

The Mayor and Councillors  
**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA AT 1PM TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2026**

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**REPORT REFERRED FROM THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD**

**1 Pegasus Youth Space – Approval of Activities and Locations – Grant Stephens (Greenspace Design and Planning Team Leader)**

*The Woodend-Sefton Community Board considered report Trim 250826157901 at its meeting held on 8 September 2025. Please note that the Board's recommendation differs from the staff recommendation contained in the report.*

*The Woodend-Community Board Minutes have been attached for reference.*

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Approves** 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.
- (b) **Notes** this requires Community and Recreation Committee approval as the delegation to change the capital programme and individual project purpose sits with committee delegation.
- (c) **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.
- (d) **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 neighboring Ravenswood.

## WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

### REPORT FOR DECISION

**FILE NO and TRIM NO:** GOV-26-09-06/RES-20/250826157901

**REPORT TO:** WOODEND SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

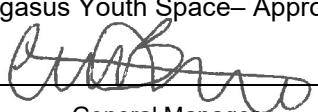
**DATE OF MEETING:** 08 September 2025

**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 lets 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 theses below.

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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

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

21 February 2020 - 18 June 2025

**PROJECT NAME:**

Pegasus Youth Space - play options

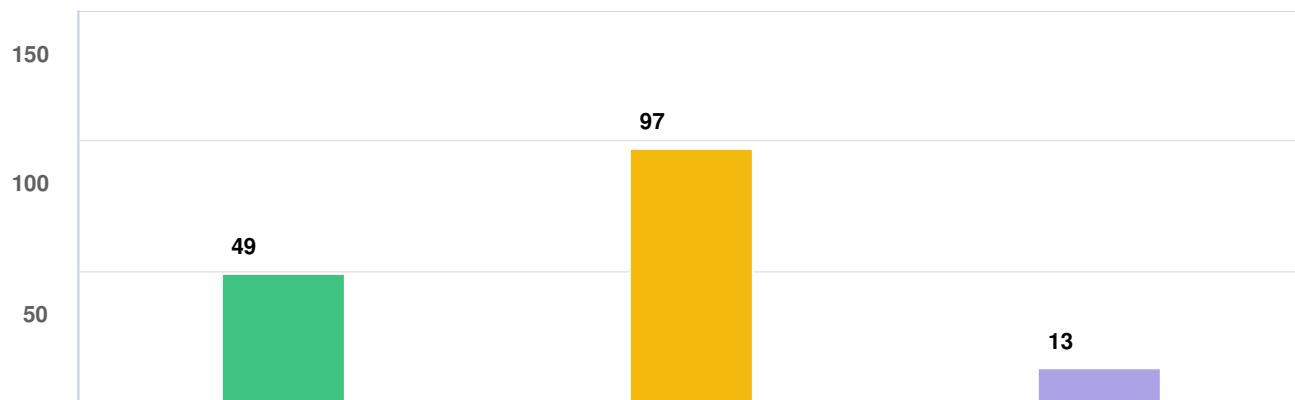


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## SURVEY QUESTIONS

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**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)*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*

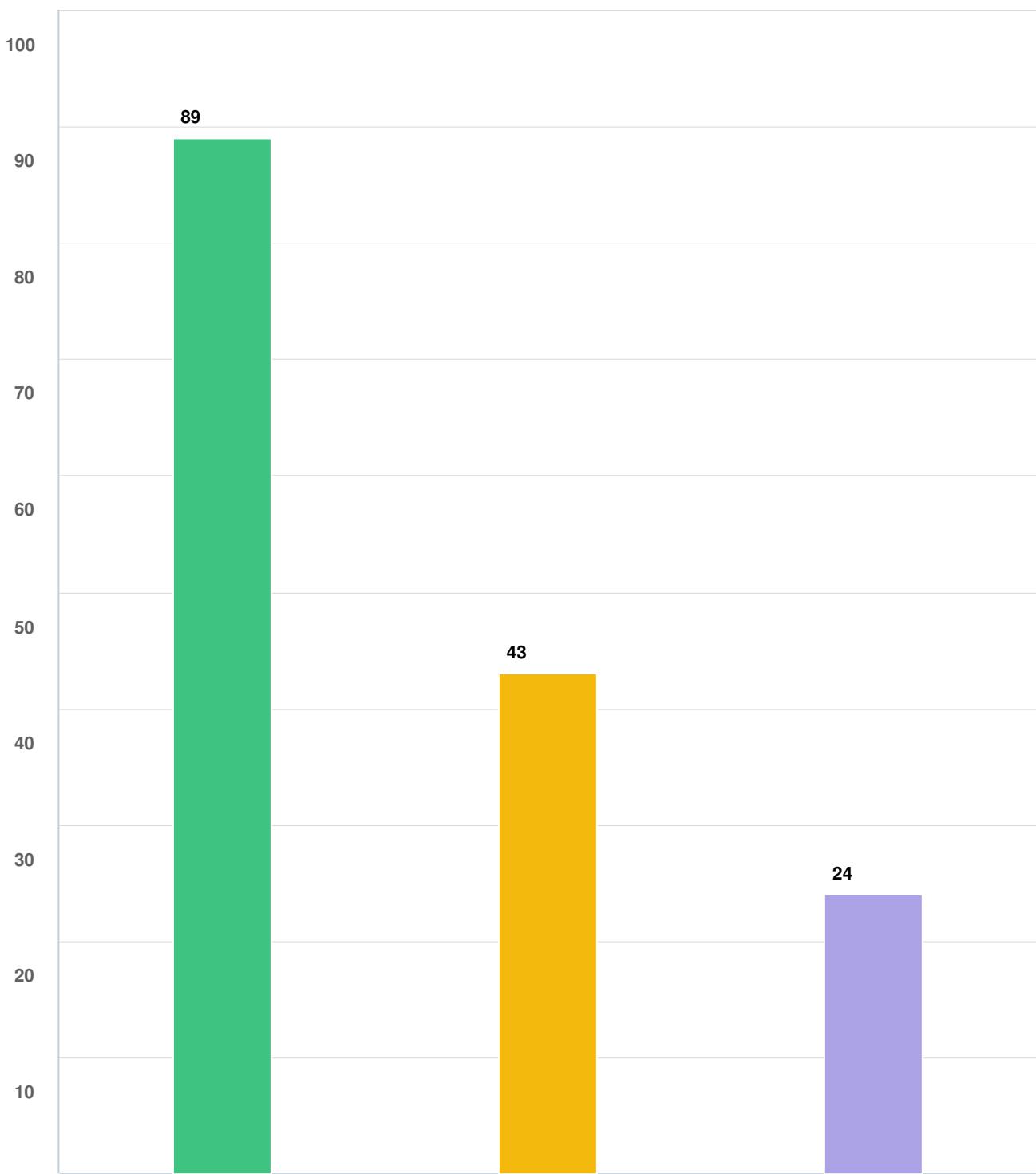
**Q2 | Please rank these activities in preference from 1 to 6, with 1 as your favourite and 6 being your least favourite**

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**

Pegasus Lakeside play area

5/18/2025 11:35 AM

In the vicinity of the stand of pine as one departs Pegasus on Tiritiri Moana Drive heading towards the beach

5/20/2025 06:53 AM

N/A

5/22/2025 10:58 AM

Empty sections on Infinity Drive opposite the bridge next to the townhouses

5/23/2025 04:16 PM

Lakeside

5/23/2025 07:48 PM

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.

