



Takapuna Beach Concept Development Plan for Te Uru Tapu/ The Sacred Grove

The Devonport Takapuna Local Board is seeking feedback on the future development of Te Uru Tapu/The Sacred Grove area located at the northern end of Takapuna Beach.

This area is of significant importance to Mana Whenua as it was used by their ancestors for rituals for their deceased. The Grove comprises of ancient Pohutukawa trees estimated to be at least 150 years old. It also has a lookout point to Rangitoto Island and a boardwalk which provides an alternative access to the beach. The boardwalk which is located at the southern end of the Grove was closed in June 2018 as a result of risks identified with tree failure and the deteriorating condition of the boardwalk itself. The northern end of the Grove continues to remain open which accesses the lookout point.

Two concept designs have been developed with input from iwi, neighbouring residents, the local board and specialist arborist advice. The two options focus on the preservation of the ancient pohutakawa whilst balancing access to the Grove and health and safety risks.

Feedback needs to be received by 12 July 2019

Submit your feedback

All of the questions below are optional. We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz, or you can complete this form and return it to us using one of the options below.

Email

Scan your completed form and email it to

TakapunaSacredGrove@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

By post

Place your completed form in an envelope and send it to freepost address:

Auckland Council, Takapuna Sacred Grove, Free Post Number 190315, Private Bag 92300, Victoria St West, Auckland 1142

In person

Drop your completed form off at Takapuna Library or the Devonport-Takapuna local board office.

Your name and feedback may be included in public documents. All other personal details will remain private.

First name:

Last name:

Email address or postal address:

Your local board:

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business? (If yes, this confirms you have authority to submit on the organisation's behalf)

Yes

No

Name of organisation/business:

Which of the following best describes you?

I live or own a business in the immediate area e.g. The Sands, The Rocks, Mon Desir

I live in the local area. i.e. Takapuna resident

I live outside of Takapuna

Option 1- Close all access to Te Uru Tapu/ The Sacred Grove

Close all access into Te Uru Tapu/ The Sacred Grove including access to the lookout point.

- Remove all infrastructure including boardwalk (1), stone lookout (2), benches and bins(5).
- The Pohutukawa trees are protected. Tree remedial work is still required on a number of trees to reduce health and safety risks and to stop catastrophic failure of some trees. However, the idea is to manage the inevitable collapse of trees allowing them to grow in a more holistic fashion.
- Beach access is retained via the northern promenade, where the stairs will be upgraded and a new ramp installed onto the beach (14).
- Interpretive signs are installed to showcase the history of the area (15).
- Access through the Grove is closed to the public and the surrounding residential apartments (6 and 7)

Option 2 – Partial Closure of Te Uru Tapu/ The Sacred Grove

Access at the northern end of the Grove remains open to the upgraded lookout point. The boardwalk is closed and entry is removed at the southern end.

- The boardwalk(1) is closed and removed so the Pohutukawa trees at the southern area are protected and managed through natural and remedial works. The trees continue to grow once they collapse in a natural environment without any health and safety risks.
- At the northern end as access is retained to the lookout point (2) with all the infrastructure being upgraded. The trees are maintained by wire strop replacements, adding new props and pruning to maintain safety.
- Beach access continues via the northern end of the promenade (14), with upgrades to the stairs and a new ramp installation allowing access to the beach.
- Interpretive signs are installed to showcase the history of the area (15).
- Access through the Grove remains open for the residents of the apartments Mon Desir and Sands.(6 and 7)

1. Which is your preferred option?

- Option 1 - Close all access to Te Uru Tapu/ The Sacred Grove
- Option 2 - Partial closure of Te Uru Tapu/ The Sacred Grove
- No preference

2. Why is this your preferred option?

3. How important is it to you that we protect the Pohutukawa trees in Te Uru Tapu/ The Sacred Grove?

- 1- Not at all important 2 3 4 5 – Very important Don't know
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4. How important is it to you that we retain access into the Grove?

- 1- Not at all important 2 3 4 5 – Very important Don't know
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5. How important is it to you that we recognise the history and significance of the area? e.g. through signage

- 1- Not at all important 2 3 4 5 – Very important Don't know
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6. How important is it to you that we install lighting in Te Uru Tapu/ The Sacred Grove at northern end?

- 1- Not at all important 2 3 4 5 – Very important Don't know
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7. How often do you use the Lookout point in the Grove?

Please choose the best answer below

- Daily
- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- At least once a year
- Do not use

8. When the boardwalk was open, how often did you use it?

Please choose the best answer below

- Daily
- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- At least once a year

- Did not use

9. How has the closure of the boardwalk affected your visitation to Takapuna Beach?

Please choose the best answer below

- I visit the beach less often
- I visit the beach the same amount
- I visit the beach more often

10. Do you have any other feedback on the Takapuna Beach Development Plan for Te Uru Tapu/ The Sacred Grove?

The following information is optional but will help us know whether we are hearing from all Aucklanders.

Are you: Female Male Gender diverse

What age group do you belong to:

Under 15 15-24 25-34 35-44
 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

Which of the following describes your ethnicity? (Please select as many as apply)

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 Cook Islands Māori Tongan Chinese
 Indian South East Asian Korean
 Middle Eastern / Latin American / African
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