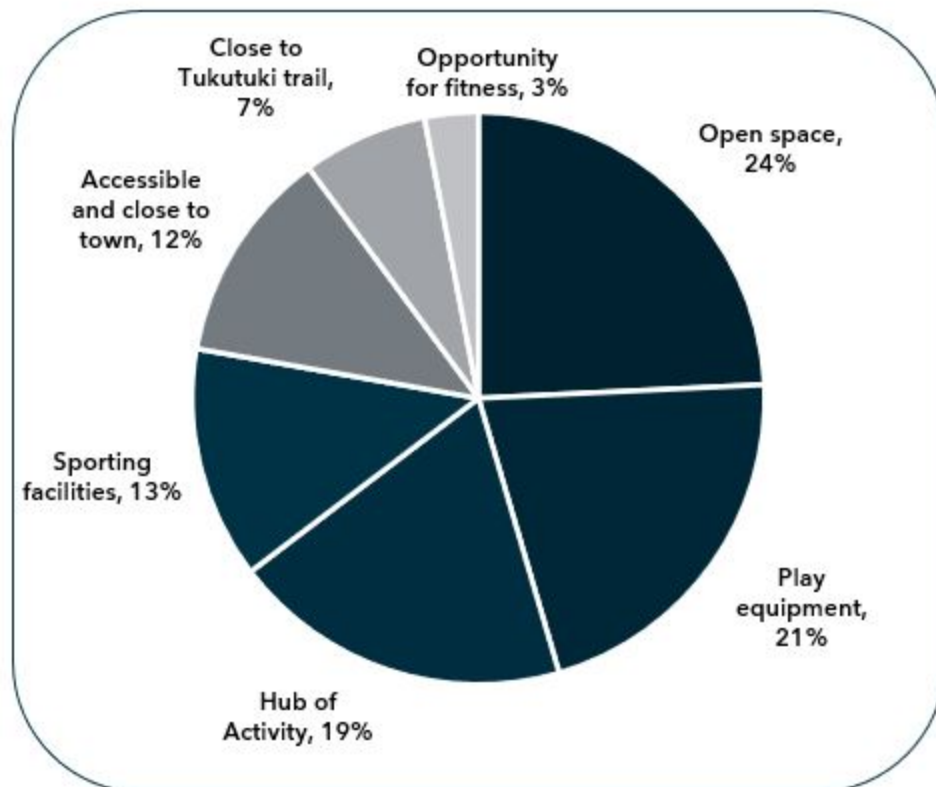


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Question 1

What do you love about Russell Park?



Summary

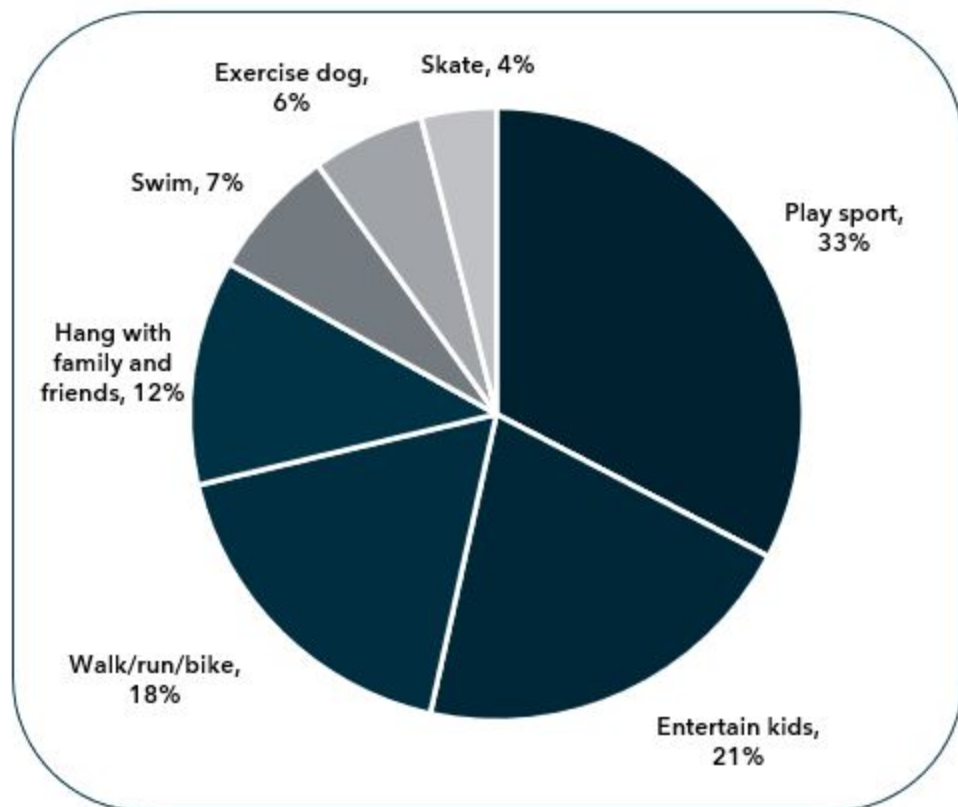
Respondents love much about the park, with particular highlights being the wide-open space, the playground, splashpad and skatepark, the hub nature of having so many activities together in one place, sporting facilities (turf and courts) and the fact that it is easily accessible and close to town.

