

# LTP consultation

## Memorial Park - Q&A

### 1. Why was a concept plan created for Memorial Park?

In October 2018, the Service Delivery Committee requested a plan for Memorial Park to address concerns from councillors, staff and the community.

### 2. What were the main concerns?

Concerns included:

- Non-functioning assets at the park, including the peace fountain and the closed pedestrian bridge by the playground
- Poor water quality in the pond
- Poor accessibility of walkways
- Increasing maintenance and operating costs to protect and restore the assets
- Erosion along the banks of the Mangaohoi and Mangapiko streams

### 3. What was the purpose of the plan?

The draft plan aimed to address all of the concerns outlined above, as well as

- Acknowledge the area's significance to mana whenua
- Improve the quality of stormwater before it enters the Mangaohoi and Mangapiko streams through riparian planting alongside gullies, streams and over land where water runs over during storms
- Improve public safety throughout the park by thinning out some of the bulkier planted areas and planting low-growing plant species near gathering places and pathways
- Activate the other side of the Mangaohoi stream by installing a new māra hūpara natural play trail with connections to Kaipaki Pa

### 4. What process has been undertaken to develop the concept plan?

- Development of the plan:
  - i. A request to create a new concept plan was made at the October 2018 Service Delivery Committee
  - ii. Members of Council's parks team met with the Te Awamutu community board on 13 August 2019 to gather feedback around the community's aspirations for Memorial Park

- Presentation of the draft plan:
  - i. The draft Memorial Park Concept Plan was created and presented to the Te Awamutu community board for endorsement on 10 March 2020
  - ii. The draft concept plan was presented to Council for endorsement for public consultation on 5 May 2020
- Consultation:
  - i. Consultation with the community took place over an eight-week period from 18 May to 13 July 2020
  - ii. Council sought feedback through many channels including signage, a self-guided tour, video, social media, newspapers, advertising, the website, posters and more
  - iii. A drop in session was also held at Memorial Park on 28 June 2020, and the draft plan was presented to Grey Power at their meeting at the on 2 July 2020
- Presentation of feedback during consultation:
  - i. Feedback was presented to the Te Awamutu Community Board on 8 Sep 2020 and to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee on 6 April
- Additional work on the concept plan and to seek community feedback
  - i. Council and the Te Awamutu Community Board met at workshops on 3 November and 2 February to provide input on areas of public concern / interest
  - ii. The Parks team presented an updated pond option to the Friends of Memorial Park group in December 2021
- Updated draft plan
  - i. An updated draft concept plan was presented to the Te Awamutu Community Board for endorsement on 9 March 2021 – 3 members agreed, 2 opposed and 1 abstained
  - ii. A public forum was also held at the Te Awamutu Community Board meeting on 9 March 2021
  - iii. **Still to occur – The team will present the updated draft concept plan to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee on 7 April 2021**

## 5. What was the high level public feedback on the draft plan?

There was a high level of public interest in the draft plan with 517 forms of feedback received (not including feedback from mana whenua).

Feedback showed:

- A strong desire to:
  - i. Retain and restore all of the original memorial features

- ii. Retain some vehicle access and car parking through the park
- iii. Ensure an improved park maintenance regime going forward
- Support for:
  - i. Restoration of the Mangaohoi and Mangapiko streams and puna (natural springs)
  - ii. Creation of a gathering place at the stream confluence where people could stop and learn about the area and its connections
  - iii. New wayfinding and educational signage
  - iv. More accessible tracks for walking and cycling.

## **6. What's changed following public feedback?**

The reserve planning team is proposing the followed amendments to the Memorial Park draft concept plan:

- Leave the amphitheatre in its current location but expose the natural springs (puna) in the front to achieve mana whenua aspirations to improve water quality.
- Keep the peace fountain, reconnect it with the town water supply and use a solar pump to reticulate the water.
- Retain one-way car access on Mangaohoe Lane and add a dedicated bike lane.
- Retain the Te Awamutu and District War Memorial Park Gateway at Mangahoe Lane and develop an entrance where Pioneer Walkway connects to the park.
- Retain the pergola and add a new accessible track through the fernery that connects Mangahoe stream.
- Reduce the pond area (instead of complete removal) and undertake wetland planting alongside to help treat water and tackle water quality issues.
- Restore the puna to improve water quality and create a more natural environment.
- Develop a new standard playground north-west of the existing site and new māra hūpara play trail on the other side of the stream.

## **7. What happens next?**

1. The proposed changes along with the Te Awamutu Community Board feedback will be presented to the Strategic Policy and Planning Committee for endorsement at their meeting on 7 April 2021.
2. The final plan will be brought back to Council in June 2021 for adoption (if this is endorsed in April).

