

We're backing

Our Place



Kaitangata

How about you?



April 2021

Our Place Kaitangata Feedback Report

This report presents a summary of the consultation feedback received for the Our Place Kaitangata Community planning project.

Prepared by Michael Goldsmith, Hayden Erasmus, and Oliver Walker

TABLE OF CONTENTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	3
PART A: INTRODUCTION	6
A1 CONSULTATION PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES.....	6
A2 FOCUS POINTS	7
A3 THE CONSULTATION PROCESS	8
A4 CONSULTATION FEEDBACK OVERVIEW	11
A5 CONCURRENT CONSULTATION	13
PART B: FEEDBACK SUMMARY	14
B1 RIVER ACCESS.....	14
B2 WALKING AND CYCLING	16
B3 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES	17
B4 FUTURE OPTIONS FOR KAITANGATA POOL	21
B5 OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT.....	22
B6 PARKS AND RESERVES.....	24
B7 TOILETS.....	27
B8 ROADING.....	29
B9 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES & VISITOR ATTRACTIONS	30
APPENDIX 1: WAR MEMORIAL RESERVE CONCEPT PLAN.....	32
APPENDIX 2: WATER STREET RESERVE CONCEPT PLANS.....	33

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consultation and engagement for *Our Place Kaitangata* aimed to seek input from the community to inform the development of the *Our Place Kaitangata Community Plan*. This report provides a summary of feedback received through two primary methods: people who responded using the Council-supplied feedback form; and a series of community-based consultation events in 2021.

Survey results

The survey aspect of the consultation asked respondents to rate the following items on a scale between 1 (not important) to 6 (very important). The summary table below shows that the community pool, the Water Street and BMX Track reserves, and improving access to the Clutha River/Mata-Au are seen as particularly important to the Kaitangata community. These items are also shown graphically in Figure 1.

Rank	Survey Priority – how important are the following items?	Average
1 st	Community Pool	5.45
2 nd	Water Street (boat ramp) Reserve	5.37
3 rd	BMX Track Reserve	5.22
4 th	Heating the pool	5.20
5 th	Improving access to the Clutha River	5.16
6 th	Improve walking/cycling opportunities	5.15
7 th	Community Centre	5.14
8 th	Victoria Park Reserve	5.13
9 th	River Access: Boat ramp/car park improvements (Option 1)	5.05
10 th	Council should enable residential development	4.98
11 th	River Access: Link the boat ramp reserve to nearby walking/cycling trails	4.97
12 th	River Access: Investigate a river-based community facility (Option 2)	4.95
13 th	Community Housing	4.94
14 th	Kaitangata Sports Ground Reserve	4.90
15 th	Wangaloa Reserve	4.75
16 th	Kaitangata Cemetery Reserve	4.73
17 th	Council should enable commercial development	4.70
18 th	Victoria Park playground upgrade	4.67
19 th	Walking and Cycling: Walking/cycling linkages in Kaitangata (Option 1)	4.65
20 th	War Memorial Reserve	4.59
21 st	Old Cemetery & playground reserve	4.58
22 nd	Walking and Cycling: Investigate a link to L. Tuakitoto (Option 3)	4.52
23 rd	Walking and Cycling: Investigate a link to Balclutha (Option 2)	4.51
24 th	River Access: A safe, sheltered area for swimming	4.39
25 th	Public transport option	4.29
26 th	Enable industrial development	4.08
27 th	River Access: Allow for commercial activities	4.02

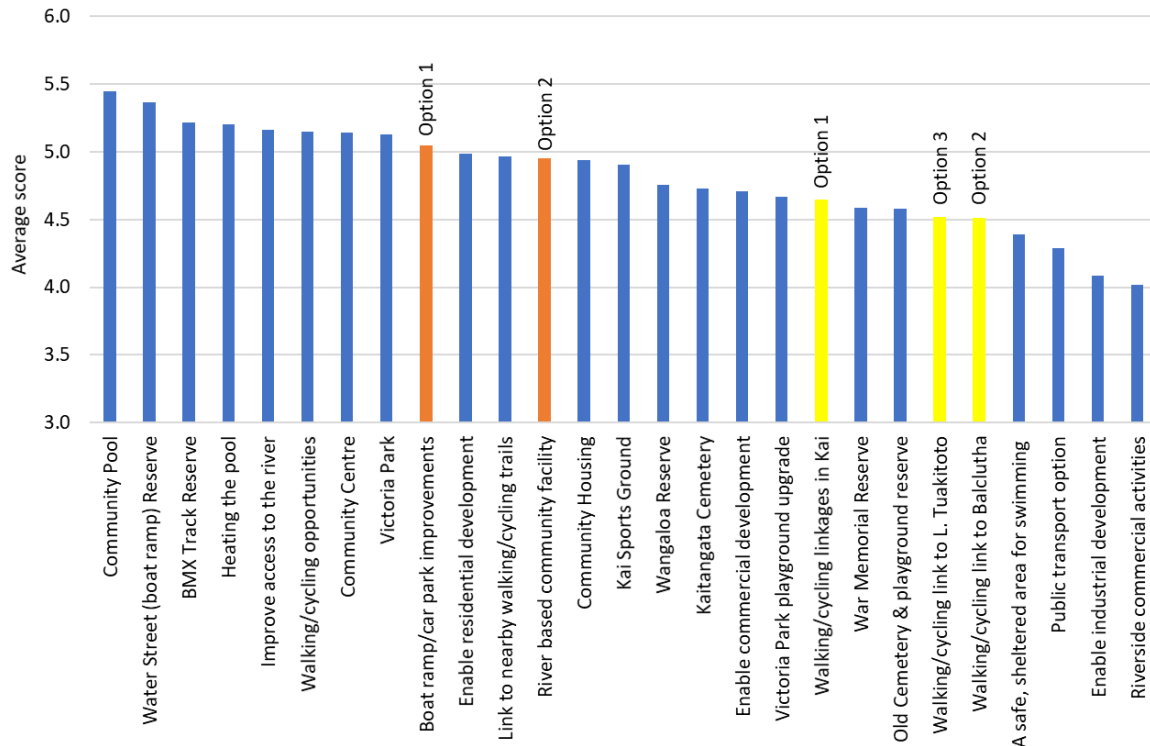


Figure 1. Average rating for each item listed in the survey. The two options relating to river access are shaded orange, and the three options relating to walking and cycling are shaded yellow.

Key consultation questions

Options relating to upgrading the community pool and new public toilets were also outlined in the feedback form. Through the survey, a majority of respondents identified a preference for a comprehensive upgrade of the pool, while opinion was more evenly split on the standard of any new public toilets which might be built in Kaitangata (Figure 2).

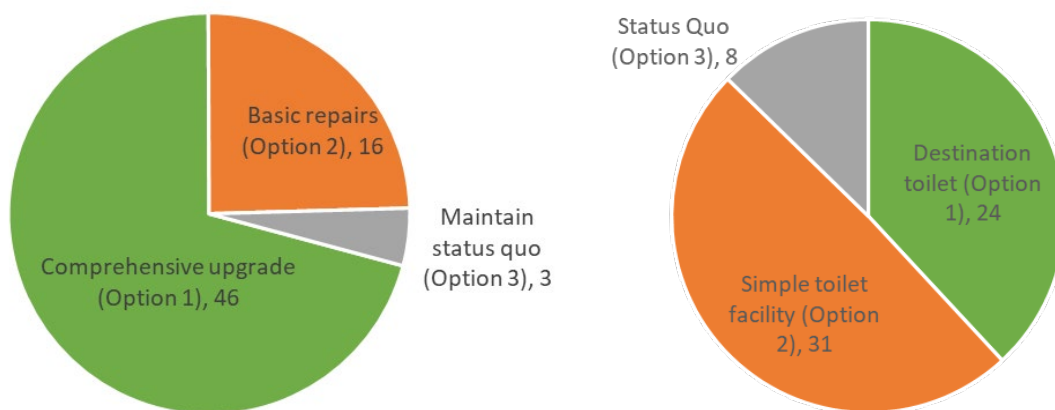


Figure 2. Preferred approach to improving the community pool (left), and new public toilets (right), as identified through the feedback form survey

Other feedback

Through public consultation events in Kaitangata, members of the community were asked what was important to them and what they would like to see improved. This feedback was combined with comments received via the feedback form and other formal submissions. Feedback items were assigned to one of the six ‘focus points’ which formed the basis of the consultation material, or to

three additional focus points included in this feedback report. Figure 3 shows the number of items which related to each of these focus points. The largest number of feedback items related to river access, while community facilities and roading also generated large numbers of feedback responses.

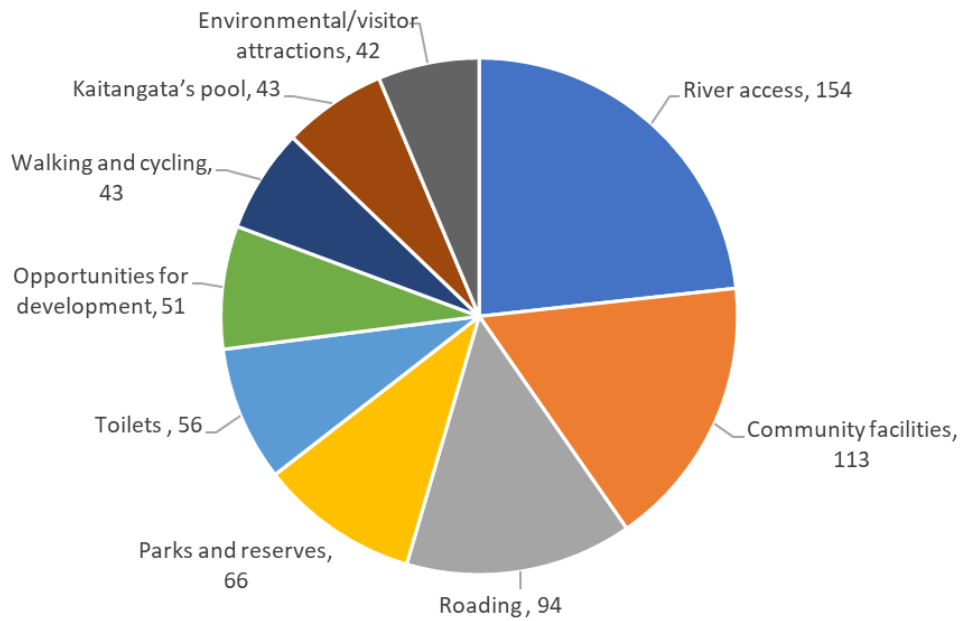


Figure 3. The number of feedback items relating to each focus point

Of the 56 feedback items which related to the location of potential new toilets, a clear preference was indicated for the BMX Track/Skate Park area, as shown in Figure 4.