Open Space	Hub of activity	Play equipment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide open grassed area • Nice place • Open space and greenery • Park and field • The grass • Big trees, green fields • Large flat space • It is a clean tidy green space within Waipukurau that is well utilised • Its an outdoor safe space where you can exercise, walk the dogs or just chill with your family • The open space yet it is in walkable distance to the main streets of Waipukurau • The feeling of space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The variety of activities • Got a lot there for kids and adults • Everything in one place • Its multi-purpose, has options • The centralisation of sport • Everything is there • Pool, hockey and netball all close • It has the most facilities and play areas in CHB so naturally we choose here. • It's a community sports hub • I love how many people use it and how much it is used • The amount of different sports in one area • Family friendly area and families of all ages, genders and race's can attend. Close to other facilities including walking track, sports fields, pools and basketball facilities. • We love that it caters for most sports and the park is great for children • The 'crossroads' of lots of different activities • It is used for many different activities, and many different groups. • Variety of facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The playground is good • Flying fox is the best activity • Swings • Playground is pretty sick • Skate park • Water park • Swings, roundabout, flying fox, splashpad, skatepark • Playground for the kids although it's very limited and they lose interest quickly • Flying fox is my kids fav • Park & splashpad • Splash pad is cool • Good kids playground
Accessible and close to town		Trail Access
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to Waipukurau • Its in the centre of town • Central location • The close proximity to town • General easy parking • Accessibility • Parking most times • Easy access to all parts of the park • Accessible, clean and well maintained for the most part 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Lime Trail and walkway • Access to Tuki trails and river • Close to the walking tracks • Love the path and access to the lime track. • Limestone trail behind it for walking. • Great place to start biking the trails
Sporting Facilities	Opportunity for fitness	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey turf and netball courts • Sport facilities • The pool complex is a great asset to our community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise activities, but its a shame the little track is not circular around the whole park • Space to walk • Relatively safe area for all ages to do fitness and play • Fitness, meeting friends, wide range of ages family members can be together doing different activities. • Exercise apparatus is good 	

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Question 2

What are your reasons for visiting Russell Park?



Summary

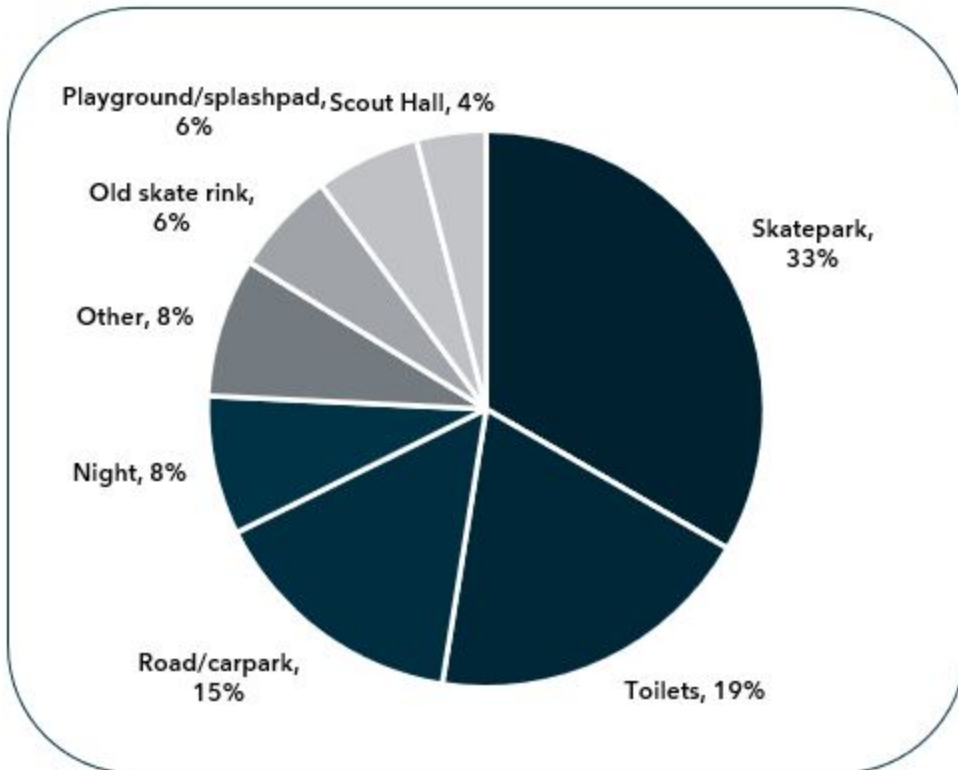
People visit the park for a variety of reasons, primarily to play or watch sport, to entertain the kids, to walk or run or bike including on the lime track, to hang out with friends and family, to swim and skate.

