Horowhenua DISTRICT COUNCIL

Waitārere Beach Community Plan
Poroutawhao School Engagement Event

23 May 2019 - Event Summary

Background

Council is preparing a Community Plan for the Waitārere Beach Settlement. The purpose of the community plan is to develop a framework for the community and Council to implement that identifies the vision and aspirations for the community with a list of actions that the community feel are important to them.

As part of the development of the Community Plan, engagement with the students from Poroutawhao School was undertaken. The engagement occurred at the Poroutawhao Hall, located next to Poroutawhao School. The students were split into different sessions as follows: Team Teina; Team Poutama – half the class; Team Poutama – the other half of the class; Team Tuakana – half the class; Team Tuakana – the other half of the class.

Each session ran for 45 minutes. The students from each session were split in half and participated in two activities:

- an activity specific to Waitārere Domain; and
- an activity for the wider vision for Waitārere Beach.

The only exception to this was Team Teina who only undertook the exercise related to Waitārere Domain. Each student came prepared with either a story or picture focused on what they like about Waitārere Beach and ideas for improvements.

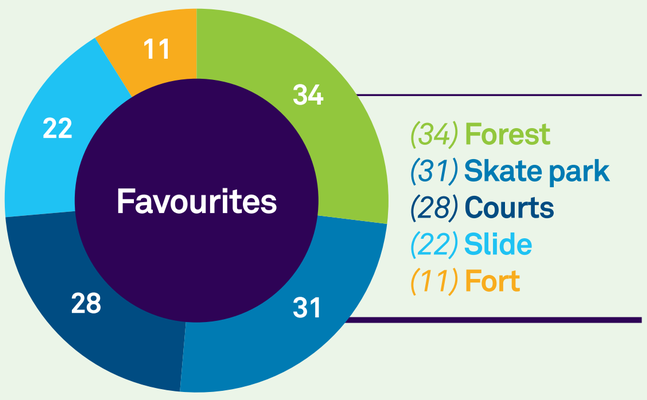
The number of responses are identified in brackets, for example (8) = 8 responses.

Waitārere Domain

Favourite part of Waitārere Domain

The students were asked to identify their favourite part of Waitārere Domain.

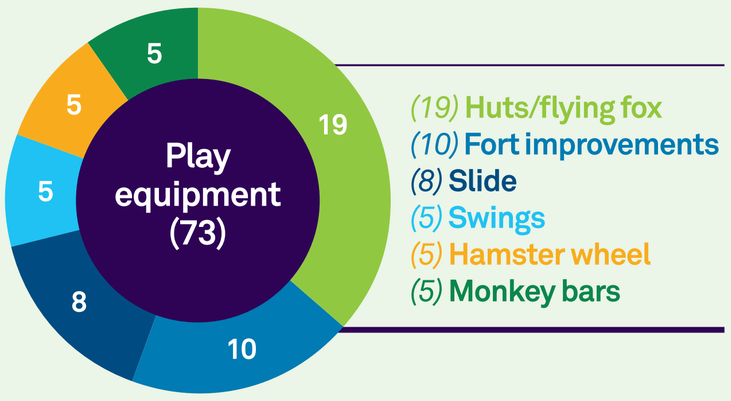
The top five responses were:



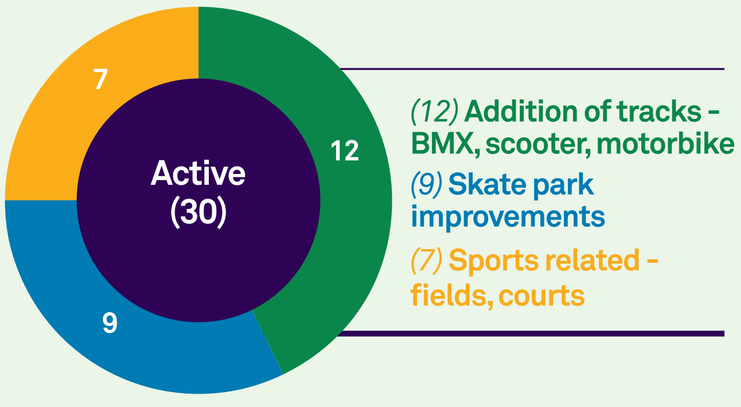
Improvements for Waitārere Domain

The next question the students were asked was: *What would be really cool to have at the Domain that is not there at the moment?* These responses were written on post-it notes and put up on an aerial photo of the Domain.

The most popular responses related to improvements or additions to the play equipment (73 ideas). Of these 73 ideas, the top 6 most popular choices are listed below.

