

FRANK KITTS PARK

FALE MALAE PROPOSAL

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

In September 2021, Wellington City Council made the decision to demolish the earthquake prone underground carpark in the south-west corner of Frank Kitts Park. The Fale Malae Trust is proposing to build a Fale Malae which would, subject to landowner approval and resource consent, replace the car park structure with a smaller footprint and include multi-purpose spaces, as well as public facilities and a café. In early 2023, Wellington City Council sought community feedback on the proposed development via an online survey. In total, 2,133 online surveys were completed.

HOW PEOPLE USE FRANK KITTS PARK

Almost two thirds of respondents (62%) had visited the Frank Kitts Park area more than once a month in the last year.

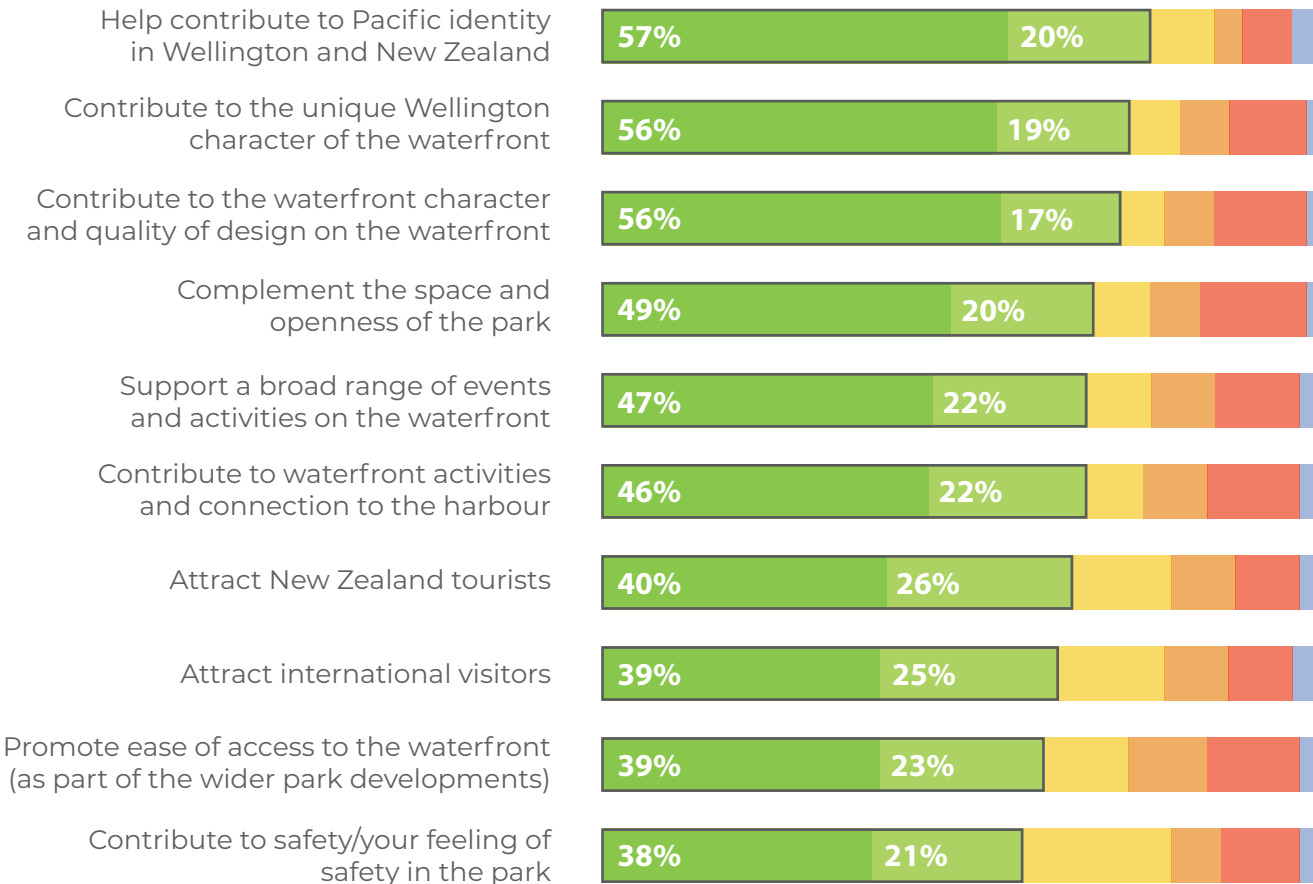
More than half of respondents had each used the area for commuting (87%), walking along the waterfront (64%), and for relaxing (62%). Almost half had attended events (48%).

Most respondents stated that they usually visit the area by themselves (56%), almost half visit with their partner (44%), and around a third visit with young children (33%) or colleagues (31%).

When presented with 10 statements about benefits the Fale Malae might bring, between 59% and 77% of respondents agreed with each statement.

VIEWS ABOUT THE PROPOSED FALE MALAE

Respondents were asked to indicate the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with the following 10 statements about whether the Fale Malae would:



VALUE THAT THE FALE WOULD ADD

Below are the most often discussed topics when survey respondents were asked:

What value do you feel the Fale Malae would add to the park and waterfront?

