

THE TAIRUA SKATEPARK PROJECT



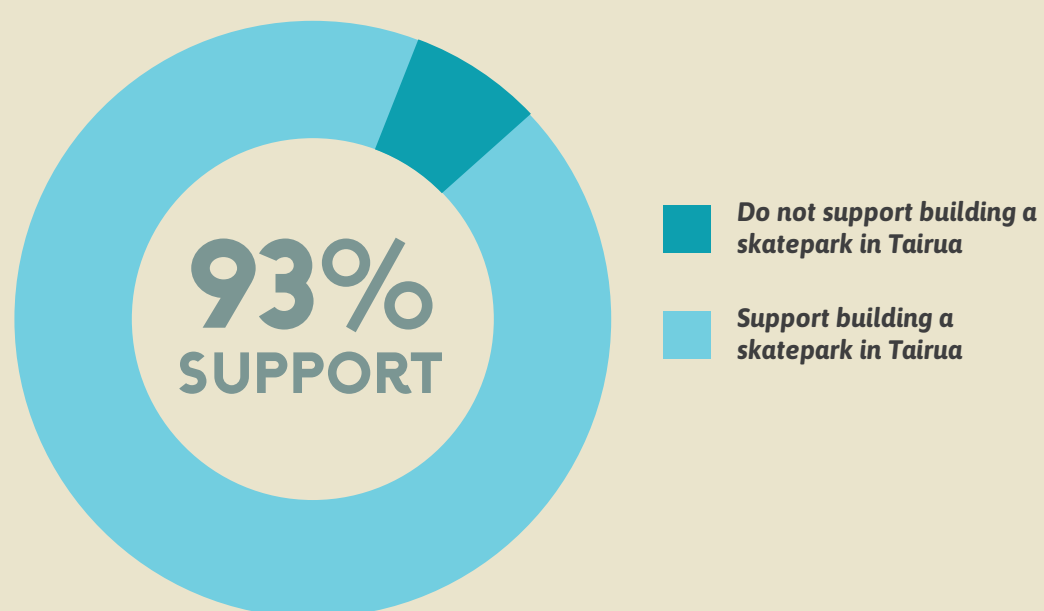
The journey to build a skatepark in Tairua started over 30 years ago.

There are many well documented reasons to develop a skatepark for the community, including:

- the provision of a safe environment to skate
- positive physical and mental health benefits
- positive economic impacts
- a positive impact in reducing antisocial behaviours

So far over 500 people have had their say, helping to inform the way we assess the location of a skatepark for Tairua skatepark.

First up we heard that the community strongly support building a skatepark, with 93% support from respondents.



SKATING

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Skating refers to any activity that uses a small-wheeled device e.g., skateboard, scooter, in-line skates and BMX bikes and more to grind, slide or ride on different surfaces and elements.

There are several distinct types of skating, which are important to consider when it comes to developing and designing a fit for purpose facility that meets the end users' needs. The types that are usually accommodated for at skateparks are:

Park

Park style skaters use dedicated skate parks and spaces designed for skating. Much like street skaters, these skaters use skate park obstacles such as fun-boxes, manual pads, banks to ride, grind and slide on.

Transitional

Transitional style skaters (also known as bowl or vert skating) utilise dedicated skate parks with transitional and bowl elements. This involves skaters moving from the horizontal (the ground) to the vertical (on a ramp or other incline) to perform tricks.



GETTING INVOLVED

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Haven't we been through this?

Yes, you have. Unfortunately, previous attempts to finalise a skatepark project for Tairua fell short of people's expectations to be involved and the level of transparency of the process.

As a result, Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) decided that the most cost and time effective way to move forward and get to the point of making a final decision on the future of a skatepark was to start again and do it well. This means that there will be some necessary repetition of previous processes carried out. It is critical that you still get involved and still have your say to ensure that the end result considers the needs of the community and the users of the skatepark.

What's the plan?

TCDC have appointed Veros to complete the first stage of the skatepark project – to identify and recommend a site for the proposed skatepark.