Play or Watch Sport	Exercise	Pools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To play futsal Netball courts Playing hockey Sport Training, Sport, Toilets, Pool, Park Watching our grandchildren play sport Supporting my children play football We play touch in the summer-time with the community I coach for the Central Hockey Club Sports including touch, ki-o-rahi Watch sport Pickleball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Tukituki walking track No real reason like the open space I work at meat works so open space and a nice walkaround is great Using the exercise activities Parking there to bike on the river trails Going for a walk Parkrun, Tuki trails, relaxing during lunch break Parkrun Swimming predominantly Walking the dog It's one of the entries to the lime trail Use walking track Usually passing through on a run Walking along the stop bank, parkrun Attend a fitness class in that area Entering onto the limestone tracks for walking or biking as a family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Like after going to the pools going to the park Swimming lessons Pool Usually to swim, for swim club and to walk the dogs Taking children to swimming
To hang out with friends and family	Entertain the kids	Dogs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hang out with mates Birthday parties, play dates and other special occasions To have fun with family, hang out spot I'll sometimes go with friends because it's a good area to go to See friends and activities To hang out with friends (matariki etc) Place to meet friends while tamariki play, I also work from the area so when my tamariki come to mahi after school they utilize the park to entertain themselves while I am still at mahi A good place to stop when travelling to see family in Wairarapa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking Grandson to the playground Taking the kids there for skateboarding and the playground For the kids to skate Initial driving lessons for the kids BMX track, playground Grandchildren Outside play with children Pump track Playground cuz it's better for toddlers than Waipawa Bike park/playground Skatepark, playground Park and splashpad Playground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass through walking dogs On my dog walking route Dog training To walk the dogs

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Question 3

Are there areas in Russell Park that you don't feel comfortable visiting? If so, why is this?



Summary

In terms of respondents feeling uncomfortable or unsafe, the area of biggest concern is the skatepark in terms of its isolation from the remainder of the park and associated issues around safety and anti-social behavior. The toilets were the next biggest area of concern with respondents not feeling comfortable using them due to their poor condition. The road and carpark were another main area of concern due to anti-social behavior, speed and pedestrian safety. Childrens safety issues were also raised with the proximity of the playground to the road and the slippery surface of the splashpad.

Skatepark

- The skatepark is so far away from the parking and facilities. The old roller-skating area is neglected looking and a waste of space, the skatepark would be better situated there. Have separate areas for scooter riders and skateboarders, their needs are different.
- The skatepark when there are kids there because some of them are very rude
- Only the skatepark at night because of dangers
- All the people at the skate park, some of them aren't nice
- The skate park is often full of truant or gang teens
- Skatepark, so far away from any form of help or to escape from (as a female it brings up a serious safety issue)
- Skatepark, nothing on offer for those less confident
- My kids do not enjoy visiting the Skate Park and it's in an isolated spot away from the public who may be better able to monitor things
- Skatebowl, can have some ratbag kids
- Skate/scooter area can be unsafe for younger children, it's a small area for a lot of age groups and abilities to all use together. Maybe different areas for different abilities would be good. This area could be if it from shelter of some kind for those supervising, not participating and a water/drinking fountain over that side.
- Skatepark, too far away from the main areas, I wouldn't feel safe taking my children to it
- Skatepark - isolated and just not comfortable
- I won't let my kids go to the playground or skate park while I'm on the turf because of older kids and possible gang behavior
- Skatepark is quite far away from the main playground
- Skatepark at times because of gang presence
- Skatepark is annoyingly detached from the main playground and not appealing for younger children who want to give it a go

