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# Help shape the future of **Huapai Recreation Reserve**

## What's happening

**We are working on a development plan to guide the future use and development of Huapai Recreation Reserve.**

Huapai Recreation Reserve is a 16.5-hectare reserve located at 2A Tapu Road. The reserve was established in the 1980's as an active sports and recreation park for the Kumeū-Huapai area. Today, Huapai Recreation Reserve is still a sports park and is home to multiple sports clubs. The reserve also provides for passive recreation with two small playgrounds, a skate ramp, outdoor netball courts and adult fitness stations.

The aim of creating a development plan for Huapai Recreation Reserve is to deliver an inviting, inclusive park that supports a range of activities for everyone in our community, and celebrates its cultural heritage.

The proposed development plan takes into consideration:

- Renewal of the existing playgrounds
- Pedestrian and cycling routes
- Vehicle access and parking
- Maintaining current sports provision
- Drainage and biodiversity goals

The plan also considers Waka Kotahi NZTA's future Northwest Rapid Transit Corridor project, and the parkland that may be lost on the southern part of the reserve due to these proposals. The development plan will be used to inform ongoing discussions between Waka Kotahi and Auckland Council. We want to ensure the sustainability of proposed new park facilities via their strategic placement on the reserve.

This is your opportunity to have your say on the proposed plans, and to choose your preference for the playground upgrade.

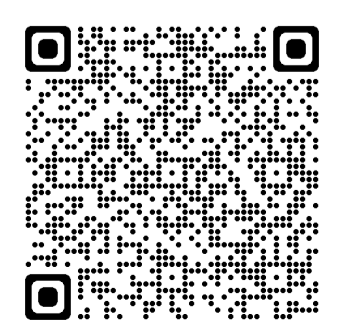
We want your feedback to ensure we get it right.

To provide feedback, you can either:

- Attend the **open day** at Huapai Recreation Reserve on **Saturday 20 January 2024, 5pm-7.30pm** (during the Food Truck Collective event)
- **Fill in an online feedback form** at [akhaveyoursay.nz](http://akhaveyoursay.nz)
- **Scan or photograph** your completed form and email to [huapaireserve@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:huapaireserve@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)
- **Drop off** your completed form at the Kumeū Library.



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## Proposed Development Plan

These images show the existing park layout, and the proposed development plan.

There is a current provision gap in Rodney for a destination-sized playground. A play provision assessment for the Rodney Local Board has identified Huapai Recreation Reserve as the preferred location to fill this gap. Refer to Page 3 for more information on play.



### EXISTING RESERVE LAYOUT



- 4 x netball courts
- 5 x football fields, 1 training field
- 6 x cricket pitches (2 premier), nets
- pre-school play
- junior play
- re-locatable skate ramp
- carparking approx. 170 spaces

### PROPOSED LAYOUT



- Existing sports field provision is maintained
- Proposed destination playground and wheel play upgrade to address gap in the area
- Pedestrian and cycle network is extended
- More carparking options (approx. 200 spaces)
- Improvements to biodiversity and drainage
- Provision of site furniture
- Allows for future development between club buildings (undercover area)



