Flying Foxes than at the other end of the park. The lovely trees that persuaded us to buy our house across from the Reserve will need to be pruned back to allow the Flying Fox to function safely. If parents bring their younger children to Maungatere Reserve, which, due to its popularity with this younger age group, is very likely, apart from the issues of traffic congestion and car parking, which appears to have been largely ignored, teenagers would avoid using the area during peak activity times of the day and come later in the evening and potentially at night, causing real concern to the residents disrupting sleep and impacting their security and wellbeing. There are no paths on the Nga Tupuna and Kahu St sides of the park. Parking of cars on both sides of these streets will make passage down the street difficult and in some cases impossible particularly for couriers and trucks. Children crossing these streets to access the park will be difficult to see if cars park there. The use of bikes and scooters and skateboards and the increasingly utilised electric powered varieties will make pathways more dangerous due to increased usage, leading to possible life altering collisions if bikes or scooters etc collide with pedestrians, particularly elderly ones. Our open street frontage will become a liability as children approach up Chimera Street or along Nga Tupuna Street. Residents will feel the need to enclose their boundaries with fencing to mitigate noise and to protect their lawns and gardens. This will make corners more hazardous for children and adults, drivers, riders and pedestrians.

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

This is the only Reserve that gives good access for the infrastructure you would hope would be present for a youth activity and 'hang out space. It was I think shortsighted to move away from the skateboard option at first envisaged and it would make sense to re evaluate this option in the Waitaki Reserve



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Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

My [REDACTED]. While this is our house's designated street address, our house access and street frontage is on Nga Tupuna St immediately opposite Maungatere Reserve. We have owned the property since August 2025 but have only been in full time residence since March this year. Prior to that we were visiting here every 2 weeks or so bringing belongings etc. while selling our Dunedin residence. Until last Thursday when we received the "Lets Talk" flyer we had no idea there was any such proposal on the table or that any consultation had taken place. Nothing has presented in our conventional mail even though as far as I can see we have the largest street frontage onto Maungatere Reserve. We are extremely disappointed that we have not been afforded the opportunity to participate in the formative part of the consultation and are only being asked to comment on a "Design" that has no specifications, parameters or features described. However despite the wishes of the author of "Lets Talk" there are a number of safety issues around the use of Maungatere Reserve that need to be recognised and addressed. Safety concerns. To my mind the most serious ones flow out from the fact that unlike the other parks offered in this proposal, less than 20% of Maungatere Reserve has a footpath boundary between playing areas and the road. Nga Tupuna St and Kahu St have none. The possibility of exuberant play around the edges of the Flying Fox containment structure spilling onto the road, must surely be greater without the buffer zone that a path with swale create. The second safety issue of concern to us caused by the lack of park boundary footpaths is that the ever increasing use of small wheel transport by youth and children ie. scooters, electric scooters, skateboards and electric skateboards, will force all the users of them onto the residents side footpaths, or the roads, in their journey to and from Maungatere Reserve and when moving from one end of it to the other, clearly increasing the hazard to the pedestrians who are predominantly older folk that reside adjacent to the park. Traffic and Parking issues. The District Council policy regarding parking at youth orientated parks dismisses the potential problem saying that it is expected that most users will arrive under their own steam. While this may be true for the youth who use the facility, the demographic that was most in favour of Flying Foxes were the children below the age of 12 who, given the distance from their homes, would most likely require motor vehicle transport and parental supervision when playing there. The actual sealed road on Nga Tupuna St and Kahu St is 6.7 m wide. Parking is allowed on both sides of the road. Given that the average width of cars in NZ is now approaching 2 meters not counting mirrors and with the maximum allowable vehicle width of 2.55 meters, some very delicate navigation will be required by cars trying to traverse the streets if cars were being used to transport children to the Flying Foxes and staying to monitor their behaviour. The situation for delivery vans or indeed people trying to exit from their own driveways could become intolerable. While this potential exists currently, there is no unique facility here to bring children past their own local green spaces to Maungatere Reserve that requires transport or supervision.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Our objections to Option 2 echo those for Option 1 but also include the impact of this option on us directly. The imposition of Option 2 on us would have additional safety and personal negative effects. The diagram for the siting of the Flying Foxes in option 2 aligns precisely with our street front boundaries. Our lounge and 2 of our bedrooms look directly at the proposed site with no other view available from any of them. There is no fence on that part of our property to shield those rooms from noise, blown litter or the undesirable view. Our view may become even more undesirable if heavy pruning or removal of existing trees is required. Our existing partial fence has been constructed to shelter an outdoor dining area from wind and is between 4.5 and 9.5 meters from the footpath boundary. We would be forced to construct a new fence to mitigate against those intrusions and also the probability that foot traffic will tend to short cut over our lawn as the corner of Chimera and Nga Tupuna Streets is a 110 degree corner rather than the usual 90 degree one creating the incentive for those using Chimera St to transit from the lake area, to short cut over our property to beat their mates to the 2 Flying Foxes available. Best estimates we can find at short notice are costs in the order of \$15,000 to install. Our property, in it's present layout, affords vehicles approaching the intersection from South or East very good visibility of both vehicles and footpath users. Our need to construct a suitable and attractive fence to deal with the above concerns would remove approximately 10 meters of visibility from both approaches. As identified in the Option 1 submission, the lack of a footpath boundary between playing areas and the road on both Nga Tupuna St and Kahu St creates a greater possibility of exuberant play around the edges of the Flying Fox containment structure spilling onto the road. This situation would be worse with the Southern end proposal as it is a risk on both sides of the Flying Foxes. Finally this proposal will have a considerable impact on our lives and finances. Please take our concerns seriously. Ron Brady

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

From [REDACTED] Pegasus
 Subject: Maungatere Reserve Flying Fox. Survey and Options

We are recent arrivals as residents of Pegasus, purchasing our home in August 2025 and moving here permanently in March 2026. Due to a period of ill health we had decided to move closer to family while still maintaining the preferred independence of living in our own home and within a smallish attractive community with a range of age groups, a school, preschools, medical services and shops that would provide the opportunity to be involved in the community as much as our age and health would allow. We chose this property particularly because of the outlook across to the open, leafy, green space of Maungatere Reserve. Although our address is 15 Chimera Street, the frontage of our property is on Nga Tupuna St, a quiet street of mainly older residents that gave our house the feeling of space and quiet that we were looking for.

On Thursday we can only describe the arrival of the Maungatere Reserve Flying Fox Survey and Options as a bombshell, causing consternation and distress. The southern end option for the Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve according to the diagram in the survey, runs from the Chimera Street boundary of our property to just over the southern boundary of our property on Nga Tupuna Street, directly in front of our lounge, front door and bedrooms. Until Thursday July 2 when we received the "Lets Talk" flyer we had no idea there was any such proposal on the table or that any consultation had taken place. Nothing had presented in our conventional mail even though as far as we can see we have the largest street frontage onto Maungatere Reserve.

We fully understand the need for facilities that appeal to the youth of the township. Robyn was a teacher and we raised 2 boys, as well as both being very involved in sports administration, and coaching and in Robyn's case, National Level Youth Advocacy for a large sporting code.

We struggle to understand what can possibly be achieved for Pegasus youth by placing a Flying Fox at Maungatere Reserve and we are extremely disappointed that we have not been afforded the opportunity to participate in the formative part of the consultation and are only being asked to comment on a "Design" that has no specifications, parameters or features described.

The Let's Talk brochure encapsulates the wishes of Pegasus teenagers when it says

"Our young people told us they love spending time at the beach, lake, and parks like Wanaka Reserve. They enjoy both active activities like walking and biking, and more relaxed ones like just hanging out. They also want a space that's fun, safe, clean, accessible and full of engaging activities."

Firstly, this reserve is not near any of the infrastructure such as toilets or shops and takeaways that typically, teenagers would look for, nor indeed Wanaka Reserve as mentioned in the quote above. It is not surprising therefore that the youth survey rated Maungatere Reserve so low in their preferences.

At any time only two people can be actively engaged in using the Flying Fox proposed for Maungatere Reserve. There is nothing to enhance the social cohesiveness necessary for them to 'hang out' in a socially responsible manner. Teenage activity is driven by a desire primarily for social contact with their peers. They have asked for this but the options presented don't encourage it.

The suggestion of low native planting carries the implicit expectation that the adults in the surrounding houses will keep a watchful eye on participants using the Flying Fox and ensure that behaviour is appropriate and inclusive.

As residents in our mid-70s who have done our share of this over many years, it is not something we would now feel comfortable having to deal with.

There are very real questions surrounding the erosion of resident's rights to privacy.

In Maungatere Reserve, however there is no way of mitigating this issue without losing the charm and utility of this green space other than to move the Flying Fox from one end of the park to the other, unfairly shifting the privacy concerns to another set of equally upset and angry residents.

Although many of the dangerous aspects of flying foxes that appeared in the 1980s have now been mitigated by more stringent Health and Safety measures, there were still 911 ACC injuries caused in New Zealand by Flying Foxes in 2023. Logically, if as heavily used as anticipated, two Flying Foxes would presumably, double the risk of injury. We feel very uncomfortable knowing this and recognising the likelihood of being, by necessity, first on the scene, should the inevitable happen. This is I'm sure, how many other residents, whose houses look out on to Maungatere Reserve will feel.

Additionally the Health and Safety measures now in place for Flying Foxes, while reducing the number of injuries somewhat, also largely sanitise and water-down the excitement factor of Flying Foxes for the intended age group. Today's Flying Foxes, are more suited to the 7-12 age group which is why they are, in Waimakariri, positioned alongside play equipment more suited to younger children, (Townsend Road Reserve in Rangiora and Stalker Park Woodend).

That is also, no doubt, why the Flying Fox got so much support from predominantly younger children in the survey, as all children at Pegasus School were included in the survey as part of the development of their submission instead of the intended target group of the Youth demographic. ie. teenagers 12- 18 years. The subsequent submission gave information which was informed primarily by around 356 or 84% of the Pegasus School children who were younger than the intended focus of the survey.

Considering the number of youth surveyed includes 35 Youth from Woodend School and 50 Pegasus youth attending Kaiapoi High School as well as 74 youth from Pegasus School whose views sadly were corrupted by the inclusion of the views of 84% of Pegasus School's roll who were younger children (356) and must therefore be discounted, this cannot be considered a fair reflection of the Preferences of Pegasus Youth.