3. Once it is endorsed, the concept plan and associated maps will be updated.

Council needs to prepare to bring this plan to life, should it be adopted. That's why we have included Memorial Park as one of the big issues facing our district for the next 10 years. We need feedback on options to remove further financial burden on ratepayers.

## **8. What are the options in the draft Long Term Plan?**

Option 1 is no additional development at Memorial Park – this has no additional cost.

Option 2 is full implementation of the concept plan with a total budget of \$9,040,450 with \$5,520,126 funding from land sales.

## **9. What if I don't like either option?**

The public is more than welcome to provide feedback on which projects they would like to see prioritised, whether that is for full or only partial implementation of the concept plan.

## **10. What's happening with the pedestrian bridge by the playground?**

We have been carrying out geotech and hydrology assessments, which is required before any work can be undertaken to replace the bridge. We have also started engaging with the RSA and mana whenua to design the side panels. We are still working on securing funding for the physical work.



Classification	Recreation reserve by operation of S.16(2) of the Reserves Act.
Action Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmissions required to bring the name into Waipa District Council.</li> </ul>

<b>Memorial Park - Land Status (Parcel2)</b>	
Legal Description	Lot 9 DPS 730
Area (Ha)	0.9156
CT	66187
Acquisition History	Formerly part CT 960/176. Vested in the Crown in 1955 on subdivision pursuant to S.13 of the Land Subdivision and Counties Act 1946. Vested in the Te Awamutu Borough Council by NZ Gazette 1955 p.1182 (Document S.932000). Access is gained by right of way over Lot 1 DP 37101.
Classification	Required – exercising S.16(1) of the Reserves Act.
Action Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmission required to bring the title into the name of Waipa District Council.</li> </ul>

<b>Memorial Park - Land Status (Parcel3)</b>	
Legal Description	Lot 8 DPS 1632
Area (Ha)	0.1012
CT	SA1082/176
Acquisition History	Purchased in 1953 by the Te Awamutu Borough Council as a recreation reserve (Document S.55368)

Classification	Required – exercising S.16(2A) of the Reserves Act.
Action Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmission required to bring the title into the name of Waipa District Council.</li> </ul>

	<b>Memorial Park - Land Status (Parcel4)</b>
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS454
Area (Ha)	0.0948
CT	Required
Acquisition History	<p>Crown land by NZ Gazette 1960 p.291 (Document S.177578) and set apart as recreation reserve by NZ Gazette 1960 p.1164 (Document S.189843). It was added to the Te Awamutu Domain by NZ Gazette 1960 p.1163. The land remains in Crown ownership.</p> <p>In 1947 the idea of a park, as a memorial to World War II dead, was settled. The park was to straddle the banks of the Mangahoi stream and would include playing courts for netball, bowls and tennis with open spaces for children and gardens. A frustrating period of years ensued, raising funding and negotiating land purchases. By 1952 earthworks were well underway and in 1955 the Prime Minister opened the reserve officially.</p> <p>In 1965 a land parcel of the northern side of the Mangahoi was donated by the Yarndley estate. After realignment of the stream a bequest from one Mrs Dawson developed an area which became known as “Dawson place”.</p>
Classification	
Action Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classification is required pursuant to S16(1) of the Reserves Act. The reserve will then vest in Council by operation of S.26A of the Act.</li> <li>• Transmission required to bring the name into Waipa District Council.</li> </ul>

	<b>Memorial Park - Land Status (Parcel5)</b>
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 1632
Area (Ha)	1.6314
CT	SA1200/118
Acquisition History	Purchased in 1953 by the Te Awamutu Borough Council as a recreation reserve (Document S.52632)
Classification	Required – exercising S.16(2A) of the Reserves Act.
Action Required	Transmission required to bring the title into the name of Waipa District Council.

	<b>Memorial Park - Land Status (Parcel6)</b>
Legal Description	Lot 7 DPS 1632
Area (Ha)	1.6314
CT	SA1097/217
Acquisition History	Purchased in 1954 by the Te Awamutu Borough Council as a recreation reserve (Document S.61984)
Classification	Required – exercising S.16(2A) of the Reserves Act.
Action Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmission required to bring the title into the name of Waipa District Council.</li> </ul>
Individual Policies (All parcels)	N/A



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Extract from N.Z. Gazette, 3 March 1960, No. 15, page 291

*Declaring Land Taken for a Government Work and Not Required for That Purpose to be Crown Land*

PURSUANT to section 35 of the Public Works Act 1928, the Minister of Works hereby declares the land described in the Schedule hereto to be Crown land subject to the Land Act 1948, as from the 7th day of March 1960.

