Proposed Glendowie Park Pump Track

Summary of feedback received during Auckland Council's public consultation from 1 to 30 October 2025

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Te take mō te pūrongo | Purpose of the report

This report summarises feedback received during the consultation period of 1 to 30 October 2025 regarding a proposed installation of a permanent pump track at Glendowie Park in the Ōrākei Local Board area.

This report does not include any advice or recommendations for decision making.

Whakarāpopototanga matua | Executive summary

The proposed pump track at Glendowie Park aims to provide young people with more recreational opportunities and a safe social space. The Park was identified as the most suitable site because it is a large, underused open space, has safe and connected pathways, and is central to many other open spaces in the local board area.

The proposal was promoted through Auckland Council's online consultation platform, social media, and direct engagement with residents. Feedback was collected via online forms, physical forms, and email.

We received a total of 698 submissions, including seven submissions from organisations. Most feedback came from residents in the Ōrākei Local Board area (86 per cent).

Overall, 77 per cent of individuals and four of the seven organisations supported the proposal, while 19 per cent of individuals opposed it, and four per cent selected 'Other' or 'I don't know'.

Supporters highlighted benefits for children and the wider community, encouraging physical activity, and making good use of underutilised space. Many noted that the pump track would provide a safe, dedicated area for biking and scootering and address the lack of similar facilities in eastern suburbs.

Submitters that were opposed to the proposal addressed concerns including losing off-leash dog walking areas, preserving open green space, safety and noise issues. Some submitters suggested alternative locations such as Roberta Reserve or Crossfield Reserve.

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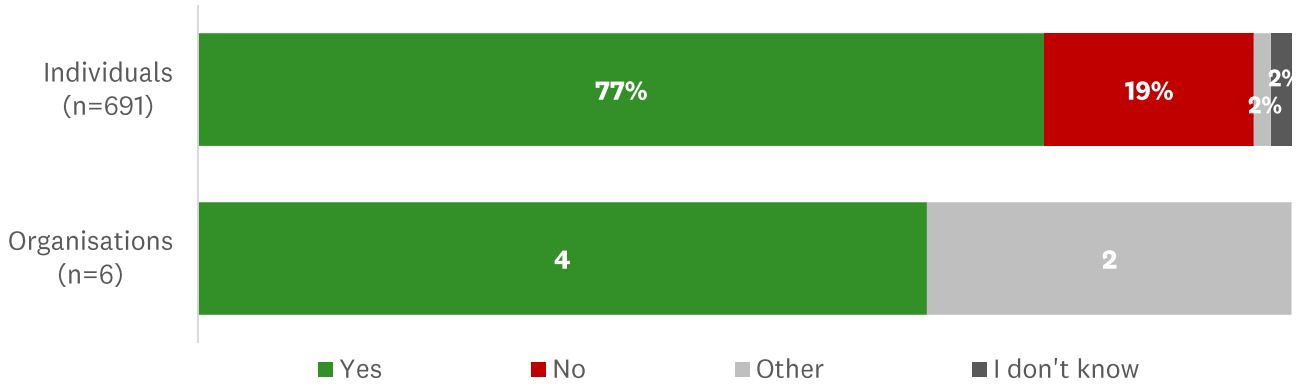
The following summary presents submissions from individuals and organisations separately. Feedback from organisations may represent the views of numerous individuals and/or expert views. As such, the two groups are presented separately to assist decision makers in their consideration of feedback.

Analysis is presented for each of the consultation questions, beginning with the question and the response options available to submitters to select.

Overall, we received 698 submissions.

1. Do you support the installation of a permanent pump track at Glendowie Park?

Single select question | 697 responses (99.9 per cent of all submitters)



Response	Individuals	Organisations
Yes	535	4
No	132	0
Other	11	2
I don't know	13	0
TOTAL	**691**	**6**

Tell us why

The most common reasons based on the response provided are highlighted below.

Support:

Of the 535 individuals who supported the installation of a permanent pump track at Glendowie park, 503 (94 per cent) provided a comment. The most common themes from these comments included:

- **Encourages physical activity**

  Many respondents noted that a pump track would help children and teens stay active, improve biking skills, and reduce screen time.

  (238 comments – 47 per cent of those that selected "Yes" and made a comment)

- **Good use of space**

  Feedback often mentioned that the park is currently under-used and that a pump track would transform it into a vibrant, family-friendly area.

  (147 comments – 29 per cent of those that selected "Yes" and made a comment)

- **Benefits whole community**

  Comments highlighted that the track would bring families together, create a safe social space, and provide an inclusive facility for all ages.

  (135 comments – 27 per cent of those that selected "Yes" and made a comment)

- **Addresses lack of local facilities**

  Many respondents noted there are very few pump tracks or similar facilities in the eastern suburbs, and this project would fill a gap by providing a much-needed recreational option close to home.

  (114 comments – 23 per cent of those that selected "Yes" and made a comment)

- **Safe space to ride**

  Comments emphasized the importance of creating a dedicated, secure area for biking and scootering, reducing risks from traffic and providing a controlled environment for kids to play safely.