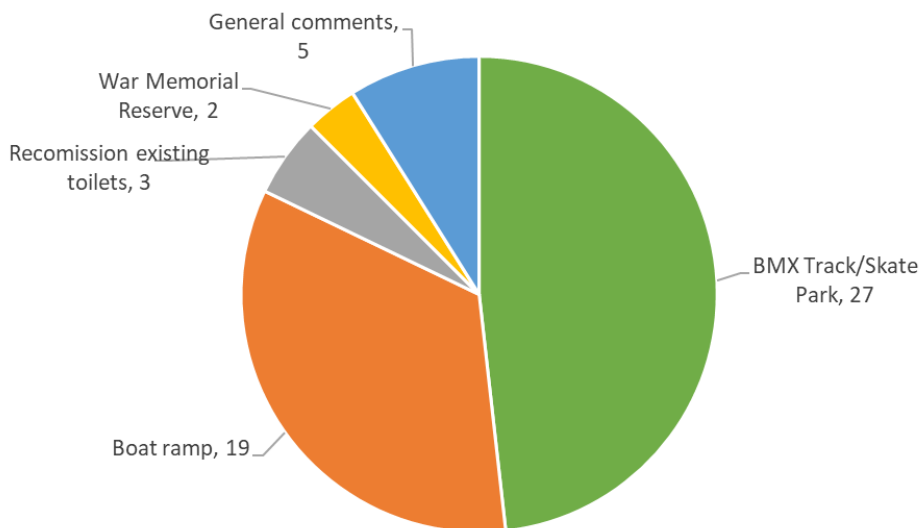


Figure 4. The number of feedback items relating to potential locations for new public toilets in Kaitangata

PART A: INTRODUCTION

Clutha District Council's vision is that the Clutha District is a great place to live, work and play. This is a key platform in our Long Term Plan, and also ties closely with the 'Living and Working in Clutha Strategy' which has been prepared to guide decision-making and overall progress towards three key outcomes:

1. Clutha has vibrant rural towns and communities
2. Clutha is connected and collaborative, and
3. Clutha has a healthy and sustainable environment.

The focus of the *Our Place Kaitangata Community Plan* is to identify what Council can do to apply the Living and Working Strategy in Kaitangata. This report presents a summary of the consultation feedback received for the Our Place Kaitangata community planning project.

The feedback reported here will help identify projects and inform priorities for Council to consider, through its Long Term Plan and Annual Plan process. The actions and projects will also help inform the activities and decisions of community groups and third-party funders.

This part outlines the consultation objectives, how the consultation was undertaken, and summarises the type and amount of feedback received.

A1 CONSULTATION PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Purpose

Consultation and engagement for *Our Place Kaitangata* aimed to seek input from the community to inform the development of the *Our Place Kaitangata Community Plan*.

Consultation Objectives

The consultation and engagement objectives were to:

- Stimulate interest in *Our Place Kaitangata* project
- Encourage feedback on the issues and options outlined
- Develop stronger relationships and partnerships between Council and the community, and
- Provide accurate information for decision-makers to assist them in making informed choices around the resourcing of future projects and initiatives.

The Communication and Engagement Plan was prepared in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Role of elected members

The role of the elected members to date has included:

- Providing input and overall leadership for the *Our Place* project
- Approving consultation material and consultation/engagement approaches, and
- Promoting the *Our Place* consultation material and assisting with consultation and engagement activities.

The next step that this report relates to will be to:

- Consider stakeholder and community feedback to inform the *Our Place Kaitangata Community Plan*.

Project Group

A project group for this project made up of key Council staff members undertook the following:

- Contributing to and where applicable, prepare underlying information to give foundation to the *Our Place* plans.
- Reviewing the draft *Our Place* material and ensure that it is ready for consultation.
- Attending meetings and take part in consultation activities as required.

The next step that this report relates to will be to:

- Action elected member direction on where to from here.
- Bring back for elected members approval of *Our Place Kaitangata* recommendations.

A2 FOCUS POINTS

Council initially engaged with community groups to help identify six key focus points, which were expected to generate significant feedback through the *Our Place Kaitangata* public consultation process. A short explanation of each focus point is provided in Table 1. These were included in the consultation document (see section A3 below) and other consultation material (posters etc.).

Table 1. *Our Place Kaitangata focus points*

Focus Point	Explanation – what is this about?
1. <i>River access</i>	Improved access to the Clutha River / Mata-Au, and the ability to make better use of the river could help make Kaitangata an even better place to live, work and visit.
2. <i>Walking and cycling</i>	This focus point covers local walking/cycling improvements (e.g., footpaths and walkways). It also relates to potential walking and cycling links to other destinations (e.g., Balclutha, Lake Tuakitoto).
3. <i>Community facilities</i>	Council provides a range of services and infrastructure to help support the Kaitangata community. How can we make the most of these assets, to encourage people to live and work in Kaitangata?
4. <i>Kaitangata's Pool</i>	What improvements, if any, should be made to the Kaitangata Pool? Options range from a comprehensive upgrade, to keeping the status quo.
5. <i>Opportunities for development</i>	Should Council do more to enable additional residential, commercial, or industrial development in Kaitangata? Should the Kai Build package be extended or modified?
6. <i>Parks and reserves</i>	What are the most important parks and reserves in Kaitangata, and what activities could be developed in these public areas?

A large amount of feedback was received which related to other topics, or to defined sub-topics within the list of focus points listed in Table 1. This led to the creation of three additional focus points which are described in Table 2. Feedback received on these focus points are also included in section B.

Table 2. *Additional focus points, included in this report*

Focus Point	Explanation – what is this about?
7. <i>Toilets</i>	Where should additional public toilets be located, and what level of service should they provide?
8. <i>Roading</i>	Improvements to the road network (e.g., sealing and footpaths)
9. <i>Environmental issues/visitor attractions</i>	What facilities could be developed to attract visitors? Are there any environmental issues that should be addressed?

A3 THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

Phase One – Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement

Preliminary conversations and meetings with key stakeholders began in late 2019, with ongoing dialogue during 2020 and into early 2021 (Table 3). These discussions were disrupted by the nationwide Level 4 Covid-19 lockdown in early 2020, and subsequent Level 2 restrictions. This resulted in Phase Two (public consultation and engagement) being delayed by about seven months from what was initially planned. Information from these preliminary discussions were used to develop the formal consultation material, as well as the consultation program.

Table 3. Details of preliminary stakeholder engagement

Meeting	Date
Kaitangata and District Promotions	4 December 2019
Meeting at War Memorial Reserve, Kai Promotions & Landscape Architect	1 December 2020
Kaitangata and District Promotions	2 December 2020
Kaitangata Pool Committee	19 January 2021

Phase Two – Public Consultation & Engagement

The public consultation phase took place from 20 February to 9 April 2021. A number of different activities and methods across the different themes and areas were undertaken, as described below.

- **Consultation material**

A consultation document was developed to help prompt ideas and discussion, particularly around the focus points listed in Table 1. This document was distributed via urban and rural mail delivery during the week of 15 – 19 February 2021, to mailboxes in Kaitangata and surrounding area. The mail-out also included a copy of the consultation program (as shown in Figure 9) Copies of the document were also available as follows:

- Council offices
- Balclutha Library
- Online via Council’s website
- Links on Facebook to direct readers to the full document online.

A series of posters were produced, relating to the focus points listed in Table 1. These were mounted on boards to help generate discussion at consultation events, as example is shown in Figure 5.



Figure 5. Focus Point posters mounted on display boards

- **Community-based consultation events**

The community engagement program was designed to gather feedback from as many sectors of the population as possible. Seven consultation events were held in Kaitangata to gather feedback and suggestions (Figure 9). These were held in late summer/early autumn to make the most of the good weather and longer days at this time of year.

The program included Council staff and elected representatives attending three community-based events (Pool Open Day, School Sports Day, and a BMX Club Meet). The other four events were initiated by Council specifically for the Our Place program, and targeted local people at places they feel most comfortable in (local pub, boat ramp, community centre).

Staff and elected representatives talked with approximately 142 people during these events, and 662 feedback items were noted. Feedback from these events is summarised in Part B.



Figure 6. Our Place Kaitangata consultation - Pool Open Day



Figure 7. Our Place Kaitangata consultation - community centre

- **Feedback form**

Included within the consultation document was a feedback form, which included a structured survey for respondents to indicate the importance (or priority) for the ideas presented, and also provide

comments or suggestions on the topics they believe are important. Both the consultation document and the feedback form used the same design style as previous 'Our Place' consultation material, including the 'Let's Talk' and 'Tell us what you think' catch-phrases. The feedback form was structured around the six focus points listed in Table 1, but also included space for more general Kaitangata-related feedback.

- **Print and social media**

Fifteen posts promoting the Our Place Kaitangata consultation document and the community consultation events were made on Council's Facebook page between 20 February and 31 March 2021. Examples are shown in Figure 8.

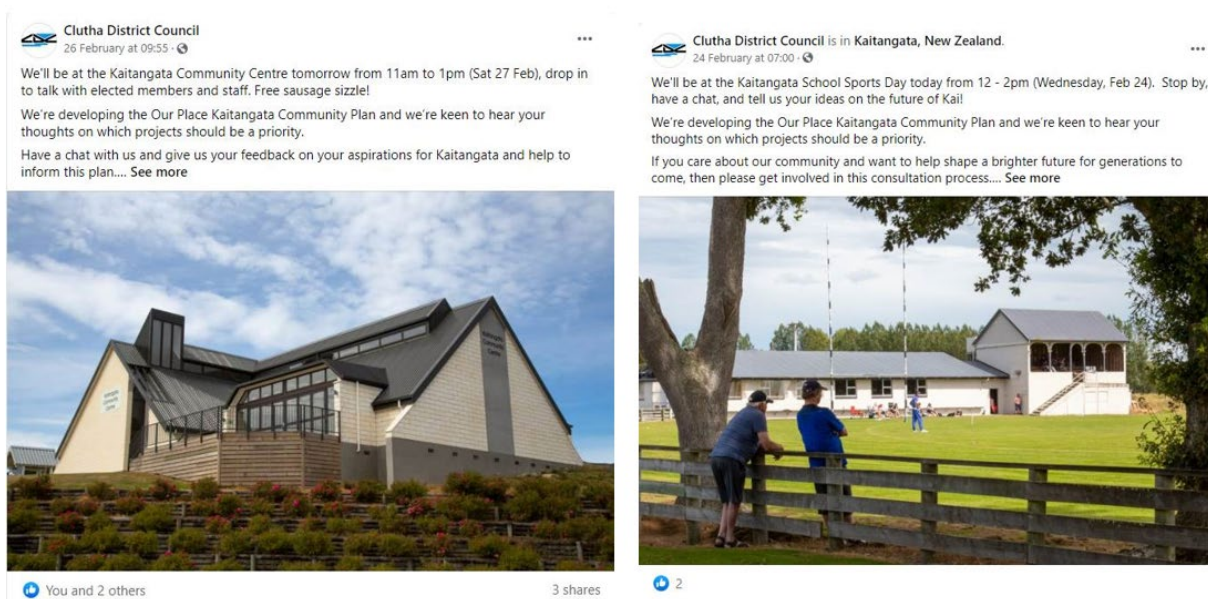


Figure 8. Examples of CDC Facebook posts

An advertisement encouraging people to become involved in the Our Place consultation program was placed in the Clutha Leader on 18 February 2021 (Figure 9), and a notice advertising the final event was placed in the Clutha Leader on 25 March 2021.