Consequently the 50 Pegasus youth attending Kaiapoi High School were outnumbered by more than 7 times the number who, either did not live in Pegasus or whose preferences must be discounted due to the corrupted data from the Pegasus Primary School submission

For this reason we cannot see how any weight can be given to the preference of activities as shown in the tables **Preferences for options 1,2,or 3** or **Preferences for Activities** in **Lets Talk about creating a Pegasus Youth Space** on the Waimakariri Let's Talk digital site.

This throws all the decision making and options in the survey sent out Thursday July 2 into question as according to...

REPORT TO: WOODEND SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: 08 September 2025

AUTHOR(S): Grant Stephens, Greenspace Design and Planning Team Leader

'... if one only looked at the Kaiapoi High School results, Option 1 was the clear favourite.'

Option 1 in this case being a **"dedicated skate item in either Karen Eastwood Park or Waitaki Reserve"**. as originally intended when this process started.

If this is Pegasus Youth's first experience of consultation and supposed democratic values in action, they are going to be rightly disillusioned by how this has been conducted and the options that are now being presented to them under the guise of their preferences. They would be forgiven for thinking the survey of their views had been given as a 'straw man proposal' with no sincerity or transparency. Certainly the adult residents surrounding Maungatere Reserve we have spoken to are suspicious this is the case.

The data from which the current options have been drawn is seriously flawed and has informed the development of a set of options that largely ignore the preferences of the specific group the money has been set aside to provide for.

The demographic in the surrounding houses on Kahu and Nga Tupuna Streets is largely older folk. There are, we think only three families with children out of 15 households. It seems to us that the community would be better served by this facility being in an area with a younger demographic, where the parents have more stake in and indeed responsibility to ensure their kids are gaining social benefit from the activities being provided, as well as developing appropriate behavioural skills involved in their use.

We have visited two playgrounds close by that contain Flying Foxes and observed that in both cases these were placed in playgrounds that otherwise catered for younger children.

Parents bringing their younger children to a Maungatere Reserve Flying Fox apart from creating issues of traffic congestion and car parking which appear to have been largely ignored, would lead teenagers to avoid using the area during peak activity times of the day for younger children and parents and instead, coming later in the evening and potentially at night, causing real concern to the residents, disrupting sleep and impacting their security and wellbeing.

This reserve has been an established tree lined park utilized for dog walking, frisbee, kite flying, children's ball games and general enjoyment of the leafy vistas since the early development of Pegasus. A double flying fox will take over a large portion of this space (40% at least of the length in Option 2) and limit the much enjoyed established usage significantly.

Safety Concerns and Personal Impacts

To us, the most serious safety concerns flow out from the fact that unlike the other parks offered in this proposal, less than 20% of Maungatere Reserve has a footpath boundary between playing areas and the road.

Nga Tupuna and Kahu Streets have none.

The possibility of exuberant play around the edges of the Flying Fox containment structure spilling onto the road, must surely be greater without the buffer zone that a path with swale create. This situation would be even more of a risk with the Southern end proposal where there is a narrower space on both sides of the Flying Fox.

The second safety issue of concern to us caused by the lack of park boundary footpaths, is that the ever increasing use of small wheel transport by youth and children ie. scooters, electric scooters, skateboards and electric skateboards etc, will force all the users of them onto the resident's side footpaths, or the roads, in their journey to and from Maungatere Reserve and when moving from one end of the park to the other, clearly increasing the hazard to the pedestrians who are predominantly older folk that reside adjacent to the park.

The District Council policy regarding parking at youth orientated parks dismisses the potential problem saying that it is expected that most users will arrive under their own steam. While this may be true for the youth who use the facility, the demographic that was most in favour of Flying Foxes were the children below the age of 12 who, given the distance from their homes, would most likely require motor vehicle transport and parental supervision when playing there.

The actual sealed road on Nga Tupuna St and Kahu St is 6.7 m wide. Parking is allowed on both sides of the road. Given that the average width of cars in NZ is now approaching 2 meters not counting mirrors and with the maximum allowable vehicle width of 2.55 meters, some very delicate navigation will be required by cars trying to traverse the streets if cars were being used to transport children to the Flying Foxes and staying to monitor their behaviour. The situation for delivery vans or indeed people trying to exit from their own driveways could become intolerable. While this potential exists currently, there is no unique facility here at present, to bring children past their own local green spaces to Maungatere Reserve that requires transport or supervision.

There is no attractive way to mitigate both the noise associated with the park or the loss of privacy for residents around this park. Instead, open frontages will increasingly be fenced to create a level of privacy, security and sound mitigation at considerable cost to residents. This will have the flow on effect of making traffic at corners less visible and therefore less safe for all concerned.

In our case, there is no fence on that part of our property to shield Reserve facing rooms from noise, blown litter or the undesirable view. Our view may become even more undesirable if heavy pruning or removal of existing trees is required. Our existing partial fence has been constructed to shelter an outdoor dining area from wind and is between 4.5 and 9.5 meters from the footpath boundary.

Under the proposed Option 2 , we would be forced to construct a new fence to mitigate against those intrusions and also the probability that foot traffic will tend to short cut over our lawn, as the corner of Chimera and Nga Tupuna Streets is a 110 degree corner rather than the usual 90 degree one, creating the incentive for those using Chimera St to transit from the lake area, to short cut over our property to beat their mates to the 2 Flying Foxes available. Best estimates we can find at short notice are costs in the order of \$15,000 to install such a fence.

Our property, in it's present layout, affords vehicles approaching the intersection from South or East very good visibility of both vehicles and footpath users. Our need to construct a suitable and attractive fence to deal with the above concerns would remove approximately 10 meters of visibility from both approaches.

We are aware that this letter is not providing the feedback that you and the Community Council are hoping for, but this project has been sent in a direction not envisaged by either the residents affected most, or the Youth of Pegasus and it would be foolish to spend money on a project that completely ignores the wishes of our Pegasus 12-18 year olds and destroys the much enjoyed established character of Maungatere Park. There needs to be a rethink.

On a personal level, this proposal will have a considerable impact on our lives and finances. Please take our concerns seriously. If afforded the opportunity we would be happy to discuss these concerns further in person or by phone.

Kind Regards.

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Pegasus

**Responded At:** Jul 12, 2026 11:26:46 am**Last Seen:** Jul 11, 2026 23:18:13 pm**IP Address:** 118.149.73.220**Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback**

Least preferred options according to the survey and it's too close to neighbouring properties

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Best option

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

**Responded At:** Jul 13, 2026 13:27:27 pm**Last Seen:** Jul 20, 2026 01:25:27 am**IP Address:** 111.69.71.254**Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback**

Please see attached. I am writing to formally object to the proposed youth space on the green space near my home. Whilst I appreciate the council's attention to provide facilities for young people I do not believe this is an appropriate location. I am concerned about the increase in noise so close to residential properties and possible anti-social behaviour. I am also worried about potential increase in litter and vandalism such as food packaging. Concerns about health and safety for younger children, older residents and other reserve users. In addition I question whether these proposals represent the best use of ratepayer funding at a time when councils face many competing priorities. I believe these funds could be better used in maintaining and improving existing parks. Walking around Pegasus daily the only existing park that gets used is the one next to the Peg & Pint. The remaining ones for eg 'Hurunui' and 'Gladstone Rd' are mostly unused so to spend money on more seems a little pointless. The existing green space provides a valuable open space and should be preserved. I trust the council will give careful consideration to the concerns of local residents.

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

**Responded At:** Jul 13, 2026 13:43:35 pm**Last Seen:** Jul 20, 2026 01:25:27 am**IP Address:** 111.69.71.254**Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback**

not answered

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

We bought our property knowing we were moving into one of the quieter parts of Pegasus, with the understanding that Maungatere Reserve would remain an open green space. We strongly oppose the proposed double flying fox. We fully support investing in facilities for young people, but don't believe this is the right location. We love seeing families flying kites, parents kicking a football with their children, siblings throwing a rugby ball around, dog walkers and runner enjoying one of the last green spaces in Pegasus. We believe a flying fox would permanently change the character of the reserve, and there are more suitable locations that can provide this facility without impacting the peaceful nature of this space.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

not answered

**Responded At:** Jul 13, 2026 17:54:35 pm**Last Seen:** Jul 13, 2026 05:15:45 am**IP Address:** 118.92.107.78**Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback**

The basketball half court could be noisy close to houses - the regular thump of balls hitting the backboard. This location has houses on two sides at about 30m distance. (By comparison, putting the half court in Waitaki Reserve there are houses at 50m distance on one side.) This reserve is adjacent to my property.

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

This location appears preferable to option 2, although I would suggest putting the flying fox centrally between Kahu and Nga Tupuna streets, to increase the distance to closest houses and give better space around it. I suggest a picnic table, and some additional planting to shelter the activity from north-west winds.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

This option is preferred. Having two events in one place (option 1 for this reserve) is less desirable than having the gaga pit here, and the basketball at Waitaki (as in this option). I suggest planting is extended around the north, west and southwest side to increase shelter from the north-westerly wind, and some shelter from southerly for picnic table. This reserve is adjacent to my property.

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

I think this location is less desirable than at the northwest end where there is more space.

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

This is the better option for the half court. Have you considered moving it south-west into the more sheltered space behind the medical practice? This would provide better spacing from adjacent houses, particularly any future housing on Mary-Allen Street.



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Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

I recommend locating a double flying fox at Rakahuri Reserve because: a. Rakahuri Reserve was ranked both high in the Survey report by the youth and community, b. Rakahuri Reserve is located at the North side of Pegasus which meets the objectives of the Woodend Board to spread playground elements across town, c. Rakahuri Reserve has a relative high proportion of families with children so that the playground is close to users, d. Rakahuri Reserve has a footpath along the reserve that protects playing children from passing traffic.

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

I do not recommend locating a double flying fox at Maungatere Reserve because: a. Maungatere Reserve was ranked last in the Survey report by the youth and 4th by the community, b. Maungatere Reserve is located relatively close to the centre of Pegasus and does not appear to meet the objectives of the Woodend Board to spread playground elements especially to the North, c. Maungatere Reserve has a relative low proportion of families with children so that users will need to travel to access the playground, d. Maungatere Reserves lacks all basic amenities and safety options to locate a double flying fox, e. there is already a local playground close to Maungatere Reserve, i.e. Hurunui Reserve.

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

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Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

I do not recommend locating a double flying fox at Maungatere Reserve because: a. Maungatere Reserve was ranked last in the Survey report by the youth and 4th by the community, b. Maungatere Reserve is located relatively close to the centre of Pegasus and does not appear to meet the objectives of the Woodend Board to spread playground elements especially to the North, c. Maungatere Reserve has a relative low proportion of families with children so that users will need to travel to access the playground, d. Maungatere Reserves lacks all basic amenities and safety options to locate a double flying fox, e. there is already a local playground close to Maungatere Reserve, i.e. Hurunui Reserve.