Road & carpark

- The car entrance is rough and needs to be wider
- The far corner of hockey carpark, idiots smoking and doing donuts
- The road down to courts was so bad this winter, can't if two cars, big potholes, mud
- Yes, the end of the car parking area by the hockey turf. It is a commonly frequented by boy-racers. Very scary when you have young children with you.
- Sometimes the end of the car park by the hockey turf when 'shady looking' people and cars are parked up down there.
- There are often cars parked near the turf with people in them staying for long periods for no apparent reason, they also often drive dangerously, skidding, going fast, which is really dangerous and intimidating, especially when it's after dark.
- Carpark - non marked, racetrack, congestion, boy racers, lack of lighting, not fully sealed

Toilets

- The toilets are creepy. I would prefer more open toilets like the ones at Pandora Pond or Hardinge Rd where there are individual ones
- Toilets-disgusting need renovation
- Toilets by memorial hall can be a bit off putting
- Toilets are horrid
- Toilets - dank and creepy
- The toilets are isolated and lack adequate lighting therefore makes women and children feel vulnerable
- Russell Park also does not have an accessible toilet

Scout Hall

- The ugly run-down scout hall by the car park
- Alley between sports hall & scouts hall - dark & dirty

Splashpad/Playground

- More swings-just not enough
- Bark/woodchip on playground - hurts feet
- Splash pad can be slippery, makes me worry for the kids playing
- The playground not being fenced from car park and the lack of car parking
- The splash pad
- Speaking on behalf of those I work with, the bark provides major accessibility issues to the playground, not just for those in wheelchairs but for anyone that has mobility balance impairments, low vision or blind and not just for children but for whanau as well, if a grandmother has mobility issues, they are less likely to engage in play when the surface provided is hard to navigate.
- Sometimes the playground feels overcrowded and some people take up everything

Roller skating rink

- The outdoor basketball court, it's just unpleasant to look at
- The old roller-skating area is neglected looking and a waste of space
- The ugly backboard on the old skate park

After dark

- Nighttime walking - needs more lighting
- Only the lack of lighting at night when playing sports makes it unsafe

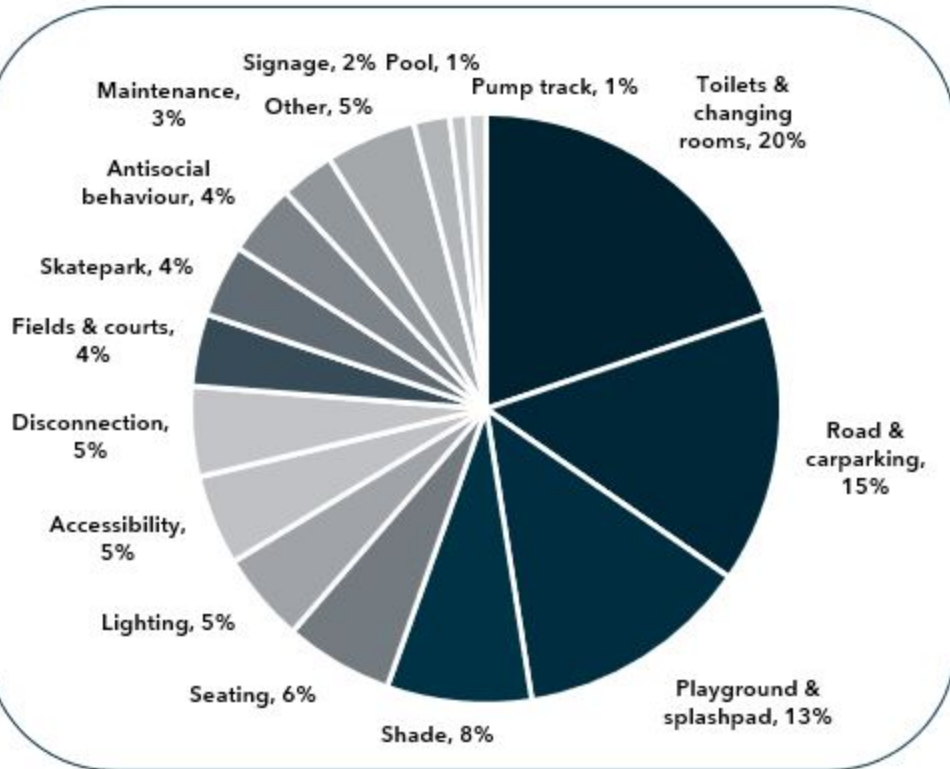
Other

- The gym gear. It's just awkward
- The netball court looks like a prison! Some nice tree planting would help soften it and provide a wind break.
- Aged large trees that are declining
- Having had a fall on the track, I'm not comfortable walking on the access slope from the track down to the car parking area.