The island with the waterfall

6/04/2025 10:21 AM

Rakahuri Reserve

6/04/2025 10:40 AM

No preference.

6/04/2025 02:01 PM

We desperately need something for the children on the reserve near the corner of the kohanga and the esplanade

Area near bobs bridge on lakefront

6/04/2025 07:26 PM

Indoor space

6/05/2025 07:43 AM

Jove Dr or Awatere St for dedicated skate item

6/05/2025 11:11 AM

Waikuku

6/05/2025 03:34 PM

Lakeside Pathway - This is absurd 60,000,000

6/05/2025 04:26 PM

Back of dog park for all activities

6/06/2025 01:28 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.

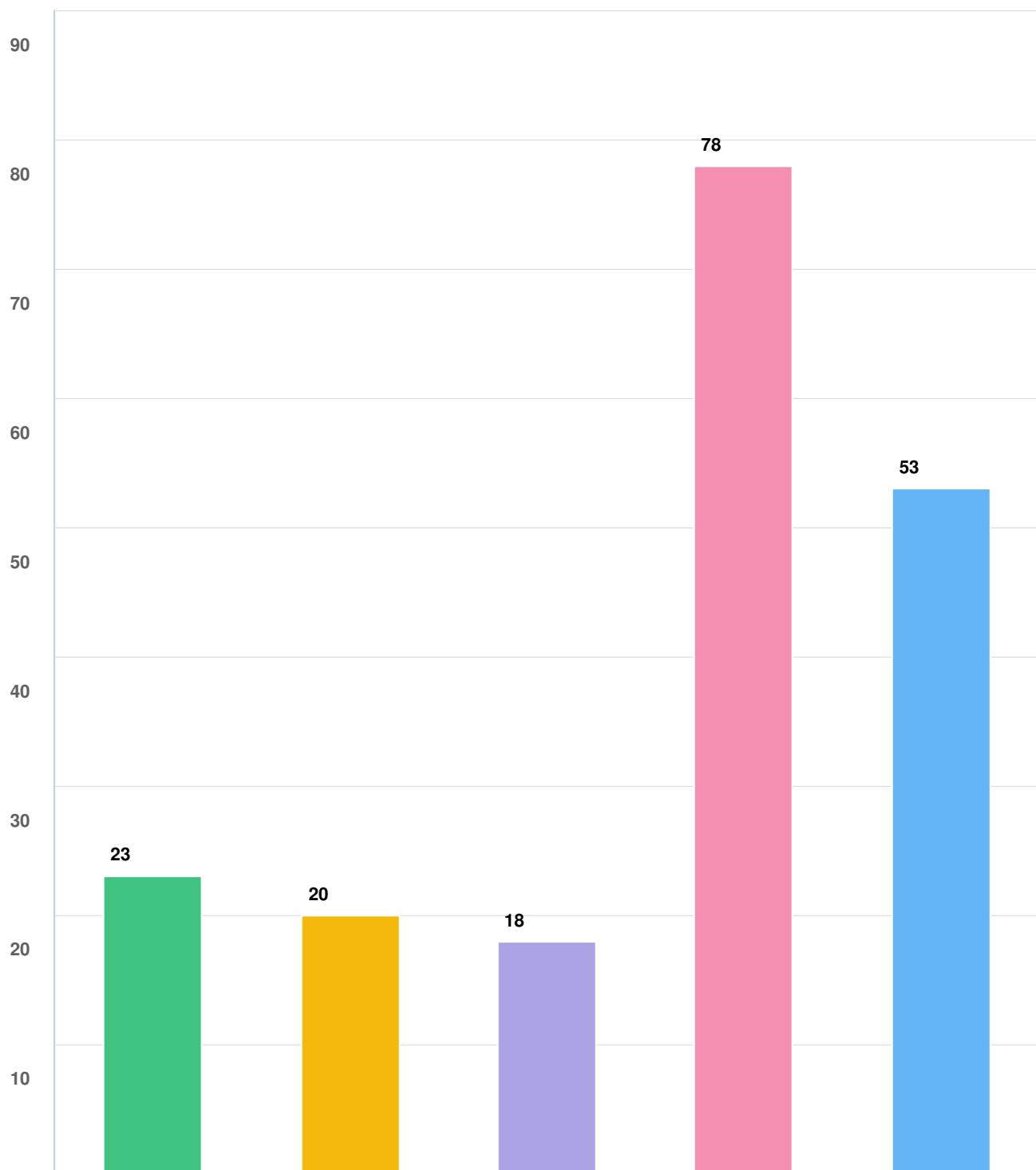
Near school or by the new community center site.