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

I recommend locating a double flying fox at Waitaki Reserve because: a. Waitaki Reserve was ranked both high in the Survey report by the youth and community, b. Waitaki Reserve has all amenities such as toilet, cafes, parking spaces, sittings, etcetera c. Waitaki Reserve has relatively few adjacent properties/households that are directly affected by the flying fox, d. Waitaki Reserve has sufficient space to cater for a flying fox option, e. Karen Eastwood Park is in close proximity, and both playgrounds naturally flow over from each other.

Dear Grant,

Many thanks for the conversation this morning and the time spent on listening to our objections.

Please find attached my feedback on the Let's Talk flyer. A lot could have been added, but I thought to keep it concise reflecting my thoughts that in any option Maungatere Reserve is not a good choice as a double flying fox location. Today's email to the board includes more detailed information.

You and your team have prepared an excellent report in which the youth and community preferences are well analysed and documented. Also, the minutes of the workshop were crystal clear. It seems unreasonable, illogical and a waste of rate payers' money for the board not to follow these recommendations. The playground elements should be distributed across Rakahuri, Waitaki and Karen Eastwood in accordance with the wishes of the youth and wider community.

Meanwhile, the Maungatere Reserve neighbourhood has sprung into action, and I can confirm that from the adjacent properties, 14 out of 15 properties object to the flying fox with 1 being neutral. The neighbourhood is now working on a petition that we want to present to the board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

John van der Burg

Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

I am strongly in favour of Rakahuri Reserve designated as a flying fox location. The area is more than spacious enough to cater for a double flying fox.

Rakahuri Reserve has a relative high proportion of families with children, i.e. close to users.

Rakahuri Reserve was rated relatively high as a location by youth and community.

Rakahuri Reserve is to the far North of Pegasus in an area that is underserved by youth facilities and would meet the board's wish to spread activities across the township.

The proposed gaga dodge ball etcetera can easily be positioned in Karen Eastwood Park or Waitaki Reserve adjacent to the existing playground.

Option 1: Maugatere Reserve Related Feedback

I am strongly opposed to this option.

Maugatere Reserve is in general not good location for a double flying fox or any other playground element.

It is ranked lowest in preference by the youth and 4th by the community.

Council staff have advised against this option.

Positioning the flying fox at the North end is unfair given the number of directly affected and adjacent properties: 8 properties as opposed to 4 properties in South End variant.

Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve / Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

Like option 1, either of the Rakahuri Reserve or Waitaki Reserve can cater for a double flying fox.

The clear advantage is that Waitaki Reserve is close to Karen Eastwood Park that has all infrastructure and amenities such as toilets, parking places and sitting areas.

Option 2: Maugatere Reserve Related Feedback

I am strongly opposed to this option.

Maugatere Reserve is in general not good location for a double flying fox or any other playground element.

It is ranked lowest in preference by the youth and 4th by the community.

Council staff have advised against this option.

For additional information on my objections, please see the email sent to the Community Board on 2 July.

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Pegasus

Dear Members of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board,

We are writing to formally reiterate our strong opposition to installing a double flying fox or other high-impact active playground elements at Maungatere Reserve.

Following recent discussions among the immediate neighbourhood, we can confirm there is widespread, collective concern and opposition among residents regarding this proposal. There is unbelief that the original seven locations are now reduced to only two, with both design plans including Maungatere Reserve as the only location for a double flying fox.

We want to highlight a critical contradiction between the Council's recently distributed "Let's Talk" consultation flyer (as attached) and our direct discussions with Board members and Grant Stephenson. The flyer explicitly states that the choice of reserves has *"already been considered by the Board,"* actively restricting residents from commenting on the location itself. However, Board members have personally reassured us that no final decisions have been made regarding the location of these activities.

We are grateful for the Board's open-mindedness and willingness to listen. We urge the Board not to force a high-impact facility into Maungatere Reserve based on the following undeniable planning and community factors:

- **Rejected by the youth:** The Council's own survey data clearly demonstrates that Pegasus youth ranked Maungatere Reserve the lowest out of all options. Forcing an expensive asset onto an unpopular site is a high-risk use of ratepayer funds.
- **Rejected by the wider community:** The wider community has ranked Maungatere Reserve 4th in preference, behind Karen Eastwood Park, Rakahuri Reserve, and Waitaki Reserve.
- **Advice from Council staff:** In the Board workshop, staff indicated that investment may be better focused elsewhere.
- **Severe amenity impact:** This reserve is heavily valued by the community as a tranquil, passive green space for walking and quiet recreation. Introducing a high-impact active playground changes the fundamental utility of the reserve.
- **Lack of infrastructure:** Maungatere completely lacks the necessary public infrastructure - such as dedicated parking, toilet facilities, and safety features such as cameras - required to properly manage an active youth hub in the middle of a residential area.
- **Intrusive construction:** To install a gravity-reliant flying fox here, Council would have to construct an intrusive, multi-meter high artificial launching platform or mound. This creates an immediate "watchtower" privacy issue for adjacent homes.

- **Existing redundancy:** There is already an established youth playground at Hurunui Reserve, less than 300 meters from Maungatere, making this addition redundant for this zone.

We support investment into a Pegasus youth playground, but it must be spent wisely according to youth and community preferences. Active spaces should remain where youth naturally gather (neighbourhoods with a higher proportion of youth demographics) and/or where infrastructure exists, such as Karen Eastwood, Rakahuri, or Waitaki Reserve.

Given that council staff are currently finalising their report, we respectfully request that the Board exercises its governance oversight to protect our neighbourhood amenity. We ask that the Board formally remove Maungatere Reserve from the spatial plan for active equipment and focus instead on the far more suitable alternatives (as presented in the Board's April workshop).

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your commitment to genuine community consultation.

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

Dear Woodend–Sefton Community Board Members,

I was flabbergasted to receive a *Let's Talk* consultation flyer regarding the proposed Pegasus Youth Space development at Maungatere Reserve.

I understood that the 2025 public consultation was intended to genuinely shape the final proposal and that the outcomes would be reflected in the Board's decision-making. A considerable amount of ratepayers' money has been invested in gathering community feedback and preparing comprehensive reports. Waimakariri District Council staff carefully considered the views of both young people and the wider community before making their recommendation.

The outcome appeared to be clear. The staff recommendation was **not** to proceed with a double flying fox at Maungatere Reserve. The location ranked fifth out of six options among young people and fourth out of six among the wider community.

I won't repeat the many reasons why a double flying fox or other active playground equipment is not appropriate for this reserve, as these have already been discussed extensively throughout the consultation process, documented in the Council reports, noted in the Community Board minutes, and will once again be presented to you by the neighbourhood.

My questions are therefore simple but important:

- How is it possible that we are now being asked to provide feedback on two options that both include a double flying fox at Maungatere Reserve?
- Why is an option that was previously considered but opposed and not recommended now being reconsidered?
- What happened to the previous consultation results?
- Why do the conclusions of the Council's own reports and staff recommendations appear to have been set aside?

From both a planning and consultation perspective, these new options simply do not make sense to me. More importantly, I question the process. If extensive consultation has already taken place and professional recommendations have been made based on that feedback, and no decision has yet been made by the Board regarding the location or activity elements, why are we now being asked to choose between two options that both disregard those earlier findings and community opposition? Why is the asked feedback of affected property owners being limited to commenting only on "the design rather than the choice of reserve or equipment"?

If the intention of the Community Board is to provide additional active play opportunities to the youth **outside central** Pegasus, why choose a site only about 200 metres from the existing playground at Hurunui Reserve and approximately 800 metres

from the central Pegasus lakefront playground at Karen Eastwood Memorial Park? Why locate it in an area with a significantly lower youth population than other parts of Pegasus?

If the intention of the Community Board is to properly understand the **visual and spatial** impact of a double flying fox within a highly valued open-space reserve, then it is important that any assessment reflects its three-dimensional presence in the landscape rather than a simplified or conceptual representation. The current flat, plan-based depiction in the flyer does not adequately convey the scale, height, dimensions, or visual dominance that such a structure would have within the reserve. Either option would have a significant impact on the openness, character, and visual amenity of the space.

I will, of course, complete the survey. However, I do so while genuinely questioning what has happened to the democratic consultation process and why previous youth and community feedback do not appear to have been taken into account.

I would appreciate an explanation of how the Board arrived at this point and why the earlier consultation outcomes and staff recommendations no longer appear to be guiding the new *Let's Talk* survey.

Kind regards,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.

Hi Grant,

Please find attached my feedback on the two presented options for the Pegasus Youth Space.

Before commenting on the two options presented, I would like to reiterate that neither Maungatere Reserve option makes sense to me.

More importantly, I have serious concerns about the process itself. If extensive public consultation has already taken place, professional recommendations have been made based on that feedback, and the Community Board has not yet made a decision on the location of the activity elements, why are we now being asked to comment on two options that both disregard those earlier findings and the clear opposition expressed by the community? Given the clear consultation outcomes and the professional recommendations—prepared following extensive public engagement and at considerable cost to ratepayers—I find it difficult to understand how the Board can now ask us to provide feedback on two options that so many people consider unacceptable.

I am genuinely trying to understand the reasoning behind this. Since receiving the consultation flyer in our letterbox, I have kept wondering how it is possible that we are now being asked to comment on options that appear to ignore the previous consultation. The Maungatere Reserve options suggest that the Board has decided to set aside the consultation outcomes, the professional recommendations, and the wishes of the very people this project is intended to serve. Is this a way of encouraging us to accept options that both local residents and young people have already indicated they do not support?

I am also very concerned that affected property owners are being asked to comment **only** on "the design rather than the choice of reserve or equipment." **What is the purpose of discussing design when we fundamentally oppose the installation of a double flying fox in Maungatere Reserve? Is this an attempt to divide the Maungatere community into a "North Court" and "South Court" debate?** Restricting feedback in this way does not seem consistent with genuine consultation.

I have already written to the Community Board members directly to express these concerns. However, I would also like to ask whether you could once again convey them through your reporting to the Board. Your previous reports have been factual, balanced, and crystal clear in presenting the consultation outcomes and where both the youth—the very people this project is intended to serve—and the wider community stand. Thank you for this! I hope your report on the new consultation will once again accurately reflect that position and the strength of feeling that many residents continue to have.

Completing the survey form does not feel meaningful under these circumstances. Nevertheless, I believe it is important to submit feedback so there is a formal record of

my concerns should it be needed in the future. For further information regarding my objections, I also refer you to my emails of 2 and 3 July to the Community Board (copied to you), together with the petition signed by the affected Maungatere Reserve residents.