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Question 4

What are the biggest issues and problems with the park in order of priority?



Summary

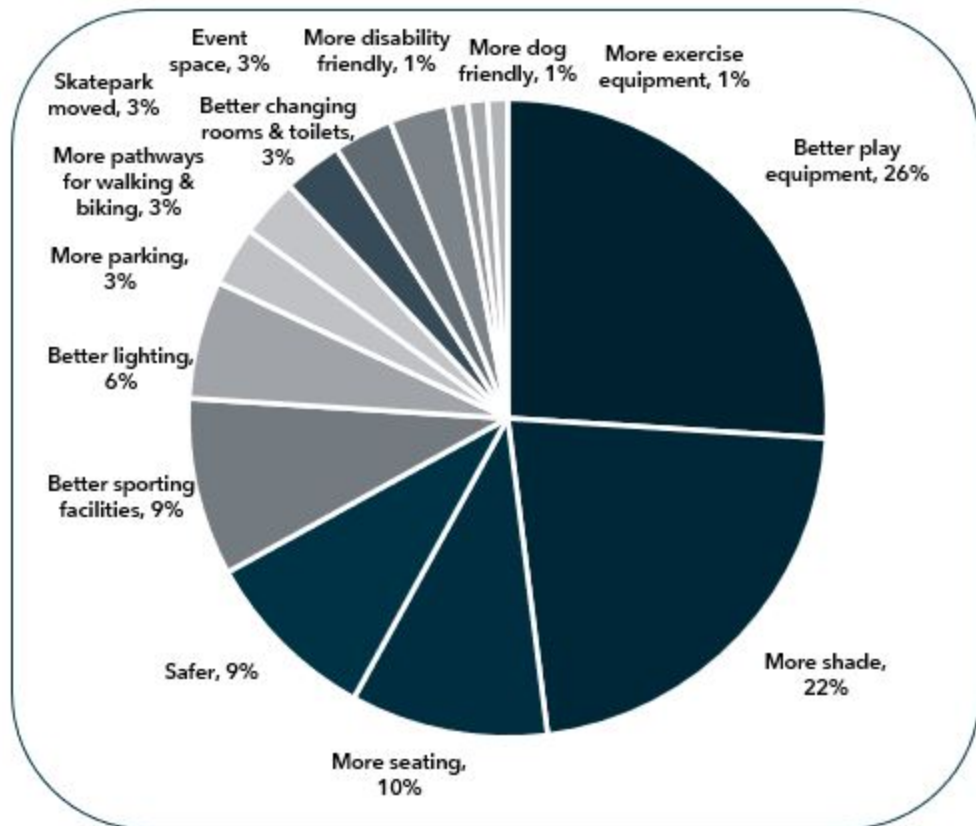
The biggest issues and problems with the park in order of priority are the toilets and changing rooms (specifically the condition and distance from playing fields/courts). Roding and parking was the next highest priority issue with concerns around safety, mud and mess. The playground and splash were another high priority issue with respondents concerned with safety, surfaces and size. Inadequate shade across the park and lack of seating (particularly spectator seating for netball and hockey) were also priority issues. Also of note were the lack of disability friendly access, lighting, the lack of connection between different areas, the skatepark and the quality of the playing fields.

