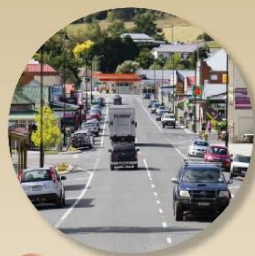


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January 2021 Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka Feedback Report

*This report presents a summary of the consultation feedback received for the
Our Place Lawrence- Tuapeka Community planning project.*

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consultation and engagement for *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka* aimed to seek input from the community to inform the development of the *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka* plan. This report summarises the results of a survey which was sent to every household in Lawrence – Tuapeka, as well as additional feedback obtained through a series of community-based consultation events in 2020.

Survey results

The survey aspect of the consultation asked respondents to rank the following items on a scale between 1 (not important) to 6 (very important). The following summary table shows that parks, reserves and local infrastructure are considered very important to the Lawrence – Tuapeka community. These items are also shown graphically in **Figure 1**.

Rank	Survey Priority – how important are the following items?	Average
1 st	Playgrounds, sports fields and green spaces	5.09
2 nd	Urban and rural roads	5.05
3 rd	Reducing the flood risk to low-lying parts of Lawrence	4.98
4 th =	Water infrastructure (water supply, stormwater and sewerage systems),	4.96
4 th =	Protecting the physical environment	4.96
5 th	Better understanding flood risk	4.93
6 th	Make improvements to the Lawrence Public Toilets	4.92
7 th	Manage freedom camping	4.89
8 th	Extend the Clutha Gold Trail	4.88
9 th	Promote Lawrence as a destination	4.87
10 th	Protect our scenic landscapes	4.86
11 th	Simpson Park	4.75
12 th	Tuapeka Aquatic Centre	4.74
13 th	Waste management services	4.73
14 th	Develop cycle ways (in general)	4.66
15 th	Lawrence, Beaumont, Waitahuna cemeteries	4.64
16 th	Lawrence Service Centre / Library	4.50
17 th	Simpson Park Hall	4.43
18 th	Develop short trails / links in Lawrence, Beaumont and Waitahuna	4.44
19 th =	Whitehaven Street Playground	4.31
19 th =	Create a 1-day loop trail linked to the Clutha Gold Trail	4.31
20 th	Lawrence Rodeo and Gymkhana Ground	4.30
21 st	Lawrence Golf Course	4.18
22 nd =	Planning for changes in population	4.08
22 nd =	Community housing	4.08
23 rd	Western entrance to Lawrence	4.04
24 th	Peace Garden	4.03
25 th	Make improvements to the Beaumont and Waitahuna Halls	4.01
26 th	Steep Street Domain & picnic area	3.98
27 th	Eastern entrance to Lawrence	3.89
28 th	Make improvements to the Beaumont and Waitahuna Pools	3.86
29 th	Provide for more residential subdivision	3.82
30 th	Zigzag track	3.75
31 st	The Arches (Old Lawrence Pool)	3.33



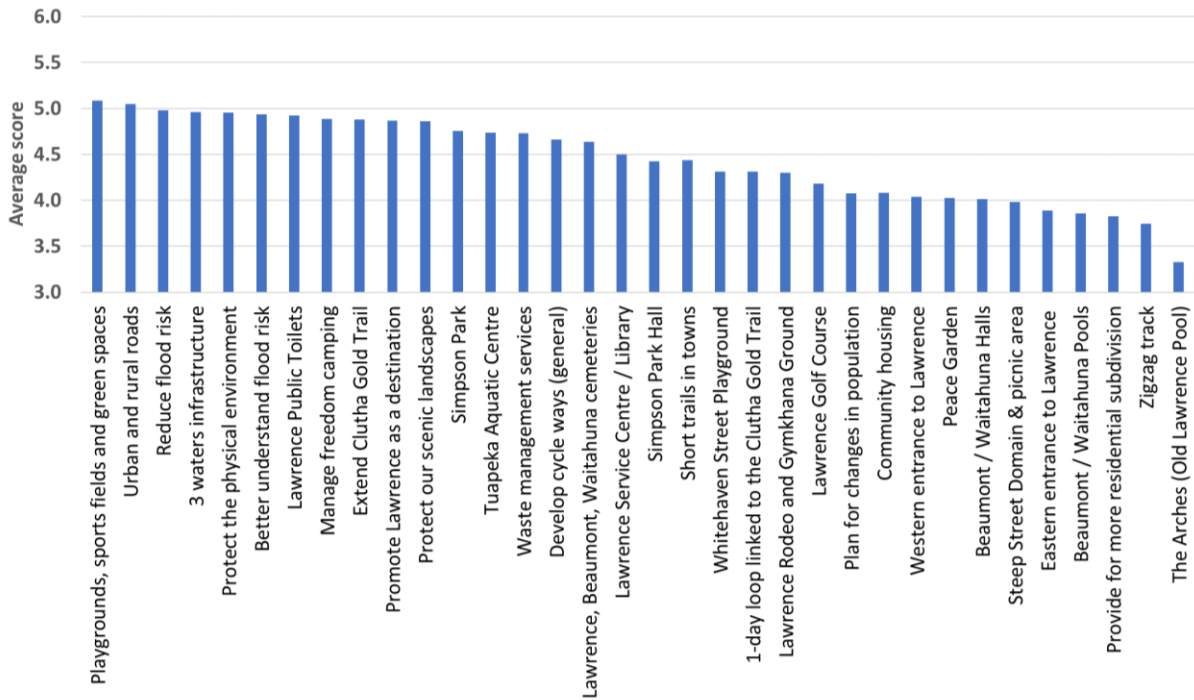


Figure 1. Average ranking (from all feedback forms received) for each item listed in the survey

Other feedback

Several public consultation events were held throughout the Lawrence – Tuapeka Ward, and members of the community were asked what was important to them, and what they would like to see improved. This feedback was combined with the suggestions and comments received via the feedback form, and other formal submissions. All of these feedback items were assigned to one of the ‘focus points’ which formed the basis of the consultation material. **Figure 2** shows the number of items assigned to each of these six focus points.

In line with the survey results, the largest number of feedback items related to ‘community facilities and infrastructure’, while ‘opportunities for development’ and ‘parks and reserves’ also generated large numbers of feedback responses.



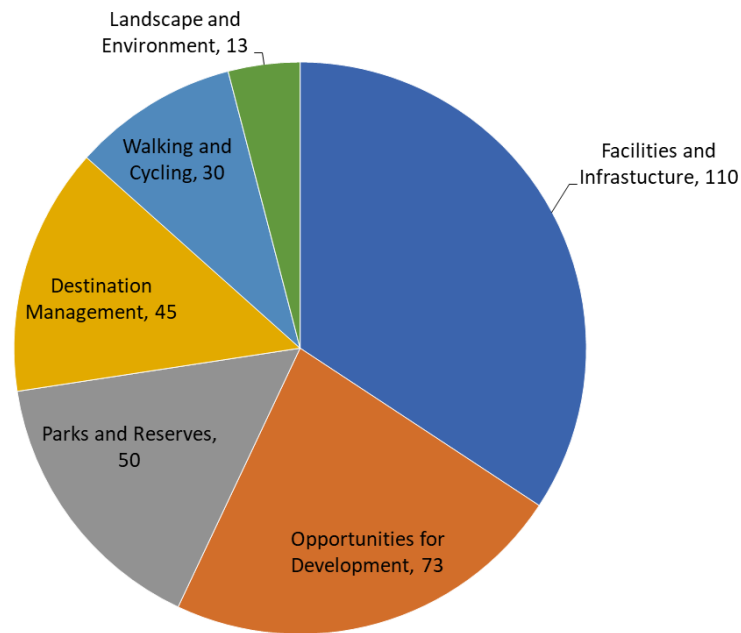


Figure 2. The number of feedback items received, relating to the six focus points within the consultation material

Community workshop – refining the initial feedback

Based on all of the feedback gathered during the initial consultation program, eight project areas or ‘themes’ were identified, which differ slightly from the focus points shown in **Figure 2**. Within these eight areas, potential projects were identified, also based on feedback received. These were put to the community at a workshop on 28 October 2020 which was attended by approximately 55 people. Participants were also able to add projects within each theme.

Workshop participants were given the opportunity to vote on each project using sticky dots. The two most popular projects within each theme are shown in **Figure 3**. The creation of a skate park and protecting/enhancing main street heritage values were the two most popular projects, with 110 and 94 votes respectively. These were followed by a broad range of projects which received 20 to 40 votes each, including:

- glass recycling
- improvements to the Whitehaven St Playground and Steep Street Reserve
- making Gabriel’s Gully more of a destination
- creating a community hub near the entrance to Gabriel’s Gully
- a wetlands project and
- initiatives to assist with work / training in Lawrence.



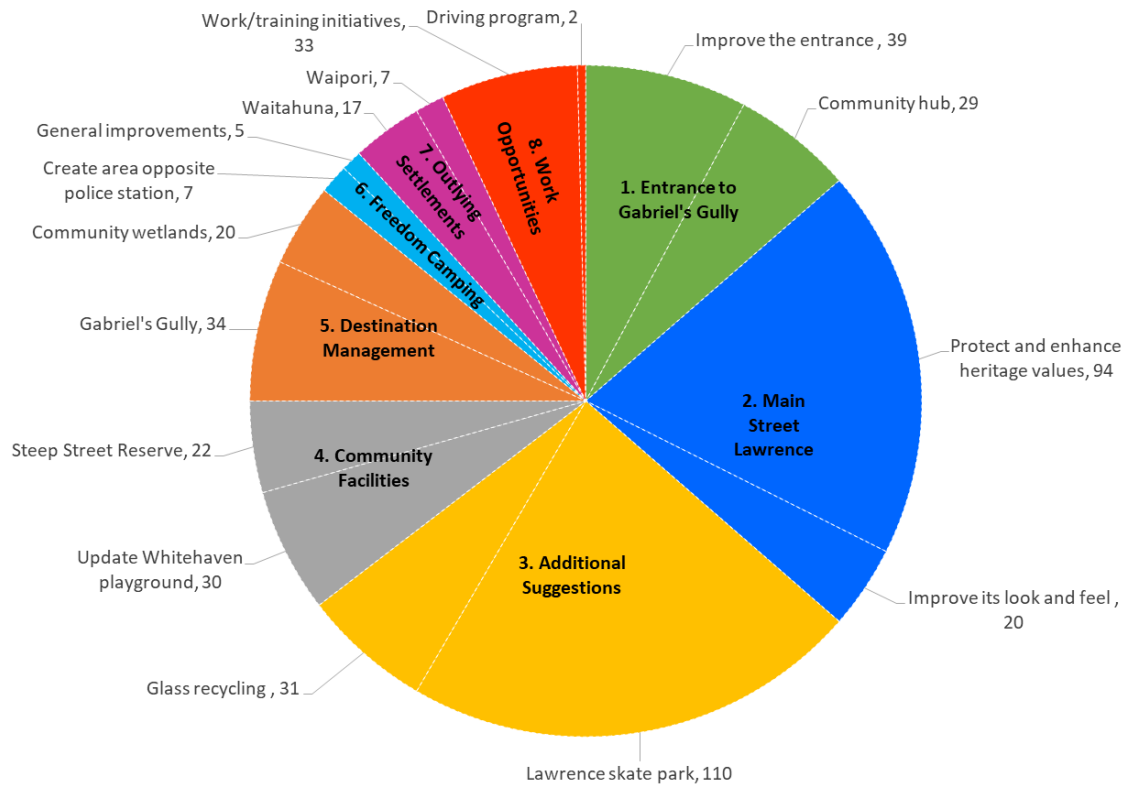


Figure 3. The eight themes used to group potential projects at the community workshop. The two most popular projects within each theme are also shown.