Finally, I also want to acknowledge the personal impact of this process. Receiving this flyer has been deeply distressing and has negatively affected my wellbeing. Rather than feeling that our previous input has been respected and that the preferences expressed by both the youth and the wider community have been taken into account, it has left us feeling confused, frustrated, and concerned about the integrity of the consultation process.

Kind regards,

Angela Bairati

General Feedback (Double Flying Fox @ Maungatere Reserve)

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If the intention of the Community Board is to provide additional active play opportunities for young people outside central Pegasus, why select a site only about 200 metres from the existing playground at Hurunui Reserve and approximately 800 metres from the central Pegasus lakefront playground at Karen Eastwood Memorial Park? Why locate such a facility in an area with a significantly lower youth population than other parts of Pegasus?

If the intention of the Community Board is to properly understand the **visual and spatial** impact of a double flying fox within a highly valued open-space reserve, it is important that any assessment reflects its true three-dimensional presence in the landscape rather than a simplified conceptual representation. The current flat, plan-based depiction in the consultation flyer does not adequately convey the scale, height, footprint, or visual dominance that such a structure would have within the reserve. Either Maungatere Reserve option would significantly compromise the openness, character, and visual amenity of this valued public space.

I therefore respectfully request that the Community Board reconsider the location of the Double Flying Fox and give due weight to the previous public consultation, the professional recommendations, and the clear preferences expressed by both the youth and the wider Pegasus community.

Option 1 – Rakahuri Reserve

Rakahuri Reserve has a relatively high proportion of families with children and is therefore close to its primary users.

It was identified as a preferred location by both young people and the wider community during the previous consultation.

Located in the far north of Pegasus, it would help address an area currently underserved by youth recreation facilities and aligns with the Community Board's objective of spreading activities across the township.

The reserve is capable of accommodating a flying fox while affecting significantly fewer neighbouring properties than Maungatere Reserve.

Option 1 – Maungatere Reserve

I **strongly** oppose this option. It would have significant adverse impacts on our quality of life and wellbeing.

More fundamentally, Maungatere Reserve is not an appropriate location for a double flying fox or any other major playground equipment. It ranked last (6th out of 6) in youth preferences and only fourth in the wider community survey. It is also located just 200 metres from the Hurunui Reserve playground and approximately 800 metres from Karen Eastwood Memorial Park.

Council staff have also advised against this location.

Positioning the flying fox at the northern end would compromise the wider open area of the reserve, which is regularly used for informal recreation such as rugby, football, frisbee, cricket, golf practice and other activities. This open space would be affected considerably more than under the less wide southern location proposed in Option 2.

The northern location would also have a substantially greater impact on neighbouring residents. Approximately twice as many properties would be directly affected compared with the southern Maungatere option, with some homes being considerably closer to the structure.

The proposed low native planting would not effectively screen the elevated platform or protect the privacy and visual amenity of adjacent properties.

Option 2 – Rakahuri Reserve

The same points outlined above in support of Rakahuri Reserve also apply here. However, reducing the scale of the proposed facilities at this location represents a less favourable outcome than Option 1.

Option 2 – Waitaki Reserve

In my view, this is the best location for the proposed activities and is also capable of accommodating a flying fox.

It affects the fewest neighbouring properties, is already supported by existing infrastructure such as toilets, parking and security cameras, and was identified as one of the preferred locations by both young people and the wider community.

Locating the activities here would strengthen the central Pegasus recreation hub while also supporting nearby businesses.

Option 2 – Maungatere Reserve

I also oppose this option that would also have significant adverse impacts on our quality of life and wellbeing.

As outlined above, Maungatere Reserve is not an appropriate location for a double flying fox or any other major playground equipment. It ranked last (6th out of 6) in youth preferences, fourth in the community survey, is located only 200 metres from the Hurunui Reserve playground and approximately 800 metres from Karen Eastwood Memorial Park, and Council staff have recommended against this location.

While the southern location is preferable to the northern option because it benefits from greater tree screening, affects fewer neighbouring properties, and preserves the north wider side of the reserve's open recreation space, it remains an **unacceptable** location for the proposed development.

**Responded At:** Jul 16, 2026 12:55:31 pm**Last Seen:** Jul 20, 2026 01:25:27 am**IP Address:** 111.69.71.254**Q1. Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback**

1) Positioning so close to housing unacceptable. The noise generated by basketballs being bounced and coming off the backboard is unfair on neighbouring properties. 2) No infrastructure. No parking available around park, intersection adjacent to park is dangerous. No toilets. 3) Lack of planting will leave the structure an eyesore and a potential target for graffiti. Didn't buy this section to be entertained by annoying sounds of bouncing basketballs. Pegasus is a small place and a central location can accommodate everyone and still be close to housing! The intersection of Te Hurunui, Mairaki, & Tuaki is a dangerous intersection with speeding cars, and drivers who don't give way. The addition of more bikes & cars just increases the risk level. If I had to rank then I would have: 1 Best option 1 - centralise in commercial centre 2 - Option 2 - Option 1 is not a option is our opinion

Q2. Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Not affected

Q3. Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

Same as option 1 though less of a problem visually due to no backboard.

Q4. Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Not affected

Q5. Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

Anonymous

Dear Mr Stephens,

I write to you as a very angry, very frustrated and very disappointed Pegasus resident, homeowner, Parent and Waimak DC resident. Please do not dismiss this email. Please take the time to read it, absorb my words and think about what you're proposing.

We have known for many months about the plans to add recreational youth space to Pegasus on the currently empty reserve spaces, namely the Maungatere Reserve, which our house is currently situated on and our living space overlooks the reserve.

When the plans first came out and booklets with the proposals came through our doors I took the time to complete a 2 page response as to why we are vehemently opposed to the plans. I heard nothing. I signed up for email updates and got nothing. Then last night I had a knock on the door from another home owner opposite us asking if I had seen the most recent booklet that was pushed in to our letterbox on Tuesday. We are given no choice but a double flying fox either right outside our front door and windows or further down the reserve.

No one on Kahu Street or Nga Tupuna Street want this to happen.

We bought our house from the original home owner/builder in late 2019. The outlook from our beautiful floor to ceiling windows in our kitchen/dining /living area was a strong selling point for us with this house. At the time our son was 1.5 years old. He is now 8 and loves nothing more than going out to the reserve with his friends and mainly playing rugby (he wants to be a Crusader), flying his kite, playing football and practicing his putting (the golf course closing was a day of mourning in our house). I have been able to utilise this view and the close proximity of the reserve to be able to allow him to grow his independence. I can see him from where I am, he is safe on the grass area as it is large enough for him to run around on and he is close enough to home to be able to come in when needed and be back in time for dinner. There are other children on our street his age and/or similar age and they love being able to play out there together.

We have watched people walk their dogs, we have watched kids learn to ride their bikes, we wave to others when they're out there and utilise the space a lot during the summer.

The proposal to put a double flying fox literally outside our window is insane for a number of reasons.

1. Construction. I do not wish to be woken up to the eyesore or sound of the construction of this for however long it takes.
2. The view. Who wants to sit down and enjoy their morning coffee and look out to wires and bark?

3. Kids - I like kids. Don't get wrong I have one of my own, however I am absolutely against the attraction of children that this will bring constantly. There will be no end to the amount of people out there at all hours.
4. Youth/teenagers etc will be attracted to hang out on the flying fox, especially at night time. I don't want that outside my window, especially with a younger child in the house. As soon as something in my garden gets vandalised or they start using the side of our house as a cut through to get to the private laneway at the back - which they shouldn't be going to anyway - I will be calling the police. If they have to come out 50 times a week then so be it and I will explain that I aired my views on the flying fox location and was ignored.
5. Sound - have you considered how much sound you will be creating having something so large and active right in front of people's houses?
6. House value. The recent closure of the golf course and current battle with Wolfbrook isn't doing any favour to the house prices in Pegasus for those looking to sell and either build in Pegasus or move on, but putting this right outside our front door is going to make our house price plummet. If we ever get to the stage of being able to build in Pegasus which was our future plan, we won't be able to sell our house with that on the doorstep, no one would want to wake up, go to the kitchen for a coffee/breakfast and be met with a child flying past their window on a tyre. You are effectively forcing us to stay in this house now rendering it unsellable.
7. Removing open space. We all know that more and more houses are going up in Pegasus, this is one of the few quieter open spaces we have and you're talking about taking it away for the sake of appeasing a small minority of residents who probably live on the other side of Pegasus and won't be affected by it in the slightest.

I could go on, the list is endless, but I'm going to say that you have by now lost interest in my tirade and fallen asleep or found something better to do.

Why (and I look forward to the answer to this) was this recreational facility not considered for next to the new community center? All that open space next to the lake, a brand-new center where parents could take their children and supervise them from inside and outside, there's a nice view, walk to the general store for an ice cream afterwards etc. Or alternatively revamp the existing park area. It's about time that facility had a facelift and there's additional green open spaces on both sides, redundant picnic benches (in red below) on one side that could be moved to outside the Peg and Pint playground (again in red) as it has a lovely view over the lake, why not use that space

instead (in yellow) in an already thriving recreational area? The same goes for the basketball court proposed for Rakahuri Reserve. Why can't that go next to the community center too? There's lots of spare space out there.



The Maungatere Reserve is too small for something like this and the residents like it just the way it is. It is a community area, let the community have a say in how it is used.

At the very least, if you HAVE to build something on that reserve and it has to be a flying fix, make it a single on and put it down the other end please.

I hope you read this email. I hope that you find it within yourself to provide me with a response. I'm more that open to coordinating a phone call to discuss this and all my concerns. I know that there are other residents on the two streets that surround the reserve that would also like to be in on the call to have the opportunity to have their voices heard too because apparently fling in the back of the booklet and sending it back as directed doesn't achieve anything.

I will follow up my email in a week to see if you managed to make it all the way through without losing the will to live.

Thanks in advance,

[REDACTED] Pegasus

Dear Grant,

Following our email conversation, please see below another objection to be added to the collation of feedback to be put forward to the board when making their decisions from my son. He took the time to type this himself (with a little parental help to speed up the process) these are all his own thoughts and feelings:

Dear Mr Stephens,

Hi, I am [REDACTED], I am 8 years old. I have lived at [REDACTED] since December 2019.

These are 3 reasons why I don't want 2 flying fox outside my house on the Maungatere Reserve:

1 people walk their dogs and it is nice to see the dogs having a big space to run around on

2 Sport is played out there by adults and kids as there is enough space to be able to run around properly

3 People love having fun out there and don't want it ruined by 2 flying fox

and those are my 3 reasons.