Connections	Playground & splashpad	Skatepark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correlation between CHB rugby sports grounds and Russell Park - make it one huge area that everyone can share The pathway not linking all the way around Tukituki Trail Entrance incorporation Footpath beside netball courts Entrance to river needs better signage and actual river/water access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully fencing playground One of the flying foxes' goes to low to the ground near the end. Better equipment Playground upgrade Non-slip surface on Splash Pad Playground isn't suitable for all Nonslip splash pad needed Fencing of playground Unkept splashpad - often covered in slime & doesn't all work The park only attracts age ranges from 0-8, more mature playground equipment is needed -see the playground at the boardwalk Larger playground for range of age children More kids playing equipment Bigger playground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skatepark - Stop the bullying Move the skate park closer to civilisation Moving the skate park and extending it, making it bigger, so all can enjoy No shade or water at skatepark Extension of skate park to accommodate more little kids Pathing to connect to the skate park and seating and shade that are at the skate park Another skate area if too many people or scary people on one side
Lights		Shade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting for playing sports at night Lighting in the stadium needs upgrading. Some courts overly lit, others have insufficient light. Lighting on later at night 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of shade in summer Needs more shade in play areas and spectator areas More shade and seating No shade over the park & splashpad Not enough shaded areas More shaded areas, trees and fixed shades Shade! By the playground there is next to no shade and all shade that there is has a table which usually is in use therefore people sit out in the sun
Accessibility	Courts/Fields	Toilets & changing rooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility upgrades including removing the bark and providing more play options Tables where someone in a wheelchair could easily fit under and enjoy a meal No accessible toilets It's not accessible for those with disabilities More handicap parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revamp the basketball hoops in the stadium to regulation height Netball courts - A building instead of shipping container!! Changing rooms, admin, storage Turf has really lost its freshness as it isn't maintained well. Makes playing on them not that enjoyable No where for spectators to sit when watching hockey or netball Viewing stands Not enough seating - parents/visitors watching football, netball, hockey. No pavilion Re line the flooring to the current basketball lines that have been active in New Zealand for over 10 years. Netball Courts - more courts + undercover rain cover for players and spectators Lack of water applied to keep the grass green in the drier periods - November through March Quality of ground for playing sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets/ changing rooms by courts/turf Adequate toilets and change rooms for all areas, park, netball courts and sports turf. Portalooos are revolting and only two of them available is insane Needs more toilet locations over park There's NO toilets/changing area close to the turf/courts Changing rooms connected to the netball/hockey area for the travelling teams and teams to do pregame team talks Not enough toilets/change rooms for all the sport. Making people walk to the toilets from the turf is embarrassing Lack of toilet facilities near netball courts. Netball courts - Toilets please
Roding & parking	Seating	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking at the pool on the grass verge - blocks view of road Parking for various codes using facilities at same time Driveway access to the park could be better and wider More speed humps Congestion and state of road access by turf Parking- everywhere! State of parking (muddy) next to entrance Put better parking along tree lined route in or block off to stop muddy mess Fix the area where people park off access road, mud all winter. Better roding coming in by turf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not enough seating - especially near skate ramp More seating in shade for picnics etc 	

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Question 5

I would use the park more if....?



Summary

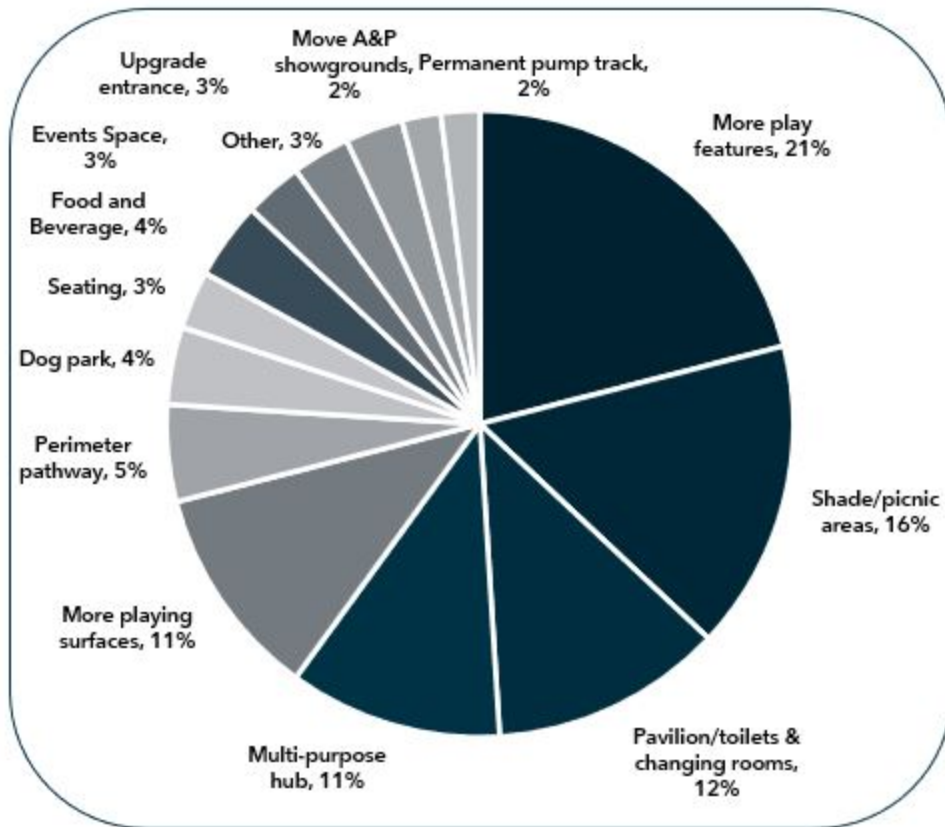
Respondents felt strongly that they would use the park more if it had better play equipment with more variety of activities to entertain different ages. More shade and seating was another strong response, with several requests for shaded picnic areas for families to enjoy. Playing fields and courts were also requested with suggestions including better quality playing fields, lighting and spectator seating, toilets and changing rooms. Improved safety was identified as another factor which would increase utilisation (playground equipment and surfaces as well as lighting and general security). A perimeter pathway for walking and biking was also requested as were disability friendly facilities (bathrooms, seating and pathways).