6/06/2025 04:49 PM

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

**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q6 | Which age group do you fall under?**



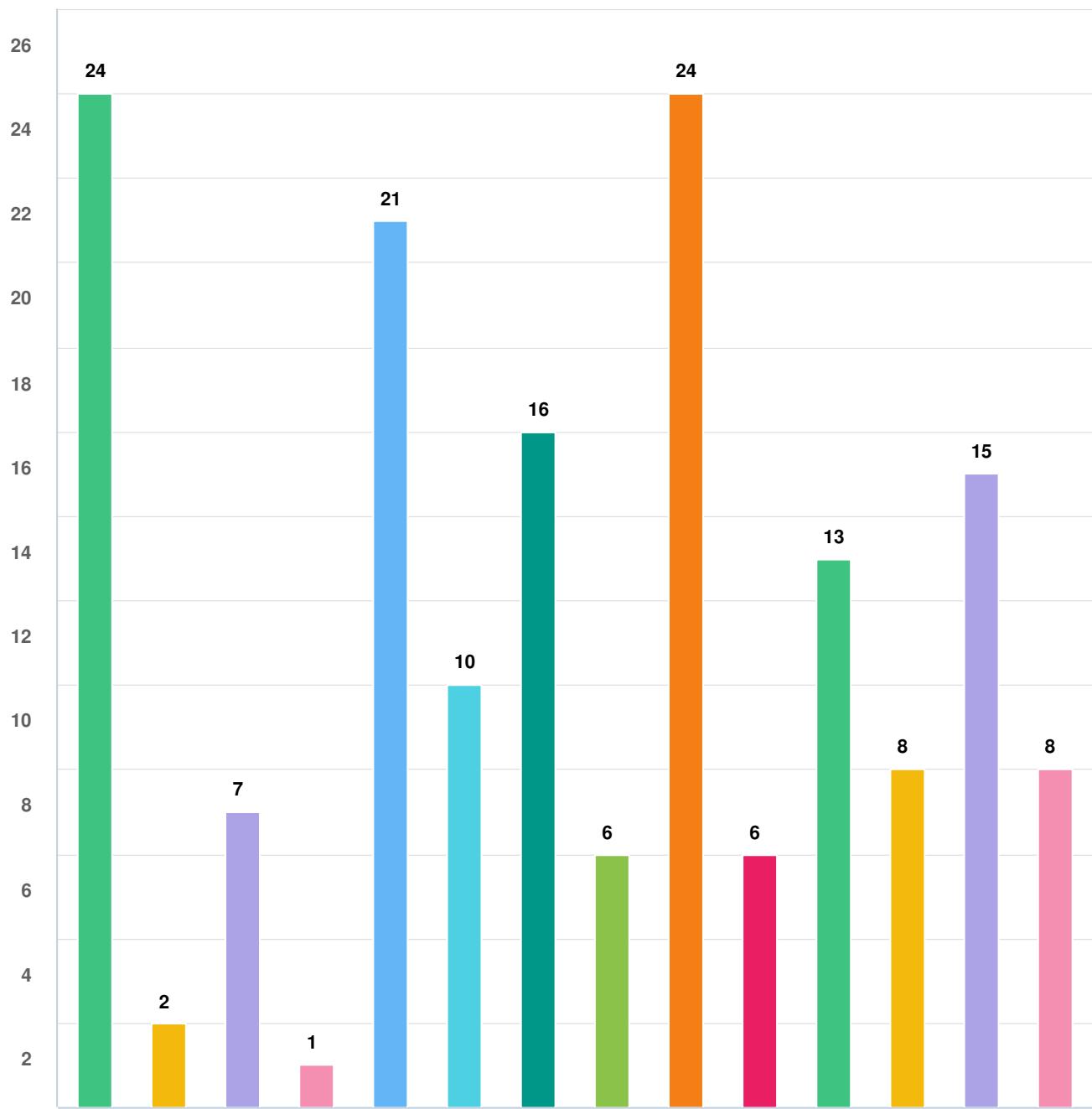
**Question options**

● 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 the 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 would've 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

5/23/2025 04:16 PM

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.

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?

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

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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

5/25/2025 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 &lt;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.

- Anonymous

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Pool community Football Net Water play little kiddos

5/26/2025 04:46 PM

Slack lines

5/26/2025 07:29 PM

No

5/26/2025 08:29 PM

Things for the 8-12 age group (note i think the b'ball backboard

5/27/2025 07:54 AM

should be on one of the central sites to make those areas more

vibrant.

With anything where groups meet unfortunately there is always a

5/27/2025 09:06 AM

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

I stumbled on one of the Councils posters regarding the subject

5/29/2025 09:49 AM

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.

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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.

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 11:24 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!

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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.

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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.

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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

I believe any activities around or near the lake is very unsuitable, due to safety concerns.. Especially when it is used a lot 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

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.

6/02/2025 08:08 PM

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

6/03/2025 10:45 AM

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.

6/03/2025 03:44 PM

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 08:19 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 09:46 AM

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

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

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Disk golf

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

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Pump track

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Splash pad

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Indoor playground maybe

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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.

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Bike park

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A concrete pump track by waitaki reserve

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

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one, a ping pong table outside the main bridge on the island, and a BMX track at Karen Eastwood park

Indoor space like gym for basketball or badminton.

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no

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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.

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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 lake 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.

Anonymous

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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

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 talking 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

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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 exacerbate 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

defaced 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 to 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 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-developerblames- 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 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

6/06/2025 10:25 AM

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 where reversed would you be so charitable if I come to your front yard.

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:

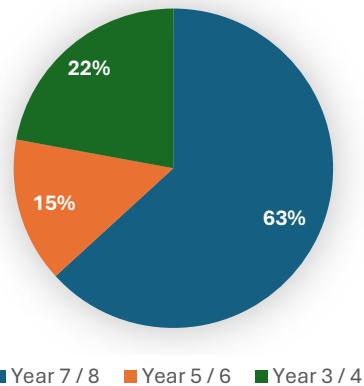
- Lead projects that make a positive impact in our community.
- Share ideas through presentations, campaigns, or creative problem-solving.
- Support sustainable practices and learning around global issues.
- Represent the school when sharing their SDG journey with visitors.

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

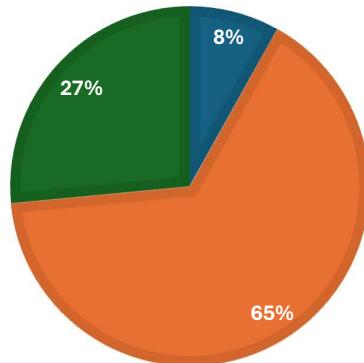


### **The results:**

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

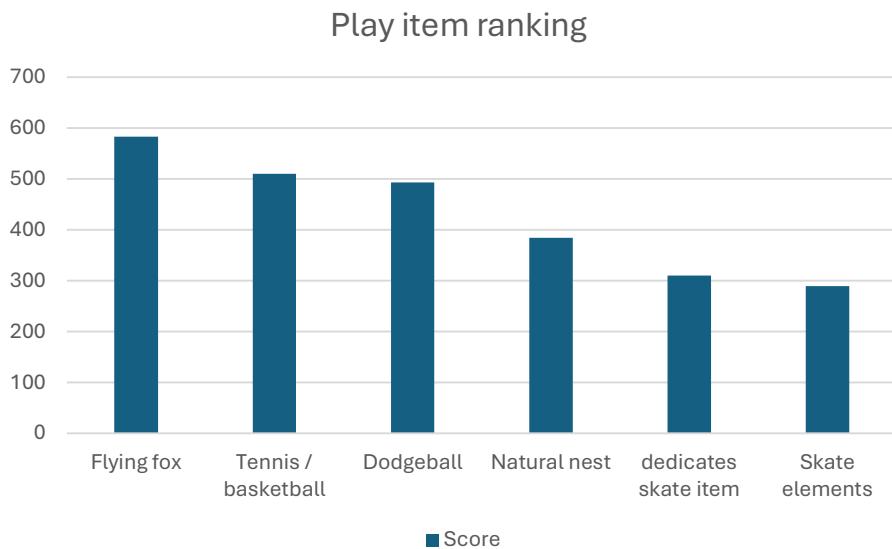
## Results:

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:

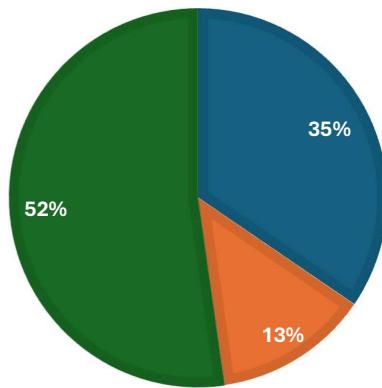
- Karen Eastwood Park
- Waitaki Reserve
- None of these / no skate park

**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:

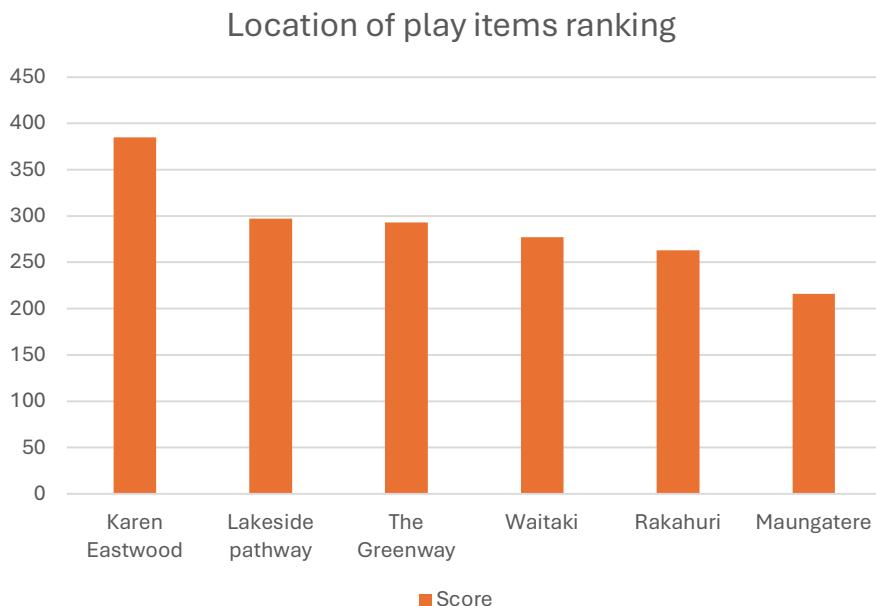
Based on the ranked voting data and assigning higher weights to higher preferences, the overall order of preference to locate any play items are:

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?