PART A: INTRODUCTION

Clutha District Council's (CDC) goal is to promote living and working in the Clutha District. This is a key platform in our Long-Term Plan that ties closely with the Economic Development and Living and Working in Clutha strategies.

The focus of the *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka Community Plan* is to identify what Council can do to apply the Living and Working Strategy throughout Lawrence and the wider Tuapeka area. This report presents a summary of the feedback received during the initial consultation period, as well as subsequent community-based consultation events throughout 2020. The consultation program was interrupted twice due to Covid-19, and following the transition into level 1, an additional workshop was held in October 2020.

All feedback will help identify projects and inform priorities for Council to consider, including in Council's 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.

Part A of this report outlines the consultation objectives, how the consultation process was undertaken, and summarises the type and amount of feedback received. Part B summarises the feedback that was received through the feedback form survey and the initial community-based consultation events, while Part C provides a summary of feedback provided through a community workshop in October 2020. Part D of this report summarises the 'other submissions' that were received and presented in a different format to the standard feedback forms.

A.1 CONSULTATION PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Purpose

Consultation and engagement for *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka* aimed to seek input from the community to progress the development of the *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka Plan*.

Consultation Objectives

The consultation and engagement objectives were to:

- Stimulate interest in the *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka* project.
- Encourage feedback on the options outlined and any issues that may arise.
- Develop stronger relationships and partnerships between Council and the Lawrence - Tuapeka community.
- Provide accurate information to the community to assist them in making informed decisions regarding the resourcing of future Lawrence - Tuapeka-based projects and initiatives.

The *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka* consultation document was adopted by Council on 20 February 2020. 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 Lawrence - Tuapeka* project.
- Approving consultation material and consultation/engagement approaches.
- Promoting the *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka* consultation material and assisting with consultation and engagement activities.



Elected representatives of the Clutha District Council, as well as members of the Lawrence – Tuapeka Community Board (LTCB) have assisted with this project. The local Ward Councillor and the LTCB also had the opportunity to provide input during the second round of consultation.

This Feedback Report provides CDC Councillors and the LTCB with the opportunity to consider all of the stakeholder and community feedback received. This feedback will then inform the final *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka Community Plan*.

Project Group

A project group comprising Council staff members, the local ward Councillor, and LTCB members undertook the following:

- Preparing background information to give foundation to the *Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka* plan.
- Reviewing the draft *Our Place Lawrence-Tuapeka* material and ensure that it is ready for consultation.
- Attending meetings and taking part in consultation activities.

A.2 FOCUS POINTS

Six focus points were included in the original consultation material. These were topics which were expected to generate feedback through the public consultation process. A short explanation of each focus point is provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Our Place Lawrence-Tuapeka focus points included in initial consultation material

Focus Point	Brief explanation
1. <i>Opportunities for Development</i>	What actions could be taken to make it easier for people to live and work in the Lawrence – Tuapeka area?
2. <i>Community Facilities & Infrastructure</i>	The facilities and infrastructure which underpin the local community are critical. As a growing community, it is timely to discuss the level of services currently provided, and any upgrades which may be required.
3. <i>Parks and Reserves</i>	What are the most important parks and reserves in the Lawrence - Tuapeka area, and what activities could be developed in these public areas?
4. <i>Landscape and Environment</i>	How do we ensure that the recreational, cultural, landscape and ecological values of the Lawrence – Tuapeka area are maintained for future generations?
5. <i>Destination Management</i>	How can we take a proactive approach, in order to attract and manage visitors to this area, to ensure it is successful as a destination? This includes district-wide issues such as the management of freedom camping.
6. <i>Walking and Cycling</i>	What opportunities are there to create new, or improve existing trails and links? What other facilities could be provided?



A.3 THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

Phase One – Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement

Discussions with the LTCB and Clutha Development in late 2019 / early 2020 helped to identify the six focus points listed above. These were used to develop the formal consultation material, as well as the consultation program.

Phase Two – Public Consultation & Engagement

The initial public consultation phase took place from 13 February to 18 March 2020. Several different activities and methods were undertaken, including:

- **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 delivered with the Tuapeka Times on 20th February 2020 and delivered to properties within Lawrence Township and the rural delivery 9593 and 9591 postcodes. Copies of the consultation document were also available in the following locations:

- Council offices, including the Lawrence Service Centre
- The Lawrence Information Centre
- Balclutha Library
- Online via Council's website
- Links on Facebook to direct readers to the full document online.

A letter was also sent to all ratepayers who own properties in the Lawrence-Tuapeka Ward, advising them that consultation for the Our Place Community Plan was underway. This was to ensure that people who own property in the Lawrence - Tuapeka area (but do not necessarily live there permanently) were aware of the consultation process and had the opportunity to provide feedback.

Posters were also produced, and these were mounted on large boards as a tool to generate discussion at a range of consultation events. They were also set up at the Lawrence Service Centre and the Lawrence Information Centre for a period. A series of postcards were also produced, aligning with each of the focus points listed in Table 1.

- **Community-based consultation events**

Six consultation events were held in Lawrence in February and March 2020 to gather feedback and suggestions. As part of this consultation, members of the project group approached local businesses, coffee groups, the local Lions group, and members of the community to get their input (Figure 4). During these events, members of the community were asked to put forward any ideas that they have or any projects that they would like to see put forward for the Lawrence – Tuapeka Ward. These ideas were collected on post-it notes and the results incorporated into this feedback report. Due to Covid-19, the event on 18 March was poorly attended, and the last two scheduled events were postponed (Figure 5).





Figure 4. Discussions with local business and members of the public, Main Street, Lawrence, 27 February 2020

Our Place Lawrence Consultation						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Postponed consultation events	21	Pre-Consultation: Community Board 22	23	24	25	January
Completed consultation events	28	29	Pre-Consultation: Beaumont Residents Assoc. Meeting	31	1	
Other key dates	4	5	6	7	8	February
10	11	12	Ad runs in Tuapeka Times 13	14	15	
17	18	19	Consultation Document out with Tuapeka Times.	21	22	
24	25	26	27	28	29	
Lawrence Lions, 7.30pm, Simpson Park 2	3	Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board Meeting 4	5	6	Market Day at The Prospector 7	March
9	10	11	12	13	14	
16	17	Drop-in session, Wild Walnut 18	19	20	21	
23	24	Lawrence School Workshop; Community Workshop 25	26	27	Market Day at The Prospector 28	

Figure 5. Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka initial calendar of community-based events in early 2020

Once the initial Covid-19 lockdown phase (Levels 4 and 3) finished, community consultation was able to recommence. This included a workshop with senior students at Lawrence Area School (see below), and further discussion with LTCB members on 12 August. Council staff and elected representatives also held two drop-in consultation events at the local halls in Waitahuna and Beaumont on 9 August 2020.

The community workshop was rescheduled for August 19 but was again postponed due to the reintroduction of Level 2 Covid-19 restrictions. This event was finally held on 28 October 2020.

- **Feedback form**

Included within the consultation document was a feedback form, which included a structured survey for respondents to indicate the importance (or priority) of 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 feedback.

- **Social media advertising and feedback**

Two posts regarding Our Place Lawrence Community Plan consultations were made on the CDC Facebook page between 18 August and 28 October 2020 (Figure 6). The posts reached a total of 2,489 people and 40 people actively engaged in the posts either by reacting to, commenting on, sharing or viewing the photos.

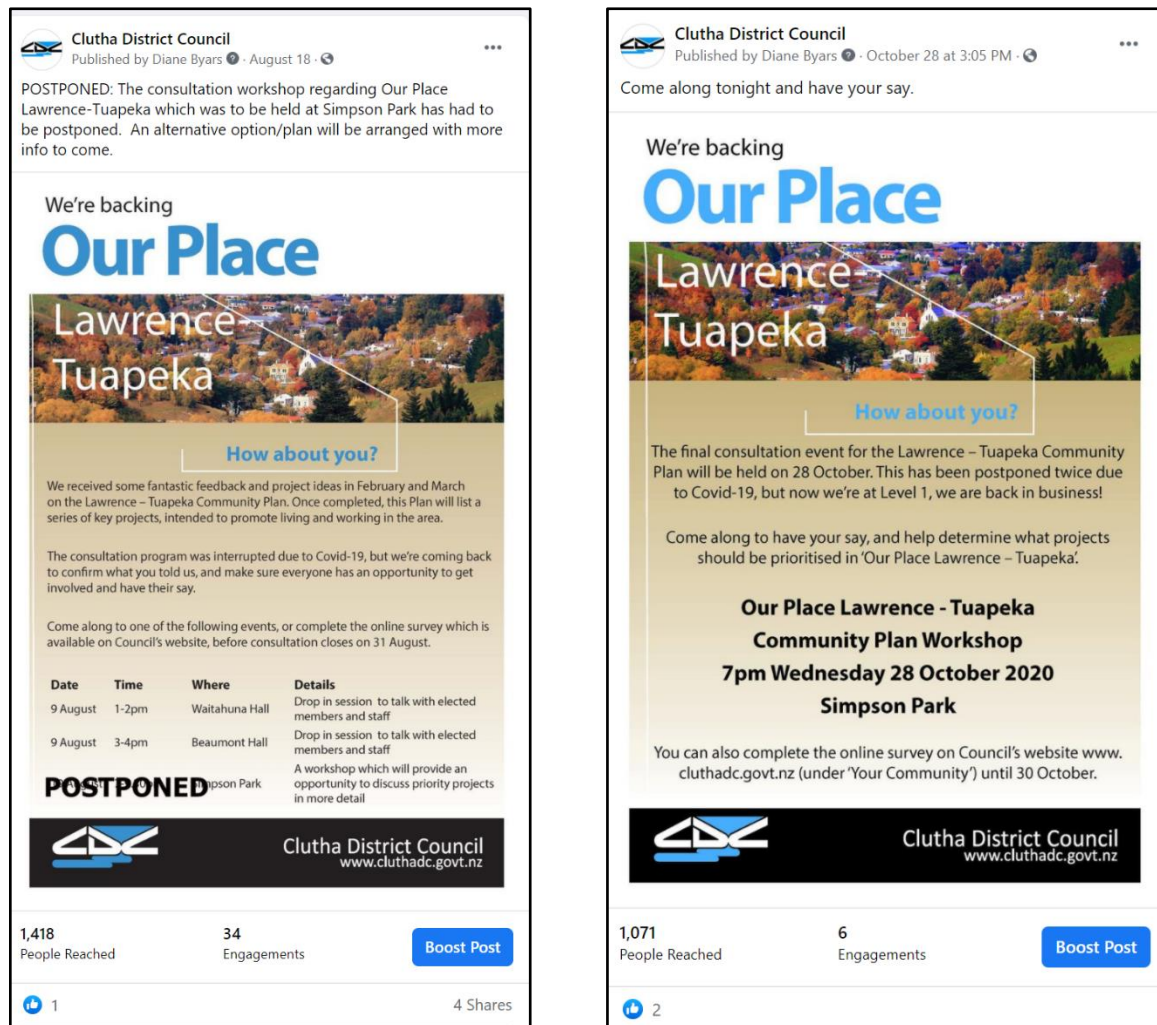


Figure 6. The CDC Facebook posts

- **Targeted Youth input**

A workshop with students from the Lawrence Area School was originally scheduled for 25 March 2020 and was rescheduled for 12 August 2020 following Covid-19 restrictions. Approximately 30 children attended, ranging from Year 9 to Year 13, along with several teachers and the Principal. The students split into four groups, each with a particular focus area (although some groups also looked at projects outside their area). A summary of the student feedback is presented in Part B.