  (81 comments – 16 per cent of those that selected "Yes" and made a comment)

- **Cater to different skill levels**

  Feedback highlighted the need for a design that accommodates beginners as well as more experienced riders, with features that allow progression and keep the track engaging for all ages.

  (70 comments – 14 per cent of those that selected "Yes" and made a comment)

Do not support:

Of the 132 individuals who **do not support** installation of a permanent pump track at Glendowie park, 131 (99 per cent) provided a comment. The most common themes from these comments included:

- **Dog walking concern**

  Many respondents were worried that the pump track would reduce or eliminate off-leash dog walking areas, which they see as a vital community space. Concerns included safety risks for dogs and riders and loss of a valued social activity for dog owners.

  (81 comments – 62 per cent of those that selected "No" and made a comment)

- **Change location**

  Suggestions focused on moving the pump track to alternative sites such as Roberta Reserve or Crossfield Reserve, which already have amenities like toilets and parking and are considered more suitable for active recreation.

  (70 comments – 53 per cent of those that selected "No" and made a comment)

- **Retain open green space**

  Comments stressed the importance of preserving Glendowie Park as a quiet, natural area for walking, relaxation, and informal play, rather than introducing a hard-surface facility that would change its character.

  (63 comments – 48 per cent of those that selected "No" and made a comment)

- **Safety and noise concerns**

  Respondents worried about collisions between riders and pedestrians, especially children and elderly users, and feared increased noise disrupting the park's peaceful atmosphere.

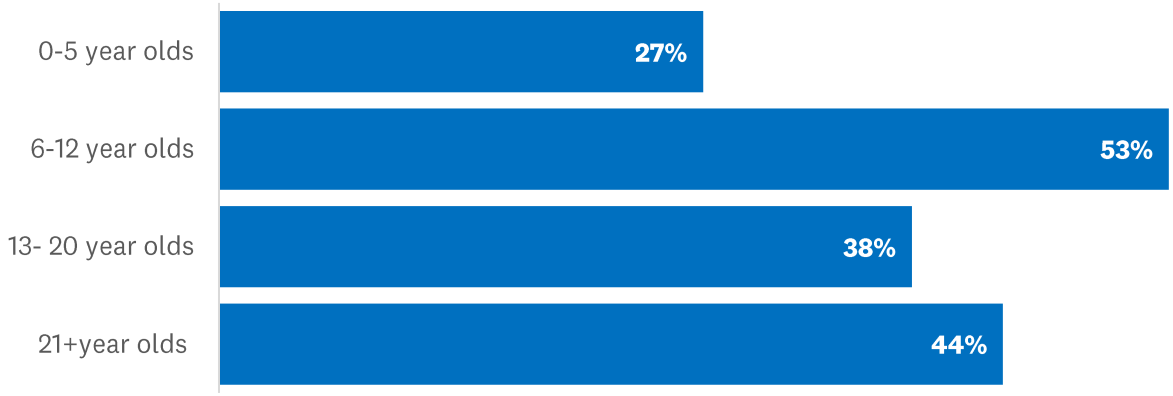
  (61 comments – 47 per cent of those that selected "No" and made a comment)

➢ Of the 11 individuals who selected "Other," 10 (91 per cent) provided a comment. Most suggested moving the pump track to a different location, raised concerns about losing off-leash dog walking space, and noted the lack of toilet facilities as a key issue if the track is installed.

➢ All 13 of individuals who selected "I don't know" provided a comment. Most mentioned the details provided were insufficient about the proposal, along with concerns about losing off-leash dog walking space if the pump track is installed.

2. Which of the following live in your household?

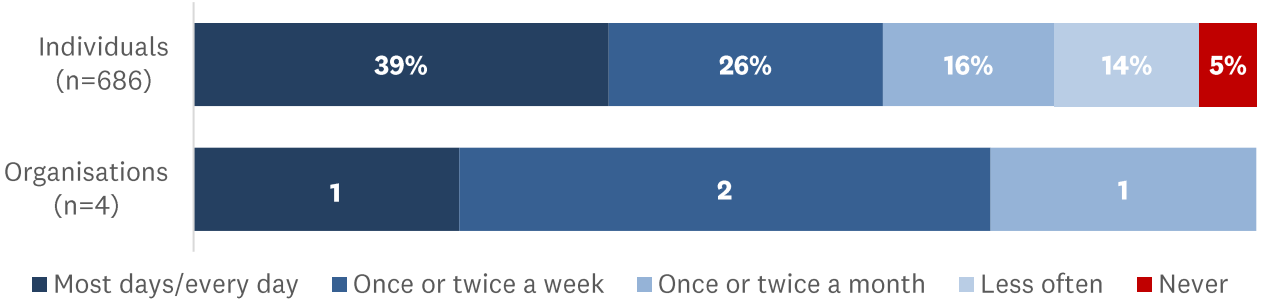
Multi select question | 673 responses (96 per cent of all submitters)



Response	Individuals	Organisations
0–5 year olds	181	1
6–12 year olds	355	0
13-20 year olds	259	1
21+ year olds	293	3
TOTAL (submitters responded)	**673**	**4**