I have some good memories that I have made out on the reserve with my friends and on my own. It makes me very upset that you plan on putting 2 flying fox outside my house on the reserve. You will be taking away a very nice, big open green space that everyone can use.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

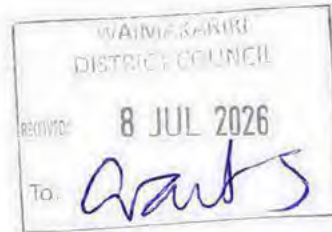


Freepost Authority Number 1667

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Attention: Grant Stephens
Let's Talk — Pegasus Youth Space
Waimakariri District Council
Private Bag 1005
Rangiora 7440



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Name/Organisation*:



Email: alana@shed3.co.nz

Phone: _____

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1. Do you have any feedback regarding the design of Option 1?

To support your feedback, please note which reserve your property adjoins to or your address

Option 1: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

Unacceptable

Option 1: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

N/A

2. Do you have any feedback regarding the design of Option 2?

Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Related Feedback

Comments

Unacceptable - Refer following Pages

Option 2: Maungatere Reserve Related Feedback

Comments

NA

If you have any questions about the proposal, please contact:

Grant Stephens
Greenspace Design and Planning Team Leader
Waimakariri District Council
📞 0800 965 468 | ✉ grant.stephens@wmk.govt.nz

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Please add your details on the last page and return this feedback form (no stamp required) to us by:

5pm, 15 July

Option 2: Waitaki Reserve Related Feedback

N/A

Option 2: Rakahuri Reserve Feedback - Proposed Youth Space

Dear Grand Stephens

We write to reiterate our strong opposition to the proposal to establish a Youth Space at Rakahuri Reserve.

During the original Community consultation we clearly stated our opposition to a Youth Space on this Reserve.

We are disappointed that our Submission along with those of other Residents who expressed similar concerns, appears to have been given little or no weight in the development of the current proposal.

The fact that the project has progressed to the stage of selecting between two design options gives the impression that the fundamental question of whether a Youth Space is appropriate for Pakahuri Reserve has already been decided, despite the significant opposition from nearby residents.

Our position has not changed. We continue to believe that Pakahuri Reserve is an unsuitable location for a dedicated Youth Space.

While we support providing recreational opportunities for young people, this Reserve is immediately adjacent to residential properties and is valued as a peaceful green space enjoyed by people of all ages. A Youth Space in this location is likely to result in increased noise, greater activity, litter and impacts on neighbouring residents' ability to peacefully enjoy their homes and the Reserve itself.

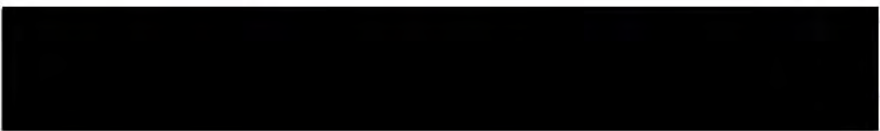
We also remain concerned about the potential effects on nesting birds that we have observed using the Reserve each year, and the cumulative impact of further altering one of the few remaining, tranquil green spaces in our Community

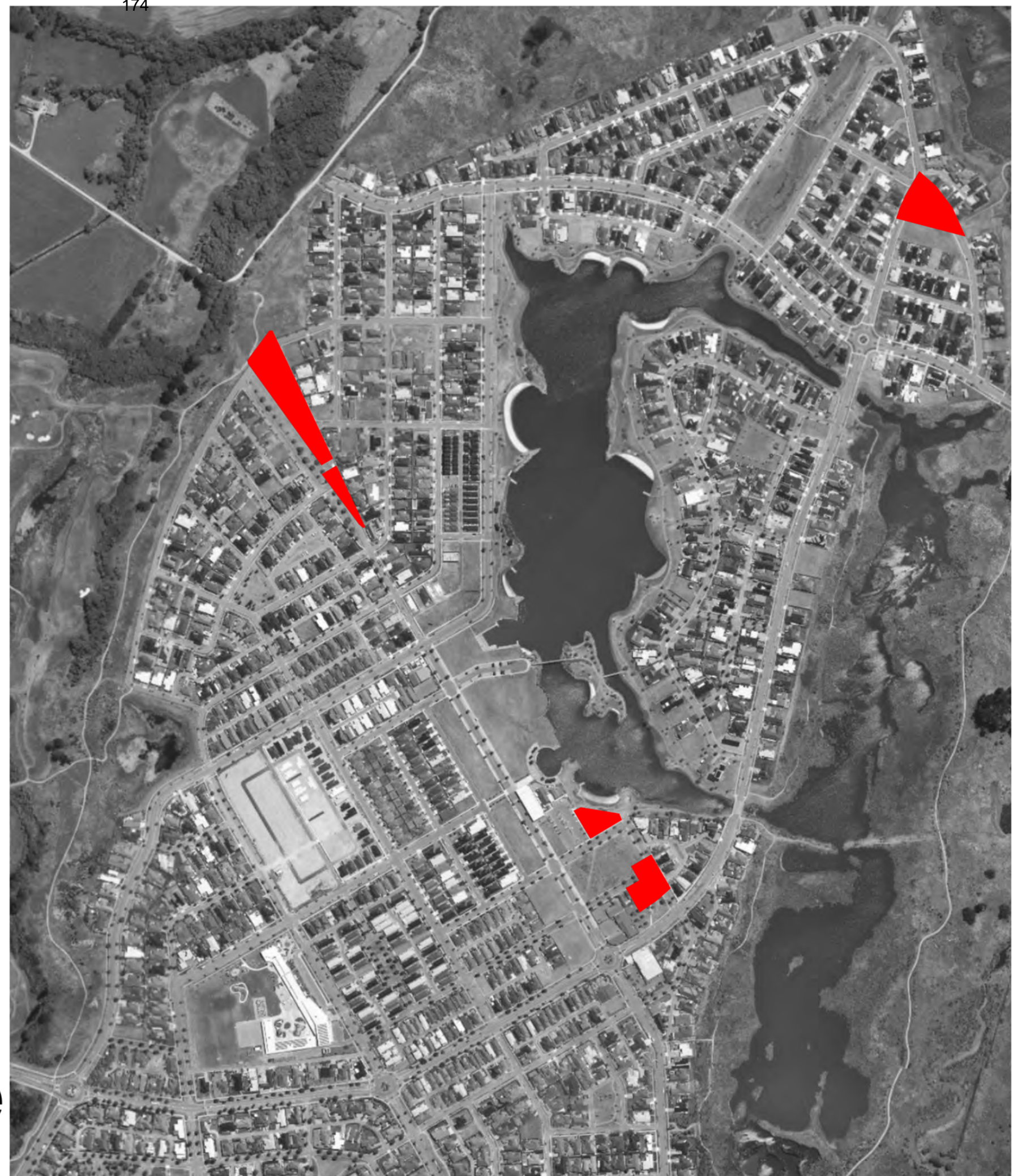
If the Council is nevertheless determined to proceed with a Youth Space despite the concerns raised, then of the two options presented, we very reluctantly support Option Two.

While neither option addresses our objection to the location, Option Two appears less likely to create excessive noise and disturbance to ourselves and neighbours. However, we respectfully ask the Council to reconsider whether Rakahuri Reserve is the right location at all.

We believe there remains an opportunity to explore alternative sites that would better meet the needs of Youth without compromising the amenity, birdlife and peaceful character of this valued Reserve.

Thank you for considering our Submission.





Pegasus Youth Space

Conceptual Designs



1 Location Plan - Pegasus
Scale: 1:1000



2 Waitaki Reserve
Scale: 1:1000



3 Concept Plan - Basketball/Tennis
Scale: 1:200

KEY

- (1) HALF BASKETBALL COURT
- (2) TENNIS BACKBOARD
- (3) BASKETBALL HOOP
- (4) LOW NATIVE PLANTING
- (5) PICNIC TABLE
- (6) PATHWAY
- (7) PERCH LEANER SEAT
- (8) RUBBISH BIN

Pegasus Youth Space

Concept Plan - Waitaki Reserve



4 Location Plan - Pegasus
Scale: 1:1000



5 Rakahuri Reserve
Scale: 1:1000



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 - (4) LOW NATIVE PLANTING
 - (5) PICNIC TABLE
 - (6) PATHWAY
 - (7) PERCH LEANER SEAT
 - (8) RUBBER SOFTFALL
 - (9) GAGA DODGEBALL ARENA
 - (10) RUBBISH BIN

6 Concept Plan - Basketball, Tennis and Gaga Dodgeball
Scale: 1:200

Pegasus Youth Space

Concept Plan A - Rakahuri Reserve



7 Location Plan - Pegasus
Scale: 1:1000



8 Rakahuri Reserve
Scale: 1:1000



9 Concept Plan - Gaga Dodgeball
Scale: 1:200

KEY	
(1)	HALF BASKETBALL COURT
(2)	TENNIS BACKBOARD
(3)	PATHWAY
(4)	PICNIC TABLE
(5)	LOW NATIVE PLANTING
(6)	RUBBISH BIN

Pegasus Youth Space

Concept Plan B - Rakahuri Reserve



10 Pegasus - Location Plan
Scale: 1:1000



11 Maungatere Reserve
Scale: 1:1500



12 Concept - Double Flying Fox
Scale: 1:200

- KEY**
- (1) PATHWAY
 - (2) GRASSY MOUND
 - (3) RAISED PLATFORM
 - (4) DOUBLE FLYING FOX
 - (5) BARK SOFTFALL
 - (6) TIMBER EDGING
 - (7) RUBBISH BIN