- **Community Workshop**



A community consultation workshop was held on 28 October 2020 at Simpson Park, Lawrence. Approximately 50 members of the community (including LTCB members) attended (Figure 7 and Figure 8). The format of the event included the following:

- a. Welcome and overview of the consultation program to date, and feedback received.
- b. An explanation of how the feedback was used to determine the eight ‘themes’, based around key locations and activities in Lawrence - Tuapeka:
 - o Each theme was illustrated through posters at stations around the hall.
 - o Within each theme, potential projects were listed, based on feedback received to date.
 - o Staff or elected representatives gave a brief overview of each theme.
- c. An explanation that the purpose of the workshop was to gain an understanding of the level of support for these projects, and that the finer details would be finalised later, potentially through further consultation. Also, that people could add additional projects to the list if they wished.
- d. Participants were given 20 sticky dots and were then able to talk to Council staff and elected representatives, before deciding how to allocate these dots to the projects that they deemed of high priority.
- e. After about an hour, the group came back together to hear feedback from the leader of each theme, and the event came to an end.

The eight themes are listed in Table 2, along with a brief explanation of what each is about. Part C of this report summarises the responses received.

Table 2. Outline of the eight ‘themes’ used to inform feedback on potential projects, during the Community Workshop on 28 October 2020

Theme	Explanation
1. <i>Gabriel’s Gully Entrance</i>	Gabriel’s Gully entrance is a strategic location within Lawrence, lying at the junction of SH8, the Clutha Gold Cycle Trail, Gabriel’s Gully Road, and the Steep Street Reserve. Improvements could be made to create a valuable community asset, as well as an attractive place for visitors.
2. <i>Lawrence Main Street</i>	Ross Place is at the heart of the Lawrence township, and feedback shows that people value its heritage characteristics and small-town feel.
3. <i>Community Facilities - Parks, Reserves, Footpaths</i>	Parks and reserves play an important role within Lawrence. The most important spaces include the Whitehaven Street Playground, The Arches, Steep Street Reserve, Zig-Zag Track, Peace Garden, and the Lawrence Rodeo & Gymkhana Grounds. Footpaths were also included within this theme, as they are a key community facility, and generated a large amount of feedback.
4. <i>Destination Management</i>	Lawrence has some great attractions which are generally run by committees or a Trust. They include Gabriel’s Gully, Chinese Camp, Lawrence Community Wetlands, Weatherston’s Brewery, Clutha Gold Trail.
5. <i>Freedom Camping</i>	Possible options put forward included Lawrence becoming a motorhome friendly town, or a designated freedom camping site being established.
6. <i>Outlying Settlements (Waitahuna, Beaumont and Waipori)</i>	Potential Beaumont projects identified through initial feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet/signage at the junction of SH8 and the Millennium Track • Beaumont Hall / Pool improvements • Cycle trail through Rongahere Gorge to Tuapeka Mouth • Enable subdivision/development



	<p>Potential Waipori Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste collection – skip or bottle bank • Resolve accessibility issues at the Cemetery <p>Potential Waitahuna Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve entrances and signage to Waitahuna • Improvements to Waitahuna hall (earthquake strengthening)
7. <i>Additional Suggestions</i>	A range of other community facilities or services which could be created or added were suggested.
8. <i>Opportunities to work and train in Lawrence - Tuapeka</i>	Initial feedback suggested that young people would like more opportunities to gain work experience, receive training and to transition into permanent employment. This would likely encourage youth to stay in the area, or to return once they have completed some form of tertiary education. Council could also work with landowners to create additional space for industry, tradies or other businesses to work from.
9. <i>Other</i>	Any other focus areas that the community feel is important that may have been missed at previous consultation events.



Figure 7. Community consultation workshop at Simpson Park

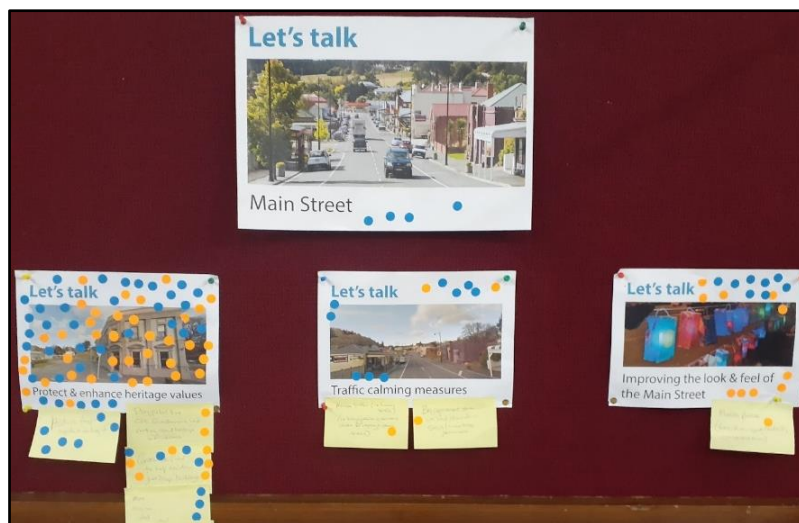


Figure 8. Example of theme poster (top) and potential projects which could be undertaken (bottom). The dots show the number of votes people allocated to each 'project', while the yellow Post-it notes show additional projects which were suggested.

A.5 CONCURRENT CONSULTATION

Council will develop a Lawrence - Tuapeka Reserve Management Plan in 2021, and this is aligned with the Our Place project, as explained below. Other formal consultation which ran concurrently with the Our Place Lawrence – Tuapeka program included a special consultative procedure on Council's approach to freedom camping. A drop-in event for this was held on 19 August 2020.

Lawrence - Tuapeka Reserves Management Plan

A statutory consultation process is required for Reserve Management Plans (RMP's) under the Reserves Act 1977. Feedback relating to parks and reserves which is received as part of the Our Place consultation program will be used to inform a draft version of the Lawrence – Tuapeka RMP.



PART B: COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

There were three main types of feedback received through the initial consultation process from February to August 2020:

1. Items received via the official feedback form – either the hard copy form, or the online version.
 - Between February and April 2020 there were 41 hard copy forms received, and 4 through the CDC website (45 in total).
 - Between May and September, 4 hard copy forms and 61 website forms were received (65 in total).
 - Between October and November (when the consultation process ended), 0 hard copy forms and 5 website forms were received (5 in total).
 - Of the 115 respondents that completed either the hardcopy or online form, 60% (70 individuals) supplied additional feedback.
2. Feedback items (recorded on ‘Post-it’ notes) received from community-based consultation events. There were approximately 206 points of contact made with members of the public during these events, and 143 feedback items noted. A summary of these items has been included in this report.
3. There were three ‘Other Submissions’ received from individuals. These were in a different format to the standard feedback form and highlight issues which are of particular concern to those people. These items have been summarized in Part D of this report.

Much of the feedback received during the consultation process related specifically to one of the focus points listed in Table 1. However, feedback was also received which related to slightly different areas or activities, this feedback has been included within the ‘General Comments’ category in Table 3.

In total, nearly 400 feedback items were received through a combination of Post-it notes, feedback forms and other submissions (**Table 3**).

Table 3. The number of feedback items received for each focus point.

Focus Point	Number of feedback items received			
	Community Consultation Events	Feedback form (hardcopy and online)	Other submissions	Total
1. <i>Opportunities for development</i>	31	39	3	73
2. <i>Community facilities and infrastructure</i>	45	57	8	110
3. <i>Parks and reserves</i>	22	25	3	50
4. <i>Landscape and environment</i>	7	5	2	14
5. <i>Destination management</i>	22	19	4	45
6. <i>Walking and cycling</i>	16	10	4	30
<i>General Comments</i>	70	0	0	70
Total	213¹	155	24	392

¹ This total includes the feedback relating to focus point items, plus 70 additional comments relating to other topics.



Respondents were asked to rank the level of importance from 1 to 6, (with 1 being of little importance and 6 being very important) of various facilities and approaches, within the six key focus points identified in the community consultation document. This part summarises feedback received through the structured survey, as well as suggestions and feedback obtained from the initial consultation events. It is noted that this section summarises feedback from 115 individual forms, collected over a ten-month period, from February till November.

B.1 OVERVIEW

The feedback form results show that issues relating to landscape and the environment are a priority for the community, and this focus area received the highest average score of 4.91 (out of 6), followed by destination management with a score of 4.88. Facilities and infrastructure, walking and cycling, and opportunities for development returned average scores of 4.58, 4.57, and 4.45 respectively. Parks and reserves came in with the lowest average score of 4.11. The feedback form results, showing the average score for each of the six focus points, are summarised in Figure 9.

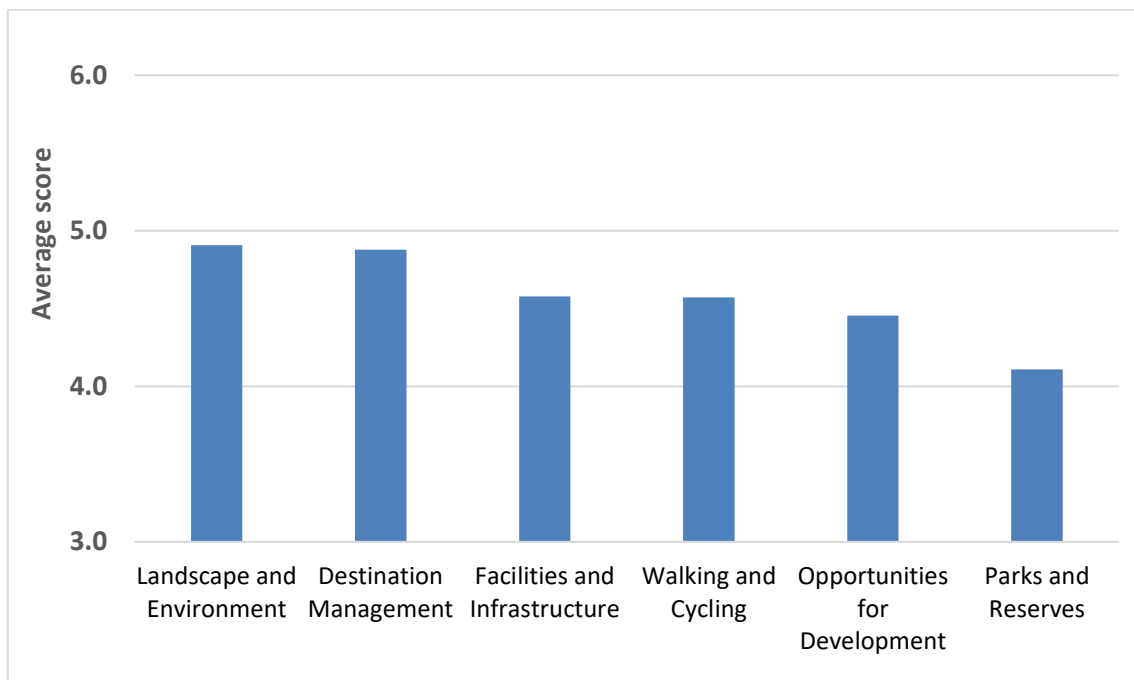


Figure 9. The average score for each focus point, ranked from most important to least important

B.2 LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENT

Respondents were asked to rate the two questions listed in Table 4 which relate to landscape and environment. Of the 122 respondents who rated the first question, 88 (72%) felt that it was important or very important to protect the physical environment. The average score of 4.96 was the 5th highest given to any topic in the survey. The same number of respondents also rated the second question, and of these, 83 (68%) felt that it was important or very important to protect scenic landscapes.