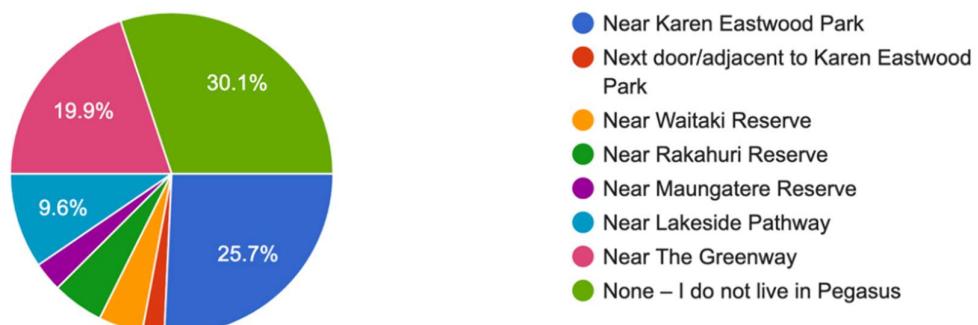
The survey form asked students to write down which park or pathway was closest to where they live.

#### 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

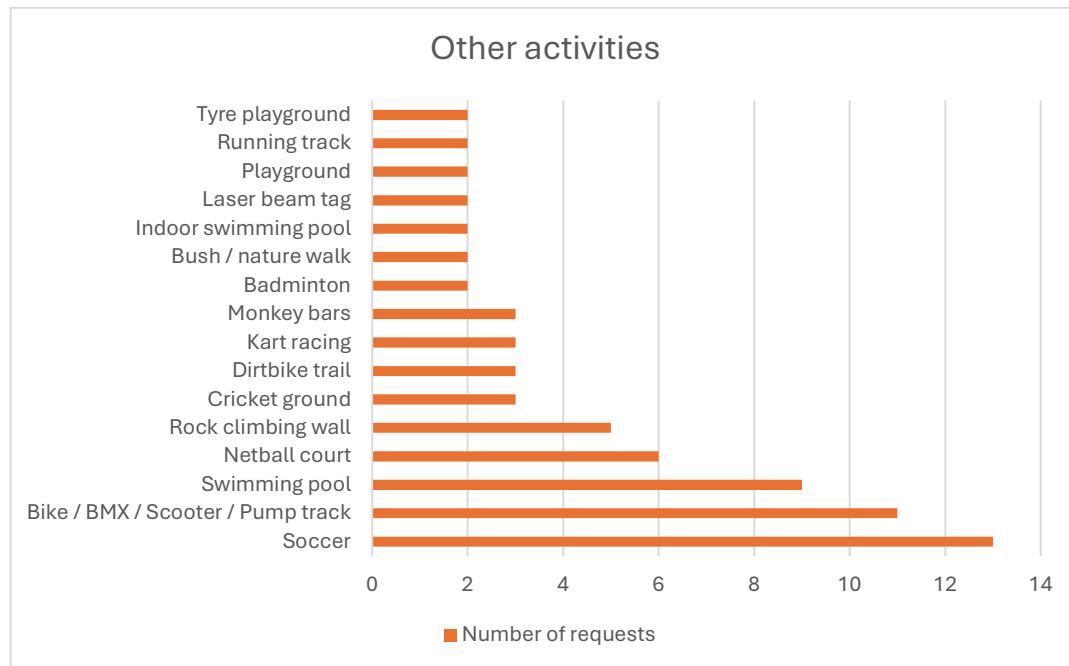


#### Question 6: Are there any other youth activities that you would prefer that we haven't included?

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.

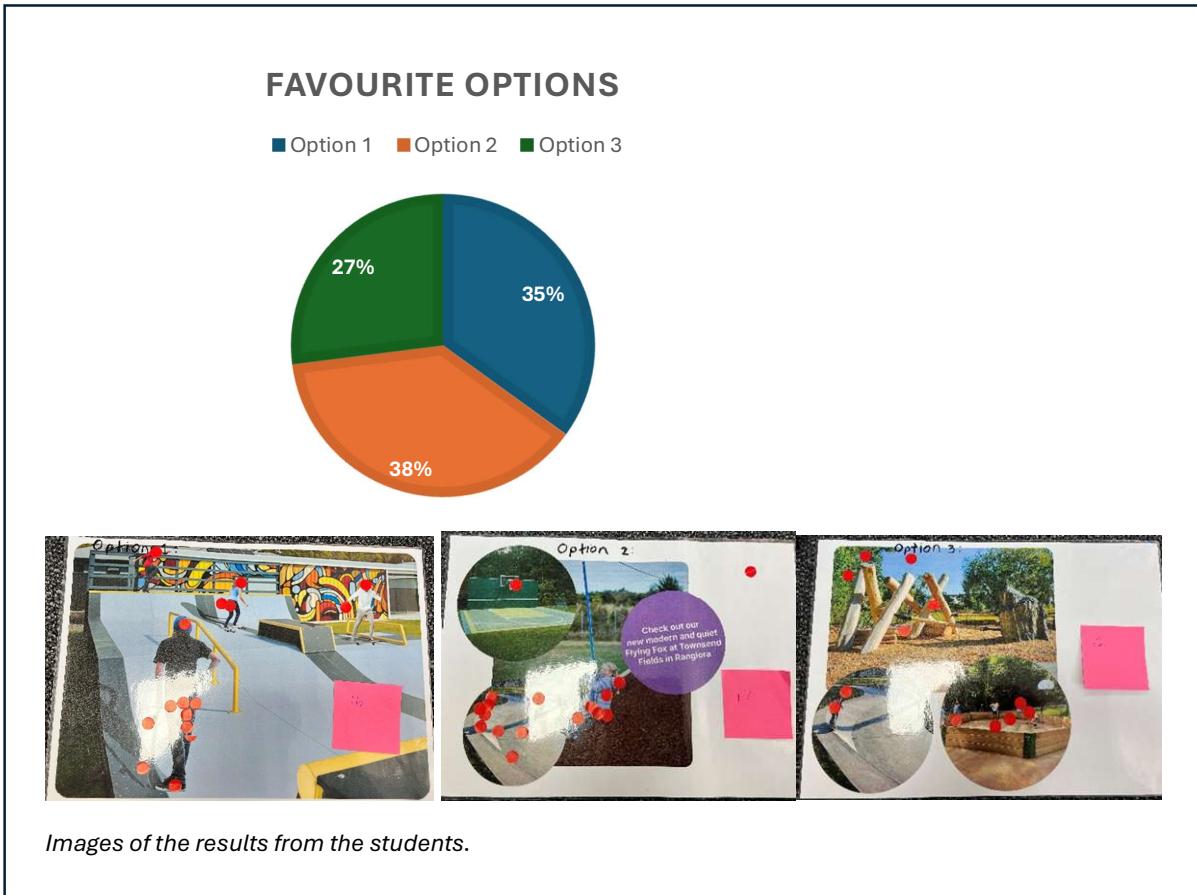


Option 3 – natural nest in Rakahuri Reserve, gaga dodgeball in Maungatere Reserve and skate elements items along the Greenway links