Pegasus Youth Space

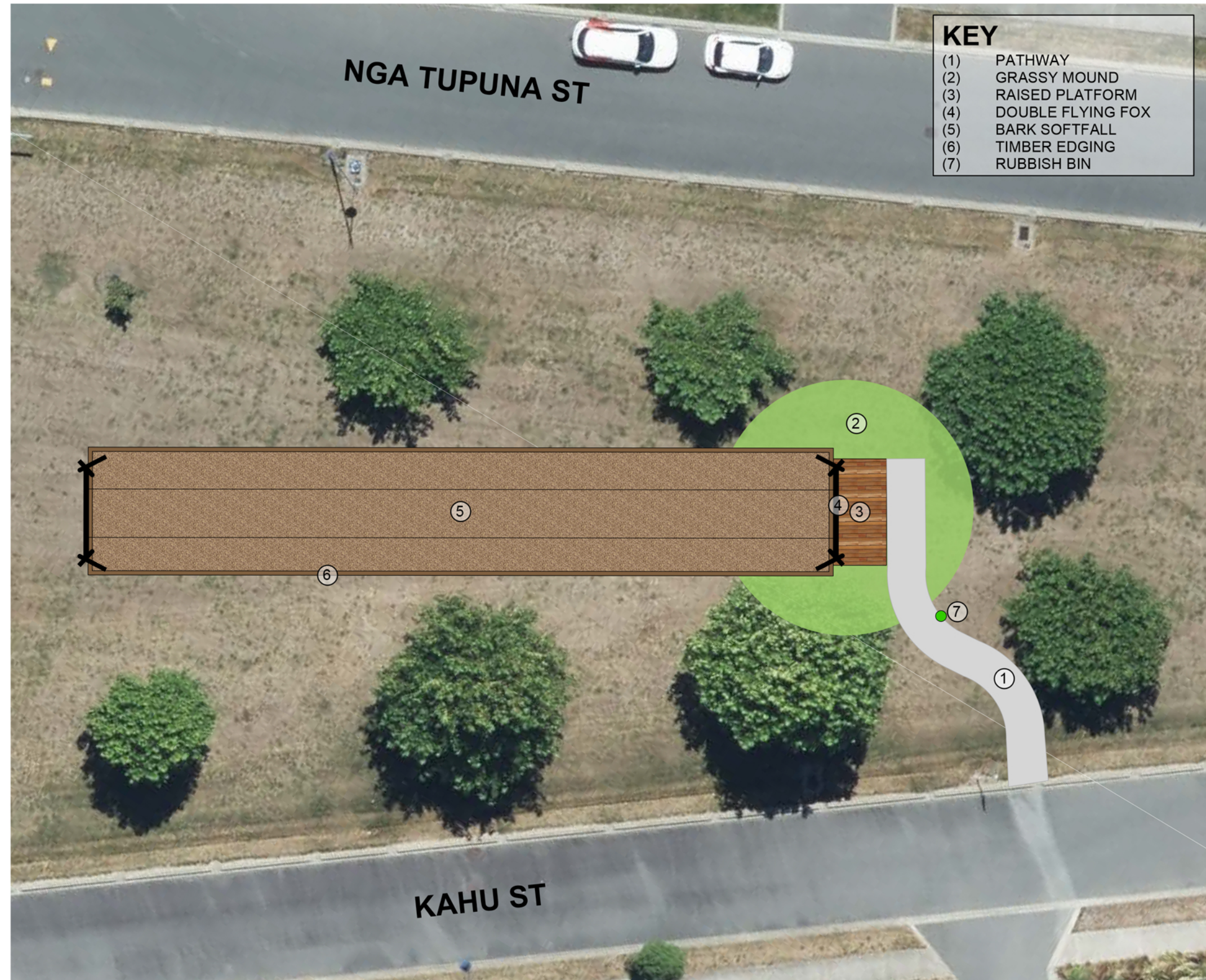
Concept Plan A - Maungatere Reserve



13 Pegasus - Location Plan
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14 Maungatere Reserve
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15 Concept - Double Flying Fox
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Pegasus Youth Space

Concept Plan A - Maungatere Reserve



16 Location Plan - Pegasus 0 10 20 30 m
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17 Karen Eastwood Reserve 0 10 20 30 m
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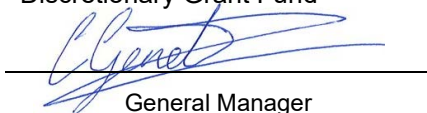


18 Concept Plan - Gaga Dodgeball 0 10 20 30 m
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KEY	
(1)	EXISTING PLAYSPACE
(2)	GAGA DODGEBALL ARENA
(3)	RUBBER SOFTFALL
(4)	PERCH LEANER SEAT
(5)	EXISTING NATIVE PLANTING
(6)	PATHWAY
(7)	EXISTING STEPS

Pegasus Youth Space

Concept Plan - Karen Eastwood Reserve

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**REPORT FOR DECISION****FILE NO and TRIM NO:** GOV-26-09-06 / 260901260677**REPORT TO:** WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD**DATE OF MEETING:** 14 September 2026**AUTHOR(S):** Thea Kunkel, Governance Team Leader**SUBJECT:** Application to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund**ENDORSED BY:**
(for Reports to Council,
Committees or Boards)
General Manager
Chief Executive**1. SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application for funding received from:

Name of Organisation	Purpose	Amount requested (excluding GST)	Does the application comply with the Discretionary Grant Fund Criteria
Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade	Towards hosting their annual Halloween Community event	\$1,200	This application does not comply with the Criteria: The application exceeds the standard grant limit of \$750.
Total		\$1,200	

1.2 The current balance of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund is \$11,599.

Attachments:

- i. An application from the Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade (Trim 260825251425).
- iii. A spreadsheet showing the Discretionary Grants for the previous two years.
- iv. Board Discretionary Grant Funding Criteria for the 2026/27 financial year (Trim: 210603089821).

2. RECOMMENDATION**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 260901260677.
 - (b) **Approves** a grant of \$.....to the Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade towards hosting their annual Halloween Community event.
- OR**
- (c) **Declines** the application from the Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The **Woodend Fire Brigade** is seeking funding to host its annual Halloween Community event. This application does not meet the following Board Discretionary Grant Funding Criteria:
- (a) Grants are generally limited to \$750 with a maximum of \$1,000 in any financial year (July to June). However, a group may apply twice a year, provided each application is for a different project. The Board will only consider granting more than \$750 in exceptional circumstances and will provide detailed reasons for exceeding the set limit.
- 3.2 The current balance of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund is \$11,599.

4. **KEY ISSUES**

Woodend Fire Brigade (the Brigade)

4.1 Information provided by the Brigade

- 4.1.1 To strengthen community engagement and raise awareness of the Brigade's role within the district, the Brigade has established an annual family-focused community event programme. In 2022, the Brigade hosted its inaugural Community Halloween event at the Woodend Fire Station, which attracted approximately 400 attendees from the local community. The Community Halloween event has since become a popular annual occasion.
- 4.1.2 In addition to providing a family-friendly community activity, the event enables the Brigade to promote its services, support volunteer recruitment, and reinforce key fire safety messages, including the importance of having a home escape plan, identifying a safe meeting place, and practising the "Get Down, Get Low, Get Out" emergency response procedure.
- 4.1.3 The Brigade is hoping to once again host its annual Halloween Community Event at the Woodend Fire Station on Saturday 31 October 2026, from 4.30pm to 6pm. The event is designed to provide an enjoyable experience for local families while promoting fire safety awareness and community connection. Planned activities include:
 - Free sausage sizzle
 - Bouncy castle
 - "Escape My House" maze
 - Free lollies
 - A variety of games and competitions
- 4.1.4 The event is expected to attract a significant number of attendees, particularly children ranging from preschool age through to secondary school age. Based on previous attendance patterns and community demographics, approximately 60% of participants are expected to come from the Woodend-Sefton area, 20% from the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi area, and 20% from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. This broad catchment reflects the event's growing popularity and its value as a community engagement initiative.

4.2 Council Evaluation:

- 4.2.1 The application meets the Board's Discretionary Grant Criteria, as a non-profit organisation submitted it, and the majority of the visitors are anticipated to be from the Woodend-Sefton area.
- 4.2.2 However, the Board's Discretionary Grant Application Criteria provide that grant funding will generally be limited to \$750, with a maximum of \$1,000 available to any applicant within a financial year (July to June). While the current application exceeds the standard grant limit of \$750, the Board may approve funding above this threshold in exceptional circumstances, provided that clear and detailed reasons are identified to justify exceeding the prescribed limit.

- 4.2.3 The Brigade received the following funding during the last five years, and all Accountability Forms have been received:

Date	Project	Amount
August 2022	Towards safety signage for support vehicle	\$715
September 2023	Towards a Christmas Light Display	\$500
September 2024	Towards a Christmas Light Display	\$500
Total		\$1,715

- 4.2.4 Historically, the Brigade has received financial support from MainPower to assist with the delivery of this event. However, the Brigade was unable to secure funding for the 2026 event. As a result, the Brigade has applied for a grant of \$1,200, which represents the estimated total cost of hosting the event. The Brigade has advised that, should this funding application be unsuccessful, it will be unable to proceed with the event. This would result in the loss of a well-established community initiative that provides local families with a free, family-friendly experience while strengthening relationships between emergency services and the community.

4 OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Board may approve or decline grants as per the grant guidelines.
- 5.2 The Management Team has reviewed this report.

5 STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT AND COMMUNITY VIEWS

6.1 Mana Whenua

The subject matter and/or recommendations contained in this report are unlikely to be of interest to mana whenua.

6.2 Groups, Organisations and the Wider Community

No other groups or organisations are likely to be affected by or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report.

6.3 Implications for Community Wellbeing

The issues and options discussed in this report have social, cultural, economic, or environmental implications for community well-being. Supporting community initiatives encourages social interaction, reduces isolation, and improves physical activity, which in turn enhances mental and physical wellbeing.

6.4 Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities

People are friendly and caring, creating a strong sense of community in our District.

There are wide-ranging opportunities for people of different ages and cultures to participate in community life and recreational activities.

6 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 Financial Implications

- 7.1.1 There are financial implications for the decisions sought by this report.
- 7.1.2 The Council's 2026-27 Annual Plan includes a budget provision of \$7,200 for the Woodend-Sefton Community Board to approve grants to community groups for the 2026/27 financial year (July 2026 to June 2027). There was a carry forward of \$5,996 from the 2025/26 financial year, resulting in a total of \$13,196 available for the 2026/27 financial year.
- 7.1.3 Currently, the Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund total is \$11,599. If the application is approved, the Board's Discretionary Grant Fund will have \$10,399 for allocation for the balance of the 2026/27 financial year.

7.2 Community Resilience and Sustainability

The recommendations in this report have no sustainability and/or climate change impacts.

7.3 Risk Management

There are no risks associated with adopting and implementing the recommendations in this report.

7.4 Health and Safety

All health and safety-related issues will be the responsibility of the organisations and groups that have applied for funding.

8. CONTEXT**8.1 Consistency with Policy**

These matters are not matters of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

8.2 Authorising Legislation

Not applicable.

8.3 Authorising Delegations

Community Boards have delegated authority to approve Discretionary Grant Funding.

What happens now?

Return your completed application form (with financial records and any supporting information which you believe is relevant to this application) by posting to Private Bag 1005, Rangiora 7440, New Zealand, or hand delivering to your local Service Centre, or emailing to: IM@wmk.govt.nz

What happens next?