Table 4: Rankings assigned to landscape and environment questions

Landscape and Environment Topic/Score	Not Important			Very Important			Average Score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
How important is it to protect the physical environment?	0	1	13	20	34	4	4.96	1 st	5 th
How important is it to protect our scenic landscapes?	1	0	15	23	27	56	4.86	2 nd	11 th
Average Score							4.91		

The feedback forms and post-it notes also included seven feedback items which were related to landscape and environment issues. These have been grouped into themes, as shown in Figure 10. The topics that were identified were improving the entrances to Lawrence/Waitahuna and maintaining local streams and creeks.

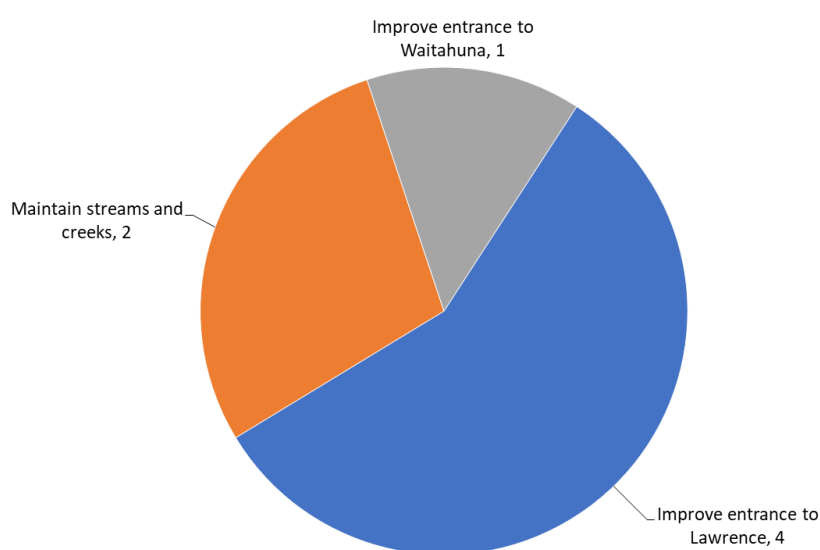


Figure 10: The number of feedback items relating to themes within the 'landscape and environment' focus point.

B.3 DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

Respondents were asked to rate the two questions in Table 5 which relate to destination management. The topic with the highest rating related to the management of freedom camping, and this received an average score of 4.89. Of the 121 respondents who rated this question, 96 (79%) felt that it was important or very important to manage freedom camping. The promotion of Lawrence - Tuapeka as a destination was also rated highly, with 72% of respondents stating that this was important or very important.

Table 5: Rankings assigned to destination management questions

Question/Score	Not Important			Very Important			Average Score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
How important is it to manage freedom camping?	2	3	9	11	23	73	4.89	1	8 th
How important is it to promote Lawrence – Tuapeka as a destination?	2	2	9	20	27	60	4.87	2	10 th
Average Score							4.88		



The survey asked whether freedom campers should be restricted to certain sites (e.g. near shops & services) or whether a more permissive approach should be taken, allowing people to camp on a wide range of Council-controlled land. The majority of respondents (66%) were in favour of restricting freedom campers to certain sites rather than taking a more permissive approach (Figure 11).

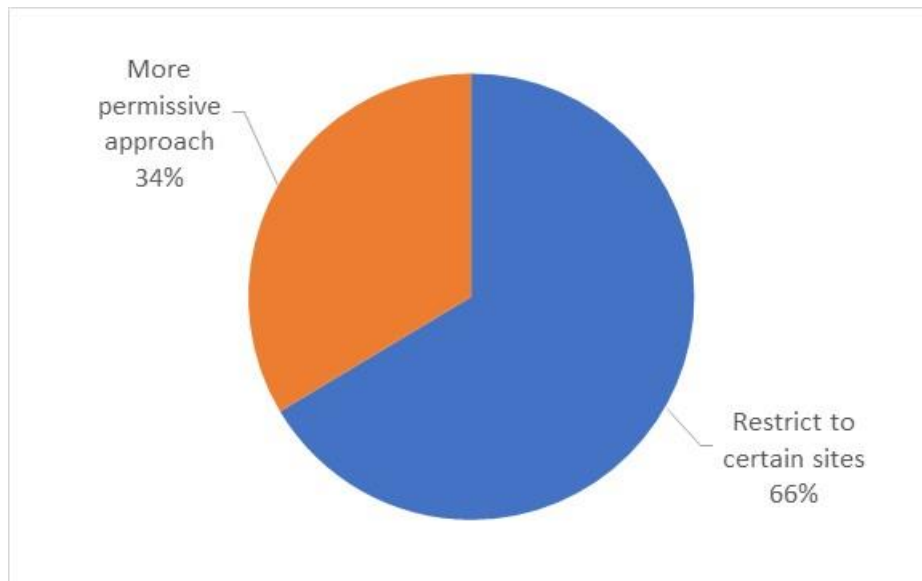


Figure 11. Preferred approach to the management of freedom camping

41 people provided additional suggestions relating to destination management. Various suggestions were received, and these have been incorporated into Figure 12, where all feedback on this focus point has been grouped into themes. The most common feedback item related to maintaining the heritage values of Lawrence due to its rich and proud history. Several comments were also received relating to managing freedom camping within Lawrence or Gabriel’s Gully. Several people suggested that allowing freedom campers to stay in designated locations where there are appropriate facilities would bring additional tourism and associated money into the Lawrence community.

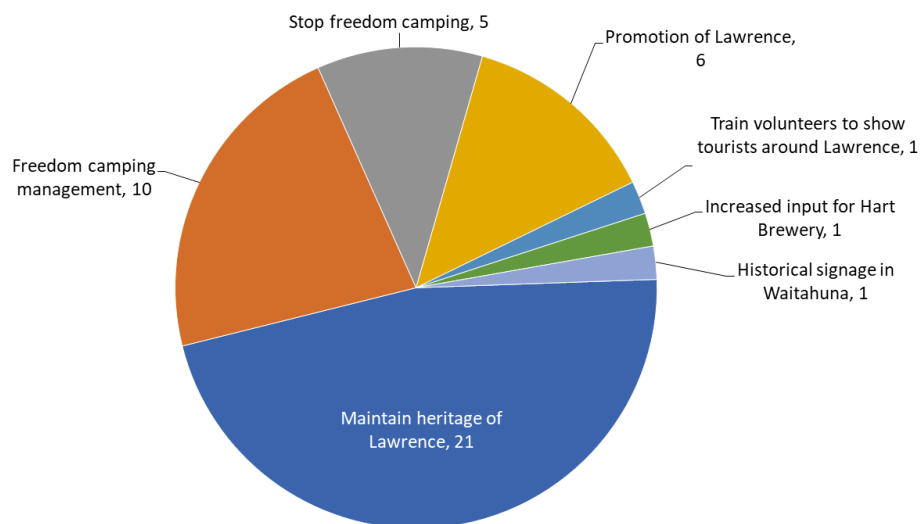


Figure 12. The number of feedback items received relating to the ‘destination management’ focus point



B.4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Respondents were asked to rate and/or provide feedback on community facilities and infrastructure in Lawrence – Tuapeka. The results from this survey are shown in Table 6, and illustrated graphically in Figure 13. The average score for all the items listed in Table 6 was 4.58 out of 6, making it third out of the six focus areas. However, some items rated very highly, including the 1st, 2nd and 4th most highly ranked individual items. These included:

- Playgrounds, sports fields, and green spaces, with a score of 5.09 out of 6.
- Urban and rural roads, with a score of 5.05.
- Water infrastructure (water supply, stormwater, sewerage) with a score of 4.96.

The lowest ranked items within this focus area were halls and pools in the outlying settlements of Beaumont and Waitahuna. It is noted that most people still rated these facilities as a 4 or higher out of 6, suggesting that local halls and pools are still a valued commodity within the local community.

Table 6. Rankings assigned to community facilities and infrastructure items

Question/Score	Not Important			Very Important			Average Score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Playgrounds, sports fields, and green spaces	0	3	14	23	24	57	5.09	1	1 st
Urban and rural roads	0	1	8	19	33	64	5.05	2	2 nd
Water infrastructure (water supply, stormwater, sewerage)	0	2	4	17	32	68	4.96	3	4 th
Lawrence Public Toilets	2	3	10	18	36	54	4.92	4	7 th
Tuapeka Aquatic Centre	8	4	17	25	24	45	4.74	5	13 th
Waste management services	0	5	11	21	29	56	4.73	6	14 th
Lawrence Service Centre / Library	2	4	18	30	28	41	4.50	7	17 th
Simpson Park Hall	6	9	18	30	29	31	4.43	8	18 th
Community housing	1	12	29	27	23	25	4.08	9	25 th
Beaumont / Waitahuna Halls	8	11	23	38	16	24	4.01	10	28 th
Beaumont / Waitahuna Pools	13	11	28	24	14	23	3.86	11	31 st
Average Score							4.58		

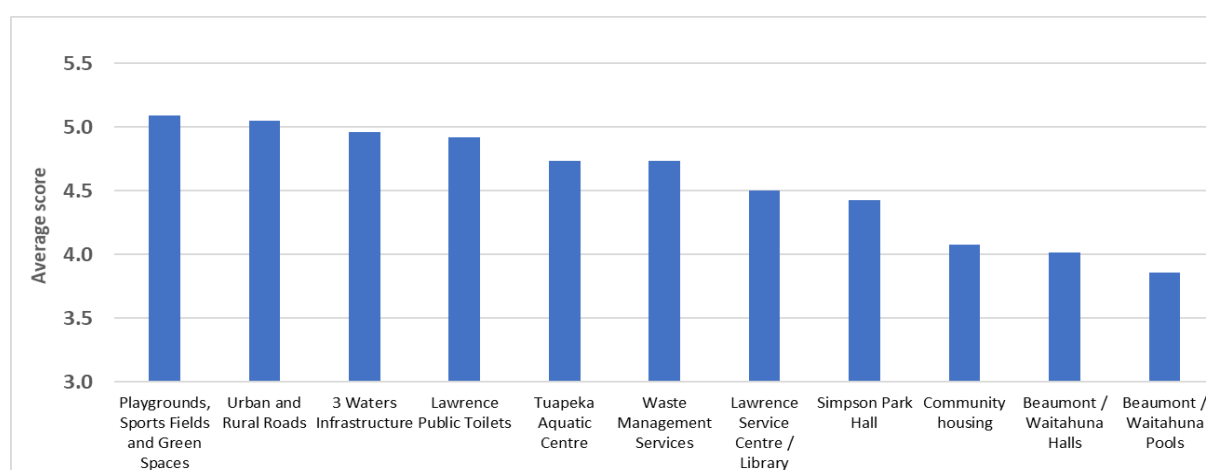


Figure 13. Community facilities and infrastructure, ranked from most important to least important

A total of 102 people provided additional ideas relating to community facilities and infrastructure. Over half of the feedback received was associated with three main areas: toilet facilities, improving



footpaths and gutters throughout Lawrence, and upgrading the Lawrence Playground² (Figure 14). Other popular suggestions were to install additional rubbish and recycling bins, upgrade the zig-zag track, upgrade the water, electrical and sewerage infrastructure and create additional parking in Lawrence.