### The results:

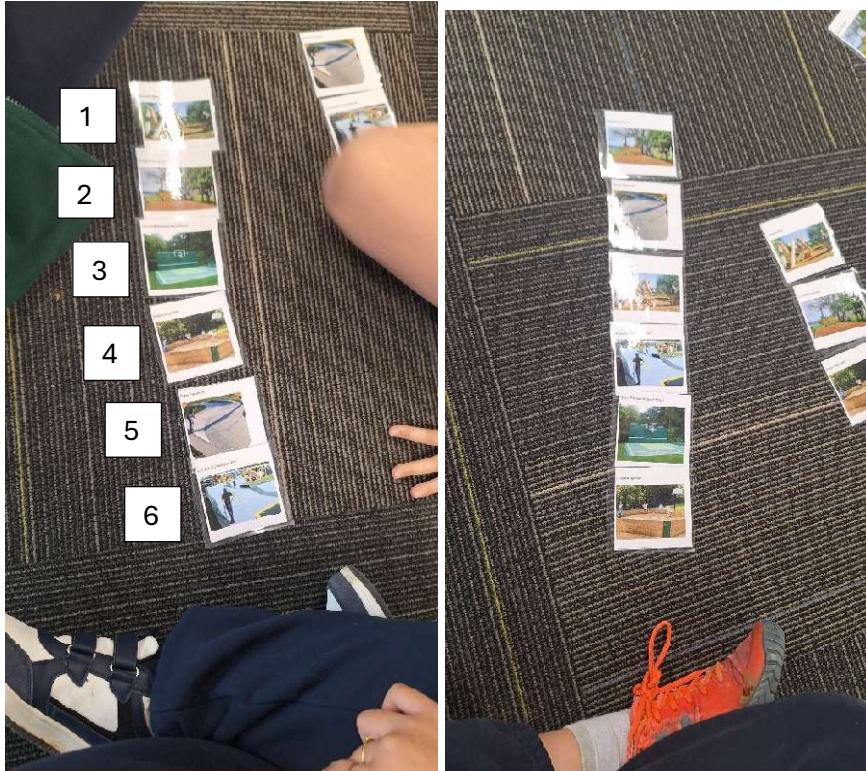
The dot voting indicated that option 2 was the most popular option, followed by option 1 and option 3.



### 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
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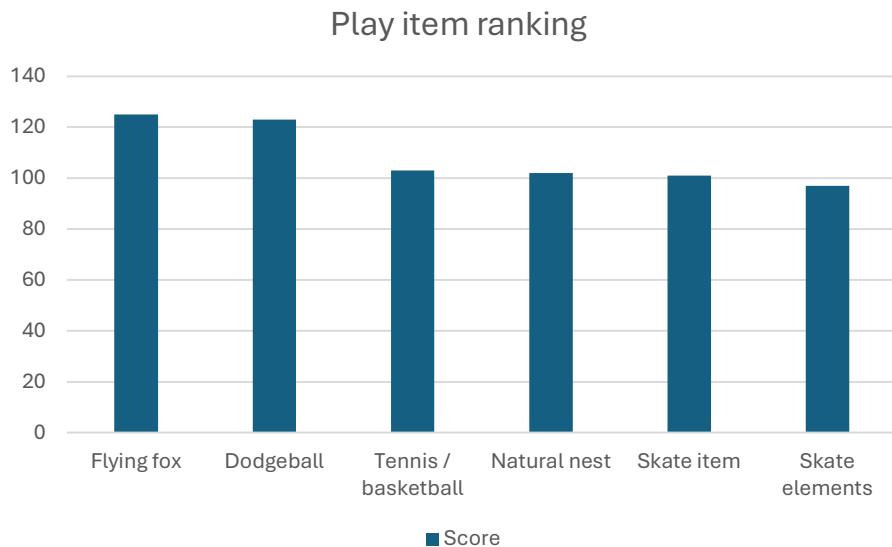
## Results:

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 – 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?**

Students were given one sticky dot to place on their favorite location. The choices were.

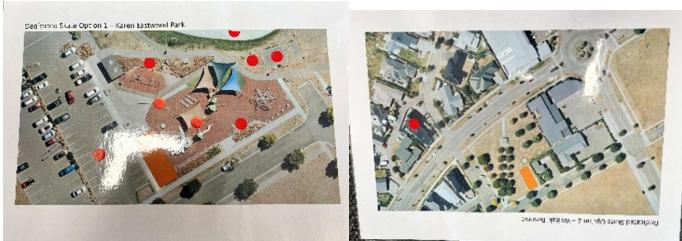
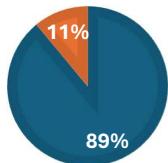
- Karen Eastwood Park
- Waitaki Reserve
- Add other ideas and if someone has already written your idea, give it a tick.

**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

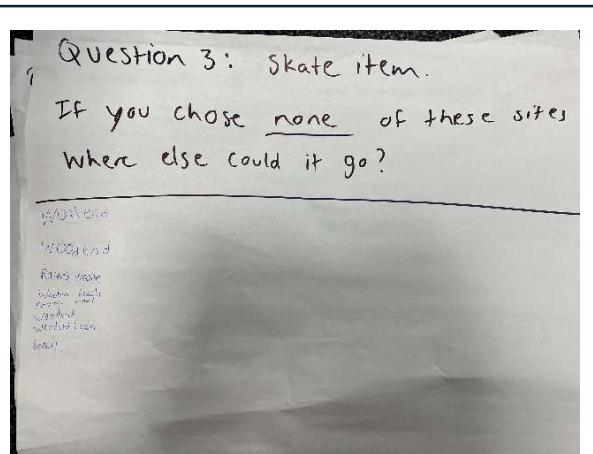


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**Activity 4: Please rank your favourite locations for youth activities from 1 – 6, with 1 being your favourite and 6 being your least favourite.**

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
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- Rakahuri Reserve
- Lakeside pathway
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- The Greenway