We're backing

Our Place

Kaitangata

How about you?

We're developing the Our Place Kaitangata Community Plan and we're keen to hear your thoughts on which projects should be a priority. Ideas include improving access to the Clutha River / Mata-Au, walking and cycling, improving our parks and reserves, and investing in community facilities such as the pool and playground.

We'll be out and about in February and March 2021 gathering feedback to help inform this plan.

Date	Time	Where	Details
Tuesday 23 February	12pm - 2pm	Victoria Park Sports Ground	Kaitangata School Sports Day - stop by, have a chat, and tell us your ideas on the future of Kai!
Saturday 27 February	11am - 1pm	Kaitangata Community Centre	Drop in to talk with elected members and staff. Free sausage sizzle!
Wednesday 3 March	5pm - 6pm	Kaitangata BMX Track	Catch Mayor Cadogan or Cr. Graham for a chat between BMX races.
Friday 12 March	5pm - 7pm	Crescent Bar & Grill	Catch staff and elected members in the pub carpark to let us know your ideas!
Saturday 13 March	7am - 11am	Water St Boat Ramp	Talk to us about your ideas for the waterfront or any other priority projects. We'll have a coffee cart going, and kayaks for those keen to get on the water.
Wednesday 31 March	4pm - 7pm	Kaitangata Community Centre	Come and have a chat with elected members or staff over a cup of tea.

Come along to one of these locations to talk about your Ideas and suggestions for Our Place Kaitangata.

Figure 9. Our Place Kaitangata advertisement, as placed in the Clutha Leader

A4 CONSULTATION FEEDBACK OVERVIEW

There were three main types of feedback received through the consultation process:

- Responses to structured questions included in the feedback form.¹ These asked people to rate particular items, or to indicate their preference for various options.
- Other feedback items received via the feedback form.
- Other feedback items received during community-based consultation events (generally recorded on 'Post-it' notes).

In addition, several respondents provided more extensive feedback, including photographs and text. There were seven such submissions received from local residents, and two from organisations with an interest in community development (Cancer Society and Public Health South). Although these more extensive submissions follow a different format to the consultation material, the main points have been identified, and are also summarised within the analysis included in Part B.

Other feedback facts:

- 30 hard copy feedback forms were received, with 44 online forms completed (74 in total).

¹ This includes both the hard copy forms, and the online version of the same material.

- Staff and elected members had conversations with approximately 142 members of the public during consultation events.
- The majority (81%) of feedback forms were from people who live in Kaitangata (Figure 10).
- There were 662 ‘other’ feedback items received (Table 4).

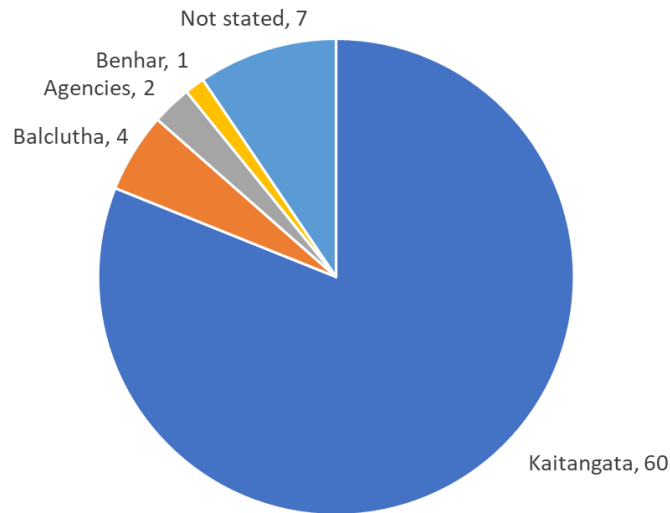


Figure 10. The number and location of respondents who completed and returned the feedback form

Much of the feedback received during the consultation process related specifically to one of the six focus points listed in the consultation document. Feedback relating to other focus areas has been summarised within additional sections (toilets, roading, and environmental/visitor attractions).

Table 4. The number of feedback items received for each focus area

Focus Point	Number of feedback items received		
	Community consultation events	Feedback form (hard copy & online)	Total
1. River access	107	47	154
2. Walking and cycling	15	28	43
3. Community facilities	59	54	113
4. Kaitangata's pool	18	25	43
5. Opportunities for development	17	34	51
6. Parks and reserves	37	29	66
7. Toilets	38	18	56
8. Roading	67	27	94
9. Environmental / visitor attractions	26	16	42
Total	384	278	662

Almost a quarter of the 662 feedback items received related to river access (Figure 11), 17% related to community facilities, and 14% related to roading issues.²

² This was despite roading not being listed as a focus area within the consultation material

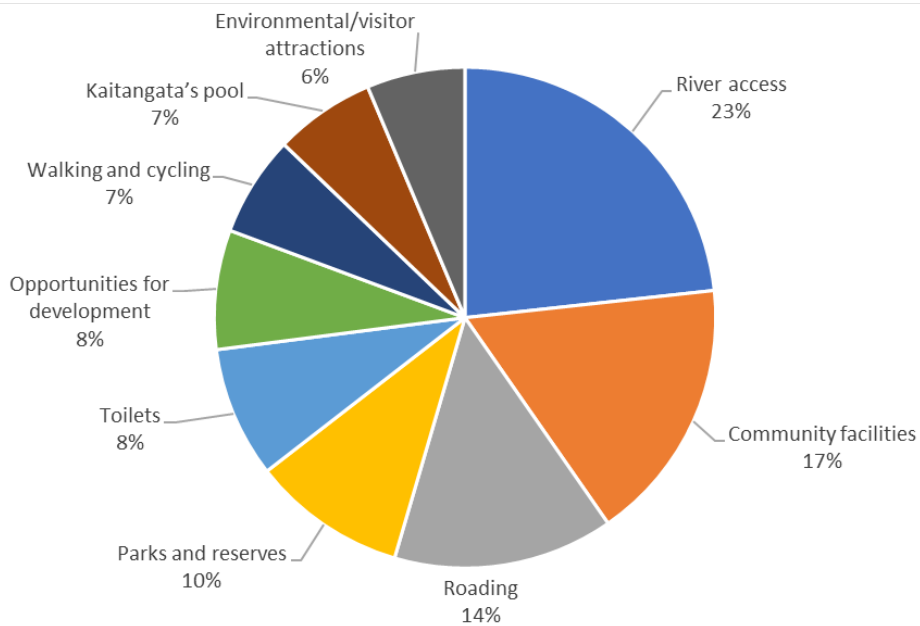


Figure 11. The proportion of feedback items relating to each of the focus points

A5 CONCURRENT CONSULTATION

No other formal consultation programs were run concurrently with the Our Place Kaitangata program. However, CDC will develop a Kaitangata Reserve Management Plan in mid-late 2021, and this has some alignment with the Our Place project, as explained below.

Kaitangata Reserves Management Plan

A statutory consultation process is required for Reserve Management Plans (RMP's) under the Reserves Act 1977. Information about the Kaitangata RMP was incorporated into the *Our Place Kaitangata* consultation material, to increase awareness and promote feedback to help inform the final Plan. This report includes feedback items gathered during the *Our Place Kaitangata* consultation which relate to Kaitangata parks and reserves.



PART B: FEEDBACK SUMMARY

This part summarises the feedback received via the feedback form, as well as other comments and submissions received during the consultation process. A summary of the feedback which related to each of the six focus points listed in Table 1 is provided in sections B1 to B6. Feedback relating to the three additional focus points (Table 2) is provided in sections B7 to B9.

B1 RIVER ACCESS

Respondents were asked to rate the options and ideas listed in Table 5, relating to river access, using a scale of 1 to 6 where 1 was not important and 6 was very important. A total of 63 respondents rated this topic, and the results are shown in Table 5 and Figure 12.

- A majority felt that overall, it is very important to improve access to the river, resulting in an average score of 5.16.
- Two options for the Water Street Boat Ramp were proposed. Option 1 includes work to widen the ramp, and improved parking facilities. Option 2 would include this work, as well as other enhancements such as a wall along the water's edge, a wharf or loading area for boats, or other enhancements to the reserve. Option 1 was favoured slightly more than Option 2 (5.05 compared to 4.95 out of 6).
- Three other concepts were suggested, and the most popular of these was to create links to nearby walking/cycling trails (4.97). Creating a safe, sheltered area for swimming, or providing for commercial facilities such as kayaking, boating or food were ranked slightly lower (4.39 and 4.02 respectively).

Table 5. Rankings assigned to river access options

How important is it to...	Not Important			Very Important			Average score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Improve access to the Clutha River/Mata-Au?	0	3	5	6	14	35	5.16	1	5 th
Investigate boat ramp/car park improvements? (Option 1)	1	3	6	7	11	35	5.05	2	9 th
Investigate a river-based community facility? (Option 2)	0	3	6	6	20	24	4.95	4	12 th
Create a safe, sheltered area for swimming?	5	5	5	16	8	23	4.39	5	24 th
Create facilities to allow for commercial facilities?	3	8	10	12	10	13	4.02	6	27 th
Create links to nearby walking/cycling trails?	1	4	3	11	10	31	4.97	3	11 th

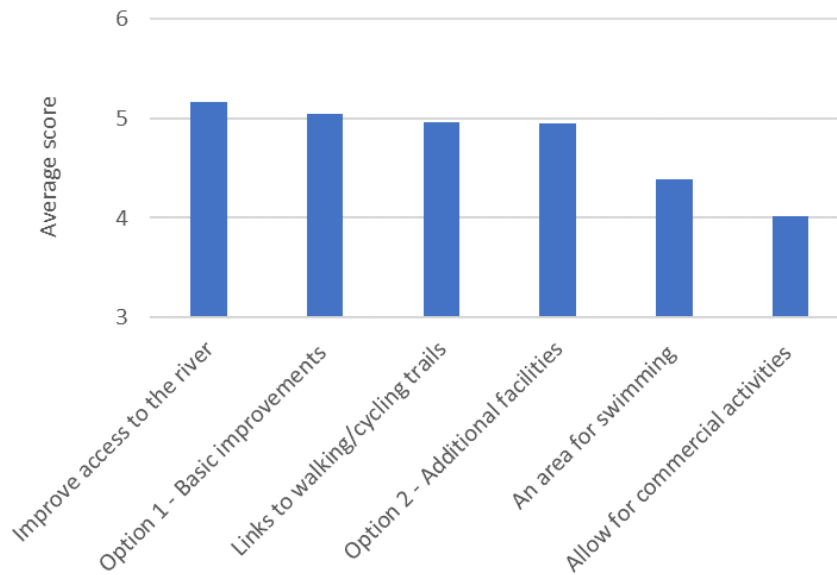


Figure 12. Rankings assigned to river access options

An additional 154 feedback items relating to this topic were received through feedback form comments and verbal feedback during the consultation events. This feedback has been categorised and is summarised in Figure 13 below. The most common options and ideas put forward were:

- Basic improvements to the ramp and parking (i.e., similar to Option 1 above)
- Improvements to the riverside area (such as picnic areas, a sheltered BBQ, or rubbish bins)
- Creating a jetty or wharf.