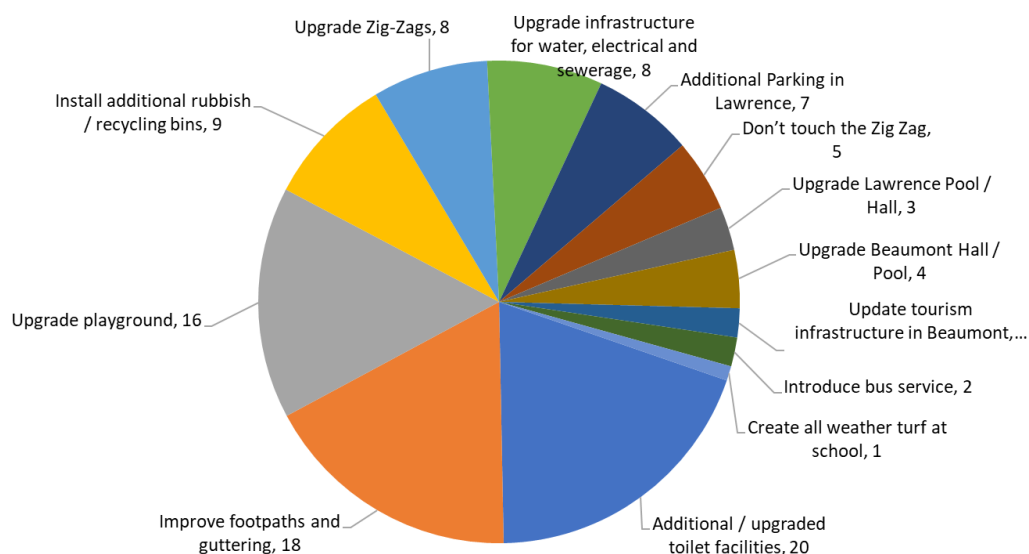


Figure 14. The number of feedback items relating to community facilities and infrastructure.

B.5 WALKING AND CYCLING

Respondents were asked to rate the importance of improving walking and cycling linkages within the Lawrence - Tuapeka area, as well as three potential walking / cycling options. The results are shown in Table 7.

A total of 113 respondents answered the first, general question, and it recorded an average score of 4.66 out of 6 (Table 7). Most respondents (77 people, or 68%) felt that improving walking and cycling linkages is important or very important.

Respondents were then asked to rate three potential options, as listed in Table 7. Extending the Clutha Gold Trail was identified as the most important project, receiving an average score of 4.88.

Table 7: Rankings assigned to walking and cycling options

Question/Score	Not Important			Very Important			Average Score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
How important is it to improve and develop walking and cycling linkages?	3	1	12	20	27	50	4.66		15 th
How important are the following options?									
Extending the Clutha Gold Trail from Lawrence to Waihola	1	1	13	13	20	58	4.88	1	9 th
Short trails / links in Lawrence, Beaumont and Waitahuna	4	4	13	26	29	34	4.44	2	19 th
A short (1-day) cycling loop, linking to the Clutha Gold Trail	5	7	12	28	24	31	4.31	3	21 st
Average Score							4.57		

² i.e. to make it safer, larger, include seating, be more accessible and useable for all ages (including younger children and teenagers)



Additional ideas and suggestions relating to walking and cycling were put forward by 26 people (Figure 15). The largest number of suggestions related to the creation of a safe method to cross the Main Street in Lawrence, through the construction of a pedestrian crossing. People who identified this as an important project for the town noted issues for the elderly and vulnerable people when traffic volumes are high. The creation of a cycle trail from Lawrence up to Gabriel’s Gully was also put forward as a popular suggestion to enable easy pedestrian access to the Gully. Other suggestions included the upkeep and maintenance of existing walking and cycling tracks around Lawrence as well as improving signage.

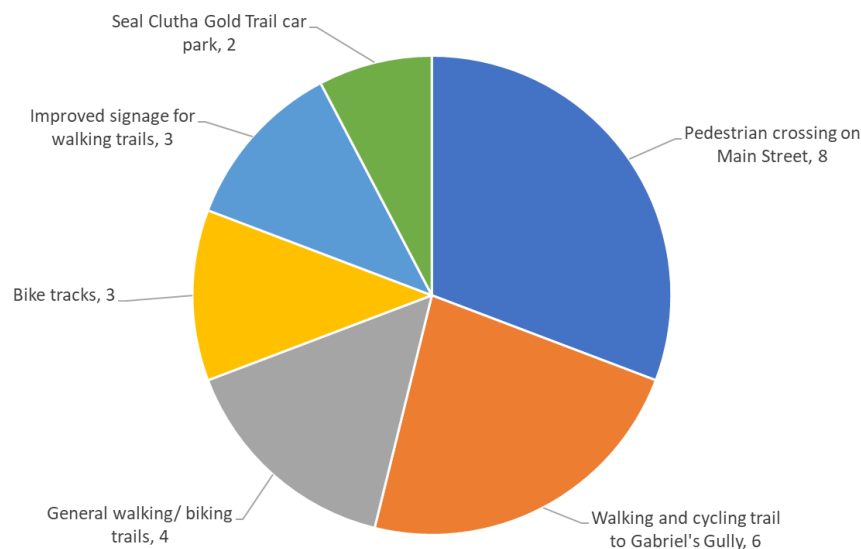


Figure 15. The number of feedback items relating to the ‘walking and cycling’ focus point

B.6 OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Respondents were asked to rate and provide feedback on potential project to encourage development within the Lawrence – Tuapeka area. The results from the survey are shown in Table 8. The average score for this focus point was 4.45 out of 6.

Of the topics surveyed, the highest rank went to undertaking work to reduce flood risk in low-lying parts of Lawrence. This returned a score of 4.98 of 6, with 89% of respondents scoring it a 4 or above. This was closely followed by undertaking work to better understand flood risks, which returned a score of 4.93, with 88% of respondents scoring it a 4 or above.

Planning for likely population changes and providing more residential subdivisions in Lawrence were ranked less of a priority, receiving scores of 4.08 and 3.82 out of 6 respectively. However, 75% and 62% of respondents respectively still rated these questions a 4 or above.



Table 8: Rankings assigned to Opportunities for Development questions

Question/Score	Not Important			Very Important			Average Score	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
How important is it to reduce flood risk in low-lying parts of Lawrence?	3	6	5	19	27	63	4.98	1	3 rd
How important is it to better understand flood risks in low-lying parts of Lawrence?	1	8	6	16	35	58	4.93	2	6 th
How important is it to plan for likely changes in population?	2	7	22	28	29	36	4.08	3	24 th
How important is it to provide for more residential subdivision?	7	12	28	31	23	22	3.82	4	32 nd
Average Score							4.45		

A broad range of other feedback relating to ‘opportunities for development’ was also received. The suggestions have been grouped into themes as shown in Figure 16. The major themes included:

- Introducing additional traffic management techniques such as electronic speed signs, speed bumps and other traffic calming measures
- Upgrading the roading infrastructure for example maintaining a better standard on rural roads
- Ensuring that the Main Street looks updated and well presented.

A ‘notable mention’ was to improve road signage around Lawrence which could include creating a sign at each entrance stating the different shops and businesses present within the town.

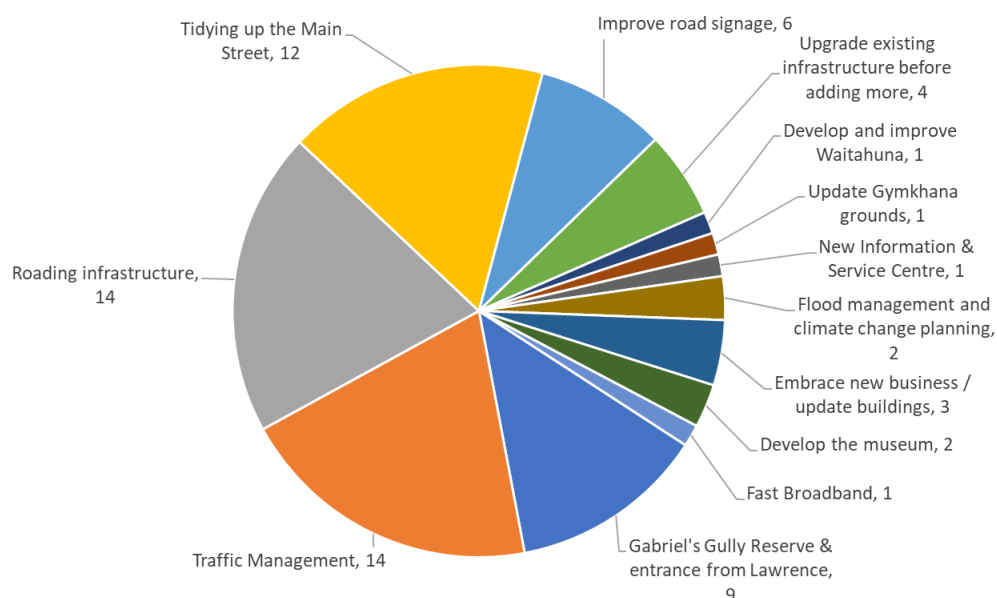


Figure 16: The number of feedback items relating to the themes within the ‘opportunities for development’ focus point.



B.7 PARKS AND RESERVES

Respondents were asked to rate and/or provide feedback on how important parks and reserves are within the Lawrence - Tuapeka area. Parks and reserves were rated the least important of the 6 focus points, with an average score of 4.11 out of 6 (Table 9).

The reserves ranged as most important were Simpson Park (4.75), Lawrence, Beaumont, and Waitahuna Cemeteries (4.64) and the Whitehaven Street Playground (4.31) as shown in Figure 17.

The lowest ranked item within this focus area was The Arches. It is noted that 37% of respondents still rated this focus area as 4 or higher out of 6, suggesting that to many people, The Arches are still valued within the community.