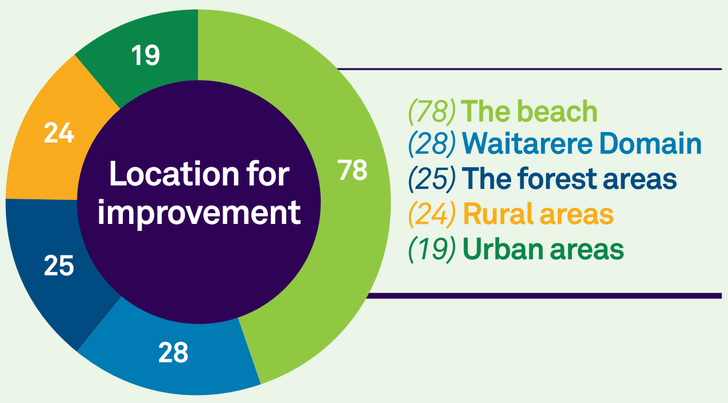
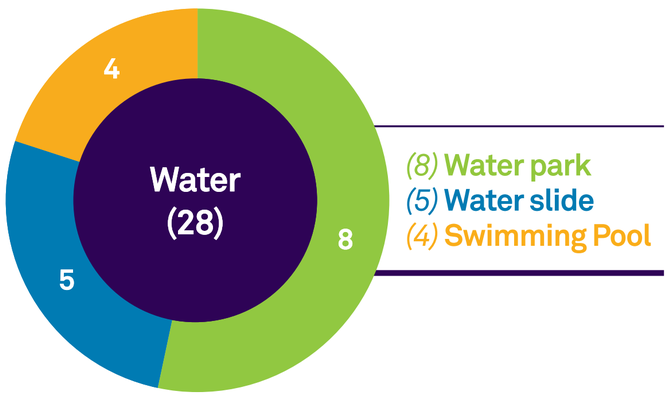
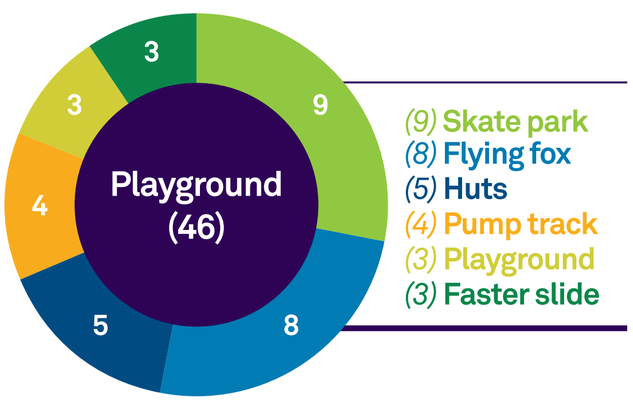
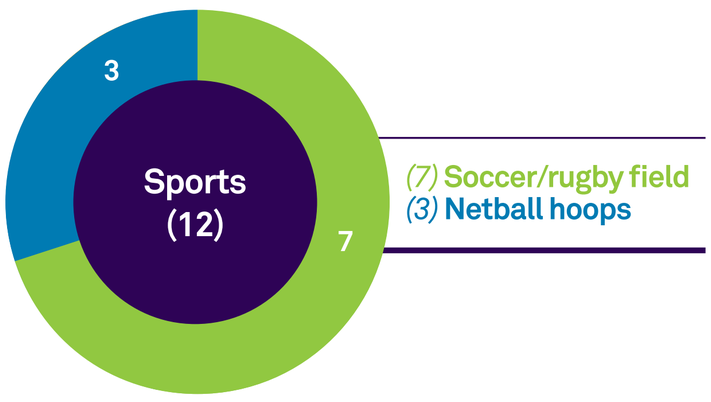
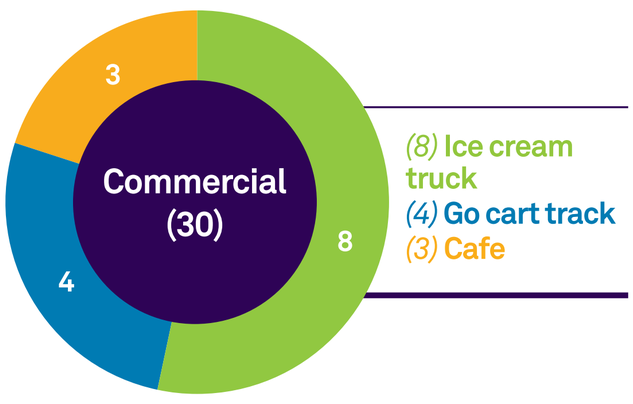
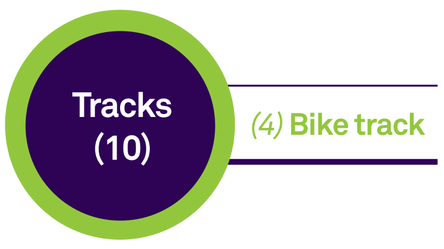
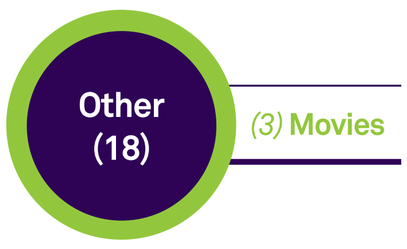


The second most popular theme of responses was for active activities (30 ideas). Of these 30 ideas, the top 3 most popular choices are listed below.



Improvements for the Waitārere Beach Settlement

The students were asked about improvements/ their vision for the wider Waitārere Beach Settlement. These ideas were written on post-it notes and put on an aerial map of the Waitārere Beach in the location the student wanted the improvement. The locations the students identified for improvements have been categorised here:



The ideas the students came up with for improvements to the Waitārere Beach Settlement have been categorised into themes. Ideas which received 3 or more responses are listed under the themes.