Veros have created an approach that provides multiple opportunities for all interested parties to be involved and have their say.

The two key stages to be involved are:

COMPLETED • 15 October to 19 November 2021

Get involved in guiding the selection of the site assessment criteria.

This will mean that we are taking into account your concerns and your aspirations when assessing possible sites.

Get involved in responding to the site selection criteria that focus on community preferences.

This will mean you can directly influence the results of the criteria related to community support for the locations assessed and inform us of the reasons why.

WHERE WE ARE NOW

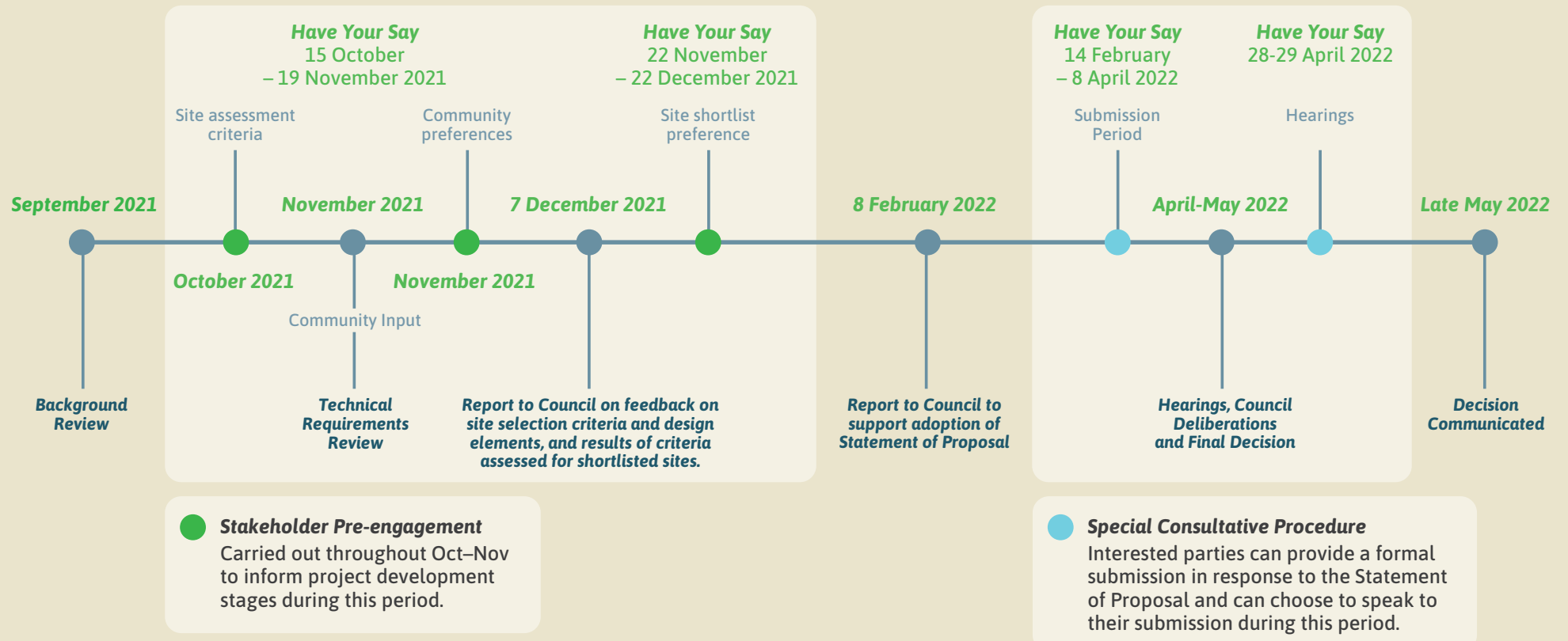
• 22 November to 22 December 2021

Let us know which of the three shortlisted sites you prefer and why.

• February to April 2022

On 8 February 2022 Council will adopt a "Statement of Proposal", the statement will outline the options TCDC have considered for the location of a skatepark and identify the preferred option and why. TCDC will then follow the 'special consultative procedure' outlined in the Local Government Act 2002 to consult with stakeholders. This means that you will be able to make a formal submission and be heard by Council in support or in opposition to the proposed way forward before Council makes a final decision.