Table 9: Rankings assigned to parks and reserves within the Lawrence – Tuapeka area

Question/Score	Not Important			Very Important			Average	Topic Rank	Overall Survey Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Simpson Park	0	10	20	24	33	33	4.75	1	12 th
Lawrence, Beaumont and Waitahuna cemeteries	1	7	17	37	21	40	4.64	2	16 th
Whitehaven Street Playground	1	3	16	29	29	42	4.31	3	20 th
Lawrence Rodeo and Gymkhana Ground	12	12	16	33	22	20	4.30	4	22 nd
Lawrence Golf Course	11	12	24	29	24	19	4.18	5	23 rd
Picnic area at western entrance to Lawrence	5	15	16	33	27	21	4.04	6	26 th
Peace Garden	2	8	26	33	32	20	4.03	7	27 th
Steep Street Domain & picnic area	3	14	26	30	25	17	3.98	8	29 th
Picnic area at eastern entrance to Lawrence	5	15	19	36	22	21	3.89	9	30 th
Zigzag track	9	17	26	31	19	15	3.75	10	33 rd
The Arches (Old Lawrence Pool)	33	15	22	16	17	8	3.33	11	34 th
Average Score							4.11		

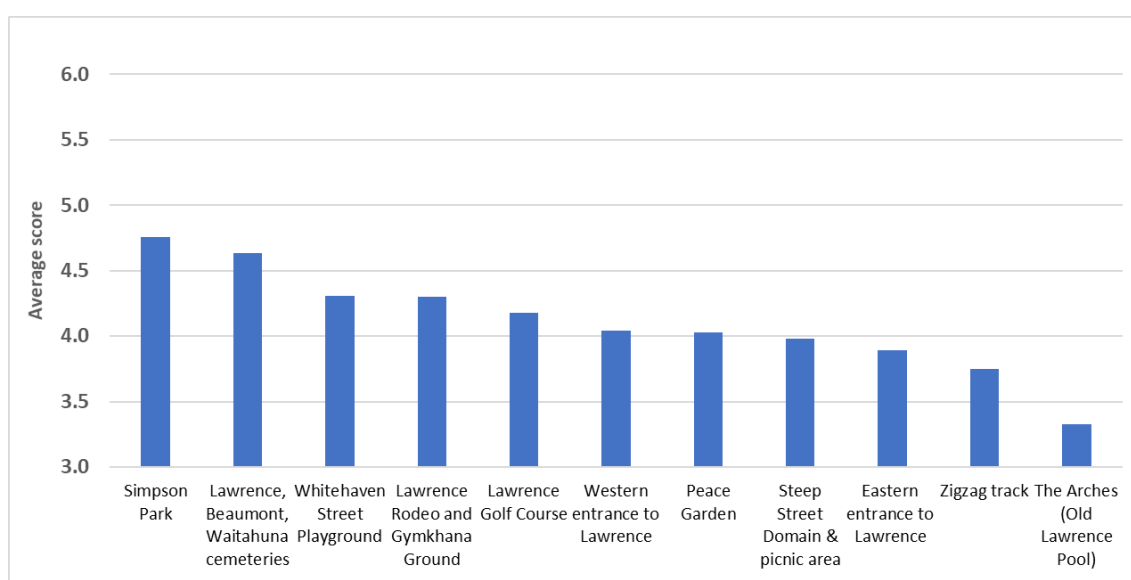


Figure 17. Parks and reserves, ranked from most important to least important



A broad range of additional suggestions relating to parks and reserves were received from 47 respondents and these have been grouped into various themes and incorporated in Figure 18. The three most common feedback items were to:

- Maintain and update the existing reserves/parks.
- Create more dog friendly areas and ensure that there are the appropriate number of bins nearby to dispose of dog poo.
- Maintain and upgrade The Arches – suggestions included constructing a BBQ area with additional seating, information panels, toilets or utilising the location for movie nights or a community vegetable garden.

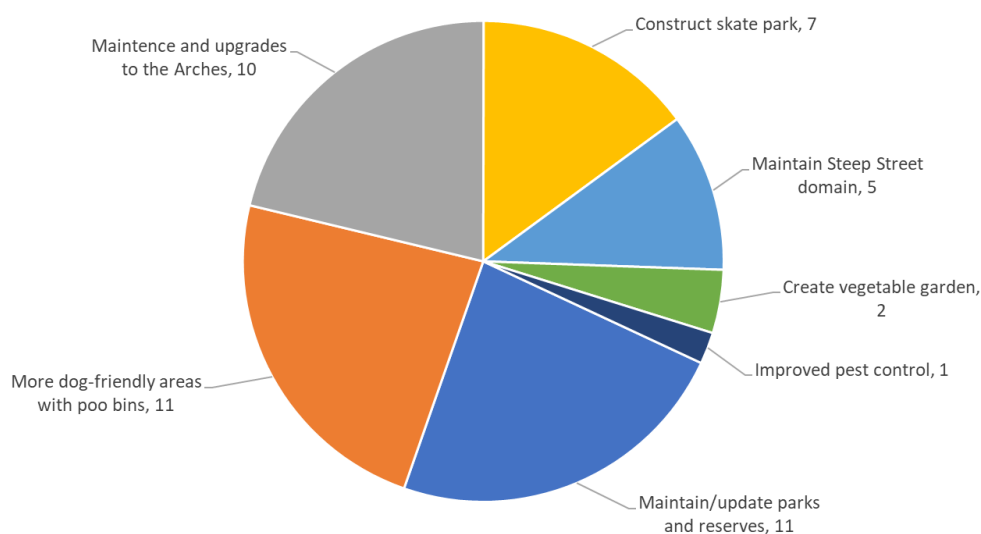


Figure 18. The number of feedback items relating to the themes within the 'parks and reserves' focus point

B.8 TARGETED YOUTH INPUT

As described in Part A, a workshop was held with 30 students from Lawrence Area School on 12 August 2020. Following their discussions, each of the four groups gave a short report back on the items they would most like to see progressed in Lawrence - Tuapeka. Their suggestions are listed below in Table 10. Although some of these are outside the scope of a community plan, several useful ideas were provided. The output from this workshop will be used to inform the final version of the Our Place Lawrence Community Plan, and a feedback session with senior students is planned once this work has been completed.

Table 10. Ideas suggested by senior students at Lawrence Area School

Focus Point 1: Walking and Cycling		
Allow horses and dogs on the Clutha Gold Trail (CGT)	Improved maintenance on the CGT – especially after floods.	Better and additional facilities along the CGT i.e. toilets and water fountains.
Hold sports events which include the trail (e.g. using the pool and the trail).	Create a footpath from the Police Station into town.	Maintenance and repairs on fitness track, create BMX track / bike park in Steep Street Domain.
Focus Point 2: Community Facilities		
Food outlet in Waitahuna.	Add a sports turf for hockey or soccer on the existing tennis courts.	Simpson park – gymnasium.
Focus Point 3: Parks and Reserves		



Upgrade (better fencing) or rebuild playgrounds (Whitehaven Street and also Peace Garden) to cater for all ages. Upgrade playground features i.e., monkey bars, basket swings / new and improved swings.	More covered seating and tables at Peace Garden and The Arches (a hang-out spot). Create a basketball court or just a hoop, BBQ, toilets, covered area, and lighting at The Arches.	Create a playground at the and motorbike track at gymkhana grounds.
Focus Point 4: Gabriel's Gully		
Gabriel's Gully maintenance – huge potholes on gravel road.	Create a bike track or mountain biking track at Gabriel's Gully	Zip-line, paintball, paragliding, tours of the gully, rope-climbing adventure course, outdoor puzzles – big board games, Interactive Gabriel Reid touch screen.
Other Feedback		
Assistance for kids to get their drivers licenses, and a transition to work program.	Update WIFI speed. Improved signage.	Create virtual reality showing the old town, pathway art, a maze. Outdoor water slide in pool with a wave machine.
Cemetery – Plan of graves.	Interschool challenges.	Opportunities for rock climbing and hunting and fishing.
Matting at playground not woodchip.	A water feature somewhere in town.	Canteen at school.
Asian food place.	Create areas for outdoor community movies, bike racks for easy tidy storage outside shops and more and improved parking	

Thirteen students also filled out the feedback survey form. The project that was identified as their highest priority was to continue to improve and fund playgrounds, sports fields and green spaces which scored 5.23 out of a possible 6 (Figure 19). Simpson Park was identified as the second most important area scoring 5.08, followed by the Tuapeka Aquatic Centre which scored 5.00 out of 6.

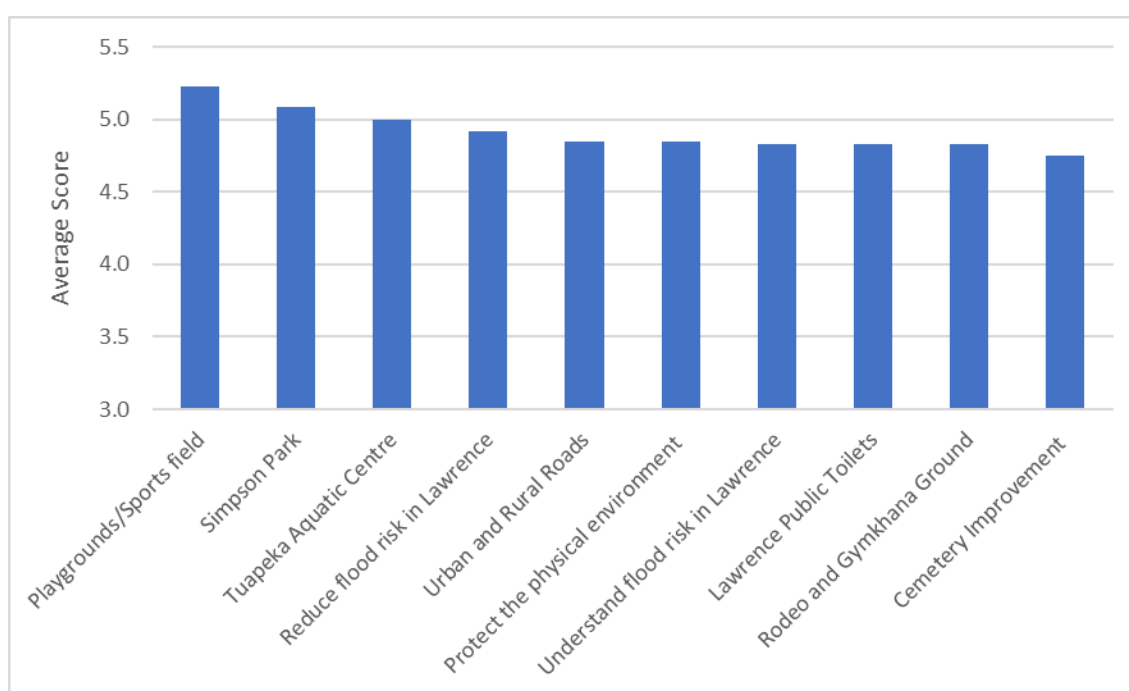


Figure 19. The top 10 projects as identified by students at the Lawrence Area School.





Figure 20. Consultation workshop with Lawrence Area School on 12 August 2020

PART C: WORKSHOP FEEDBACK

This part summarises feedback received from the community workshop held at Simpson Park Hall on 28 October 2020. As described above, attendees (including members of the community and LTCB) were given 20 sticky dots each and were able to use the dots to vote on how important they considered a range of different themes and projects (refer to Table 2 for a description of these). In total, 893 votes (sticky dots) were cast across nine different themes.³

C.1 OVERVIEW

The most votes were given to the different projects listed under the ‘Additional Suggestions’ theme (Table 11). Other themes including the Main Street, Community Facilities, Destination Management and Gabriel’s Gully Entrance also received reasonably high vote counts, while Work Opportunities, Outlying Settlements, Freedom Camping and ‘Other’ all received less than 40 votes.

Table 11. The nine themes used to group projects at the Community Workshop, and the number of votes received

Key themes	Total Vote Count
Additional Suggestions	290
Main Street	144
Community Facilities	136
Destination Management	106
Gabriel’s Gully Entrance	97
Work Opportunities	38
Outlying Settlements	29
Freedom Camping	18
‘Other’	35

C.2 ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

Within this theme, a total of 110 votes were in support of the skate park project, with the next highest vote count being glass recycling (31 votes) and the creation of downhill mountain biking tracks (30 votes). The diverse range of remaining suggestions are shown in Figure 21.