The Fale Malae would represent and recognise Pasifika culture in Wellington

The Fale Malae would recognise Aotearoa New Zealand's Pasifika heritage and represent Pasifika people who live here

Be a reminder that Aotearoa New Zealand is the "heart of a Pacific nation"

Strengthen our Pacific identity

The Fale Malae would add visual appeal

Beautiful building that increases visual appeal of surrounds

Visible Pasifika design and curved roof good contrast to straight concrete of other buildings

"It is an ambitious, bold, exciting, and visually striking proposal"

The Fale Malae would help to celebrate and connect with Pasifika culture

Shared cultural experiences and engagement with Pasifika culture and diversity

Pasifika events and cultural celebrations

Inclusiveness and learning

"Provide a cultural space to celebrate and share our rich diverse Pacific cultures with our wider kiwi whānau"

The Fale Malae would enhance the waterfront

Adds mana and enhances the waterfront

Culturally significant location close to the ocean

Complements Wharewaka and Te Papa

"It makes the waterfront even more special and unique than it already is"

The Fale Malae would be a better use of the space

A space for more people-focused activities than the current car park

A safer and more welcoming space than the current park

CONCERNS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FALE MALAE

Below are the most often discussed topics when survey respondents were asked:

What concerns do you have about the potential Fale Malae development?

Concerns about disruption to current uses

Loss of dragon boat storage and changing rooms

How will dragon boats be launched into the water with the ramp gone?

Disruption to festivals and other activities such as slacklining from loss of mature trees

"As a condition of approval, Dragon boating facilities should be re-provided if the current shed is lost to this development."

Concerns about loss of open/green space

Sacrifices limited free, open, public, green space

Too much development on public land

"My concern is actually alarm - I find it alarming to think that we will lose precious green space in a park to accommodate a building"

Concerns about cost

Should not be a priority with rates going up

Money better spent on fixing degraded infrastructure

Better communication on how the council allocates budgets

Concerns about construction time and disruption

Area would be a construction site for too long

Duration and disruption of building would impact access and activities

"The waterfront becoming a building site may negatively impact on the current use of the waterfront as an area for people to relax in and enjoy"

Concerns about the functionality of building

Suitability of the open roof design in frequent windy and rainy weather

Usability of the space, such as a lack of seating and shelter both indoors and outdoors

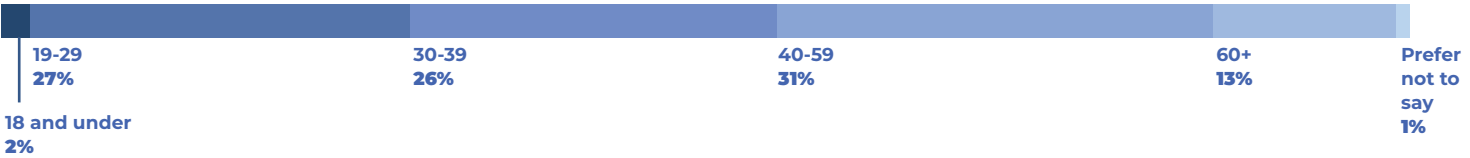
"From the image on the project site, it looks quite exposed. I wonder how that will affect its use in all of Wellington's weather"

SURVEY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS



Almost all respondents (97%) stated they were responding to the engagement on behalf of themselves or their family, as opposed to a group or organisation.

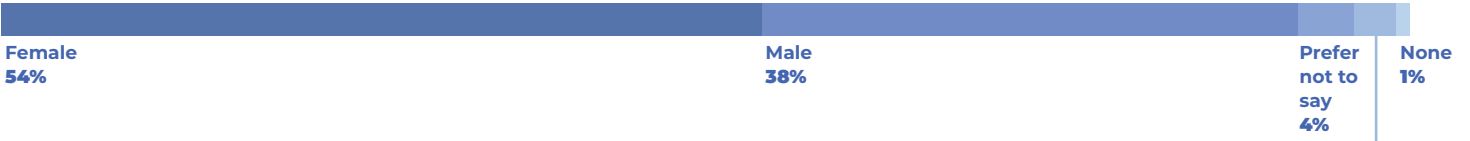
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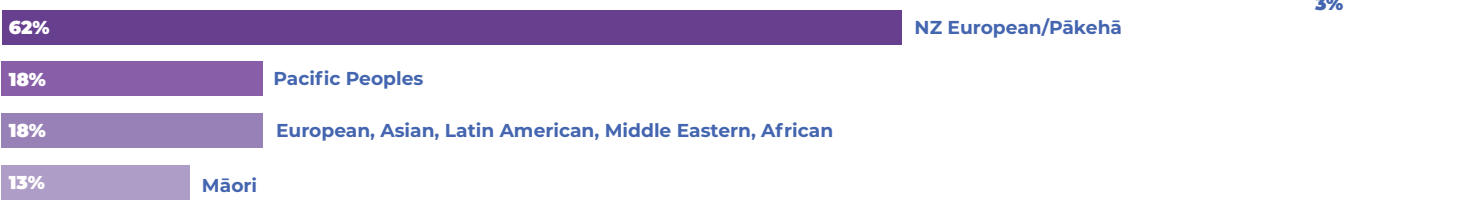
Where respondents live



Respondent genders



Respondent ethnicities



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