- Your application will be processed and presented to the Board at the next appropriate meeting.
- Following the meeting a letter will be sent to notify you of the Board's decision and if successful an invoice and your organisation's bank account details will be requested. This information is required within 10 days of the Board decision.
- On receipt of this information payment will be processed to your organisation's bank account.

Groups applying for Board Discretionary Grants 2026/2027

Name of group: Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact person within organisation: [REDACTED]

Position within organisation: Station Officer

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Describe your project or event and what the grant funding will specifically be used for. (Use additional pages if needed)

The Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade are holding their annual Halloween Community event at the Fire Station on October 31st. The purpose of the event is community engagement. We open the fire station to the public to come down and see what we are about and what we do. It is a great platform with which to a) recruit new volunteers, b) Drive home a range of fire safety messages including "get down, get low, get out", having an escape plan and a safe meeting place and c) to make the station accessible to the public and explain what we do. We hold the event from 4:30pm-6pm and we get a large number of young children through the doors from preschoolers right up to high school aged children. Through the guise of Dress up and candy we can deliver these key messages and engage in a fun way with our community.... (See attached)

What is the timeframe of the project/event date? Saturday October 31st 2026 4:30pm-6pm

Overall cost of project/event: \$1200

Amount requested: \$1200

How many people will directly benefit from this project? 500

Who are the range of people benefiting from this project? (You can tick more than one box)

☒ People with disabilities (mental or physical) ☒ Cultural/ethnic minorities ☒ District

☒ Preschool ☒ School/youth ☒ Adults ☒ Whole community/ward

Provide estimated percentage of participants/people benefiting by community area:

Oxford-Ohoka _____% Rangiora-Ashley 20% Woodend-Sefton 60% Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi 20%

Other (please specify): _____

What are the direct benefit(s) to the participants?

Participants get an inside look at the fire station and access to Fire safety information and important key messages. Parents of children wanting to Trick or treat can bring them down to a safe environment and have a break while they play on station. Last year we engaged with a number of residents after this event and undertook home fire safety visits.

What is the benefit(s) to your organisation?

This event helps our Fire Station to build rapport with the people in our fire district in a safe and fun way and allows us to carry out messaging that ultimately reduces fire risk in our area.

What are the benefits, economic or otherwise, to the Woodend-Sefton community or wider district?

The upcoming super el-nino weather pattern is predicted to put immense pressure on our fire season so the more messaging and engagement and potential volunteers we can get directly reduces risk and costs involved to the community in a potentially disastrous fire season.

Is your group applying under the umbrella of another organisation (that is Charity/Trust registered)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, name of parent group: _____

What is the relationship between your group and the parent group?

What other fundraising has your group undertaken towards this project/event? List any other organisations you have applied to, or intend to apply to for funding this project and the amount applied for.

Previously we have received funding from Mainpower for this event. However this year unfortunately they had already allocated their funding.

What other Council funding sources have you applied to, or intend to apply to for funding this project and the amount applied for i.e. other Community Boards, Annual or Long Term Plan, Community Grants and Enterprise North Canterbury.

As we have only just found out that we could not attain funding through Mainpower. We are just trying to secure something as soon as we can as the event is not that far away.

Have you applied to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board or any other Waimakariri Community Board for other project funding in the past 18 months? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please supply details:

If this application is declined, will this event/project still occur? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If No, what are the consequences to the community/organisation?

The Community misses out on a fun local event designed to build rapport between emergency services and the public. It also brings together people from the neighbourhood and neighbouring townships together. There are few events like this that happen in Woodend and it is of great benefit to the community.

Enclosed ☒ Financial Information (*compulsory – your application cannot be processed without financial statements*)

☒ Bank Statement (*Bank Statements will remain confidential*)

☒ Project Budget

☒ Quotes

☒ Costs

☒ Other supporting information

☒ I am authorised to sign on behalf of the group/organisation making this application.

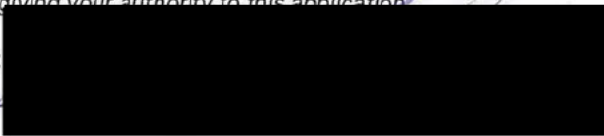
☒ I declare that all details contained in this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

☒ I accept that successful applicants will be required to report back to the Community Board by completing an Accountability Report.

☒ I accept that information provided in this application may be used in an official Council report available to the public.

PLEASE NOTE: A signature is not required if you submit this form electronically. By entering your name in the signature box you are giving your authority to this application.

Signed:



Date: 25.08.2026

Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade Halloween Event

Saturday 31st October 2026 4:30 pm-6pm

The Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade are holding their annual Halloween Community event at the Fire Station on October 31st.

The purpose of the event is community engagement and education. We open the fire station to the public to come down and see what we are about and what we do. It is a great platform with which to

- a) recruit new volunteers
- b) Drive home a range of fire safety messages including "get down, get low, get out", having an escape plan and a safe meeting place.
- c) to make the station accessible to the public and explain what we do.

We hold the event from 4pm-6pm and we get a large number of young children through the doors from preschoolers right up to high school aged children. Through the guise of Dress up and candy we can deliver these key messages and engage in a fun way with our community.

Activities include:

Free Sausage Sizzle
Bouncy Castle
Escape my House maze
Free lollies
Various games and competitions

Each year we have had roughly 450-500 people at this event

Here are some comments from members of the community after previous years events..

"Thanks Woodend fire brigade! You always put on such a fantastic event!" – Libby Elmers

"Thank you for putting on such a awesome event for our kids! So much fun" – Emz Jane

"We always look forward to it, thanks!!" – Angela Reidie

"Our girls loved it ❤️ Thank you!" – Lisa Collier

Typically the cost breakdown for this is

\$300 on the sausage sizzle
\$300 lollies
\$400 activities (bouncy castle, games, competitions)

Below is some quotes obtained for the purchase of food and activities

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precooked sausages woodend fire...

Can I please order 3 x cartons of precooked sausages for the woodend fire brigade pick up 31st October.

192 precooks in a box correct

@\$23 a bag \$92 per carton total cost = \$273 GST INCL

Thanks for your help on this Debs. Also if you have the grandies bring them along to the station great hit with wee kiddies Lots of activities, Lollie's and a fun environment.

Regards,

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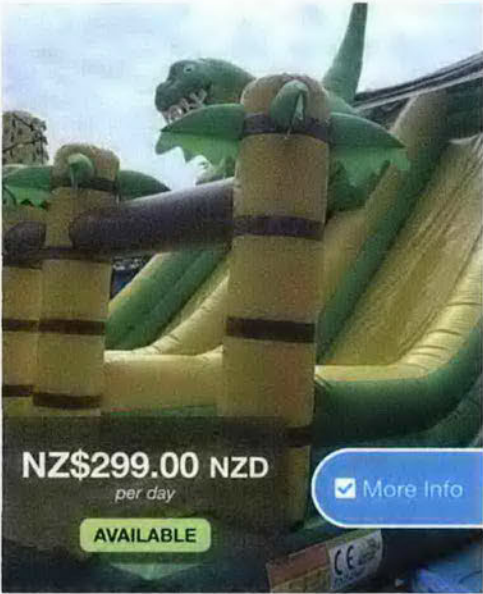
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NO TRANSACTIONS FOUND

Profit and Loss

Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade
For the year ended 31 March 2026
Cash Basis

	2026
Trading Income	
Other Income	18,500.00
NZFS Grants	15,815.36
Donations	7,297.70
Fundraising	2,850.00
Bar Income	2,850.40
Interest/Investment Income	2,089.04
Entertainment Book Sales	70.00
Total Trading Income	49,472.50
Gross Profit	
	49,472.50
Operating Expenses	
Food and Entertainment	15,694.62
Honours & Awards Expenses	6,468.05
Equipment purchases	2,775.00
Purchases (Bar)	2,467.81
Honoraria	2,372.31
Grants paid (Houlihan Fund)	1,376.00
General Expenses	1,187.10
Vehicle Expenses	444.59
Repairs & Maintenance	320.72
Professional Fees	51.11
Bank Charges	10.00
Total Operating Expenses	33,167.31
Net Profit	
	16,305.19

Balance Sheet

Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade
As at 31 March 2026

31 MAR 2026

Assets	
Bank	
Bar Account	4,648.56
Debit Mastercard Account	994.98
Grant Account	1,359.02
Project Account	5,243.45
Term Deposit	80,453.00
Total Bank	92,699.01
Current Assets	
Cash on Hand	250.00
Stock on Hand	154.02
Total Current Assets	404.02
Total Assets	93,103.03
Net Assets	
93,103.03	
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	13,455.19
Retained Earnings	79,647.84
Total Equity	93,103.03

Spreadsheet Showing Woodend-Sefton Community Board Discretionary Grant for the 2026/27 Financial Year

	Meeting considered	Group	Project	Accountability Received	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Running Balance
Woodend-Sefton Community Board 10.138.100.2410		Carry Forward 2025/26 = \$5,996	206/27 = \$7,200				\$13,196
	13-Jul	The Hope Community Trust	Purchase of shelving		\$472	\$472	\$12,724
	13-Jul	Woodend Garden Club	Towards the cost of venue hiring for meetings	withdrawn	\$750		\$12,724
	10-Aug	Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Canterbury	Towards the production of a 15-second cinema advertisement		\$375	\$375	\$12,349
	10-Aug	Waimakariri Riding Club	Towards an arena groomer		\$700	Declined	\$12,349
	10-Aug	Woodend Spring Flower Show Committee	towards publishing the booklet, hall hire and purchase of consumables		\$750	\$750	\$11,599
	14-Sept	Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade	towards hosting halloween community event		\$1,200		

Spreadsheet Showing Woodend-Sefton Community Board Discretionary Grant for the 2025/26 Financial Year

	Meeting considered	Group	Project	Accountability Received	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Running Balance
Woodend-Sefton Community Board 10.138.100.2410		Carry Forward 2024/25 = 2875	(202526) \$6,980				\$9,855
	14-Jul	Woodend Netball Club	towards Prize Giving	To be returned to the budget	\$750	\$400	\$9,455
	11-Aug	Woodend Spring Flower Show Committee	Printing, hall hire, engraving of trophies, insurance and prize money	15-Dec-25	\$750	\$750	\$8,705
	8-Sept	Woodend Community Association	Community Christmas Party	26-Jan-26	\$750	\$750	\$7,955
	8-Nov	Noaia Charitable Trust	Community market for equipment and promotion		\$1,000	\$500	\$7,455
	10-Mar	Menzshed Pegasus Woodend Community Trust	towards a compressor	Withdrawn	\$489		\$7,455
	10-Mar	Rangiora Boxing Club	towards medical care	Declined	\$500	\$0	\$7,455
	13-Apr	Menzshed Pegasus Woodend Community Trust	Air Filtration Unit		\$599	\$599	\$6,856
	8-Jun	North Canterbury Federation of Womens Institute	towards the cost of hall hire, materials and advertising		\$500	\$310	\$6,546
	8-Jun	North Canterbury Scout Troop	towards a camp		\$1,000	\$250	\$6,296
	8-Jun	Pegasus Residents' Group Incorporated	Cost of hosting Matariki Morning Tea		\$500	\$300	\$5,996

Woodend-Sefton Community Board

Discretionary Grant Application

Information to assist groups with their application

The purpose of the Board discretionary grant is to assist projects that enhance community group capacity and/or increase participation in activities.