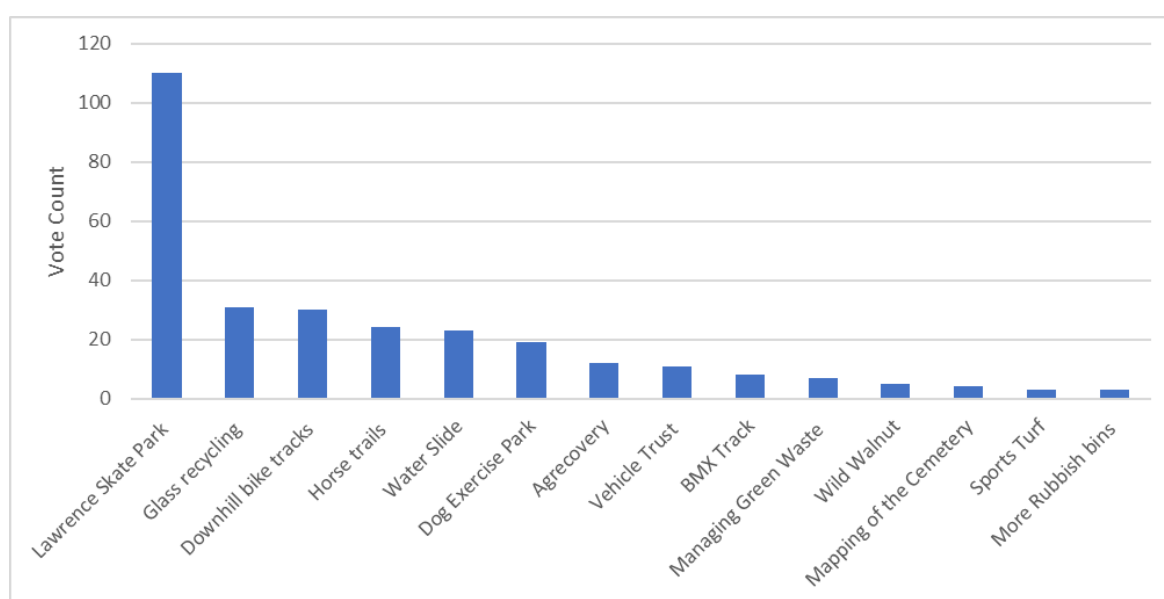


Figure 21. The various projects listed under the ‘Additional Suggestions’ theme, and the number of votes received

³ Including ‘Other’ projects, which were those put forward to the workshop by existing community groups



C.3 MAIN STREET

In total, this theme received 146 votes, which was 16% of the total. Within the theme, workshop attendees indicated a strong preference for protecting / enhancing heritage values on the Main Street, and this received 94 votes. Improving the look and feel of the Main Street received 20 votes, installing traffic calming measures received 14 votes. Figure 22 shows all the projects within this theme, and the votes received.

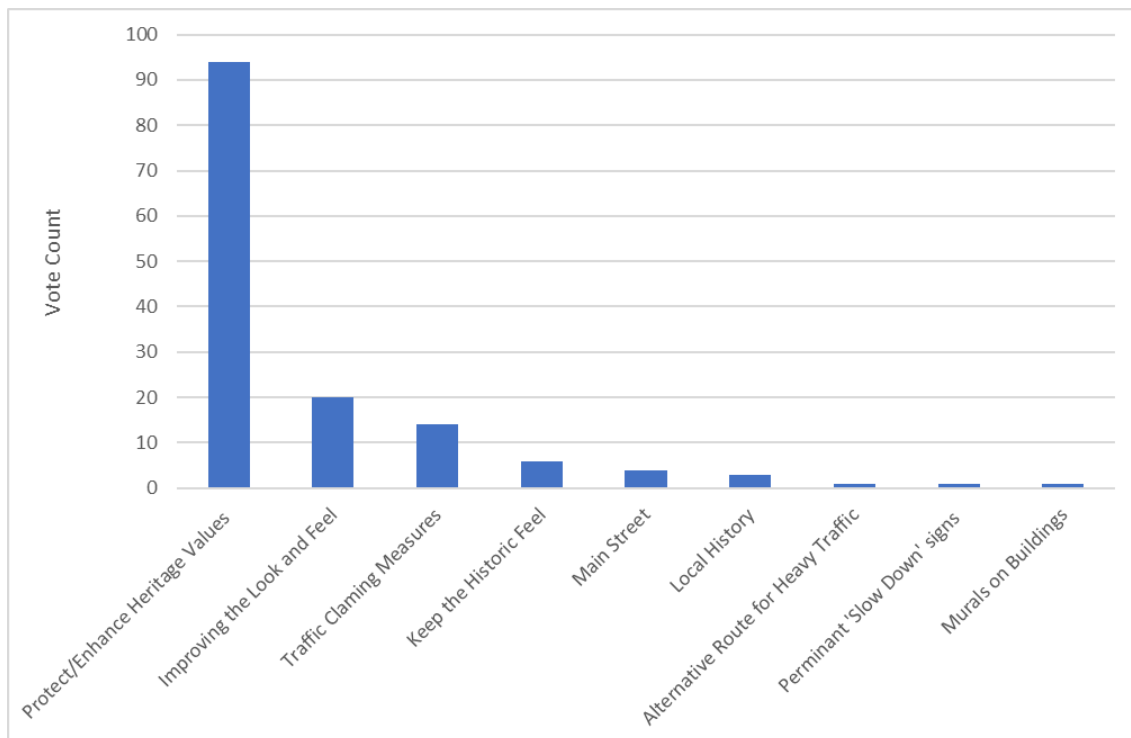


Figure 22. The various projects listed under the 'Main Street' theme, and the number of votes received

C.4 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Community Facilities theme received the third highest number of votes (136), with the most popular project being the Whitehaven Street Playground (30 votes). The projects within this theme, and the number of votes received are shown in Figure 23.



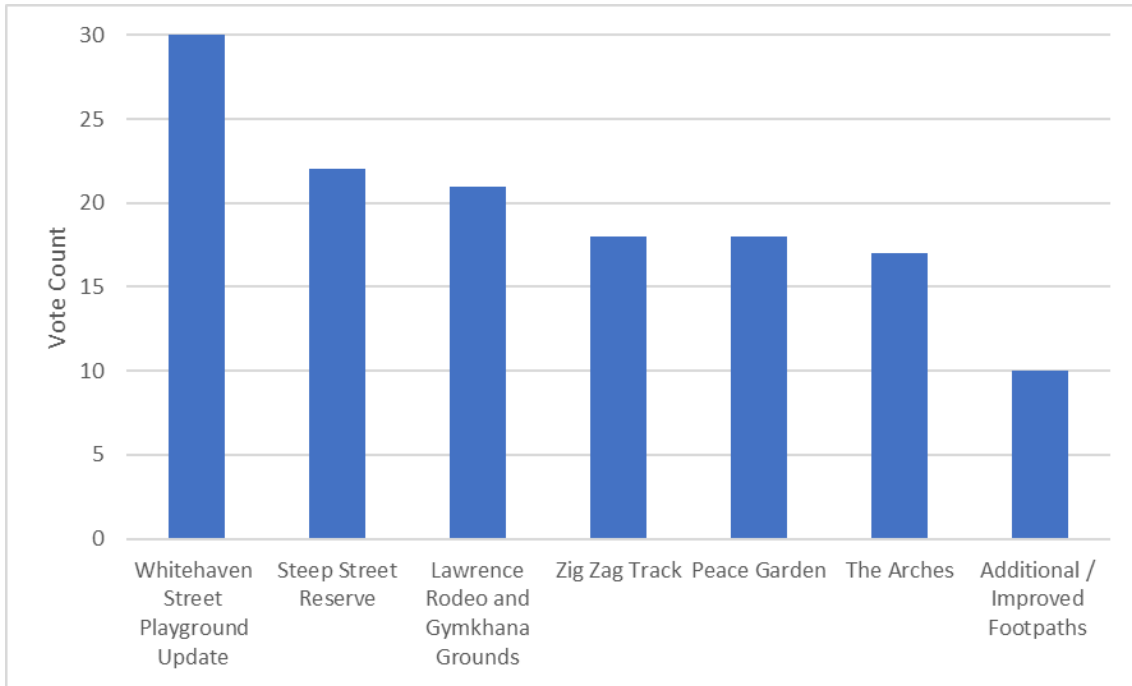


Figure 23. The various projects listed under the 'Community Facilities' theme, and the number of votes received

C.5 DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

With the fourth highest vote count, Destination Management received 106 votes (Figure 24). With 34 votes, the most important destination identified by the community was Gabriel's Gully, followed by the Lawrence Community Wetlands and the Chinese Camp which both gained 20 votes each. The Clutha Gold Trail and Weatherston's Brewery & Daffodils received 17 and 15 votes respectively.

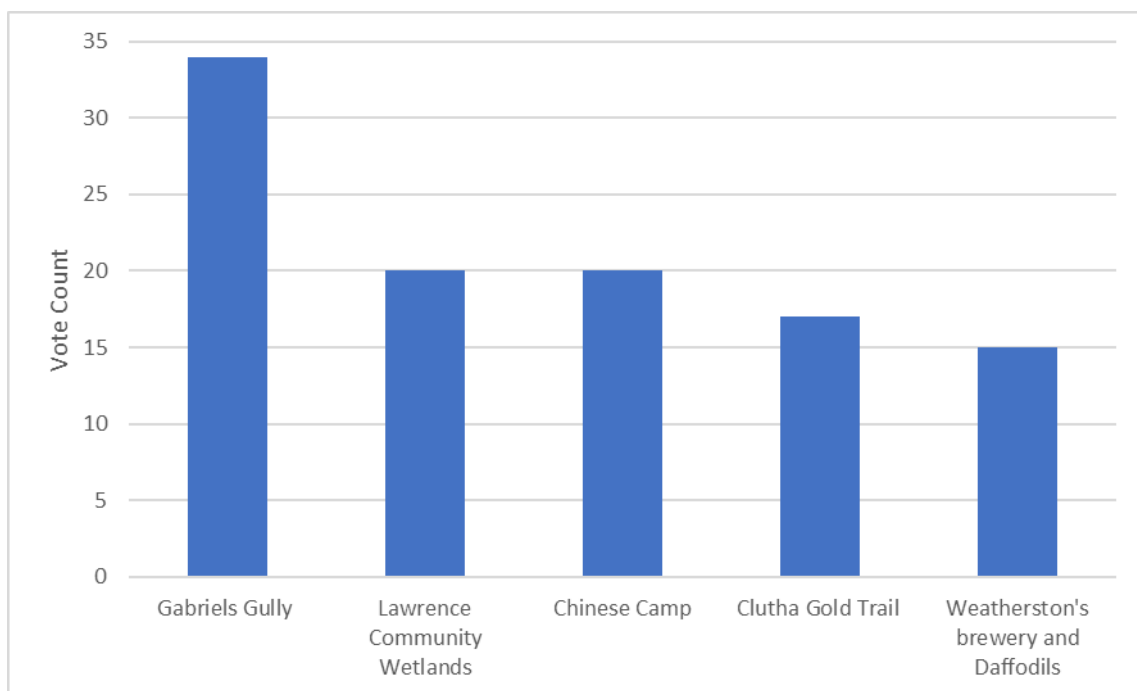


Figure 24. The various projects listed under the 'Destination Management' theme, and the number of votes received



C.6 GABRIEL'S GULLY ENTRANCE

This theme received 97 votes, the fifth highest number. Many of the votes (39) within this theme were put towards the location itself, rather than a specific, identified project. This suggests that the entrance to Gabriel's Gully is valued by the community, but that there is some uncertainty about what improvements to this area should actually look like. Projects suggested by Council included improving the Reserve / Picnic area, destination toilets, and a new community hub facility. The number of votes for these projects, and for two other suggestions put forward by workshop participants are shown in Figure 25.