<p>More Play Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would use the park more if there was another slide that had different features to the current one, inground trampolines, waterways that would be similar to the Havelock North Village Green Park, little maraes with facts on Hawkes Bay. Better/bigger playground There were activities/obstacles for older kids - teenagers Had more gym/activity equipment outside The flying foxes were even because I just hit the floor Better playground - bigger slide The playground was larger, and the bike track was closer The playground was like the ones in Hastings/Napier more for toddlers and more fun things and shade It had a varying range of playground activities for all ages There was a bike pump track permanently installed There was more of a separation of facilities and equipment for smaller children and larger children in play areas and if there was some protection from elements 	<p>Improved Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground fenced better lighting and easier access between all facilities I felt safe on my own If there was more fencing around the playground Security against drug sales and boy racers (1 way traffic would reduce this) The playground and splash pad were bigger and safer. Both very dated and unsafe for kids to be slipping on concrete 	<p>More Shade and Seating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was shade in summer More shade, less of a gang kid hang out More seating under trees away from play areas for older folk to enough quiet and shade. There was more shade/trees and a more inviting atmosphere There's not enough seating to eat at the playground and there's not enough shade More picnic style seating/areas There were more shaded areas with seating It was more family friendly. Adding a few more BBQ spots, benches big enough for families, shading.
<p>Better parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better parking in the hall area, there is too much footpath and not best use of parking space, people end up parking on the footpath anyway and spaces are taken up with 'residents' 	<p>Better sporting facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The football fields were in better condition The grounds were better looked after and more used for sports, more community events The outdoor basketball court was done up, maybe even add a cricket pitch The hockey and Netball turfs had there own changing rooms Better field Net on hoop, better basketball court Courts for different sports, like volleyball Covered seating area to watch sport There was a practice turf for hockey - there is nowhere suitable to warm up before games (if a game is already in progress) Facilities were better, eg changing rooms, club rooms, toilets There was a place for the second largest sport growth in New Zealand - basketball 	<p>Move the skatepark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the skate park was improved and moved Skate bowl area was closer to parking and pool
<p>More disability friendly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More tables and chairs with easy accessibility eg: concrete pads and good height to roll and wheelchair, mobility scooter or pram up to. Accessibility bathrooms Enter and exit to the limestone for mobility scooters or devices 	<p>Better Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting was on longer in winter We would possibly train more than 1 night a week if we had lighting without having to drag our gear trailer out to the front, and fight for parking with other users The lighting was better at night 	<p>More events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More community events If they had activities like Epic there more
<p>More dog friendly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a dog park too 		<p>More pathways for walking and biking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a walking circuit for the elderly There was a bike park for children like marine parade in Napier There was a kids bike track like Napier

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Question 6

Thinking 10 years ahead, what are your big ideas for the future of the park?



Summary

In terms of big ideas for the future, respondents identified many of the same themes as previous questions. New ideas were a bigger playground expanding around different areas of the park - Anderson Park in Napier was used as an exemplar several times. Other ideas included a Pavilion adjacent to the netball/hockey grounds, a multi-purpose hub (serving as a clubrooms for all sports), a covered events space (for markets, festivals, concerts etc), an accessible outdoor basketball court, moving the A&P show and repurposing that area, expanding the Stadium to provide for another indoor court and installing a permanent pump track.