When assessing grant applications the Board considers a number of factors in its decision making. These include, but are not limited to; type of project, time frame, benefits to the community and costs. The more information you as a group can provide on the project and benefits to participants the better informed the Board is. You are welcome to include a cover letter as part of your application. The decision to grant funds is the sole discretion of the Board.

The Board cannot accept applications from individuals. All funding is paid to community-based project groups, non-profit community organisations, registered charities or incorporated societies. Council funding is publicly accountable therefore the Board needs to demonstrate to the community where funding is going and what it is being spent on.

The Board encourages applicants, where practically possible, to consider using local businesses or suppliers for any services or goods they require in their application. The Board acknowledges that this may result in a higher quote.

It would be helpful to the Board to receive a project summary that includes costs, and shows the areas where funds will be spent, fund raising the group has undertaken towards the project, and other sources of funding that have been accessed. Please note that your application will not be processed if the required financial information is not provided. The Board reserve the right to request additional information.

Examples (but not limited to) of what the Board can fund:	Examples (but not limited to) of what the Board cannot fund:
✓ New equipment/materials	✗ Wages
✓ Toys/educational aids	✗ Debt servicing
✓ Sporting equipment	✗ Payment for volunteers (including arrangements in kind e.g. petrol vouchers)
✓ Safety equipment	✗ Stock or capital market investment
✓ Costs associated with events	✗ Gambling or prize money
✓ Community training	✗ Funding of individuals (only non-profit organisations)
	✗ Payment of any legal expenditure or associated costs
	✗ Purchase of land and buildings
	✗ Activities or initiatives where the primary purpose is to promote, commercial or profit-oriented interests
	✗ Payment of fines, court costs or mediation costs, IRD penalties

- The Board supports a wide range of community activities. However, an application will only be considered if it is deemed of the nature listed in the table of examples of what the Board can fund (see previous page).
- The Board will consider grant applications every month. Applications must be received at least four weeks before Board meeting dates to be processed on time.
- Grant funding will not be allocated for events/projects that have already occurred, i.e. retrospectively.
- Applications will only be accepted from community-based project groups, not-for-profit organisations, registered charities or incorporated societies. No application from an individual which benefits only one person will be accepted.
- Applications from Funding Committees and/or similar community-based groups associated with schools will be considered only if significant community benefit has been shown and proof is provided that the Ministry of Education does not fund the activity. However, schools themselves are not considered non-profit community-based organisations.
- Organisations predominately funded by the Central Government must provide supporting evidence that the requested grant will not be spent on projects that the Central Government should/do fund.
- Grant funding would primarily be limited to projects located within the Board's geographical area or providing a clear benefit to residents of the area. In exceptional circumstances, the Board may consider applications for projects outside its geographical area and, in such cases, would provide detailed reasons for exceeding its standard scope.
- Grants are generally limited to \$750 with a maximum of \$1,000 in any financial year (July to June). However, a group may apply twice a year, provided it is for different projects. The Board will only consider granting more than \$750 in exceptional circumstances and will provide detailed reasons for exceeding the set limit.
- The application should clearly state the purpose for which the funds will be used. It should be noted that the board will not fund ongoing or annual operating expenditure associated with the administration or running of the applicant's club organisation or club.
- The applicant should submit relevant financial information to prove they can deliver the project. Financial information should include a project budget, an organisational balance sheet/profit and loss, and a bank statement to enable the Board to make an informed decision.
- Applicants must declare any other funding sources for the proposed project for which funding is being sought, especially Council community grants, other Community Boards grants, and Enterprise North Canterbury funding.
- If the group does not provide the information to enable the grant to be paid within three months of approval of the grant being notified, the application will be regarded as closed, and funds will be released for reallocation by the Board.
- If funds are not spent on the specific project applied for within six months of the date of the event/project, the recipient will be required to return the funding to the Council.
- The Council must receive an Accountability Form within 20 working days after the event, completion of the project, or when the funds were spent outlining how the funds were applied. Relevant proof of purchase, such as receipts, bank statements, or invoices, must accompany the Accountability Form, and photos of the event or purchase are encouraged.
- Where possible, Boards request permission to use these photos on their Facebook page, the Council website, or other social media to encourage other community groups' participation.
- No new applications will be accepted until the Board receives the Accountability Form and relevant documentation for previous funding granted.

WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
Attended the John Harris Memorial Lion's Den unveiling		It was a positive day, and we received valuable feedback from the community.
Woodend Beach Project and sign	Have had feedback from the Greenspace Team	I hope the Greenspace Team will be able to meet the new timeframes they have committed to.
71 Main North Road car parks and state of footpath		Still not sorted
Number 2 Main North Road, Woodend Road	Development has stopped	Do we know why?
Northeast Waimakariri Urban Plan		Open for feedback submissions closes on Sunday 4 October 2026. Drop-in sessions to be held at the Woodend Rugby Club at Gladstone Park: - Thursday 17 September, between 5.30pm and 7pm - Thursday 24 September, between 6pm and 7.30pm

* *The purpose of the Chairperson's report is to provide a short update to Board members in relation to activities/meetings that you have attended or to provide general Board-related information.*

WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR AUGUST 2026

Member's Name: Shona Powell

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
Pegasus Community Centre – attended meeting between staff and current users of centre to discuss transition to new centre which is due to open in early October under budget. Also went along to site visit to see progress on building.	Issue for at least one user was storage for a large amount of equipment with questions around why the building wasn't made larger or outside storage allowed for.	Discussed with the users around how valuable each square metre of the building was to ensure it was multi-purpose within the budget set, the size of the site and placement of the centre. Storage had been a major talking point at the steering group. There is some limited storage for groups. Given the site is prime lakefront land, outside storage was discussed but not endorsed.
Opening of John Harris Memorial Lions Den	Feedback from everyone that I spoke with was that the refurbishment of the Den was great and made the space much more usable and the naming was a fitting tribute to John and his involvement in the Woodend community.	
Volunteered at Pegasus Community Centre	As usual, a number of questions around golf course and Woodend Bypass	
Pop up Welcoming Communities events in Ravenswood at Crossley Ave reserve and in Silverstream at Tirikatene Reserve along with representation from Neighbourhood Support	Some in-depth conversations. Praise for Crossley Avenue playground. One family raised the lack of a facility for competition roller skating. There is a trial underway at Mainpower Stadium, and they would like to see this made permanent.	Skating club in discussions with North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust.
Items of Interest:		
- Isite in process of moving from Enterprise North Canterbury to Ruataniwha - Kaiapoi Library 24-month trial of Natural Burials at Cust West-Eyreton cemetery approved - Waimakariri Access Group – have stepped down as Chair after 5 years but will remain on the Group as the Council representative - Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust – currently advertising for a Chief Executive as Deirdre Ryan is retiring early January 2027 after 16 years leading the Trust		

- Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust – discussion around fire risk with predicted El Niño weather pattern and possible approaches to how to ensure the safety of people and the park
- Shared path from Pineacres into Kaiapoi now has practical completion
- Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group – two groups of 3rd year geography students from University of Canterbury are doing research in the area. One is looking into the issues and possible solutions around whitebaiting and the other into water quality in the Ashley Rakahuri estuary and the sampling. They attended the meeting and told us about the research they will be doing and stayed to see how the group worked. Hurunui District Council gave an overview of the results from their beach user survey. Next step is their bylaw review

Councillor role meetings:

- Council meetings, committee meetings, briefings and workshops
- All Boards – briefing on Head Start
- LGNZ online briefings on various topics
- Migrant Agency Group meeting
- Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group
- Waimakariri Access Group meeting
- Cultural training
- Welcoming Communities meeting
- Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust meeting
- Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust meeting

Any questions let me know but you can see the Minutes of Council and committee meetings online.

WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR AUGUST 2026

Member's Name: Mathew Potter

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
<i>PRGI Meeting 3 Sep</i>	<i>Consultation around the youth play space proposal (specifically the Maungatere Reserve) – keen to understand the process that was followed.</i>	<i>I have emailed Grant Stephens to ask for a run down of the process so I can respond.</i>

- * *The purpose of this exchange is to provide a short update to other members in relation to activities/meetings that have been attended or to provide general Board-related information.*
- * *Members are urged to submit written updates in time for inclusion in the Community Board Agenda for the community's benefit.*

WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR AUGUST 2026

Member's Name: Philip Redmond

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
<i>Water Services Authority</i>	<i>Gave a national perspective on wastewater discharge, treatment plants, drinking water and leakage.</i> <i>a) 61% of residential drinking water is metered.</i> <i>b) 74% of wastewater discharge to marine and estuarine areas.</i> <i>c) WDC leakage index 2-4, should be under 2.</i> <i>d) Many consents are expiring in the next 10 years including our wastewater discharge.</i>	
<i>Headstart Proposal Submitted to MCERT</i>	<i>North Canterbury District Council model with Hurunui. Supported CCC and SDC standalone proposals. Decisions expected in September.</i>	
<i>Kaiapoi to Pineacres Cycleway</i>	<i>Construction completed</i>	
<i>Wolfbrook Fast Track Application Declined</i>		<i>Continuing to meet with residents regarding next steps.</i>
<i>Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust</i>	<i>Offer free help to landowners wanting to protect indigenous biodiversity</i>	
<i>Property Assets Working Group</i>	<i>Busy area. Forer Kaiapoi Subway premises being earthquake strengthened. Elderly persons units occupancy over 90%. Refurbishment was underway at Tyler Court. Abbeyfield MoU was signed.</i>	
<i>Williams Street Bridge Balustrades</i>	<i>Nearing completion with a formal opening in October. Very impressive lighting.</i>	
<i>Rangiora Town Hall Centenary</i>	<i>Celebrated across 5 and 6 September with the shows sold out.</i>	
<i>Refer to weekly Deputys Diary on Facebook for additional coverage and photos</i>		