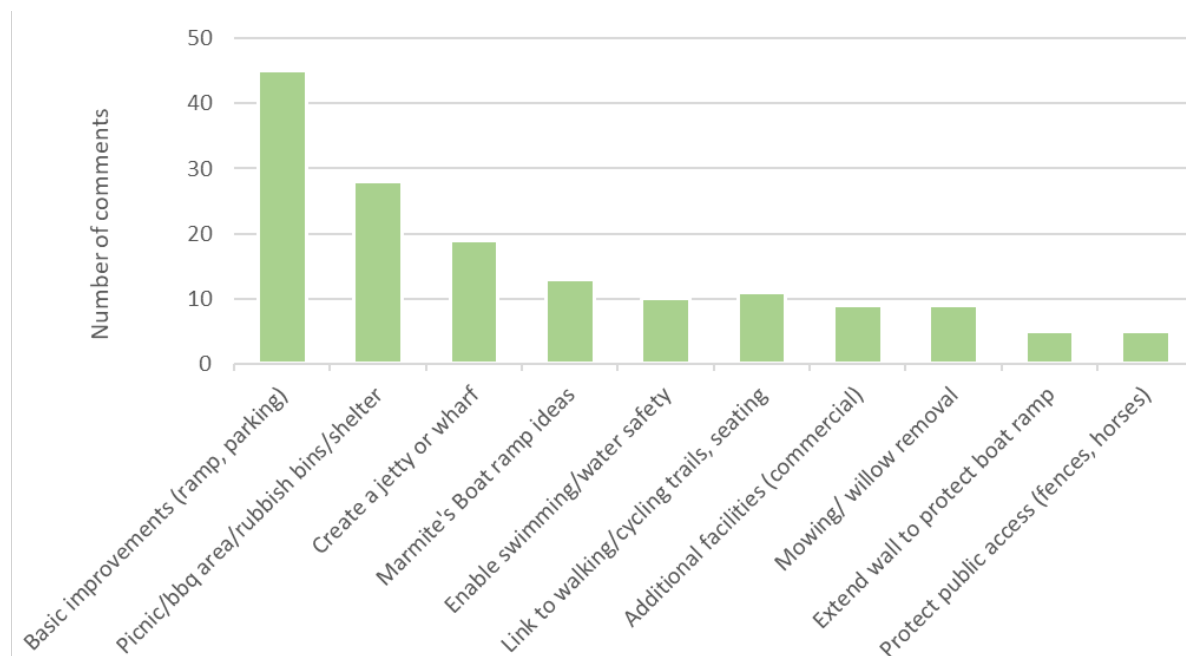


Figure 13. The number of comments received relating to various themes within the river access focus point

Marmite's Plan:

As part of his submission, Blair Thompson (aka 'Marmite') put forward some concept drawings for the Water Street Boat Ramp area and these are attached as Appendix 2. The concept drawings are only

suggestions for consideration, but they do incorporate many of the ideas put forward by other respondents and were generally well supported by people who attended the public consultation events (Figure 13).

Protecting public access

Protecting public access to the river was identified as a priority by five people, with comments including:

1. "Remove horses from the riverbank and turn it to a proper public walking path from the east end of Kai to the bridge or even further."
2. "Removal of the electric fencing used for grazing horses should be considered to allow better access to the river. Currently I have to walk on the road until passed this area."

B2 WALKING AND CYCLING

Respondents were asked to rate the options and ideas listed in Table 6, relating to walking and cycling. Of the 61 respondents who rated this topic, the majority felt that in general, it is very important to improve walking and cycling opportunities, resulting in an average score of 5.15 out of 6 (Table 6 & Figure 13).

Of the three specific options put forward, the most popular was to create (or improve) links within Kaitangata itself (4.65). Options to extend a trail to either Lake Tuakitoto or Balclutha were rated equally (4.52 and 4.51 respectively).

Table 6. Rankings assigned to walking and cycling options

How important is it to...	Not Important			Very Important			Average score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Improve walking and cycling opportunities (in general)?	1	1	4	11	9	35	5.15	1	6 th
Create linkages within Kaitangata? ('Option 1')	2	2	7	12	14	20	4.65	2	9 th
Create a walking / cycling link to Balclutha? ('Option 2')	2	8	5	10	11	23	4.51	4	23 rd
Create a walking / cycling link to Lake Tuakitoto? ('Option 3')	3	6	8	11	4	28	4.52	3	22 nd

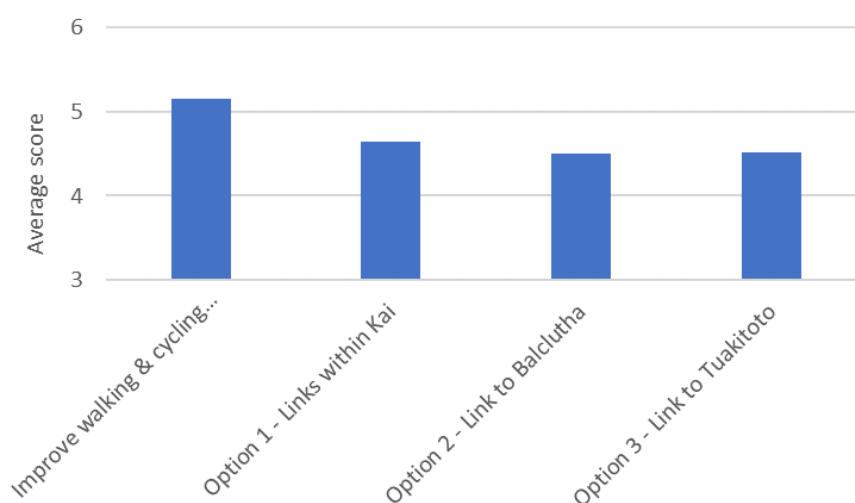


Figure 14. Rankings assigned to walking and cycling options

An additional 43 feedback items relating to this topic were received through the feedback form and verbal feedback during consultation events. The concepts with the highest level of support were walking/cycling links within Kaitangata, a trail to the mouth of the Clutha River/Mata-Au, and the creation of a link to Balclutha (Figure 15).

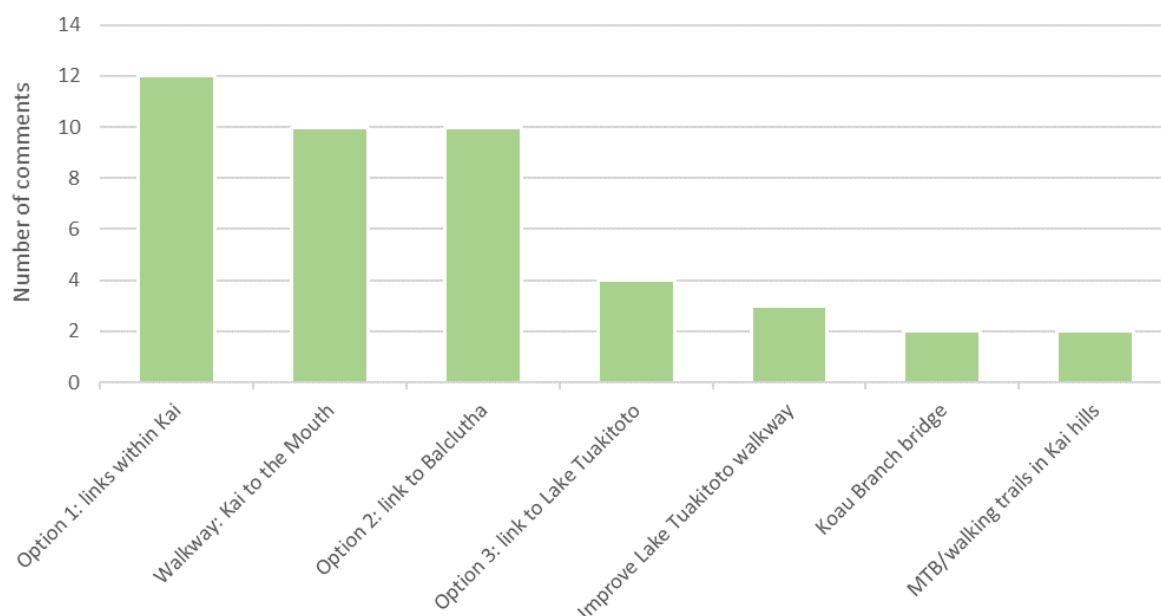


Figure 15: The number of comments received relating to various themes within the walking and cycling focus point

Some thoughtful suggestions were also put forward relating to walking and cycling options. Examples include:

1. “Cycleways in the Kai Hills: these already exist but could be developed. There are wonderful views to the river and Wangaloa from the vantage points. Also, there is attraction of the wild horses.”
2. “In regard to Option 2 (a walking / cycle trail to Balclutha): would be best situated as far from roadway as possible to give a more safe and peaceful experience to users.”
3. “Something else to ponder on in the future. A boardwalk at lake Tuakitoto.”

B3 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Respondents were asked to rate the importance of three key community facilities in Kaitangata (Table 7 and Figure 16), with 65 respondents rating this topic. The most highly ranked item was the Kaitangata Community Pool, with an average score of 5.45 out of 6, which was also the highest of any topic in the survey. The Community Centre and Community housing also ranked reasonably highly, at 5.14 and 4.94 respectively.

Table 7. Rankings assigned to community facilities

How important are the following community facilities?	Not Important						Average score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Kaitangata Community Centre	1	0	3	13	15	32	5.14	2	7 th
Kaitangata Community Pool	0	0	3	9	9	44	5.45	1	1 st
Community housing	0	2	6	14	12	28	4.94	3	13 th

The feedback form also asked respondents to tell us how important they believe it is to investigate heating the Kaitangata Community Pool, or to upgrade the Victoria Park playground (Table 8 and Figure 16). This section was answered by 60 respondents, and the results were generally consistent with other survey findings:

- 53 respondents (88%) thought that an investigation of additional heating for the pool was important or very important (i.e., ranked 4 or higher), with an average score of 5.20.
- Upgrading the Victoria Park playground had an average score of 4.67, with 49 respondents (81%) ranking this item as 4 or higher.