More Play features

- Have a skate area like Barry Curtis Skate park. A waterslide at the pools. Little road track for the little ones that goes all the way round with the wee traffic lights, fenced for safety. Plenty of shade and picnic spots
- Make it bigger more complex things on park
- Big, massive slides, kinda like Anderson park
- Bigger playground with more motion devices
- More facilities in the playground
- I like the track on the old basketball court...more things like that, even if we can have a series of different things like that
- More than 1 skate area away from each other so kids aren't intimidated by others at one area
- Better playground - like Anderson Park
- Better skate park
- BMX/pump track
- There's more options for children as they get older
- An upgraded splash pad utilizing the huge space, and put down a softer slip-resistant alternative in the splash pad area (like at Anderson Park, extending the park to incorporate more things (heaps of inspiration at Cornwall park, Anderson park and all the parks in Napier), a kids track with giveaway signs stop signs traffic lights etc
- Toddler area by the playground
- Interactive, multi-use playground equipment that cater towards older children 10+. Swing to charge your device? Updated gym equipment like in Napier. Ride on digger, levers & pulleys with small stones
- Like Cornwall park
- Upgraded or improved play areas in more than one spot

Dogpark

- Dog specific equipment play area
- Dog activity area be good
- Dog park
- It would be great to incorporate a dog park somewhere either in existing park or on other side of stop bank

Other

- Gym more accessible to younger students
- Dedicated circuit for beginner drivers with a second intermediate circuit with lights
- Turn it into a big horse arena!
- Cafe / ice cream parlour, coffee cart etc
- More handicap parking
- Have a Māori focus. Similar to what has been done on the foreshore in Taupo. Currently the park feels very pakeha

Pavilion

- Pavilion at the hockey turf, water turf, no netball on the hockey turf, all sports Pavilion
- Permanent gazebo area for Parkrun
- Grandstand for hockey
- Hockey need changing rooms an toilet an there own changing rooms
- Changing / clubrooms facilities for all sports Football, Netball, Hockey etc.. Grandstandability
- More development of the netball hockey turf via changing rooms and toilets

More courts/turfs/fields

- Have the sand turf changed to water and having big facilities for the Netball and Hockey turfs
- Cricket pitch, food stands?
- More courts, another turf
- Can it be expanded to accommodate our growing population?
- A basketball court that is open to the public
- Would love to see a bigger stadium with more than one indoor court so it could be more utilised and shared around the community
- Using the A&P Space better - having another rugby field for the school kids and rippa rugby (smaller field sizes)
- A water turf for hockey
- To include at least 2 extra courts to the stadium in order to keep up with the growth of people/children in the community
- Outdoor Pickleball courts. This is such a fast growing sport in NZ and, with a bit of marketing and publicity, as well as offering it to schools, the group will soon outgrow the stadium. You can overlay Pickleball courts on tennis and basketball courts.

Seating

- More scattered seating
- Better seating in stadium
- More seating for adults

Perimeter pathway

- Finishing the concrete path right around the fields
- Proper round bike track (concrete)
- Bike park/bike track

Events Space

- Places for visiting fairs
- Ability to host sporting events
- More seating options for events such as sports, markets and social events like Matariki (watching fireworks etc)

More shade & picnic areas

- More shade, more fountains more scattered seating
- Picnic areas
- Safe place with activity/relaxing options for everyone with shade
- more shade needed
- More focus on recreational use of the park with inviting picnic spots, BBQ, trees for shade, etc
- Nice picnic areas
- More shade/family areas
- Somewhere you could spend hours
- More shade, more greenery
- More picnic tables, seating
- Nature shade options, or temporary shade options till tress grow.
- Benches placed around the park allowing families or youth to have private areas to relax and hang out at the park.
- More trees
- Add a garden and short walk similar to Cornwall Park. Create covered spaces - shade areas and protection from Westerly and Southerly. Add more seating especially amongst smaller specimen trees and shrubs. Perhaps sponsor a tree or plant.

Multi purpose hub

- One stop shop for all sports
- Both Russell Park and Central Park under the same umbrella as a sports Park
- Toilet/changing area by turf/courts
- A community room for Hockey, Netball, Football - with changing facilities
- Having one large facility that is used by multiple codes - used as a hub for sporting - meetings conference rooms - for jobs to come out of this - Facilities and ground manager
- A sports hub
- Russell Park, A & P showgrounds and Central Park are all one large coordinated venue
- Club rooms/changing rooms/toilet, so away teams want to come here and stay. A lot more teams will want to use the turf. Perhaps even shared facilities between multiple sports?
- Hub type meeting room facility
- A full sports hub - including athletics track, clubrooms and seating

Entrance

- Perhaps having a big sign that shows the entrance to Russell Park and where all the facilities are located
- Have KO across the road clean up the dump across from the hall