**The results:**

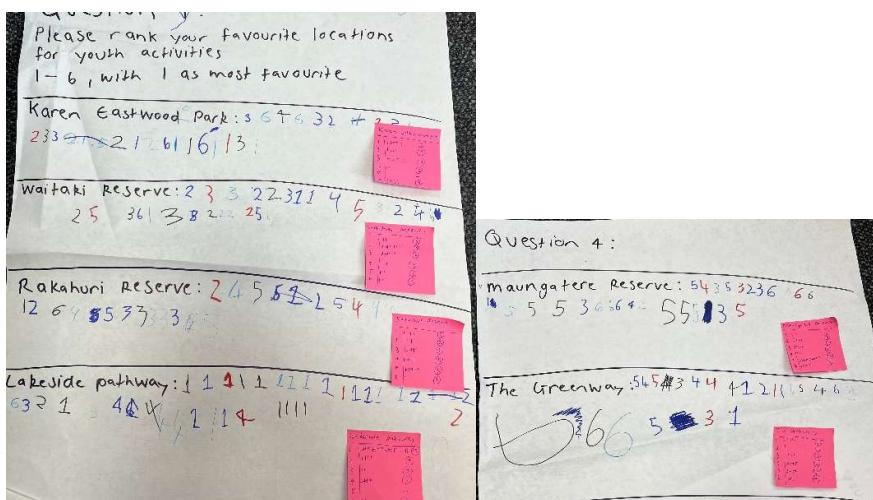
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- Rank 6 = 1 point

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



### *Images of the results from the students*

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

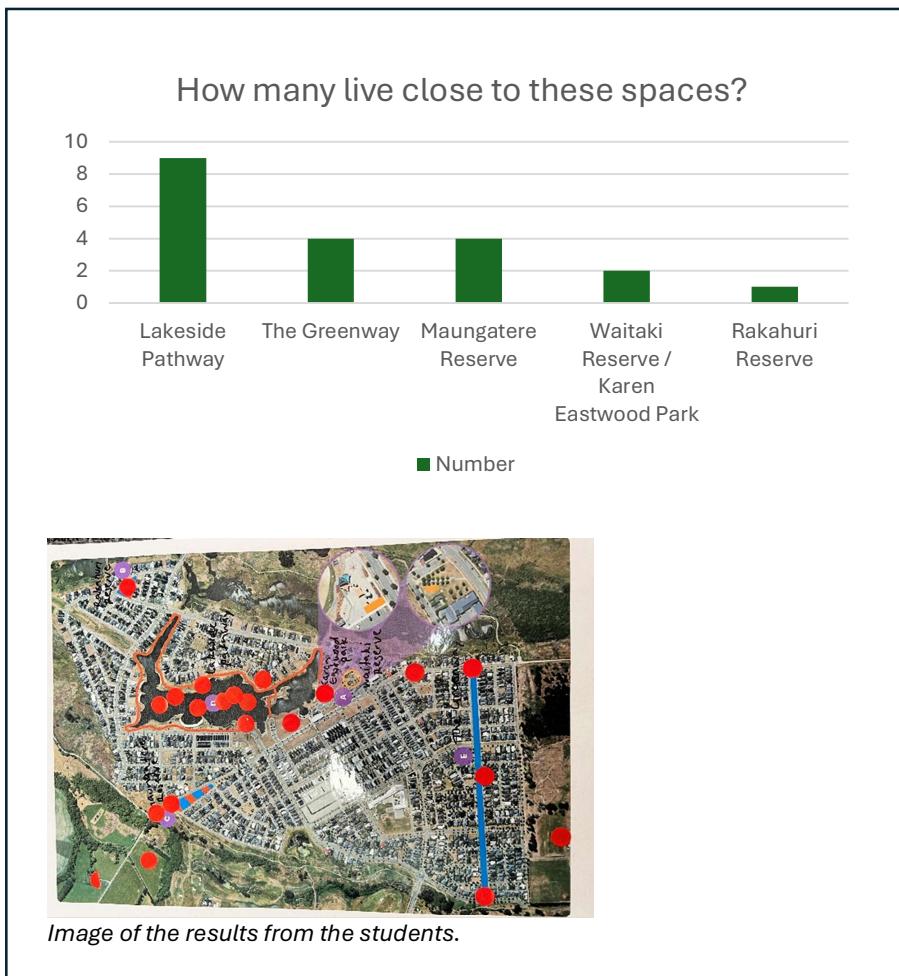
Using the large map students were asked to use one sticky dot and place it on the park or pathway that is closest to where you live?

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

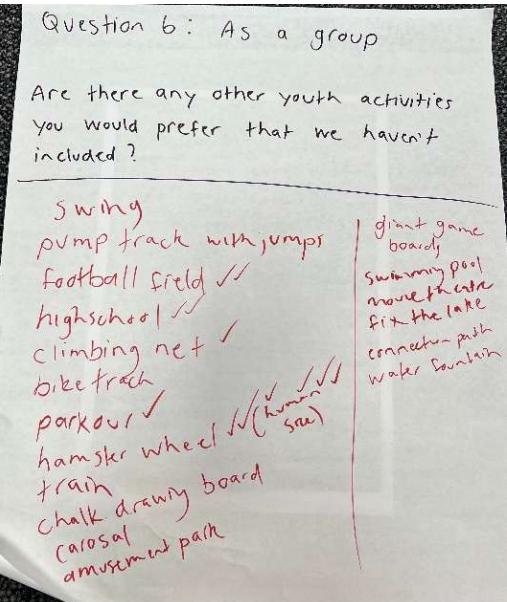


Image of the results from the students.



*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.

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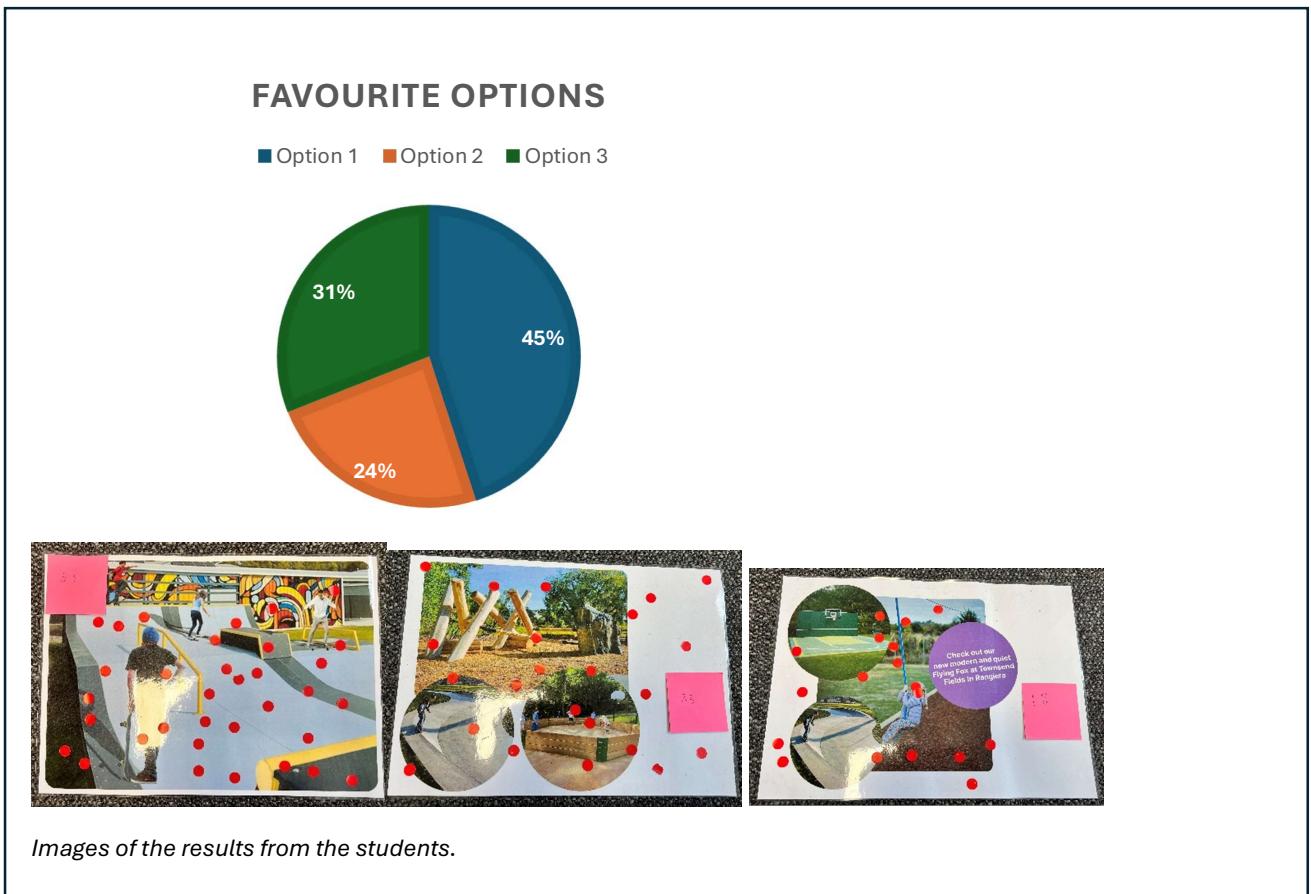