Table 8. Rankings assigned to potential upgrades of community facilities

How important is it that we continue to investigate...	Not Important			Very Important			Average score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
The installation of additional heating at the Kaitangata Community Pool?	1	2	4	7	9	37	5.20	1	4 th
Upgrades to the Victoria Park playground	1	2	8	16	11	22	4.67	2	18 th

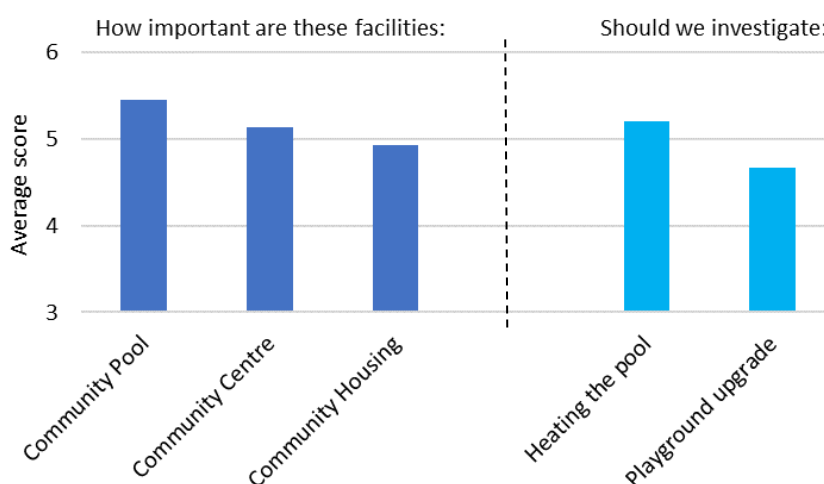


Figure 16. Rankings assigned to community facilities

An additional 114 feedback items relating to this topic were received through comments on the feedback form, and verbal feedback during consultation events. This feedback has been categorised and is summarised in Figure 17 below. The ideas which were referred to the most were heating the pool, and improved signage, and these are discussed in more detail below.

Only items which received 3 or more comments are shown in Figure 17. Suggestions relating to community facilities which were noted just once or twice include:

- A drop-in centre for young people
- A community notice board
- A dog park
- Spaces to provide for breast feeding
- A consistent water supply
- Community housing improvements (kitchens, bathrooms)
- Install fibre.

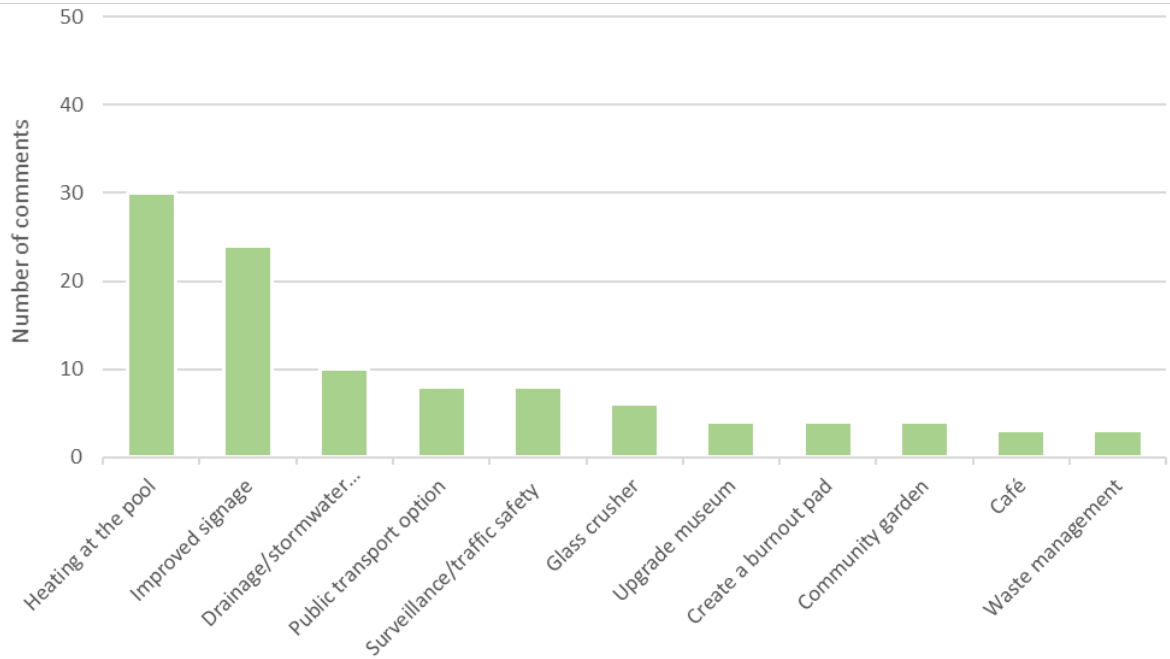


Figure 17. The number of comments received relating to options and suggestions for community facilities

Heating the pool³

Thirty feedback items related to heating of the Kaitangata Pool. Most of these were a simple request to “heat the pool”. However, several included additional justification for this request, including:

1. *“access to a heated swimming pool provides an opportunity for physical activity all year round. Heated pools are excellent for users of all levels of fitness and ability, injury rehabilitation and provides a venue to bring people together to socially connect.”*
2. *“Solar / electric heating system required to extend swim season/usage.”*
3. *“I have a young child with cerebral palsy ... we would love to see the pool heated then we could support local as ... the water is far too cold for her wee legs.”*
4. *“Swimming classes of all sorts could then be started up in Kai including aqua exercise for older people.”*
5. *“Heating the pool would encourage so many more locals to swim and ... allow the primary school to swim at our pool instead of driving to Clutha.”*
6. *“I would very much like the pool to be heated for my 2-year-old as he gets too cold when in the kai pool.”*
7. *“Many citizens in Kaitangata travel to Balclutha to use the heated pool. It would be a real bonus for Kaitangata if the pool was heated and upgraded.”*

Improved signage

A total of 24 feedback items relating to signage were received. These covered a range of issues, as shown in the representative comments listed below:

1. *“More signage to show what is available in Kaitangata at the SH1 Creighton turnoff – Lake Tuakitoto, Golf Course, Skate Park, BMX Track, Mountain Biking.”*
2. *“Signage is so important for out-of-town visitors. No signage no traffic coming in to explore.”*

³ See also section B4 below.

3. *“PHS encourages the integration of clear consistent signage that promotes Kaitangata amenities and health messages. We recommend using the international no smoking symbol and no vaping symbol on signs.”*
4. *“Improvements to signage and access to local natural resources ... the many things you can do in Kaitangata with a map and guide to how to access places.”*
5. *“Replace Welcome Sign in Kaitangata.”*
6. *“The main signpost ... should be at the SH1 / Stirling Road intersection as there are issues with the Kaitangata Highway (it can be closed due to flooding, and the low railway bridge restricts deliveries).”*
7. *“Proper signage to indicate where mouth of Matau Branch is [off Summerhill Road].”*
8. *“Summerhill needs signage.”*
9. *“Measly Beach. Distance between places to stop on the coastline. Celebration + signage to the mouth + river - seating etc.”*

Drainage and stormwater

Ten feedback items related to issues with stormwater and drainage. Many of these were identified as service requests and were passed onto the Service Delivery team for assessment. A general comment relating to this topic is listed below.

“Overhaul the stormwater system ... have regular servicing of pipes/grates/ditches to ensure free drainage of water out to the rivers. There’s something wrong because they flood in areas of Eddystone Street during heavy rainfall.”

Public transport

The feedback form asked respondents whether they thought a public transport option should be investigated, linking to other towns. A total of 59 people provided feedback on this question, and the average score was 4.29 out of 6 (Table 9).

Table 9. Rankings assigned to opportunities for development options and ideas

	Not Important			Very Important			Average score	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
How important is it to investigate a public transport option, linking to other towns?	2	5	11	16	6	19	4.29	25 th

Another 8 feedback items were received through public consultation events (Figure 17), including the two comments listed below.

1. *“Bus Service essential to link Kaitangata with Balclutha and Milton. There’s a movement socially towards alternative and public transport. Ideally the small bus / large van would be an E.V. ... as a trial to see how popular public transport would be.”*
2. *“Many of our senior citizens have to move to Balclutha because there is no weekly transport...”*

B4 FUTURE OPTIONS FOR KAITANGATA POOL

Respondents were asked their views on the future of the Kaitangata Pool. Three options were proposed:

1. A comprehensive upgrade, which would likely include:
 - Building upgrades (e.g., roof, changing rooms, general repairs and maintenance)
 - Upgrading (replace or renew) the filter and pump
 - Installing heating.
2. Basic repairs:
 - Limited program of repairs and maintenance
 - Roof replacement.
3. Status quo:
 - Current situation, where a volunteer committee provides a limited level of service.

The most popular option, preferred by 46 (70%) of the 65 respondents who answered this question, was Option 1 – a comprehensive upgrade (Figure 18). This is consistent with the findings discussed in section B3, which shows that the Kaitangata Community Pool is valued highly by local residents.

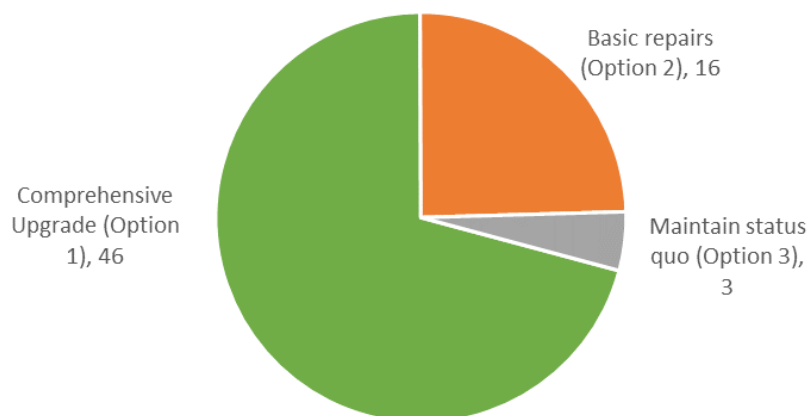


Figure 18. Preferred approach to Kaitangata Pool upgrades

An additional 43 feedback items relating to this topic were received through comments on the feedback form, and verbal feedback during consultation events. This feedback has been categorised and is summarised in Figure 19 below. Sixteen people requested that the trees which shade the pool are either trimmed or removed, while 15 feedback items were generally in support of making improvements to the pool (i.e., either option 1 or 2). Comments relating to heating of the pool are reported on in the previous section (Figure 17).

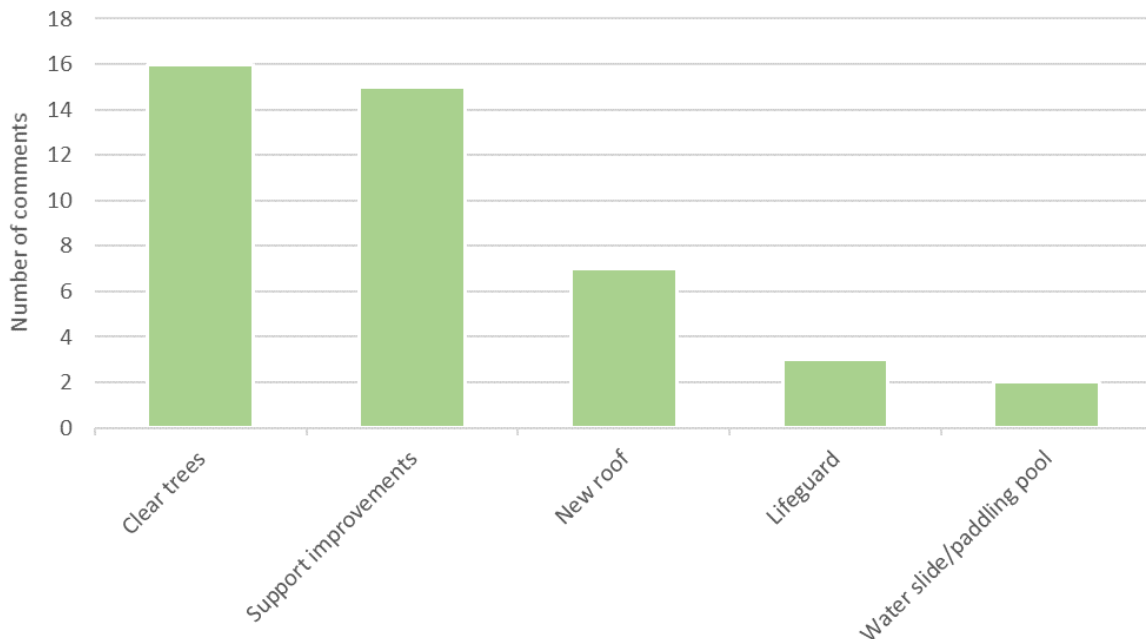


Figure 19. The number of comments received relating to options for improving the Kaitangata Pool

B5 OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Respondents were asked whether Council should get involved in additional development in Kaitangata; whether residential, commercial, or industrial. The results are shown in Table 10. Council helping to enable more residential or commercial development was considered reasonably important (4.98 and 4.70 out of 6 respectively), while industrial development scored somewhat lower (4.08).