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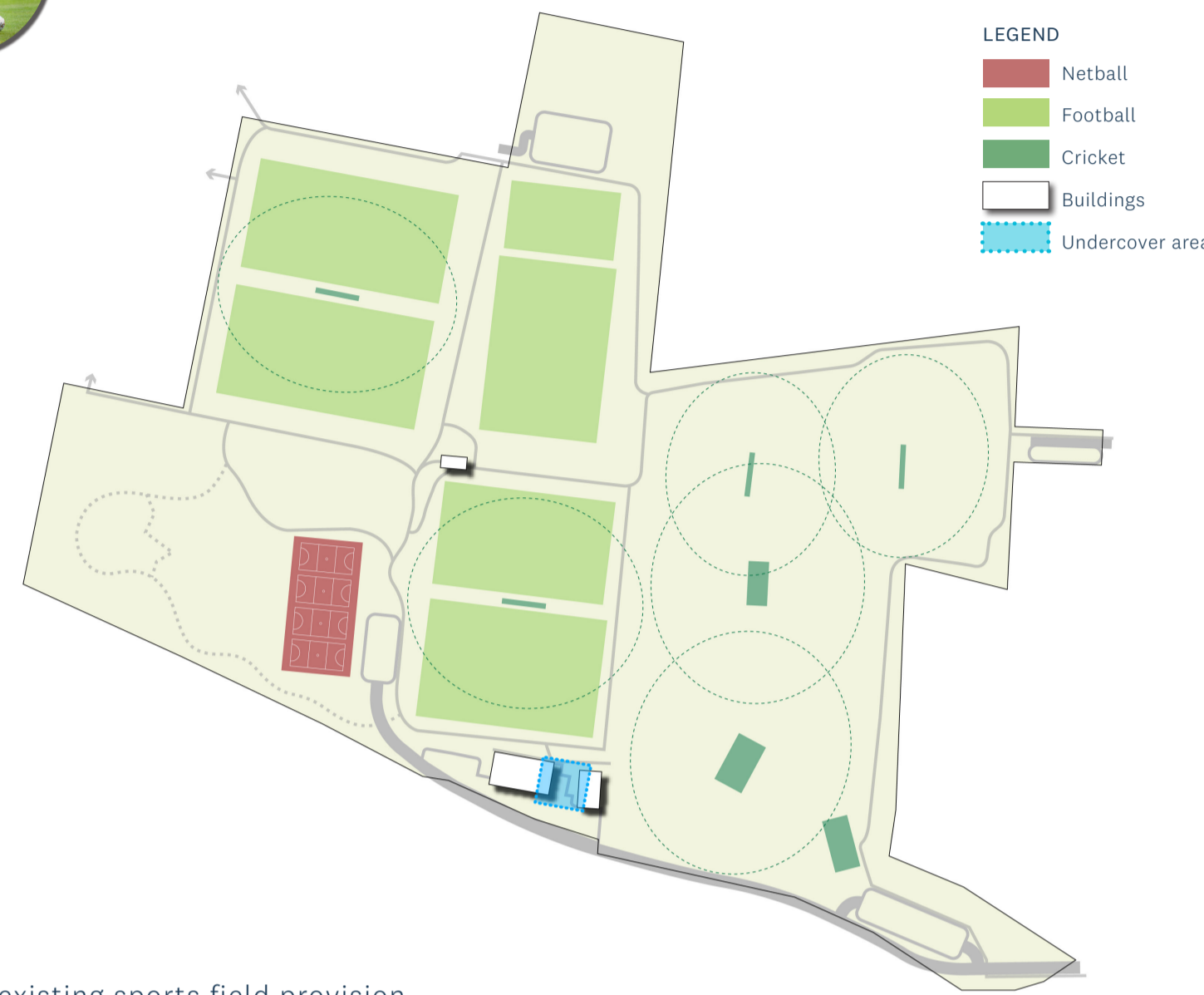
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# Proposed Development Plan - Key Moves

These plans show a breakdown of the key moves underpinning the development plan.



