

Monarch Park Toilet Proposal - Consultation Feedback (May 2018 - 200 letter box survey forms distributed)

Q1. Do you support the Board's proposal to install a new toilet at this reserve?

Yes	No
19	5

Q2. What are the reasons for your response to Q1 above

For

The community around here would probably value this local amenity. I live too nearby to use but you never know!
I often take grandchildren to the park to use the playground, feed ducks, play in the bush, visit the foodstalls and we frequently require a toilet
This is a large park but there is no public toilet nearby and with better access to the park a public toilet will be handy
Convenient to park users
Sometimes people use the bush area as a toilet which is unacceptable
Agree one is required but does not need to be right at the entrance. Could be somewhere less obvious
It would be very convenient
Because there isn't there one now
It would be very convenient
It's easier for parents to bring small children to parks with toilets
But I am worried about baddies hiding behind the toilet and living in the bushes
You have greatly improved the entrance to the park recently and have done a good job
For users at the park especially children
Convenient to park users - perhaps allow for more community events
The park is used by a lot of people
Should have been done years ago
Good for events, children visiting But needs to have CCTV or security cameras installed
It's a park all aged children go to, it's only practical to have a toilet so they are able to stay longer to enjoy the park
Take kids to the park but if they need a toilet there is no option than to go in bushes

Against

Most people using the park live near the park and are therefore near a toilet facility. It might also attract people for undesirable business
There has been crime history in the very spot ; With toilet block it could increase the chance of criminal activity
It is pointless positioning it near the road. Playground users cannot take children all that way and leave others unsupervised
Worried about non-family types use - this park is often the site for police helicopters, circuits, young adolescents, tagging etc. Adding toilet facility is asking for graffiti, possible needle use

Q3. Do you support the proposed Moore Street location shown at the end of this document?

Yes	No
15	9

Q4. What are the reasons for your response to Q3?

In Support

It is obviously the best position to be and convenient to the path and for servicing

Seems to be a suitable position on flat ground, easy access and will blend in with the landscape

Public drainage close by

Convenience and fairly unobstructive

Close to road

Sensible location

Closer to the bus stop

A lot of people use the park daily and it will be an asset to improve the area

Also close to walkers on Moore St and people caught short on walks

Easy access from the road and safer than in the middle of the park

If it is built, the location is fine

It would help to use the reserve more

Would work best if it has concrete around it - not sure if CPTED is okay so need to put lights and security around it

Near the park reserve, also near bus stop in case people need it, near road so available for passers by

Against

If a child needs to go to the toilet it is too far for emergencies. Since it will be in a shadowy place, it is quite scary too

Would prefer it to be by the playground but if it means that isn't possible, anywhere would be fantastic

Could cause crime activities ; easily damaged by car racers

It's too far from the playground. I live as close. If it's going to take too long my child won't make it or won't agree to go.

Not good to put it right at the entrance

We would prefer the toilet to be pushed a bit more into the park than where it is proposed now.

We suggest it is pushed behind the bridge to reduce the smell that can spread to nearby homes and the incoming entrance

We would like the location to be pushed further from its current location, the reason is due to the possible smell that may spread through to the entrance and to nearby homes, and more so because we sell food

Lots of people and kids playing in the children's playground. It's better to locate the toilet around there.

Q5. What type of artwork or image would you prefer to see on the exterior of the toilet?

Flora	11	bush	ferns
Fauna	11	monarch butterflies, swallows, tuis, korero, fantails,	
Heritage	3		
Other	2		
not important	1	Don't waste money on art work, use it for improving park	

Q6. Approximately, how often do you visit this reserve?

Daily	3
Couple of times a week	9
Weekly	7
Monthly	1
Few times a year	3
Once a year	
Never	
Varies - depends on season	

Q6. What activities do you use the reserve for? Tick all that apply.

Children's play	15
Enjoying natural environment	18
Events at the reserve	5
Fitness programmes	
Jogging	3
Picnics	2
Recreational activities, team sports and games	1
Relaxing/sitting/sunbathing/socialising	8
Walking (by myself/friends/families)	17
Walking the dog	8
Other – please specify:	1 kite flying; hut building; disabled and cannot walk far

Q7. What do you like best about this reserve?

Playground and garden

The bush, streams (which should be maintained and monitored regularly), open spaces, play area. The little library is lovely. Monarch Park is a treasured 'natural' reserve close to my home

Gives a variety of options for childrens activities and reasonably well maintained

Large area, large garden for young kids to play around and for walking the dog

The reserve is big and has lots of grass, good place to walk and allow children to play

Big area of green

Close to home, quiet, native trees and shrubs

Natural; environment. One of few in the area!