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Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of February 1960.

H. WATT, Minister of Works.

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Assistant Land Registrar,  
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CERTIFICATE OF TITLE UNDER LAND TRANSFER ACT.

This Certificate, dated the twenty sixth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty one, under the hand and seal of the District Land Registrar of the Land Registration District of Auckland, witnesses that James Edward Thomson and Oliver Robert Farrer both of Whangarei in the Provincial District of Auckland Surveyors are seized as tenants in common in equal shares.

in fee simple (subject to such reservations, restrictions, encumbrances, liens, and interests as are notified by memorial under written or endorsed hereto, subject also to any existing rights of the Crown to take and lay off roads under the provisions of any Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand) in the land hereinafter described, as the same is delineated by the plan hereon bordered green, to the several dimensions as little more or less, that is to say: All that parcel of land containing two (2) acres one (1) rood and fourteen (14) perches more or less being Lots Nos 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland under N 1172 which said parcel of land is portion of Section 23 of the Seavale Settlement.



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District Land Registrar.

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### Appendix outlining the proposed changes to the draft plan based on community feedback.

Design Aspiration	Theme	Feedback	Staff Response and Recommendation(s)
Acknowledging historical and cultural significance, honouring the history of place	Amphitheatre and historic relief wall panel	70 respondents opposed amphitheatre relocation. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also opposed the amphitheatre relocation. Respondents highlighted that this feature was part of original design. Concerns were also raised that the relief wall would be difficult to relocate without significantly damaging it.	<p>The draft plan proposed relocating the amphitheatre and historic relief wall panel to the open grass area by the Mangaohoi Stream, to create a larger amphitheatre event space and enable restoration of the puna concreted over at the current amphitheatre location.</p> <p>Upon receiving the feedback and discussions with mana whenua, staff recommend an alternative option to retain the amphitheatre and historic relief wall panel in their current location.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised and amend the draft plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retain the amphitheatre in the current location, and</li> <li>- Daylight puna and undertake puna restoration planting from the source to the fernery.</li> </ul>
	Peace fountain	94 respondents opposed peace fountain replacement. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also opposed the peace fountain replacement. Respondents highlighted that this feature as it was part of original design. The community aspiration is to reconnect water supply.	<p>The draft plan proposed removing the peace fountain due to water conservation measures and replace with a contemporary memorial feature designed in collaboration with Te Awamutu RSA respecting all recent wars. The RSA along with other respondents highlighted their desire to retain the fountain. Doing so will not prevent other proposals.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised and amend the draft plan as follows:</p> <p>Retain the Peace fountain, and; Restore water connection and install solar pump to recirculate the water.</p>
	Te Awamutu and District War	63 respondents opposed removal of Te Awamutu and District War	The draft plan proposed to remove cars from the interior of the park to repurpose the Mangahoe lane for biking and scootering. This created a

	Memorial Park gateway	Memorial Park gateway(archway). It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also opposed to removal of Te Awamutu and District War Memorial Park gateway. Respondents highlighted that this feature was fundraised by Te Awamutu RSA and Lions. There is significant community support to retain it.	<p>new main entrance at the start of the pergola designed by the RSA and mana whenua, and for this reason it was recommended that the current gateway feature be removed.</p> <p>Following feedback received, staff are now recommending Mangohoe Lane be kept open to one-way vehicular access, so retention of this gateway feature is considered appropriate.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised and amend the draft plan as follows: Retain the gateway, and Create another eastern gateway where the Pioneer walkway connects to the park in collaboration with RSA and mana whenua.</p>
	Pergola	<p>59 respondents opposed removing the north curvilinear section of pergola. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also opposed to the removal of north curvilinear section of pergola.</p> <p>Some feedback commented the pergola is attractive in its current shape and form.</p>	<p>The draft plan proposed to remove the north curvilinear section of the pergola, to realign the pergola to connect with the proposed board pathway through the fernery, creating the primary walkway through the park.</p> <p>The importance of the pergola to many in the community is recognised and staff believe a compromise can be achieved that will still result in improved pedestrian access through the park.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised and amend the draft plan as follows: Retain the pergola, and Develop a pathway veering off from pergola through the fernery to connect to the playground/function space and the middle bridge.</p>
	Heritage assessment	One responder recommended council undertake a heritage	Staff are recommending retention of the majority of the heritage features identified by submitters. The draft plan proposed developing a