Option 3 – natural nest in Rakahuri Reserve, gaga dodgeball in Maungatere Reserve and skate elements items along the Greenway links



### The results:

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



### 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
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- double flying fox
- skate elements
- natural nest in
- gaga dodgeball



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### **Results:**

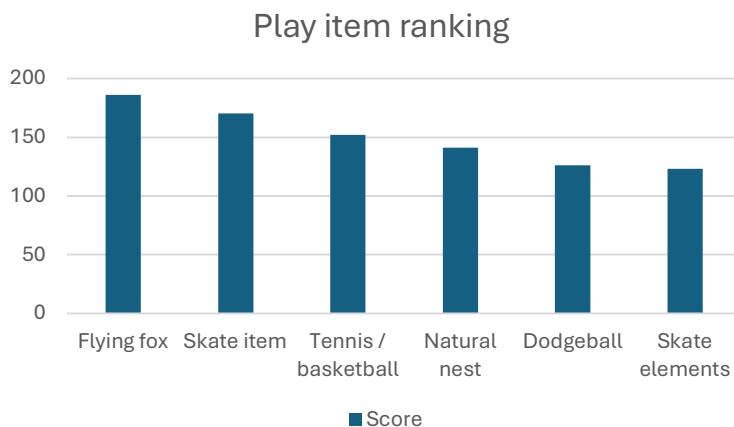
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Based on the ranked voting data assigning higher weights to higher preferences, the overall order of preference for each of these play items is:

- 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?

Students were given one sticky dot to place on their favorite location. The choices were.

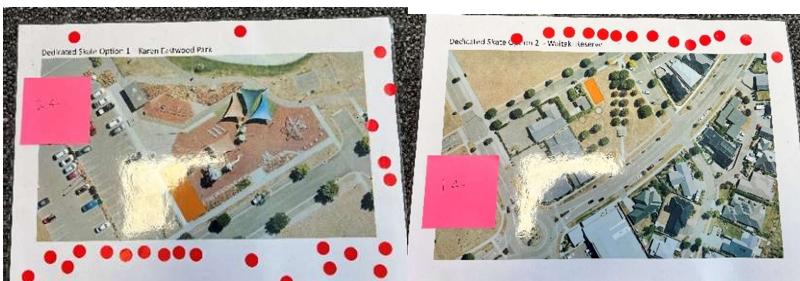
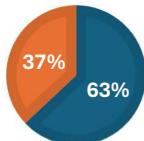
- Karen Eastwood Park
- Waitaki Reserve
- Add other ideas and if someone has already written your idea, give it a tick.

#### 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:

Good pool ✓✓✓✓✓

Giant hamster wheel

Less people

No angry old people

Next to shops

Mall ✓✓✓

Free Wifi ✓✓✓✓

Hot chippies

Better shops

Near the dairy

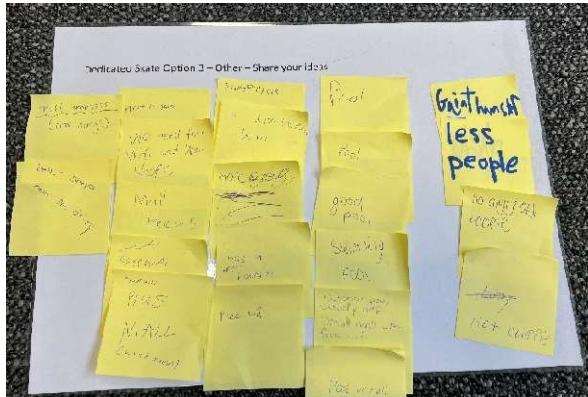
Pump track

Has a water fountain

Thrift shops

A skatepark bowl

More rugby



Images 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:**

Using a weighted scoring system where.

- Rank 1 = 6 points
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- 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 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?

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?

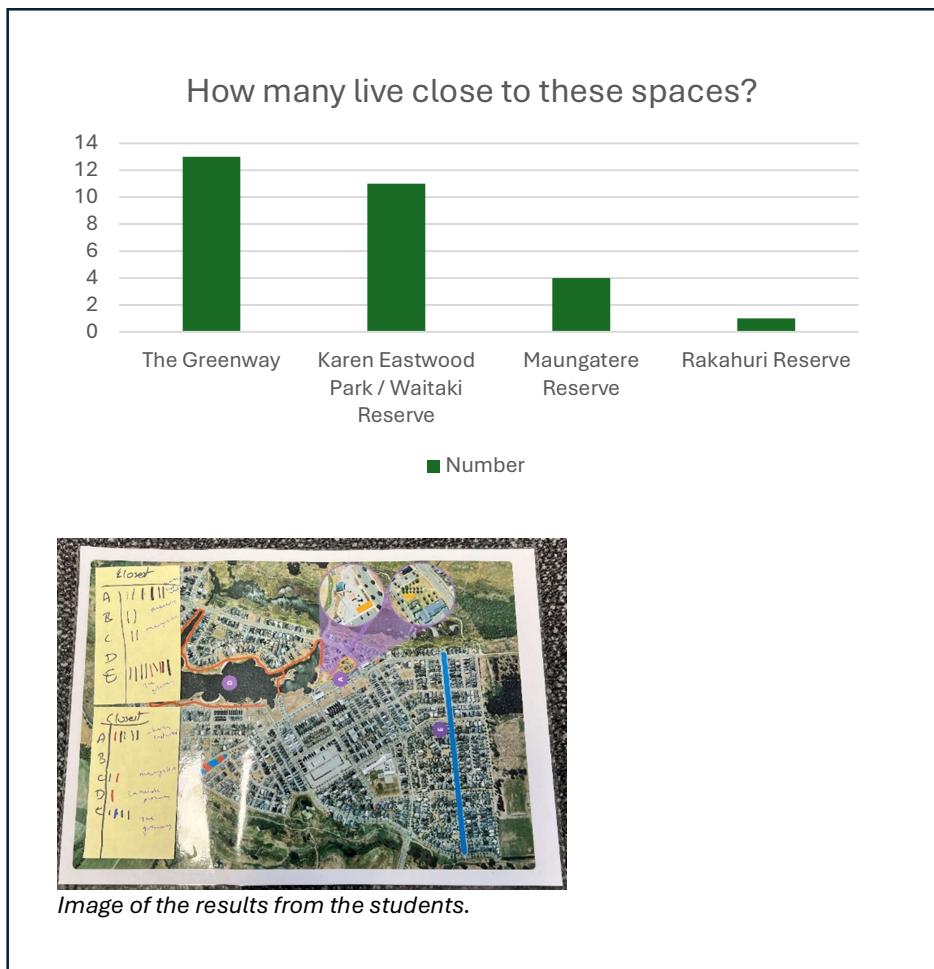
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- Maungatere Reserve (location C)