Council will make a formal decision after analysis of submissions and hearings are complete. We expect this to be on 24 May 2022.



After letting everyone know of the outcome – the construction stage of the skatepark will start.

How can I be involved and have my say?

Keep an eye on local media, social media pages, your letterbox and email inbox. Veros are planning a number of open days and workshops, including online opportunities for those based 'out of town' that cannot travel to Tairua, or cannot make the open days.

We have started a project contact list – please let us know if you want to be included in this to make sure the information comes directly to your email or other point of contact.

Updates on the project and how to be involved will be posted regularly.

We are deliberately consulting over the summer period as we know that this is when Tairua is at its busiest and many locals who live away are at home in the area. We have extended the time available for people to respond from the one month minimum to almost two months to account for it being a busy time.

We have also heard from a number of people about how to make the engagement accessible while we are in different stages of lockdown across New Zealand at any point in time. This has been the case for over 18 months now. There are many examples of major engagement being carried out while different communities are in lockdown. We are making sure that people are informed early of opportunities to engage and that there are multiple ways to get

involved that meet the needs of people who can't be face-to-face during this period.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can reach out to the project team at Veros directly.

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SKATEPARK DESIGN



What kind of skatepark are we intending to build?

The aim is to build a family friendly skatepark with both park and transitional elements that attract beginner to intermediate users.

There are a number of concept designs for two different sites and different locations within the sites. The key elements of each design include the following, plus some more general functional and usability factors.



Manual Pad



Stairs



Flatrail



Bank



Bowl & Pool



Quarterpipe



Wallride



Halfpipe



Pyramid



Curb & Ledge

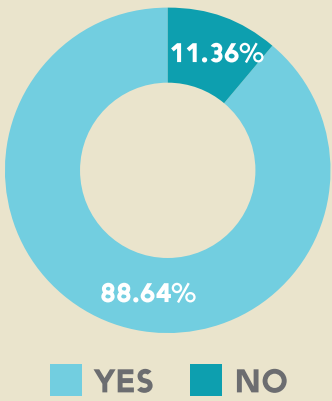


Handrail

The final site selection will influence the final design. For this reason, no more detailed design work will take place until the location is confirmed.

Feedback from survey respondents shows that the community is largely supportive of the design elements to be incorporated into the skatepark.

Do you agree these are the key elements that need to be provided?



Some additional design element suggestions from the community include:

- A pump track
- Wide skate path for learners
- Ensuring the park accommodates young skaters
- Spectator area and shelter from the sun and rain
- Street section

A pump track is out of scope for this project, but ensuring the park accommodates young skaters, spectator areas and shelter will be considered as part of the detailed design process.

Usability factors

- Flow
- Traffic
- Speed
- Difficulty
- Visibility (within skatepark)
- Stylistic focus

Functional Factors

- Capacity
- Areas for spectators, seating and resting
- Integration with existing landscape
- Access
- Security, operations and maintenance
- Spatial and budgetary constraints / opportunities

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR?

Thank you! We received 523 responses to the Tairua Skatepark Survey between 15 October and 19 November. Over 93% of people who responded to the Tairua Skatepark survey told us that they supported the development of a skatepark in Tairua.

The focus of the balance of this stage of the project is to inform the decision about where. A set of draft criteria were provided for feedback during the same survey. Over 78% of people supported the criteria as drafted – many people commented on particular aspects like;

- Noise
- Access to toilets, shade, parking and drinking water
- Visibility and safety of users and spectators
- Consideration of impact on residents

These are already considered in the criteria.

Survey respondents identified a number of additional sites for consideration. Many of the sites suggested had been previously assessed and set aside based on earlier assessments – Veros reviewed these sites again following the suggestions and found that the decision to set these asides was sound. A complete report on the results from the survey is now available online and at Tairua Library.

