

Purangi Upgrade Survey Report and Analysis

The purpose of this Survey is pure and simple: to engage the Public to see whether they would like to see an upgrade of the Purangi and what this would envisage. There were 218 respondents who partook in the survey which was published in an email and on Facebook. The Survey was submitted on the 21st of February and closed for analysis on the 27th Feb 2024. A big thankyou must go out to Ratepayers, and Residents who participated.

Question 1

“Would you like to see the Pines being gradually cut down and replaced by Pohutukawas.”



Most Respondents ie 60% felt the pines were fit for purpose and should be retained. It must be noted that unhealthy pines will be cut down as a safety precaution and replaced by pohutukawas.

Question 2

Question 2 has 218 answers (Radio Buttons)

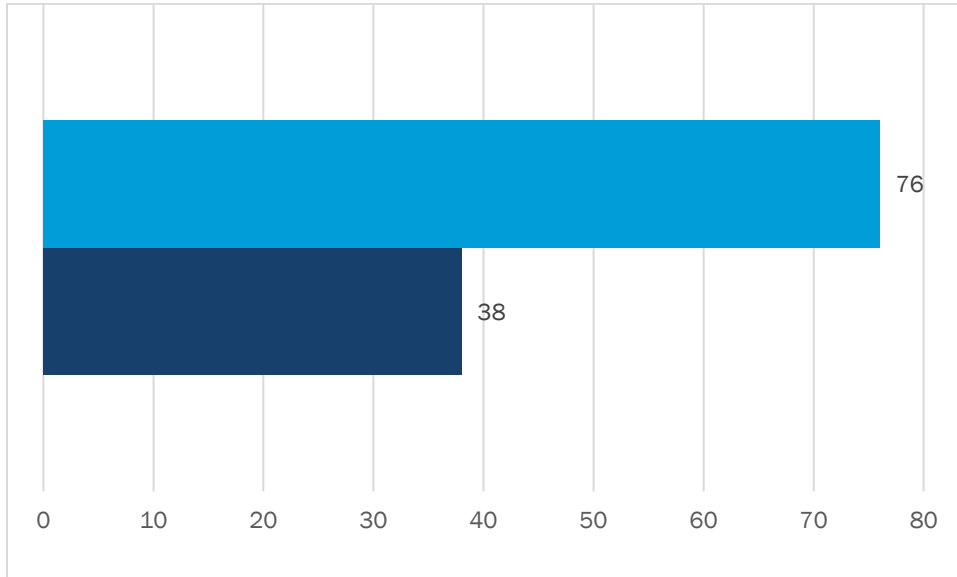
“Referring to the Map Would you like to see Parking in a designated area separate from the Reserve”



The Majority felt that the parking situation was fine as it stood, with 61% of responses supporting this.

Question 3 Open Text

“Would you like to see a picnic area where the barbeque is presently sited, cordoned off with bollards and a drop off zone, in the roundabout area, adjacent to where the toilets are.”



38 of replies, 33% wanted to see Bollards erected as a common theme was safety of children and no dust. 76 (66%) responded that they didn't want change and the area works well as it is. Also one comment eluded that crossing the road with youngsters could be dangerous with regards to boat traffic

Question 4

Question 4 has 215 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Would you like to see an upgrade to the present playground allowing for more options regarding equipment such as forts, mini trampolines and climbing apparatus”



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The Respondents feel there is enough amenities to allow for natural play without the expense of a flash playground

Question 5

Question 5 has 65 answers (Open Text)

“If you said Yes to a playground upgrade what sort of equipment would you envisage”

Unknown contact said:

“Adventure equipment to stretch childrens abilities. ie climbing walls, stepping posts, rope ballance walk, ”

Unknown contact said:

“Forts
Climbing apparatus
Mini tramps
Slides
Swings
Hanging apparatus
Seesaw
Flying fox.”

Unknown contact said:

“Just a range of equipment for different age groups pls bike parks”

A varied number of responses indicated various play equipment catering for all age groups.

Question 6 has 220 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Would you like to see the inclusion of an outdoor Fitness Gym ”



The responses show clearly that Residents do not want to see an outdoor Gym at the Purangi. They do not want to see modern facilities as a gym outstrip the natural beauty of the Purangi Estuary.

Question 7 has 216 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Would you like to see the Pines on the foreshore near the Cairn taken out and restored to Sand Dunes ”



The Majority felt the inclusion of the Pines added to the beauty of the Purangi. They do not want to lose the tramp like feel the pines provided. Again, it is interpreted as a nice shade cover for the dunes.

Other ideas added were as follows

Unknown contact said:

"The major attraction of Purangi area is swimming, picnicking and fishing. I think we need to focus on natural spaces to achieve that and encourage imaginative play rather than create play facilities. The Longreach Playground offers good play equipment but needs a toilet, and the middle beach playground needs an upgrade. That is where funding should be focused."

"A footpath linking cooks hall across purangi road towards the winery (which joins up at the back of Scott drive footpath on purangi road- so people can ride purangi Rd to the purangi. It's the only section not pathed the most dangerous section of road in a corner "

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Unknown contact said:

"E bike racks which are lockable. "

Unknown contact said:

"Its a popular place and very family friendly! A nice playground there would give it the finishing touch. The bbqs weren't working at xmas time not good enough!

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"It's an area that doesn't require modernisation whatsoever. The basic amenities & playground are more than enough. The layout is brilliant as a natural (only slightly changed) area of good kiwi fun. Leave it as is. "

"The pines are important to dune stability. Young pohutakawa can co-exist with pines..The pines let in plenty of light especially around the perimeter. Let both grow together. The pines though have provided a glorious visual effects looking through to the seascape. The track through the pines is a treat. Preserve at all cost please. "

"Limit the number of businesses which can operate from this area at peak holiday times and long weekends ... multiple vehicles with trailers and kayaks create undue congestion in this family recreation area

The toilets need to be upgraded and an outdoor shower / foot wash facility made available (think Hot Water Beach)"

"If possible a foot tap or two to wash the sand off your feet would be amazing, and a few more picnic tables on the grass closer to the water so we can watch the children in the water would be great too.
More NZ natives replacing pines would be great to encourage more native birds and the regeneration of nz natives - Trees That Count may get on board via a planting group."

Above is a cross section of comments given. To add to the Purangi without detracting from the natural beauty would be the following points.

- A lockable stand for E bikes
- Upgrade of the toilet block
- Showers
- Taps
- Possible planting of Pohutukawas that can co-exist with the Pines.