

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESULTS OF PARKS AND RESERVES SURVEY

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| Number of Surveys posted | Return rate | % |
| 500 | 127 | 25% |

Demographics

55% of the returns were from Taumarunui
 75% were from working age people
 62% were from males

Results of Questions

| Picnic Tables/Seats | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Council currently provides every urban area (town) with at least one picnic table | 77% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council could increase this so that all mowed reserves in all urban areas (towns) have picnic tables and seat facilities | 23% |

| Playgrounds | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: At present, all communities have access to playgrounds but some are not Council owned and do not cater for all age groups (ie, belong to schools, army) | 83% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council could increase this service so that all communities have access to at least one playground that includes play equipment for a range of ages from under five to early teens | 17% |

| Walkways | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: One walkway in the district has partial wheelchair access | 55% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council could develop some walkways so they have wheelchair access, | 42% |

| Walkways | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Some walkways are maintained at a low cost and with volunteer help | 33% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council could provide more support to volunteers to carry out maintenance on walkways | 67% |

| Flower Bed (Main Street Taumarunui only) | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Some flower beds at present | 72% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council could create new colourful flower beds for Taumarunui's main street | 28% |

| Vegetation Maintenance | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Pest control for some weed species is minimal and some weed species are becoming a problem in some reserves | 39% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council could develop more programmes for pest weed eradication with community groups/Horizons Regional Council and the Department of Conservation | 61% |

| Tree Maintenance | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: District-wide discretionary tree maintenance including removals, re-planting, trimming, crown lifting. | 67% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council will contract a consultant arborist to inspect all parks and reserves in urban areas and develop a District-wide tree management plan. | 33% |

| Urban Mowing | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Council currently mows all the of road verges in all urban areas | 56% |
| Decreased Level of Service: Council could provide no mowing in urban areas (residents to mow road verges) and reduce the cost of this activity, but would still need to mow some urban areas | 44% |

| Cemeteries | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Families are expected to keep graves weed-free | 70% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council will maintain all plots to be weed-free | 30% |

| Cemeteries | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Some cemeteries do not have reticulated water | 74% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council could provide all cemeteries with reticulated water for caring for plants and hand washing, by installing water tanks | 26% |

| Community Halls | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Currently all halls (not Council operated) need to apply for grant funding | 89% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council could provided for all Halls (not Council operated) to be funded by a set amount each year for capital or maintenance | 11% |

| Public Toilets | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Current cleaning is once a day for major (State Highway) public toilets and three times per week for others | 62% |
| Increased Level of Service: Increase cleaning to three times per day for major toilets (State Highway toilets) and daily for others | 38% |

| Swimming Pools | |
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| Options | % who choose this option |
| Current Level of Service: Council is currently proposing no spending on upgrading | 65% |
| Increased Level of Service: Council could provide capital expenditure for improving the ablution blocks (showers/changing rooms and toilets) | 35% |