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

**Results:**

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



**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

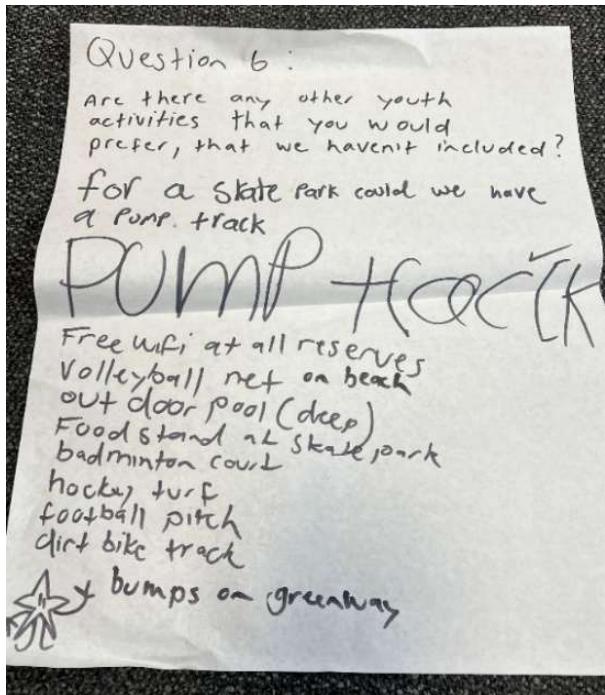


Image of the results from the students.



*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 Reccomended	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 Reccomended	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 Reccomended	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 Reccomended	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 Reccomended	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			

1.1 **Pegasus Youth Space- Approval of Activities and Locations – G Stephens (Greenspace Design and Planning Team Leader)**

G Stephens took the report as read.

P Redmond asked with both options which one had the least impact on adjoining residents. G Stephens noted it was difficult to answer. Impact was a unique thing to the particular resident involved. P Redmond queried if option two had fewer residents likely to be affected compared with option one. G Stephens noted it depended on what impact referred to as there was the impact to the residents surrounding the reserve which could be taken into account. There were more residents surrounding option two. The flip side was that this whole project was about positively impacting the youth residents of Pegasus.

G Stephens stated that the consultation was to identify what the youth wanted and to confirm with the wider community any issues around the identified locations. It was important to remember the core purpose of the project was to provide for the youth needs as opposed to focusing on the impact to the residents. Whatever the Board chose there would be a group of people that were happy and people that would be unhappy. A number of the concerns that were raised were around the noise of basketball for example, the impacts created by recreation within greenspaces. These spaces had been created for recreation and therefore there was a fair and reasonable expectation that those noises would be generated at some time in those reserves.

P Redmond questioned if option two was preferred did that preclude a skatepark in that location in future. G Stephens noted the space was less of a challenge. The budget allocated was originally specifically for a skatepark. For staff to shift the budget away from a skatepark they would need approval from the Council's Community and Recreation Committee. If they did that it would be difficult to have a conversation in the future to install a skate element in Pegasus in the future.

S Powell noted it was not a skate park. She asked if there had been some misapprehension from the younger people around a skate park rather than a skate item. G Stephens noted the feedback was that their preference was for a skatepark. For those that wanted the skate element, they would like to expand that in the future to become a skatepark.

S Powell queried what was planned at Ravenswood. G Stephens noted that was still under planning however there were plans for a skate element of some sort.

R Mather asked if the gaga dodgeball could be built with materials that provided some muting effects. G Stephens noted staff could look into that, the challenge would be the cost and the long term durability.

R Mather enquired if the basketball and tennis would include netting at the Waitaki Reserve to help prevent balls going onto the road. G Stephens replied that it could however those specific design requirements would be done in the master planning stage.

R Mather asked if there was a plan for more than one item at the Rakahuri Reserve. G Stephens stated currently there was no budget allocated to any design or improvements at the reserve. Should the Board approve this project staff would do their best to get some amenity planting to support it.

R Mather questioned if staff thought Rakahuri Reserve had the same issues as Maungatere Reserve. G Stephens stressed Maungatere was the lowest preferred location for a youth space.

A Thompson wondered if Ravenswood ended up with a skate element if that would meet obligations or was it specific to Pegasus. G Stephens noted it was dependant on accessibility with the bypass. It was hoped there would be easy access however if there was not then it would not meet the obligations.

S Powell queried the levels of service for skate elements for Woodend given that the population of Woodend including Ravenswood was higher than Pegasus now. What was there in the Woodend area for youth. G Macleod noted there was the existing skatepark

which had been identified for renewal in the future. The Owen Stalker Park playground renewal also catered for a higher age bracket.

Moved: S Powell      Seconded: R Mather

The Board moved into workshop from 7.01pm to 7.31pm

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250225030706.
- (b) **Recommends** Option 2: Distributed Youth Spaces Approach to the Community and Recreation Committee for approval. This would include a Flying Fox (\$65,000) Gaga Dodgeball (\$55,000) and Basketball Half Court/Tennis Backboard (\$50,000) and balance of budget to be allocated to landscaping.
- (c) **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.
- (d) **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.
- (e) **Notes** Staff have consulted with Pegasus youth and the wider community, and the feedback received has informed the recommended outcomes detailed in this report
- (f) **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.
- (g) **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.
- (h) **Notes** the specific locations of activities to be confirmed by the Board after Community and Recreation Committee approval.

## **CARRIED**

P Redmond congratulated G Stephens on a comprehensive report. It was amazing that so many youths had been reached through the consultation. He thought the Council got better use of the funds by having multiple activities albeit in different locations.

B Cairns agreed and congratulated G Stephens for consulting with in excess of 380 youth.

R Mather agreed and believed that the Board had made the right decision. It enabled the Board to reflect on what they had and tweak it to make sure it was right for the youth of Pegasus.

S Powell agreed there was progress which had taken a long time. She thought the end result would be worth the delay in the end.