Challenges with access to Kaitangata (due to low clearance under the railway bridge at Mount Cooe), and a desire to keep the town relatively quiet were identified by a small number of people as reasons for not providing for more industrial development.

A relevant comment for commercial development was to *“Look at ways to bring people into the community. Develop something that will draw tourists to utilise the river. A riverside community/shops etc allowing business opportunities.”*

Table 10. Rankings assigned to opportunities for development options and ideas

	Not Important			Very Important			Average score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Should Council enable more residential development?	1	2	4	12	15	29	4.98	1	10 th
Should Council enable more commercial development?	0	2	7	18	14	20	4.70	2	17 th
Should Council enable more industrial development?	5	6	8	15	12	14	4.08	3	26 th

Respondents were also asked whether they thought Council should continue to support the Kaitangata home and land package (now known as Kai Build). The results are shown in Figure 20, with a large majority of respondents (85%) in favour of Council continuing to support this program.

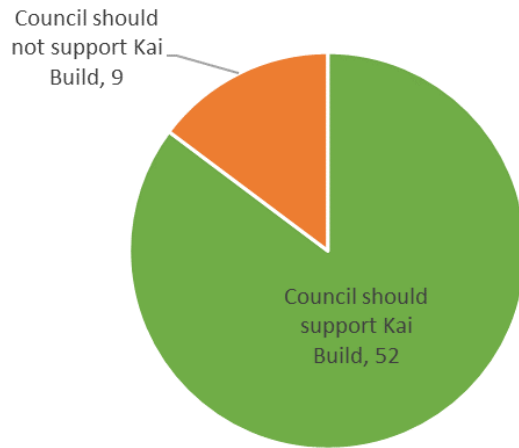


Figure 20. The level of support for Council to continue supporting the Kaitangata home and land package (Kai Build)

Additional feedback relating to this topic was also received through feedback form comments, and verbal feedback during the consultation events. This feedback has been categorised and is summarised in Figure 21 below.

Feedback on residential development was consistent with that collected through the more formal survey process described above. The largest number of items (15) indicated support for ‘Kai Build’, and there was also general support for more residential development (7 items). Five people requested that information about Kai Build is more easily accessible, and there were 8 requests for development contribution fees to be removed or reduced. A small group of people recommended that Council look to create additional community housing units.

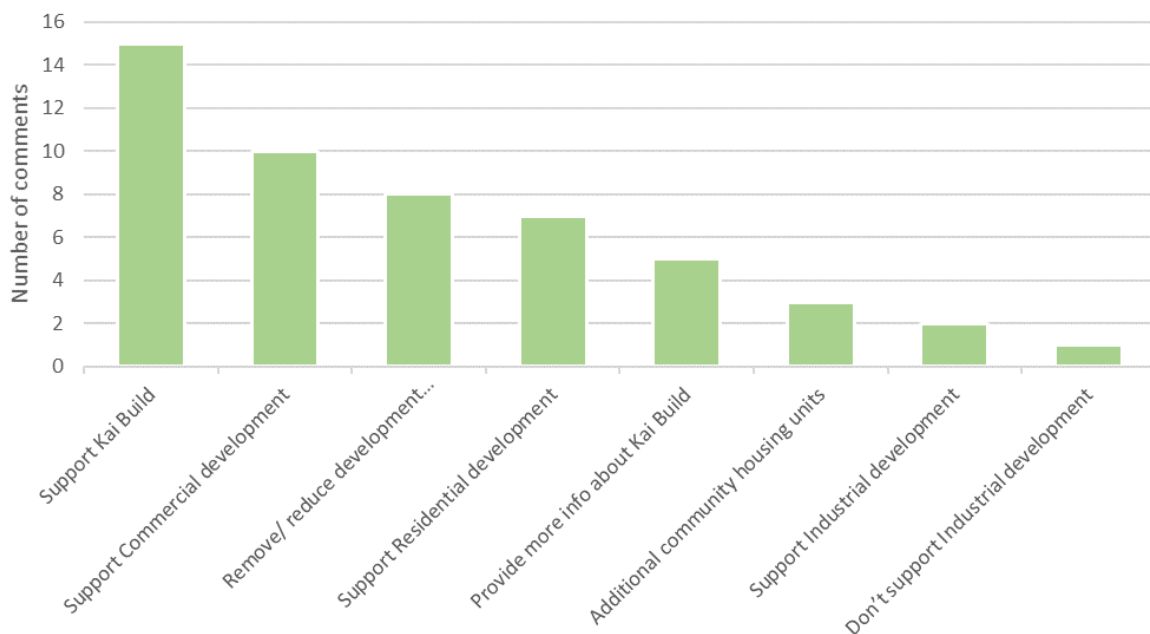


Figure 21. The number of comments received relating to various themes within the opportunities for development focus point

B6 PARKS AND RESERVES

Respondents were asked to rate and/or provide written feedback on parks and reserves in Kaitangata and the surrounding area. In the survey, using a scale of 1 to 6 where 1 was not important and 6 was very important; respondents were asked to rate the importance of parks and reserves in Kaitangata. The results from the survey are shown in Table 11 and Figure 22.

The Water Street (Boat Ramp) reserve was ranked highest, at 5.39 out of 6. This aligns with the level of support shown for improved access to the Clutha River/Mata-Au described in section B1. Potential options to improve this reserve are described separately in section B1.

Overall, it appears that reserves in the Kaitangata area are considered to be important. For example, although it was ranked lowest of all reserves, a large majority of respondents (77%) still rated the Old Cemetery and Playground Reserve as 4 or higher (Table 11).

Table 11. Rankings assigned to parks and reserves within Kaitangata and surrounding area

How important are the following parks and reserves?	Not Important			Very Important			Average score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
War Memorial Reserve	6	3	4	11	13	26	4.59	7	20 th
BMX Track Reserve	0	0	6	7	18	33	5.22	2	3 rd
Victoria Park	2	1	3	8	17	33	5.13	3	8 th
Kaitangata Sports Ground	1	2	4	12	19	24	4.90	4	14 th
Water Street (Boat Ramp) Reserve	0	1	2	7	16	37	5.37	1	2 nd
Old Cemetery and Playground Reserve	2	4	8	12	14	22	4.58	8	21 st
Kaitangata Cemetery Reserve	0	5	10	10	10	28	4.73	6	16 th
Wangaloa Reserve	2	3	5	11	17	23	4.78	5	15 th

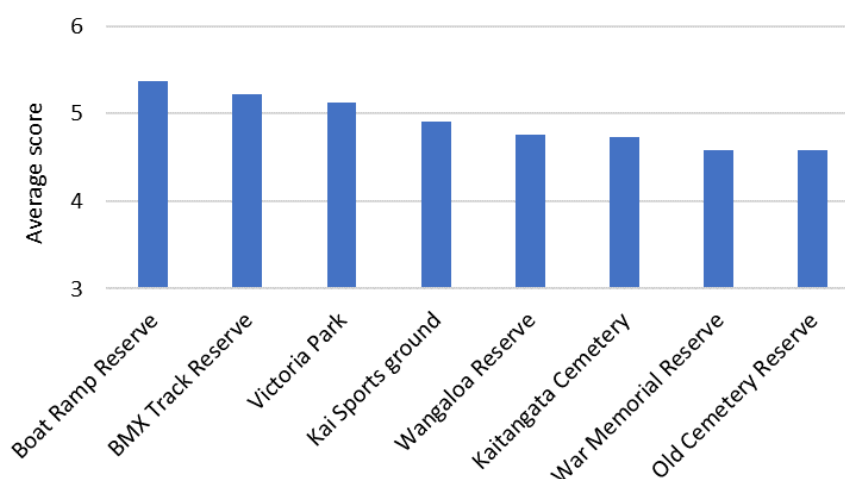


Figure 22. Rankings assigned to parks and reserves within Kaitangata and surrounding area

Through the consultation process, 66 suggestions were received for potential improvements to Council-owned reserves, as shown in Figure 23. These are listed and described for each reserve in the following sections.

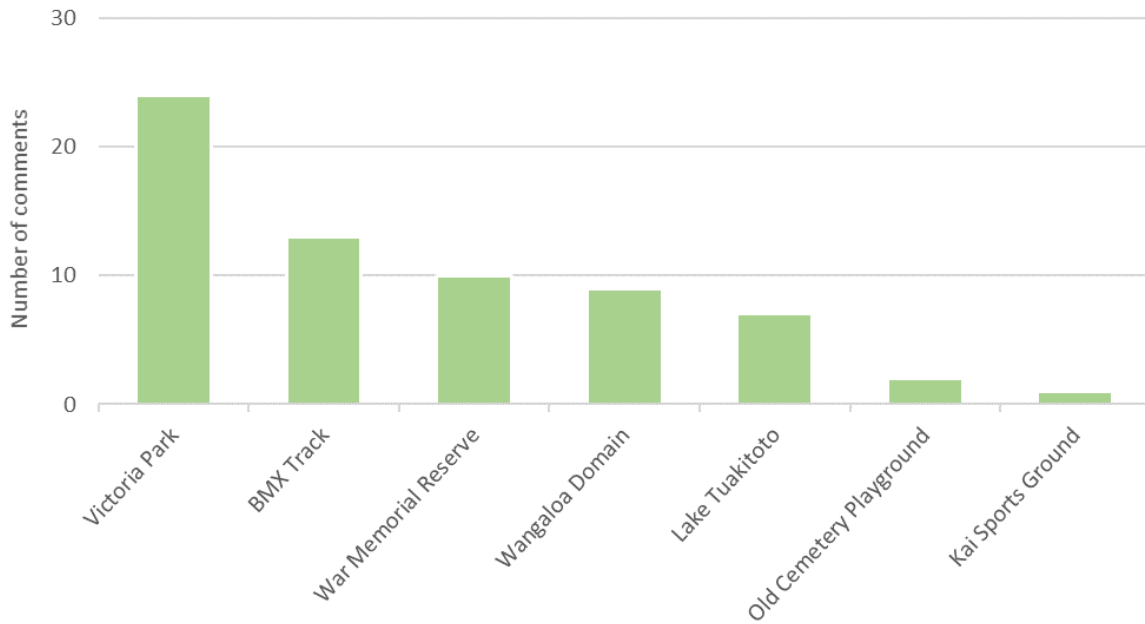


Figure 23. The number of comments received relating to parks and reserves in Kaitangata ⁴

Victoria Park Reserve

This reserve received the largest number of suggestions (24), and these are categorised in Figure 24.