It's quiet

Proximity

The playground is a nice place to meet other people - even those I don't know

The new nature playground and the new walking seesaw

Simple and tidy

I have lived here for 32 yrs and on average you have kept improving the area

The walks through the trees and also the free library box and seat

Quiet, attractive, nice playground, lots of green open space but also bush areas

It's size and variety of environments

We overlook the kids playing area and it always amazes us how many families use the park. That is why I would like to see adult fitness equipment added to the area

You can enter the reserve from three streets

Different zones/ areas, proximity - easy walk from home, community feel, little library, enchanted woods

The easy access for entire neighbourhood, lovely native trees and bird life

Quite close to my home, safe for my grandchildren

Children's park but also the short walk through the trees and bridge over dyke

Q8. What do you think are the current gaps and opportunities for improvement at this reserve? These might be to do with:

- Looking after nature
- Places for walking, sitting or socialising
- Places for active recreation like team sports, jogging or fitness programmes
- Protecting this reserve's unique character and heritage
- Welcoming visitors.

The bush area within the park could be better protected and enhanced (planting, weeding, mulching). Well done Council for the recent improvements - entrance access and paths, planting.

Thanks for keeping the 'hedge' along the fence beside the shop

Maybe maintenance on the younger children's playground. The slide has not been operational for months.

Better looking after the ponds, and better maintenance of the walkway at both entrances from Moore Street, through the park, and walkway exit into Monarch Avenue.

The bushes require trimming as it can get very dangerous and dark at night

Places for walking, sitting or socialising; places for active recreation like team sports, jogging or fitness programmes; protecting this reserve's unique character and heritage

The care and upkeep are poor. Fruit trees were planted at the playground area but have been neglected and all the mandarins have died. Large trees have been overrun by kikuyu grass and have died.

Nature playground was well done (a barked and logged area) now neglected as well and needs care and more bark.

Places for sitting- easy care gardens. Maybe even an allotment component. Could teach children about gardening

I think the big pond needs cleaning, weeds and grasses are invading it!

Drainage of the lower grassy area- it's too soggy for the ball games; Poorly maintained wetlands often look polluted or overgrown with weeds/ algae

Better care for fruit trees, replacement citrus trees, annual pruning of plum trees.

Have a master plan for playground instead of replacing equipment ad-hoc as it becomes condemned (Playground Centre has a range of 'wobbly wood' options that are really cool!)

Would be great with flying fox

Looking after nature; protecting this reserve's unique character and heritage

A few more seats for sitting; active recreation, protecting the reserves heritage

The bush area looks neglected where the paths are, the playground requires more maintenance

Weed eradication and maintenance, places for sitting, shade for summer

I would like to see adult fitness equipment

To be used by more club visitors, for parties but no alcohol

Picnic tables at the playground, nature trails, better playground equipment - please fix preschool slide. It's been off limits for months and months with numerous requests to fix it. Park signage

Upgrading children's play areas, cycle path for children and adults to cycle on the streets, lighting?

Possibly a 'sail' type cover for shade over playground

Dog walkers let their dogs go on the playground all the time. They urinate in the bark, unsafe for kids - need better signage. Paths to be less steep so that kids can ride scooters? - more paths for scooters

Drinking fountains would be a good addition to the park

Q9. Please provide any other comments. Is there anything we have missed or need to know about?

Monarch Park is both a small, valuable reserve of remnant native trees and plants and a recreational open space for play and dog exercising. A good proper balance needs to be sustained, and well maintained.

The ponds need better looking after, in the past we could see eels and other fish and ducks, now we can no longer see this.

I strongly believe that the reserve needs street lights as at night the reserve gets very dark and therefore can get very dangerous. The ponds need better care as well

People have been seen setting nets and fishing from the bridge crossing the creek. I have requested signage to say that this is a protected area but nothing has happened.

The park is too small to add any more things.

Just care for what is there! I have found a dead eel on the path.

Plant swap area?

Toilets need to be near where it's open. Don't encourage families to send children to the toilet away from the playground

Playground needs a shade sail to be used in summertime

My only concern is vandalism of the toilet, which I hope won't happen. Over the years I have reported the smashing of the glass in the bus shelters which you have responded to promptly. Thank you

It might be an idea for lighting around the playground be switched on when people are around. It might stop youngsters playing rough with the equipment

There needs to be lights

Priorities for us are fixing preschool slide, picnic tables and seating. Park signage - entrance around park, nature trails

How about some nature paths identifying local birds and their food supply etc.

The 'small' child's play area has been broken and sectioned off for maybe 12 months. Repairing this might be a good start. My husband and I have tidied up and weeded around shrubs etc. because we care.

Activity stations would be useful, would use them everyday

Very boggy at the top of the park, I understand at the bottom but it seems odd it's so wet underfoot at the top - it prevents kids playing football

Q10. Are you?

Female	18	Male	7 + one 7yr child
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Q11. Which of the following best describes the age group you belong to?

Under 18 years	1
18-19 years	
20-29 years	
30-39 years	2
40-49 years	8
50-64 years	1
65-74 years	10
75 years or over	3

Q12. How do you travel to this reserve? Tick all that apply.

Bus	
Car	
Cycle	1
Scooter/Motorbike	
Walk	23
Other – please specify:	

Q13. Do you belong to a club, group or organisation who use this reserve?

Yes – please specify: _	1 Placemaking group
No	21

Q14. Which street and suburb do you live in?

Street:	Monarch Avenue	3
	Moore Street	10
	Ocean View Rd, Hillcrest	1
	Betsland Crescent	3
	McDowell Crescent	6
	Mannering Place	1