		assessment before redeveloping the Memorial Park.	heritage management and maintenance plan to guide the management, maintenance and repair of Memorial Park's heritage features. RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised but no changes to the plan.
Restoration of the awa	Pond removal	117 respondents opposed pond removal. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also opposed the pond removal. Respondents highlighted there are lot of childhood memories attached to the pond and children love feeding ducks. It was also raised the land could become swampy and unfit for purpose.	<p>The draft plan proposed filling the existing pond due to ongoing water quality, water health concerns, reduced public amenity, high operational and maintenance costs. New features proposed included a pavilion function space, Māra Hūpara play trail (play for ages 2 to 12 years), open space lawn area, puna (spring) restoration planting, and riparian planting adjacent to the Mangaohoi Stream.</p> <p>Following feedback received and discussions with Te Awamutu RSA and mana whenua, staff have developed an alternative option to achieve multiple aspirations for this space. This options will reduce the pond to one third of its current size, develop wetland planting, increase the area of mown grass, expose the puna, create a planted watercourse to the pond and improve the track network through this . This option will require the removal of the stone bridge and development of a new trail to the playground and middle bridge from the existing track. Existing messaging to not feed the ducks will be reinforced to improve the amenity of this area.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised and amend the draft plan to include the proposed option to reduce the pond area, undertake wetland planting and puna restoration to tackle the water quality issue and naturalise the area, increase the grass area and identify changes to improve walking access through this area.</p>
Education and play grounded in ecology and culture	Māra Hūpara play trail	55 respondents opposed creating a māra hūpara where the current playground is. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to	The draft plan proposed replacing the existing play features with māra hūpara (natural play area) which would be grounded in ecology and Maori tradition.



		<p>fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also opposed māra hūpara in the proposed location.</p> <p>Feedback highlighted support to keep the standard playground with the addition of new features.</p> <p>A number of respondents suggested moving the māra hūpara to the other side of the stream.</p>	<p>The current playground assets are dated and in poor condition. In response to feedback received, staff support the replacement of this playground with a more standard playground and the later development of a māra hūpara play trail along the Kaipaka Pa side of the Mangaohoi Stream, that is, on the other side. Locating the māra hūpara here will help share the story of Kaipaka Pa, and activate this side of the stream by creating interest elements encourage families to walk the park circuit.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised and amend the draft plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop new standard playground slightly northwest of the existing site to enable the recommended track from the pergola to the middle bridge</li> <li>Develop a new mara hupara play trail on the other side of the Mangaohoi Stream</li> </ul>
	<p>Native planting at the sunken cross</p>	<p>55 respondents raised concern about native planting at the sunken cross. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also concerned about the native planting at sunken cross.</p> <p>A respondent supported retention of the peace roses and colourful garden bed in the sunken cross.</p>	<p>The draft plan proposed to develop a vegetation management plan in collaboration with mana whenua and key stakeholders such as the RSA. The draft plan proposed a plant palette of indigenous species, contributing to the reserve sense and identity at the sunken cross. This will ensure the rare peace roses are protected but also increase plant diversity.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised but no changes to the plan.</p>

	Proposed underplanting	A responder raised concern regarding the underplanting of the exotics, as they felt this area has its own beauty and the proposed underplanting may hinder the public's ability to touch/interact with trees.	<p>The draft plan proposes to underplant the groves of larges exotic trees with seasonal interest such as bulbs in spring, wildflowers in summer and vegetation with autumn colour. Staff are not anticipating a significant reduction in people's interaction with trees due to underplanting. It is also proposed to have a mown path to provide adventure.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised but no changes to the plan.</p>
Multi-use	Mangahoe Lane car access	<p>70 respondents opposed removal of public vehicle access along Mangahoe Lane. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also opposed to Mangahoe Lane car access.</p> <p>Feedback supported retention of vehicular access and noted the proposed changes will result in the loss of a significant number of car parks which provide access to the centre of the park and toilets. It was also noted removing access would limit emergency services access to the neighbouring properties. A responder also raised concern about access for elderly and disabled with removal of cars from the Mangahoe lane.</p>	<p>The draft plan proposed removing cars from the interior of the reserve and repurposing Mangahoe Lane for biking, scootering and walking. The concept plan proposed retaining parking at the western gateway by the netball courts. The parking along Mutu Street would be retained. The intention was to promote and enable safe and accessible walking and cycling to and through the park for commuting and recreation.</p> <p>In response to feedback, staff recommend a compromise that will see vehicle access reduced to one-way and the development of a dedicated bike lane along Mangahoe Lane.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised and amend the draft plan to show one-way car access along Mangahoe Lane, retention of the car parks in the centre of the reserve and the development of a dedicated bike lane along Mangahoe Lane.</p>