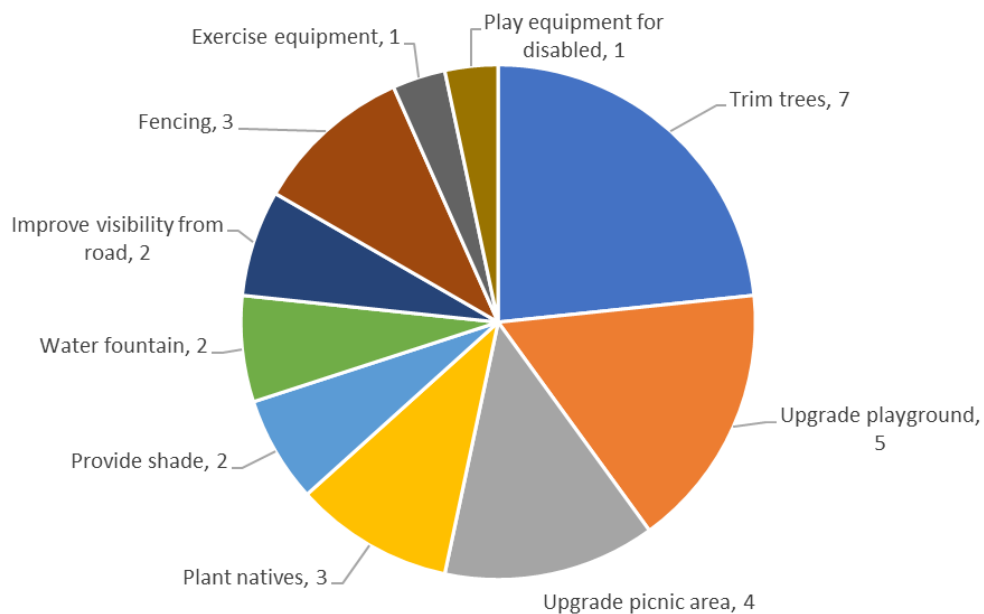


Figure 24. The number of comments received relating to potential improvements at Victoria Park

BMX Track Reserve

There were 13 suggestions received for this reserve, which generally related to the following themes:

1. *Move the pedestrian crossing further down the road*
2. *Additional facilities at or near the reserve:*
 - *Cycle lane alongside the reserve*
 - *A mini roading system for small kids scooters and bikes*

⁴ See Section B1 for a summary of submissions relating to the Water Street Boat Ramp Reserve

- *Children's playground*
3. *Improvements to the reserve:*
 - *Provide shaded areas*
 - *Water Fountain*
 - *Toilets*
 - *Plants, tussocks*
 4. *Upgrade BMX track, including asphalt berms.*

War Memorial Reserve

The consultation process included additional information on the Kaitangata War Memorial Reserve, on the corner of Exmouth and Eddystone streets. A high-level concept plan was prepared to show elements which could be incorporated into this site (Appendix 1).

Some thoughtful submissions were put forward relating to this reserve, and the key items are listed below:

1. *Plant native trees for our fallen soldiers - a brass plaque with the soldier's name, rank, Maori name for the tree, plus Latin and common usage name.*
2. *A restful area of quiet contemplation with benches and backrests (donated by local businesses/individuals/bequests) because this is a memorial for our men who gave their lives ...*
3. *Suggest a circular layout for planting and paths - that spiral from the footpath into the middle, and the seating for contemplation.*
4. *Upgrade information kiosk, as out of date.*
5. *Concrete path following the flow of the river through the park.*
6. *Entranceway to remember the soldiers as a Memorial.*
7. *Plantings - some on hand from the Corrections Dept.*
8. *War Memorial Reserve upgrade as proposed should be completed as soon as possible.*
9. *A memorial garden, in line with the plan already submitted and incorporating seating and information boards telling the history of the town. Money has been raised for information boards, and for a piece of public artwork, in the form of the Kai train, to sit in front of the coal trucks already on the site. The idea was to have something that remembered the train and therefore the coal mining history but was also something that kids could play on and enjoy.*
10. *Toilets somewhere on the site would also be useful as it is directly opposite the skate park.*
11. *Playground where the old hall was for younger kids.*
12. *Plant trees on the War memorial Reserve which serve a purpose - e.g. fruit, berries, brassicas. A community garden, as part of the reserve.*

Wangaloa Domain

The most common suggestion relating to this reserve was to improve access to the beach, as this is currently difficult in places. Other items included:

1. *Improve access to the beach*
2. *Allow for camping:*
 - *Allow campervans (create a designated FC site)*
 - *Create a level platform for campervans or camping*
3. *Use bollards to block off the grassed area, to prevent damage from cars.*

Lake Tuakitoto

The feedback on this reserve related to improving the walkway (including creating a boardwalk), additional/improved signage, seats and shelter, and providing for freedom camping at the car park.

Old Cemetery and Playground

Suggestions put forward for this reserve include upgrading the playground, adding a ‘flying fox’, and bollards to stop vehicles from driving over the reserve.

Kaitangata Sports Ground

A suggestion to create a small playground on this reserve was made, to cater for the children of families who use this reserve for sporting activities.

B7 TOILETS

The feedback form included a question relating to new public toilet facilities in Kaitangata. This was included in the consultation material as part of the War Memorial Reserve upgrade (see section B6 above). However, through the consultation process, other more popular locations were identified, and these are discussed below. Due to the attention given to this topic, it has been included as a separate focus area.

Respondents were asked whether they preferred:

1. A ‘destination toilet’, incorporating unique or special design features,
2. A simpler toilet facility, or
3. Keep the status quo (no new toilet facility at this site).

There were 63 feedback forms which responded to this question. The most popular option, preferred by almost half of respondents, was Option 2 – reasonably simple toilet facilities (Figure 25). Option 1 received 24 votes (38%), and Option 3 received 8 votes (12%).

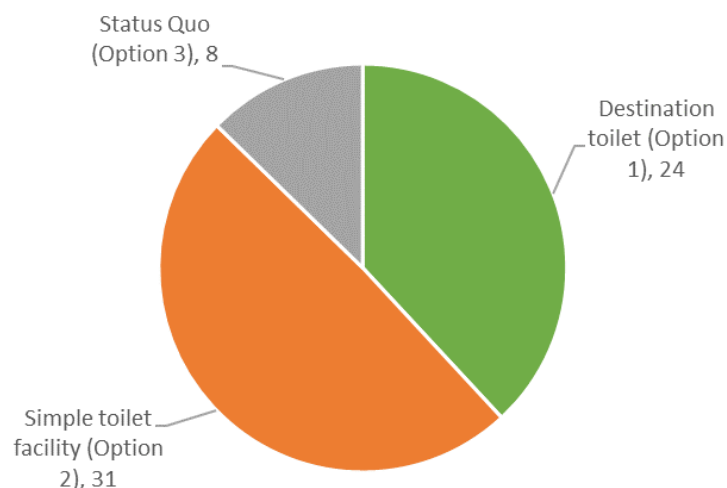


Figure 25. Preferred approach to potential public toilet upgrades in central Kaitangata

Preferred location

Through the feedback form and consultation events, other suggestions were put forward about where a new toilet should be placed. These were all within a 100m radius of the BMX Track Reserve (Figure 26). Only two people said they preferred the War Memorial Reserve site, with the most popular location being on the BMX Track Reserve, close to the Skate Park (Figure 27). The next most popular

location was near the Boat Ramp. Three people suggested recommissioning the existing toilets on Exmouth Street which are currently in a poor condition.



Figure 26. Map showing potential locations for new public toilets in Kaitangata

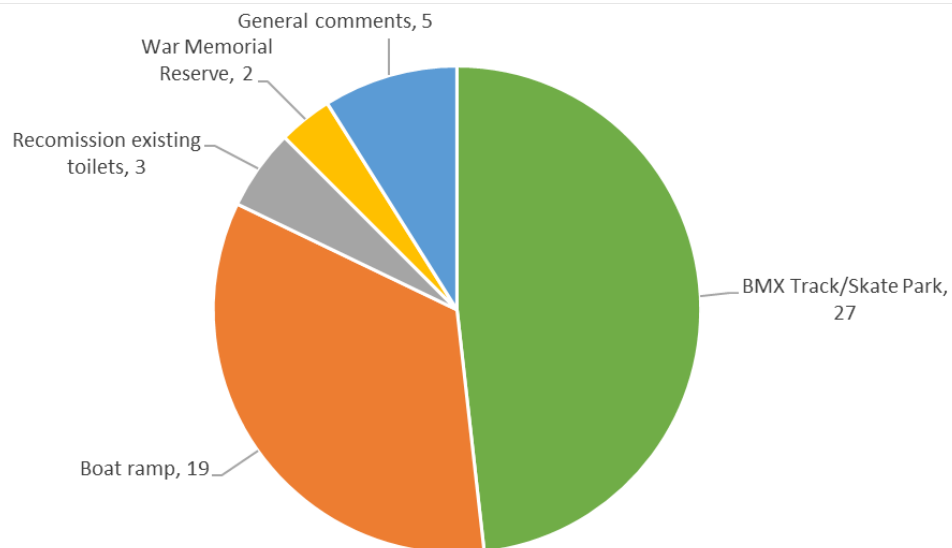


Figure 27. The number of feedback items relating to potential locations for new public toilets in Kaitangata

Five general comments relating to public toilets were received. These included a recommendation to provide baby change facilities, or related to access requirements (e.g., building at level ground with good access for wheelchairs and mobility scooters)

B8 ROADING

Although roading-related questions were not included as part of the feedback form survey, almost 100 feedback items were received relating to this topic (14% of all comments received). Roading has therefore been added as a separate focus area, with suggestions and comments categorised and shown in Figure 28. The two categories which received the most feedback are described in more detail below.