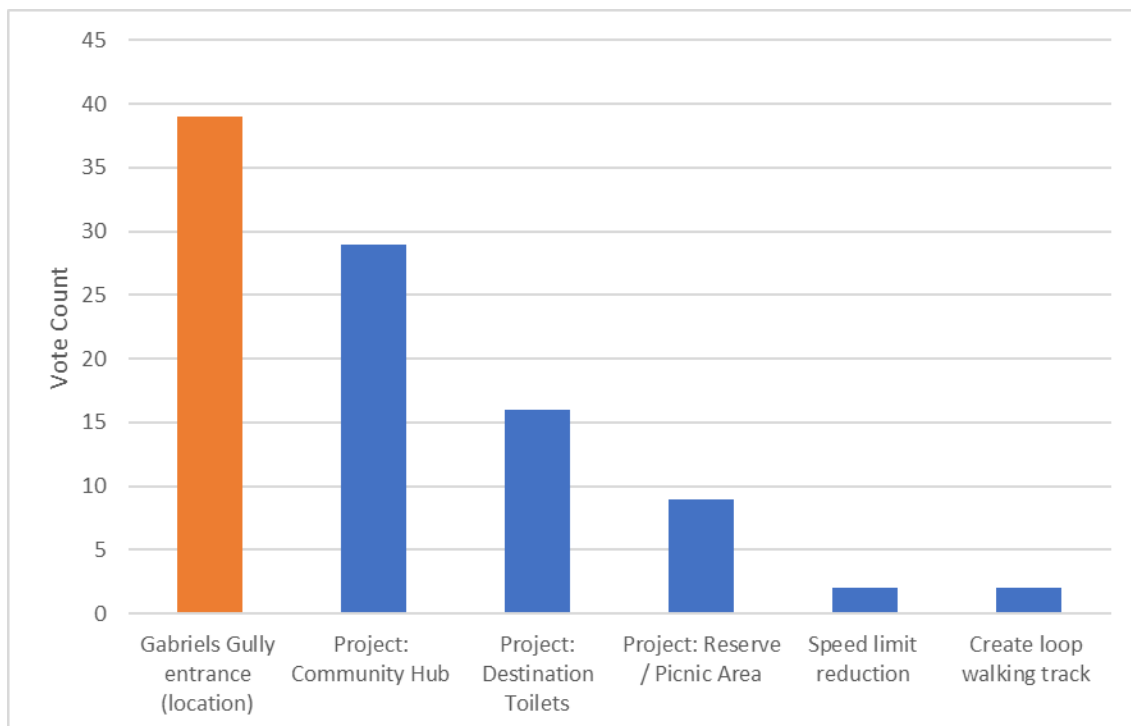


Figure 25: The various projects listed under the 'Gabriel's Gully' theme, and the number of votes received

C.7 WORK OPPORTUNITIES

A popular project within this theme was to create further opportunities to work and train in Lawrence – Tuapeka, and this received 33 votes (Figure 26).

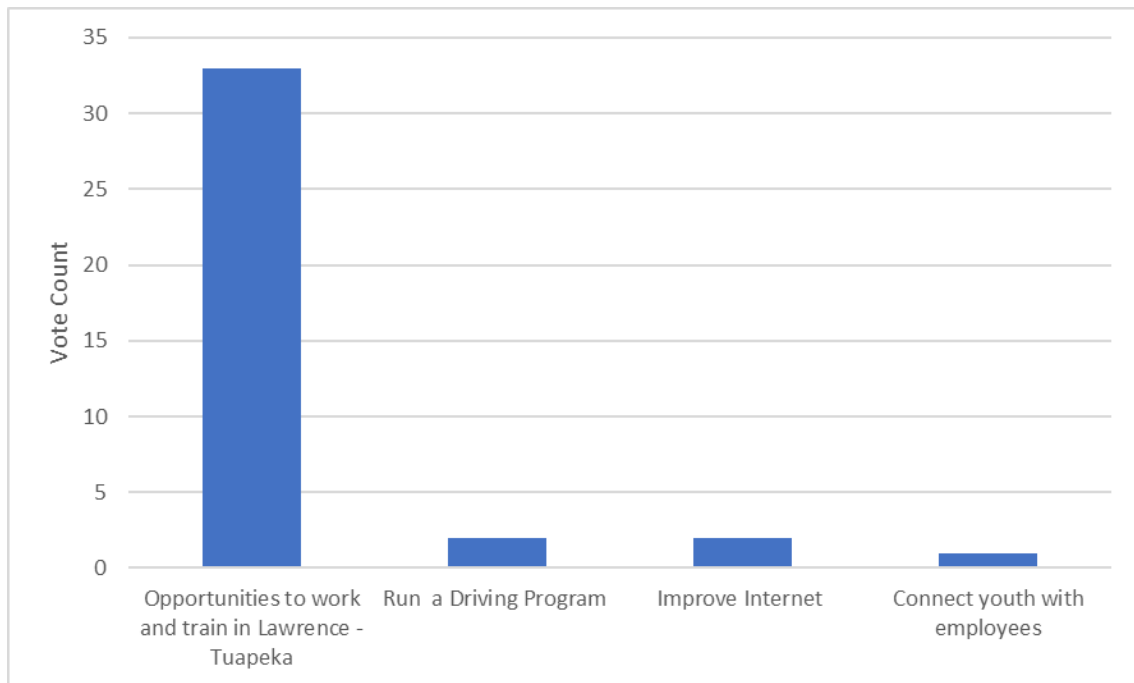


Figure 26. The various projects listed under the 'Work Opportunities' theme, and the number of votes received



C.8 OUTLYING COMMUNITIES, FREEDOM CAMPING AND OTHER

The votes cast for each of these themes have been combined into one graph (Figure 27). Outlying Communities (green) collected a total of 29 votes, with the highest count going to Waitahuna (17) followed by Waipori (7) and Beaumont (5).

The Freedom Camping theme (orange) collected a total of 18 votes. Creating a freedom camping site opposite the police station collected just seven votes, and the general topic of ‘something needs to be done about freedom camping’ collected five votes. Three votes were counted for ‘no freedom camping’, two for being motorhome friendly and one for having designated sites.

‘Other’ projects (blue) received a total of 35 votes. These are projects put forward by other agencies to gauge the level of community support. The creation of a wetland collected 15 votes closely followed by the creation of a lowland forest with 13 votes. Either a wetland, or a lowland forest are potential options for land near the western entrance to Lawrence. The Lawrence Charitable Trust gained seven votes.

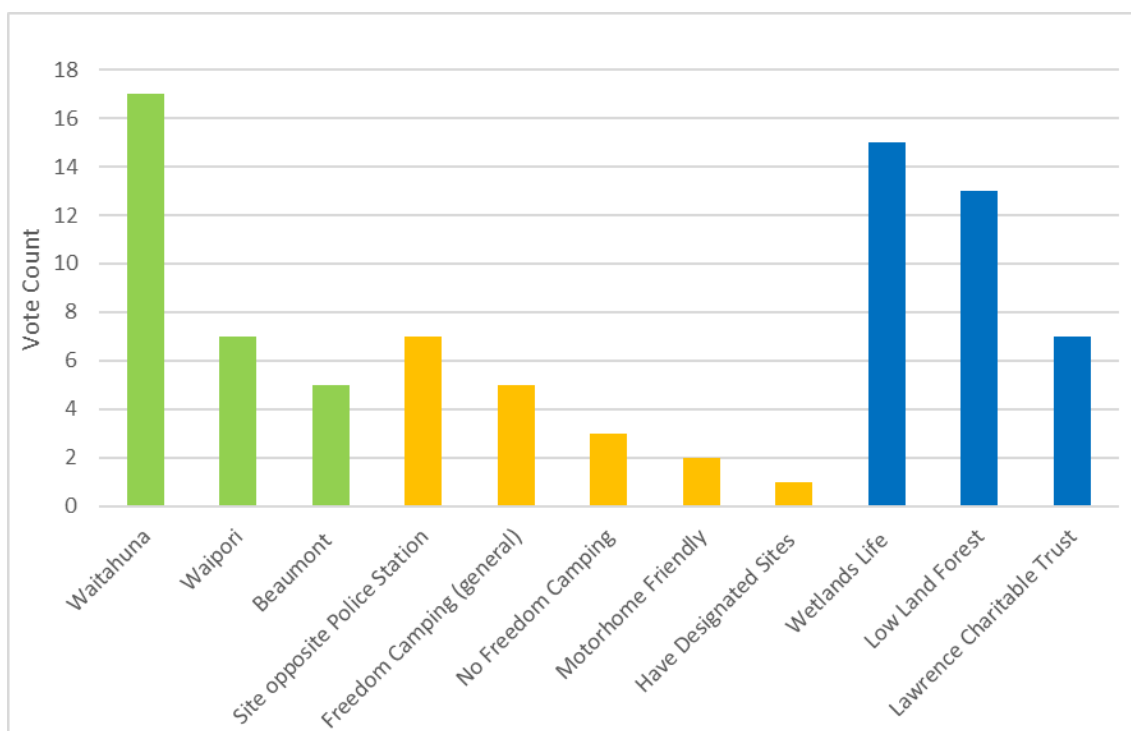


Figure 27: The various projects listed under the ‘Outlying Communities’ (green), ‘Freedom Camping’ (orange), and ‘Other’ (blue) themes, and the number of votes received



PART D: OTHER SUBMISSIONS

There were three submissions received from individuals which were in a different format to the standard feedback forms. These tended to highlight issues which are of particular concern to those people, and they are summarised below.

D.1 ANNE BENNINGTON

Landscape and environment:

- Higher standard of maintenance throughout the town.
- Regular mowing of berms and grass verges.

Facilities and infrastructure:

- Upgrade waterways to cope with heavy weather.
- Construct additional sealed car parking spaces.
- Construct additional toilets to take pressure from tourists using toilets within the cafes.
- Resurface and fix the railing on the zig-zags.
- The creation of a small movie theatre to give an 'outing' for the elderly people. This could also have room for activities for younger generations also.
- Make the Service Centre more user friendly i.e. the steep and difficult parking.
- Additional signage at the western entrance to the town to stop motorists from pulling from the road to use the cell towers. In doing this, they are breaking down the footpath and guttering edges.

Opportunities for development:

- Maintain gravel roads and remove potholes specifically on Back Road.
- Promote Gabriel's Gully and upgrade/resign the entrance with new signage/display to bring it alive and relevant.

Parks and reserves:

- Upgrade the picnic area at the western entrance to the town.
- Continue with the creation of the wetlands project at the entrance to the town.

Walking and cycling:

- Seal the Clutha Gold Trail car park and plant around its periphery. Construct bollards to keep vehicles from driving on the lawn.
- Construct a pedestrian crossing on the Main Street to help families with young children and the elderly to cross the road.

Destination Management:

- Promote the historic museum with reference to the history of Lawrence.
- Move the Information Centre to the Credit Union Building.
- Upgrade the Main Street through upkeeping the buildings and mowing the areas of rough grass.



D.2 MARION LAWRENCE

Walking and cycling:

- Would like to see the extension of the Clutha Gold Cycle trail past Lawrence with associated historical and environmental development.
- As we are getting more bike riders, we want to make their Lawrence overnighter more comfortable, friendly and affordable.

D.3 KELVIN READ

Destination management:

- Improvement for freedom camping facilities around Lake Mahinerangi.

Facilities and infrastructure:

- Additional rubbish bins/skip/bottle bank to be installed within the Waipori village.

Opportunities for development:

- Implement speed restrictions/seal sections of road through the village to decrease the volume of dust created by passing vehicles.

Parks and reserves:

- Construct fence along the Waipori Cemetery road. Upgrade the entrance to the cemetery as access is difficult due to the current gate construction.