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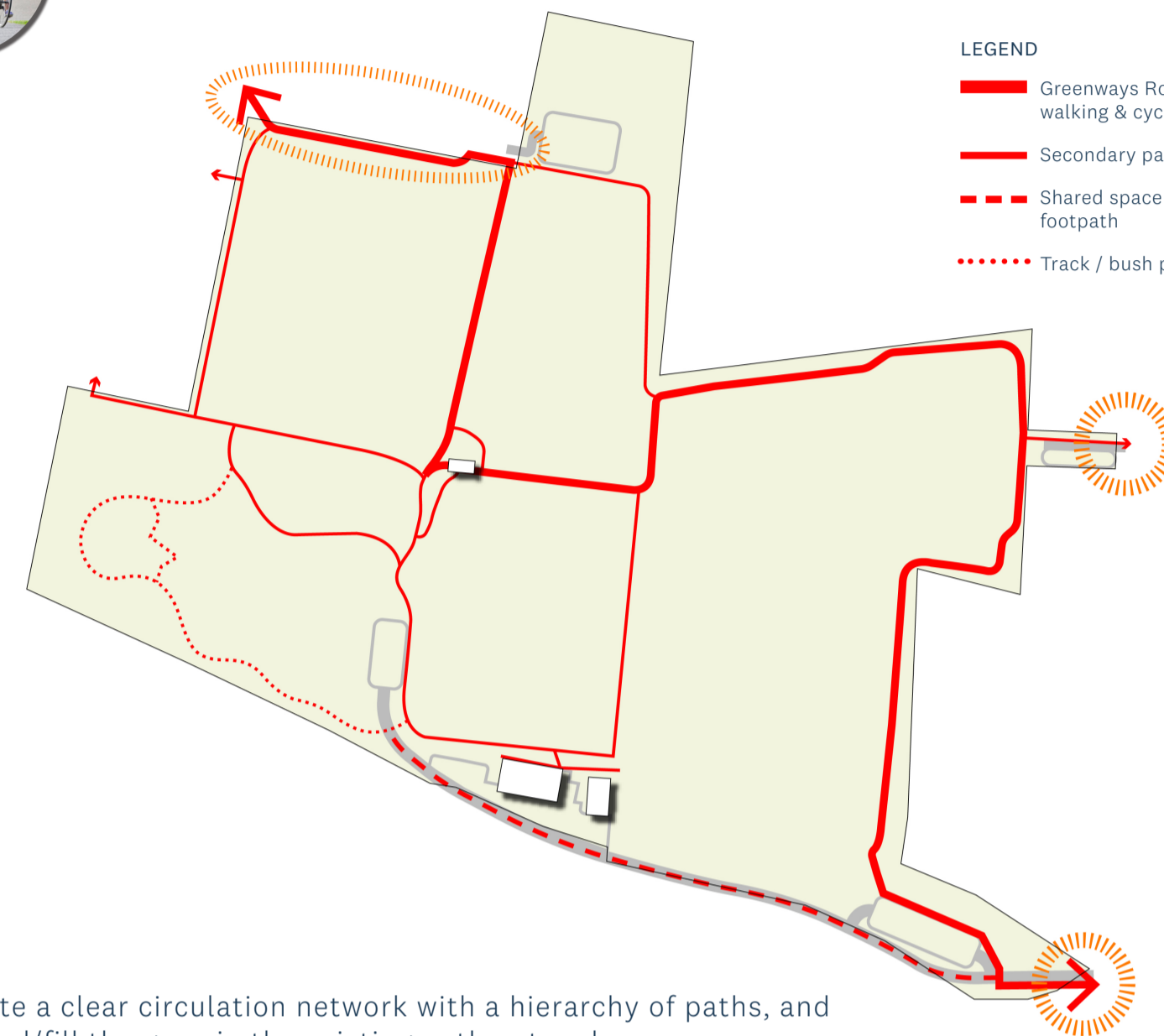


- LEGEND
- Netball
  - Football
  - Cricket
  - Buildings
  - Undercover area

- Retain existing sports field provision
- Relocate existing training field to enable the development of a destination play facility
- Support the development of an undercover area between the club buildings



## PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

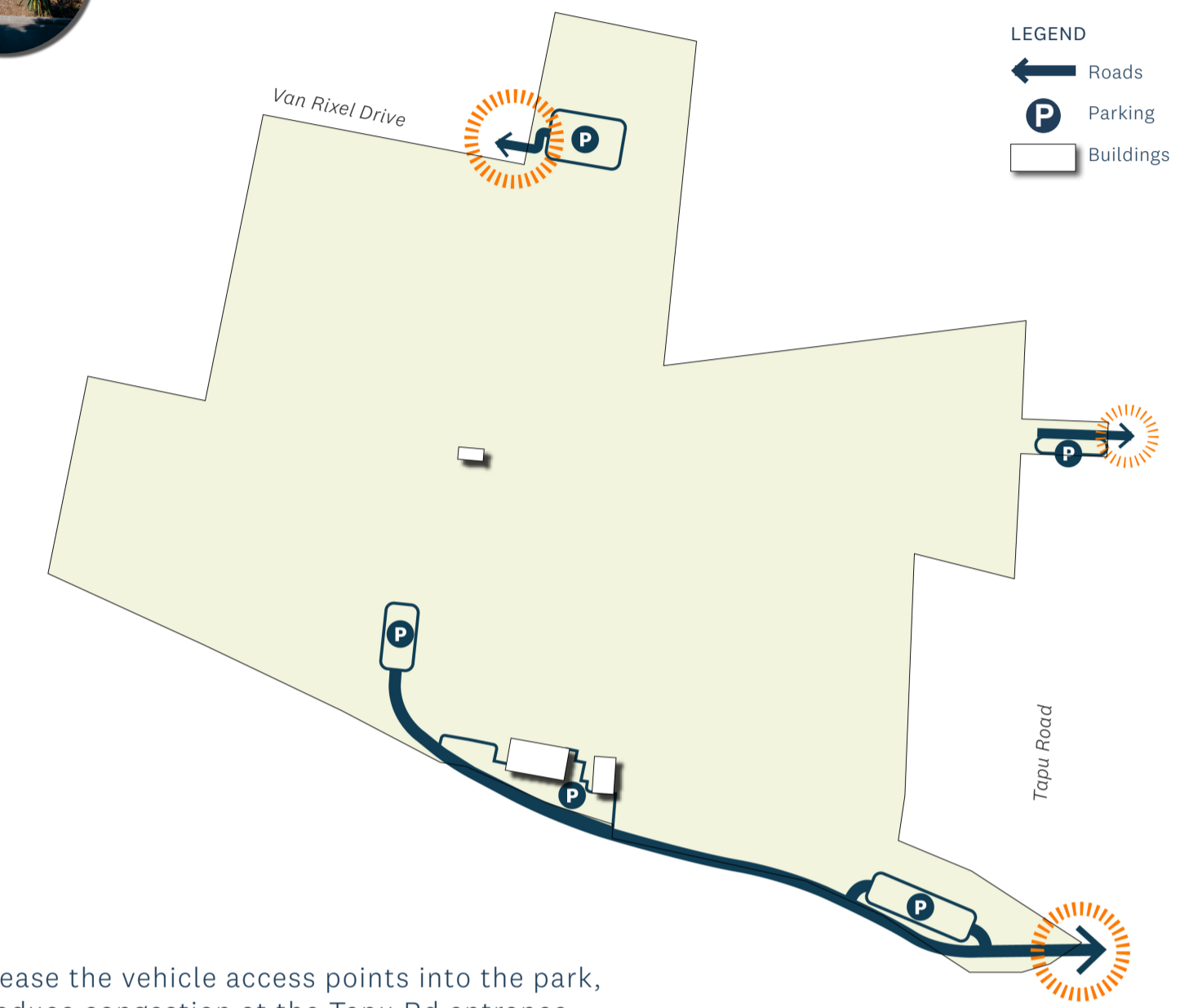


- LEGEND
- Greenways Route - shared walking & cycling path
  - Secondary path
  - Shared space - no dedicated footpath
  - Track / bush path

- Create a clear circulation network with a hierarchy of paths, and extend/fill the gaps in the existing path network
- Provide footpath connections to surrounding roads and school
- Improve pedestrian entry points