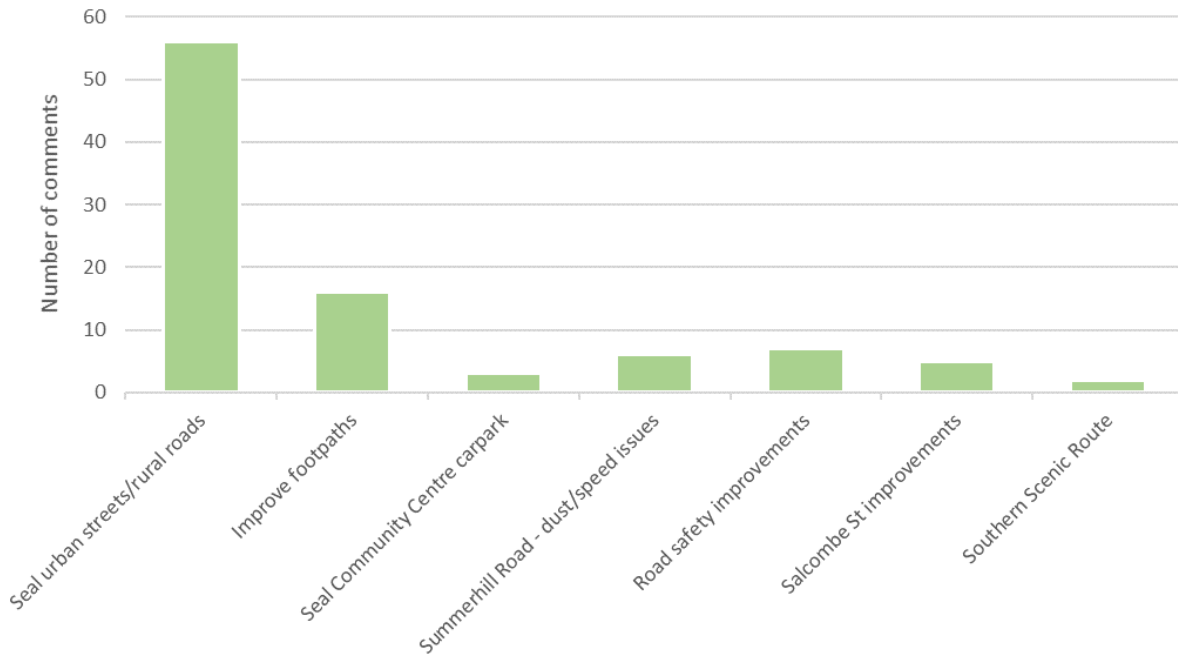


Figure 28. The number of comments received relating to roading issues

Road sealing

Sealing of Water Street, and the streets in lower Kaitangata which connect to it (Exe, Bridport, St Albans, Branksea and Poole streets) received 35 comments, with an additional 11 general comments (such as, 'seal the roads and better road conditions').

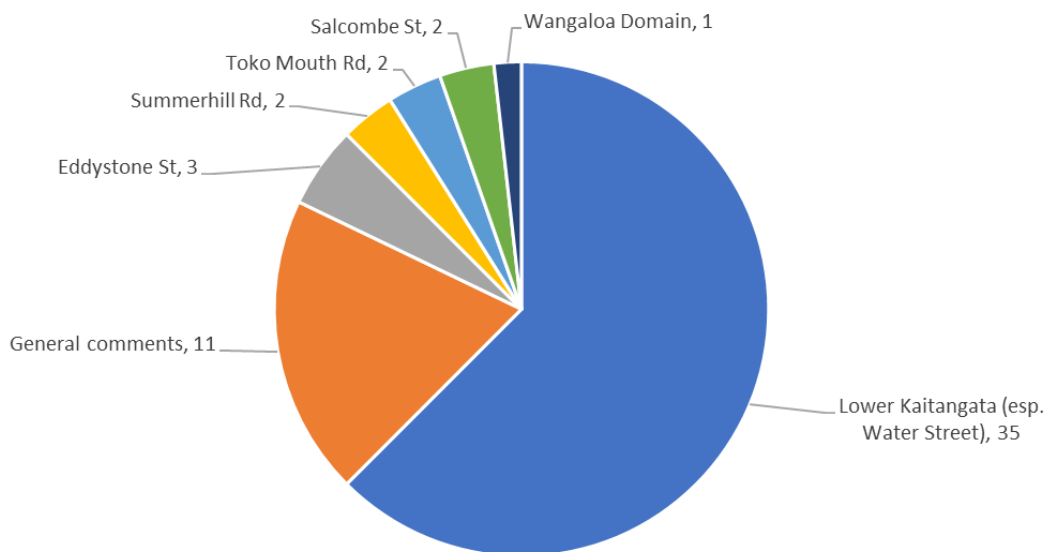


Figure 29. The number of comments relating to road sealing

Footpaths

Sixteen comments relating to improved footpaths were received. Most were general in nature, rather than identifying specific locations. One submission provided annotated photographic evidence, as shown in Figure 30.

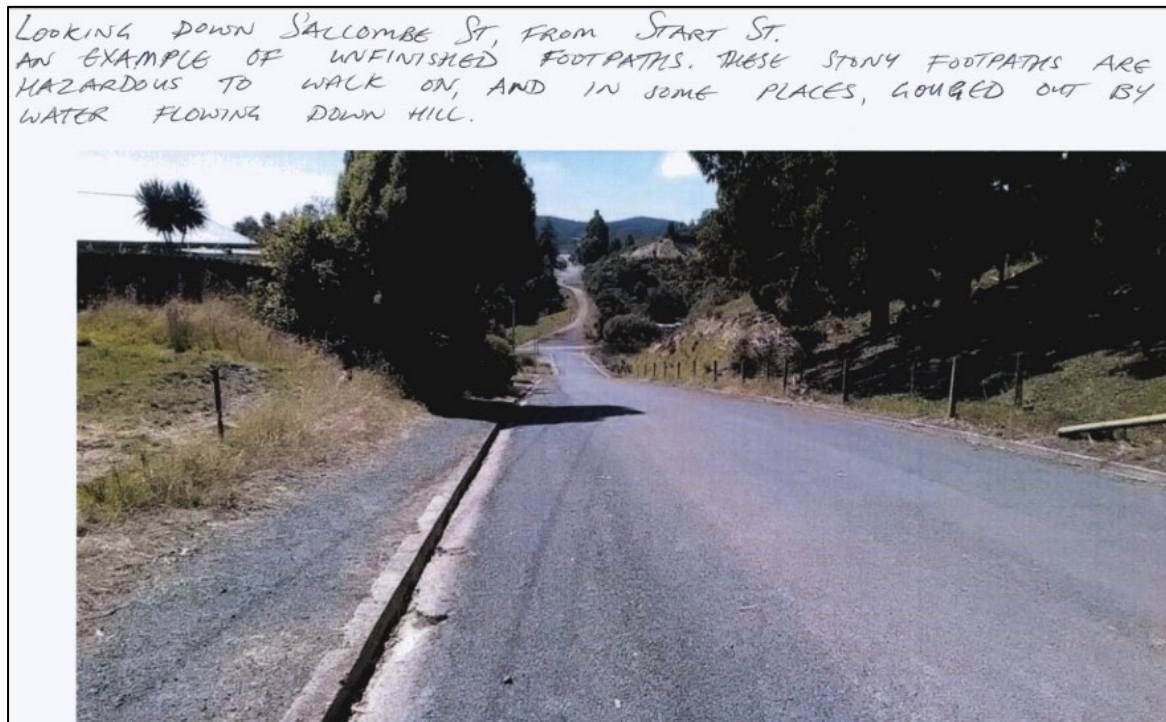


Figure 30. An example of footpaths in Kaitangata, describing issues associated with this level of service

B9 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES & VISITOR ATTRACTIONS

Several feedback items were received which related to addressing environmental issues, or to developing visitor attractions. As these comments did not fit neatly within the original focus areas, they are included separately below. Feedback has been categorised, as summarised in Figure 31.

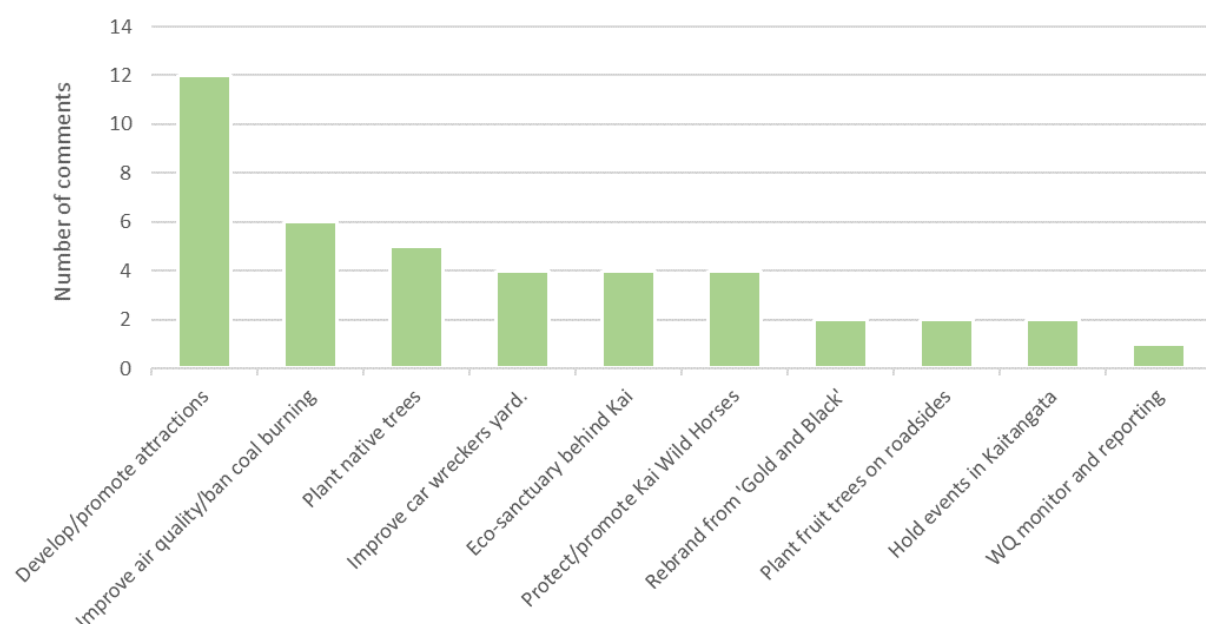


Figure 31. The number of comments relating to environmental issues and visitor attractions

Twenty-two feedback items related to developing or promoting potential attractions or activities were received. These included:

1. Activities in the Kaitangata Hills:
 - walking trails
 - views/a lookout
 - old mines
 - memorial to miners
 - bush
 - an ecosanctuary
 - wild horses
2. Interesting geology and fossils
3. A cycle bridge across the Koau Branch of the Clutha River, linking to Kaka Point
4. Access to, and amenities at the lake on Macrocarpa Road
5. A boat ramp and recreational zone at Lake Tuakitoto
6. Measly Beach, and viewing places along the coastal road
7. Upgrading the museum
8. Holding additional events

A further 20 feedback items related to environmental issues, with topics including:

1. Association with coal:
 - Monitoring/improving air quality
 - Banning the use of coal for residential heating
 - Rebranding the town away from 'Gold and Black'
2. Monitoring/reporting water quality in nearby waterways
3. Planting native trees
4. Planting fruit trees on road reserve
5. Mitigating the visual impact of the car wrecker's yard.



APPENDIX 1: WAR MEMORIAL RESERVE CONCEPT PLAN



APPENDIX 2: WATER STREET RESERVE CONCEPT PLANS

Supplied as part of a submission by Blair Thompson (Marmite)