	Netball court	Feedback received about the netball courts was varied. Some people supported its retention with better parking, some were keen to see more activation of the courts and multi-use , others were keen to see the courts removed with the area developed into a multi-purpose facility. Concerns were raised around anti-social behaviour, especially in evenings and nights.	<p>The draft plan proposes if this area is not leased in future by the Netball Club, then the area of The Club House and Sport Courts could be re-designed in collaboration with mana whenua and key stakeholders. As an example the club house can be repurposed for community gathering and the open space can be multi use for a Farmer’s Market.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised but no changes to the plan</p>
	Western gateway – Racecourse road access	Three responders raised concerned about the proposed western gateway from Racecourse Road. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also concerned about the western gateway. Feedback highlighted the concern in terms of traffic congestion and safety issues.	<p>The draft plan proposes a primary gateway on the Racecourse Road to strengthen connection between Memorial Park, Te Awamutu college and Te Wananga o Aotearoa. Staff already had a brief discussion with the transportation team to check the feasibility for this gateway. The transportation team is confident that this can be achieved without adding to traffic congestion and any safety concerns. These matters will be assessed in more detail at developed design stage.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledging the concerns raised but no changes to the plan.</p>
	Eastern gateway	12 respondents opposed the creation of a new primary entrance from Mutu Street by the pergola. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also opposed to creation of a new	<p>The draft plan proposed creating an eastern gateway on Mutu street as the main entrance to the park. This will strengthen connection between Memorial Park, open space network and town centre. The Eastern gateway will link to the Pioneer Walkway and become the primary accessible walkway through the park.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised but no changes to the plan.</p>

		primary entrance from Mutu Street by the pergola.	
	Heritage orchard	<p>15 respondents raised concern to the proposed heritage orchard. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also concerned about the proposed heritage orchard.</p> <p>Feedbacks highlighted that the proposed area is prone to possums. Concerns were raised about pruning and maintaining the orchard.</p>	<p>The draft plan proposed the heritage orchard as a homage to the Otawhao mission station. There would be an opportunity to share our New Zealand heritage food plants here. Staff would work with the volunteer group to maintain this. Staff will work with contractors to undertake the pest control in this area.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised but no changes to the plan.</p>
Broad shared pathway spine	Shared pathway	<p>15 respondents raised concern to the proposed broad shared pathways spine. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also concerned about the proposed board shared pathway spine.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the shared pathway catering for walking and cyclists posing a danger to elderly and children, and detract from the peaceful ambience. Some feedback raised the existing pathways are inaccessible and</p>	<p>The draft plan proposed a broad shared pathway spine as a primary pathway connecting Mutu Street and Racecourse Road. Having considered the feedback and noting the recommendation to retain the pergola alignment and the site constraints north of the pond, staff believe it is preferable to have cycling limited to Mangahoe Lane and the track along the western edge of the Mangohoi Stream.</p> <p>The primary pathway would be 2.5m wide and is intended to be upgraded to cater for pedestrians for all ages and ability and for buggy use. The secondary pathways and dedicated bike lane along Mangaohoi Lane will support commuting and a recreational cycling.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised and amend the draft plan to</p> <p>Amend the primary pathway to be pedestrian only</p>

		dangerous with not enough space for a pushchairs.	More clearly depict the primary and secondary pathways and provision for cycling along Mangohoe Lane and the western track along the Mangaohoi Stream.
	Stone bridge by the pond	<p>Three respondents raised concerns about removing the stone bridge. It is assumed that the 204 people that signed the petition and 34 respondents that wanted to fix and leave Memorial Park as it is also concerned about the removing the stone bridge.</p> <p>A responder highlighted children loved walking over the stone bridge. One respondent noted the stone bridge is too steep for elderly.</p>	<p>The draft plan proposed filling the pond area to create a puna restoration planting connected to the stream riparian planting, a pavilion and open lawn function space. The draft plan didn't specify the removal of the stone bridge.</p> <p>Staff's new recommendation for the pond and surrounding area will require the removal of the stone bridge as its been identified not accessible for all ages and ability. It will be replaced with an accessible walkway through that area.</p> <p>See recommendation above for pond removal.</p>
Other	Cost	Some respondents noted the cost to reinstate the park would be considerably less than the implementation of the proposed concept plan.	<p>While the costs associated with implementing the draft plan are significant, the draft plan is developed as a long-term plan to be implemented over a period of 20 + years and dependent on funding. Council will consider the priorities and timing of projects through the 2021 – 2031 long term plan process, seek external funding and volunteer support to deliver some of the proposals.</p> <p>RECOMMEND acknowledge concerns raised and amend the Action Plan section of the draft plan to remove the years indicated for implementation, to allow for decisions to be made on timing through the Council's budget processes.</p>