## VEHICLES & PARKING

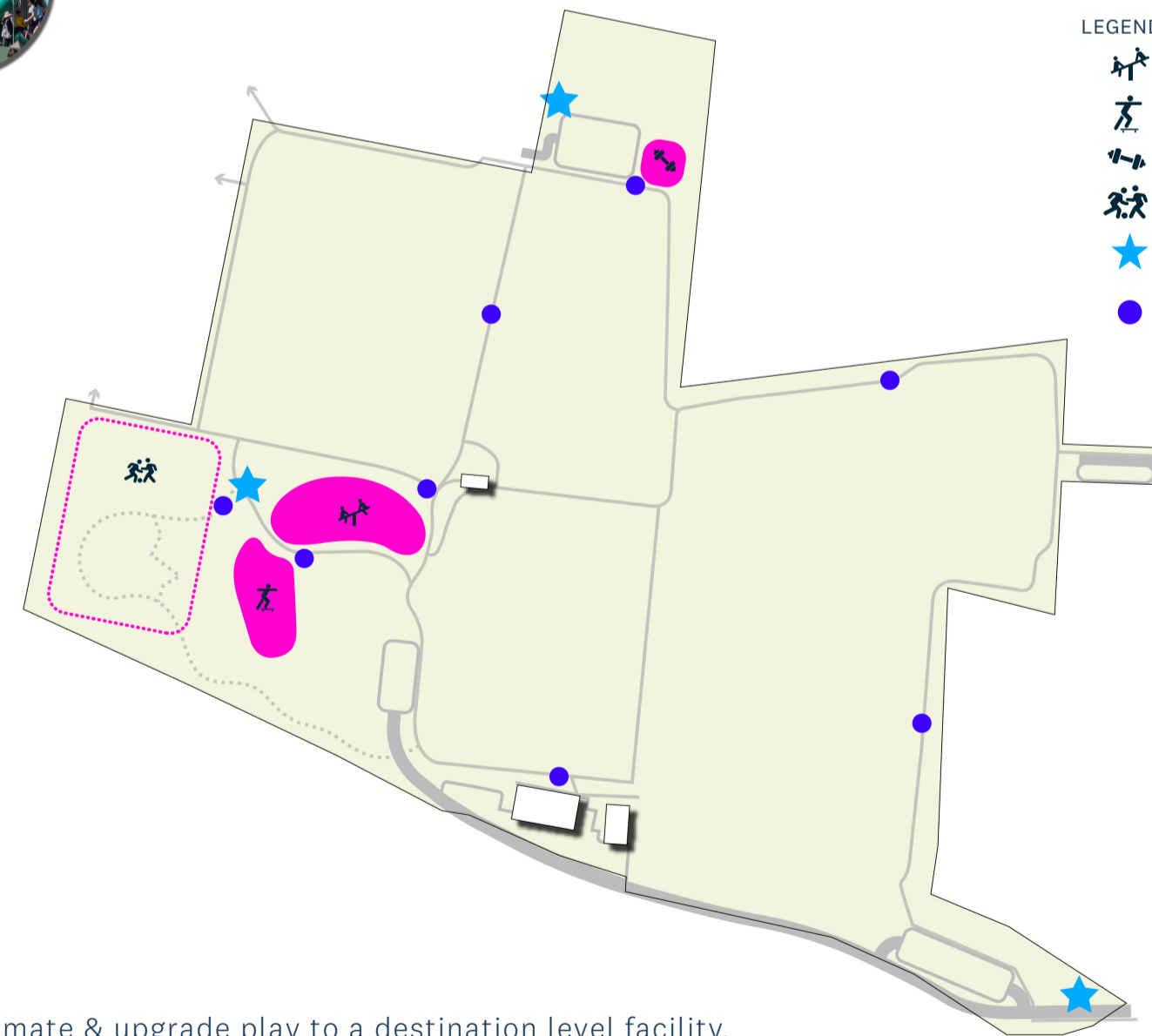


- LEGEND
- Roads
  - P Parking
  - Buildings

- Increase the vehicle access points into the park, to reduce congestion at the Tapu Rd entrance
- Provide new carparks at these access points
- Reconfigure existing parking by clubs to reduce conflicts between vehicles and park users, and allow for undercover area development
- Reduce carpark size by the netball courts to enable the development of a destination play facility
- Overall parking provision is improved. Current provision: 172 spaces, proposed provision: 200 spaces



## RECREATION



- LEGEND
- Playground
  - Skate
  - Outdoor fitness
  - Informal recreation
  - ★ Cultural / interpretive features
  - Seating / site furniture

- Amalgamate & upgrade play to a destination level facility, in a central location that is serviced by parking, paths and toilets
- Provide better outdoor fitness area facility
- Provide informal recreation and opportunities to engage with the environment
- Improve/increase site furniture
- Acknowledge cultural heritage of the site

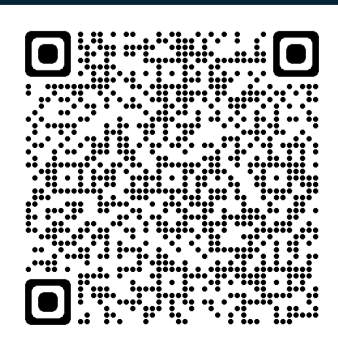


## ENVIRONMENT



- LEGEND
- Wetland / pond
  - Vegetation
  - Trees

- Develop a planting plan for the reserve which improves and supports biodiversity and learning opportunities
- Increase trees (natural shade provision)
- Re-vegetate steep slopes, natural drainage swales and around the ponds
- Opportunity to provide an educational wetland walk, biodiversity signage



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## Playground Theme Options

The existing playgrounds at Huapai Recreation Reserve are scheduled for renewal in 2024/2025 because of their age and the deteriorating quality of the play equipment. They are to be upgraded as a destination playground, as identified in the Rodney Local Board Play Provision Assessment.