HAVE YOUR SAY – FINAL SHORTLIST

We want to know your preference for the location of a skatepark in Tairua.

Your response to this survey will be used to inform the 'Community site preference' criteria in the multi-criteria approach to assessing the most suitable site for the skatepark. You can provide your feedback between 22 November and 22 December 2022:

- Online at surveymonkey.com/r/tairuaskateparksiteselection
- By completing the feedback form which you can pick up from the Tairua Library and posting it to us or dropping it back into the Library

We now want feedback on the following three shortlisted sites:

1. **Cory Park Domain**
2. **Pepe Reserve – Harbour side**
3. **Tairua School**

All these sites meet the minimum site size standard of 700m² of available space for a skatepark.

Here is a bit more information on each of these sites. Please note that we have identified the general area being investigated for each site. Each site has specific design requirements that will need to be met during the detailed design process. This will occur once a preferred site is selected.

**Please note that the satellite images used range from 2015 to 2018, and may not reflect the current area surroundings and status.*



Cory Park Domain | 406 Main Road North (between Hornsea and Manaia Rds)

Cory Park Domain is an Active Recreation Reserve owned by Thames-Coromandel District Council.

The specific things to consider for this site are:

- Ensuring the current activities (apart from the activity equipment) on the site are not compromised as this is Tairua's primary active recreation (sporting) venue
- The domain, whilst zoned 'active recreation', is located within a residentially zoned area, with houses all around the domain
- There are some drainage issues due to low lying land and underlying water table
- It is centrally located – Publicly accessible toilets are located 150m away, with additional toilets and the town centre 400m away
- Existing street car parking along Manaia Rd
- A number of residential properties fall within 30 – 50m of the site
- Scores well with preliminary CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) assessment due to good access, surveillance, reserve layout and activities mix

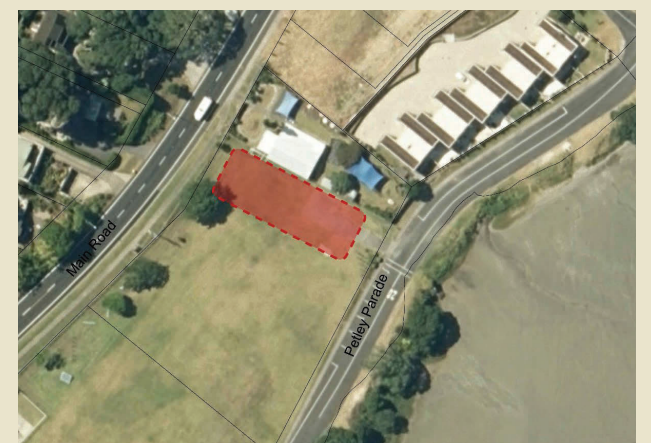


Pepe Reserve | 220 Main Road (Harbour side)

Pepe Reserve is a Passive Reserve owned by Thames – Coromandel District Council.

The specific things to consider for this site are:

- Ensuring the current activities on the site are not compromised as part of any future development (playground & picnic facilities)
- Centrally located and popular reserve for many user groups. New public toilet facility on site and adjoining café, within Town Centre
- Parking is the along state highway and within the Reserve. Although this is already regularly at capacity over summer periods
- A number of residential properties fall within 30 to 50m of the site
- Current status is passive recreation reserve
- Scores moderately with preliminary CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) assessment due to good access, reserve layout and activities mix. Low levels of area lighting at night and impaired line of site impedes good site surveillance



Tairua School | 110 Main Road North (north end of field)

Tairua School is a primary school owned by the Ministry of Education.

The specific things to consider for this site are:

- Site acquisition and tenure require discussion with MOE
- 1.2km from town centre. 250m from closest shops, and 450m from public toilets
- Residentially zoned area
- A number of properties fall within 30 to 50m of the site
- Scores fair with preliminary CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) assessment. Clear lines of sight to area, but low passive surveillance outside of school hours. Possible activities conflict/ distraction during school hours. Relatively poor access due to distance from town

All these sites have residential neighbours. This is being considered as part of the assessment.