A destination playground is a larger playspace which can accommodate lots of people. It caters to all ages/abilities, and offers specialised play activities. People will travel from around Auckland to visit, and spend longer periods of time here. Usually associated with destination playgrounds are also toilets, shade, picnic/BBQ spaces, drinking fountains and seating.

Please add a sticker to your preferred theme

The upgraded playground should take advantage of the area's local history. Three themes are proposed that reflect the site and its surrounds:

### Option 1:

#### 'Urban Sports Bowl'

Huapai Recreation Reserve has always been considered a significant sporting facility for the Rodney district, with official field and clubroom development taking place in the late 1980's.

- The playground is a place to **race, jump, move, spin, compete, be active** - mimicking the active recreation in the rest of the park
- Opportunity to provide for games and competition, as well as informal / unprogrammed play
- Opportunity to integrate Māori games and narratives
- Opportunity to include education around health benefits of physical activity
- Materials would be mainly steel, rope, rubber surfacing and astroturf in bright and bold colours
- Planting could be a combination of natives and exotics to soften the playground into the surrounding landscape.



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### Option 2:

#### 'Ecological Escape'

Kumeū River is a prominent river in the area and is located north of Huapai Recreation Reserve. The river formed Te Tōangaroa portage route, an important historic link between Kaipara and Waitematā Harbours.

- The playground is a place to **seek refuge, navigate, discover, splash, balance, slide** - mimicking a natural river environment
- Opportunity to provide for imaginative play, as well as informal / unprogrammed play
- Opportunity to include water play as a safe, interactive 'splash' component
- Opportunity to integrate Māori fishing and navigational methods, and narratives
- Opportunity to include education around the ecological importance of our waterways and native biodiversity (aquatic plant and animal species)
- Materials would be mainly natural with water, timber, stone, bark, sand, rope in muted tones of greens, blues, browns
- Planting could include native lowland species, hardy shrubs and groundcovers.



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### Option 3:

#### 'Orchard Harvest'

Huapai loosely translates to 'good fruit' in Māori, and the Kumeū-Huapai area is well known for its past and present fruit growing.

- The playground is a place to **dig, climb, harvest, pull, swing, assess** - mimicking food cultivation and harvest on nearby farms
- Opportunity to provide for imaginative play, as well as informal / unprogrammed play
- Opportunity to include sand play as an interactive 'dig' component
- Opportunity to include education around māra kai (gardening for food), food waste and the healing properties of plants
- Materials would be mainly natural with timber, bark, rope, rubber with pops of bright colours
- Planting could include fruit trees, herbs, and native medicinal plants.



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## Playground and Wheel Play Activity Options

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### PLAY



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**Hanging/flying**  
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**Sliding**  
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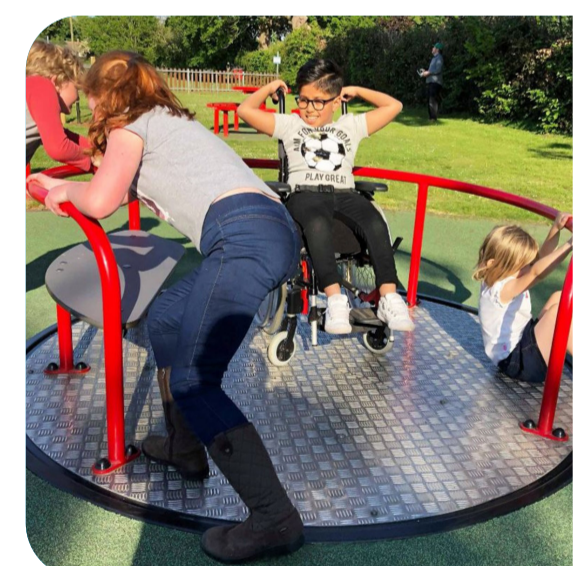
**Water Play**  
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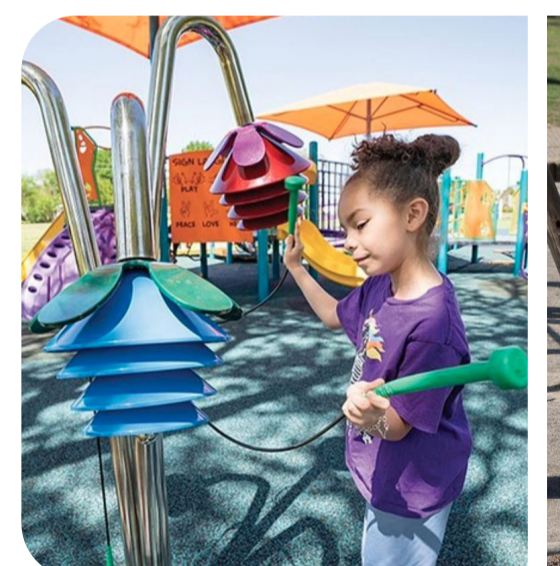
**Climbing**  
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**Sand Play**  
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**Spinning/rocking**  
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**Music Play**  
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**Jumping**  
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**Nature Play**  
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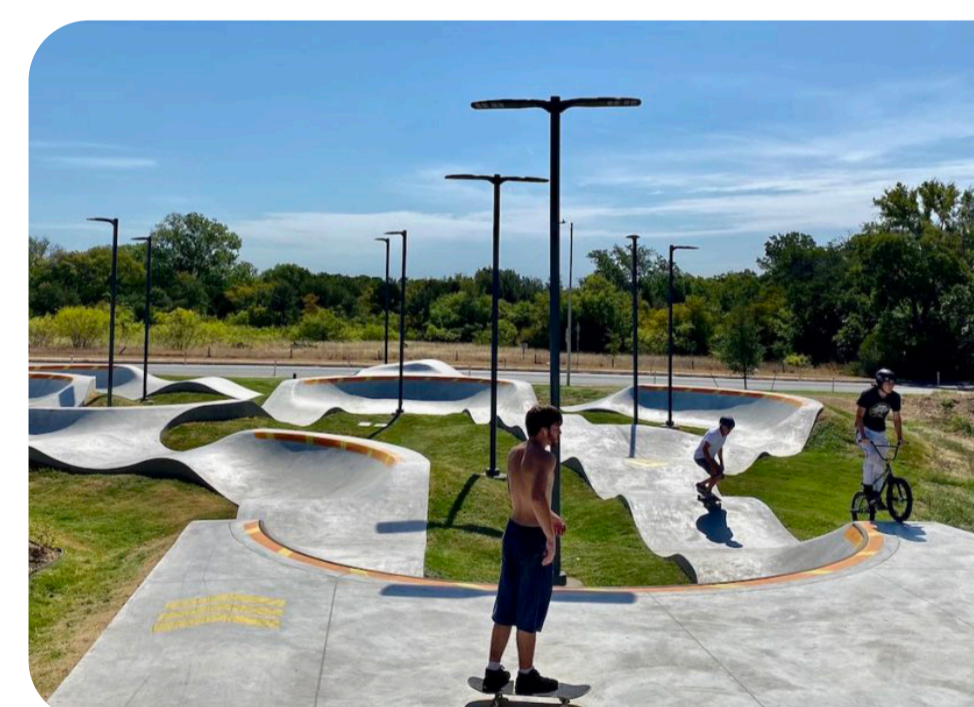
### WHEEL



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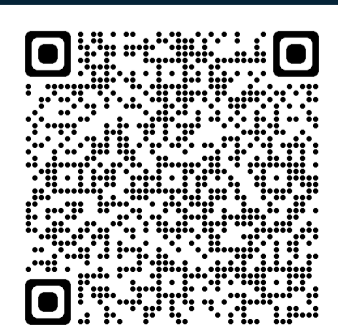
**Pump Track**  
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**Flow Park**  
(combined pump track and skatepark)  
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**Skate features**  
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