3. Currently, on average, how often would you or the people living in your house use Glendowie Park in summer?

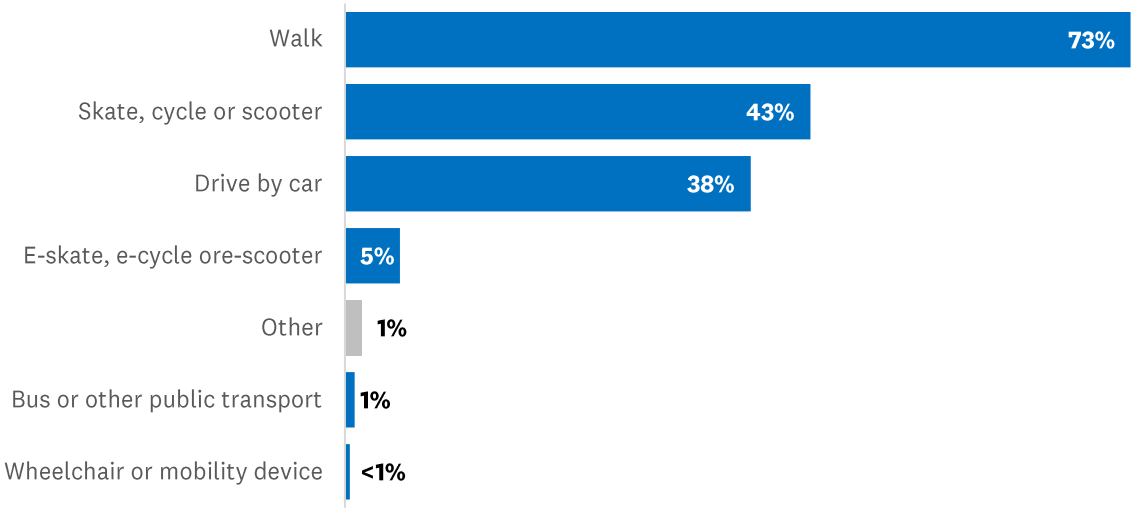
Single select question | 686 responses (98 per cent of all submitters)



Response	Individuals	Organisations
Most days/every day	268	1
Once or twice a week	177	2
Once or twice a month	111	1
Less often	93	0
Never	37	0
TOTAL	**686**	**4**

4. How do you usually travel to the reserve?

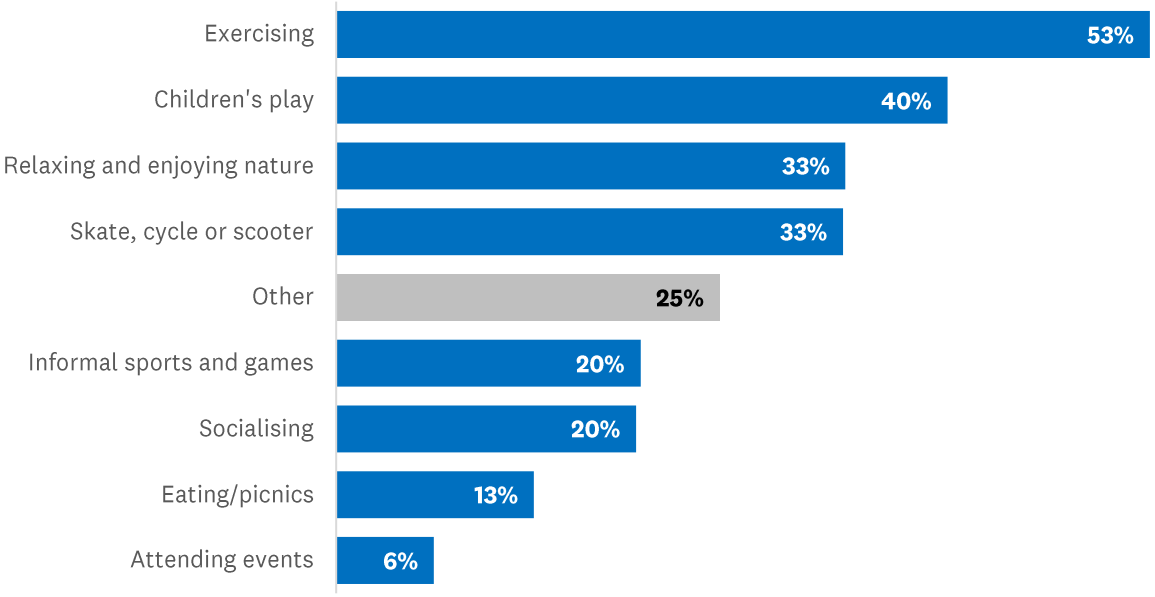
Multi select question | 668 responses (96 per cent of all submitters)



Response	Individuals	Organisations
Walk	486	3
Wheelchair or mobility device	3	0
Skate, cycle or scooter	288	2
Drive by car	251	1
E-skate, e-cycle ore-scooter	34	0
Bus or other public transport	6	0
Other	10	0
TOTAL (submitters responded)	**668**	**4**

5. What is your main activity while at Glendowie Park?

Multi select question | 656 responses (94 per cent of all submitters)



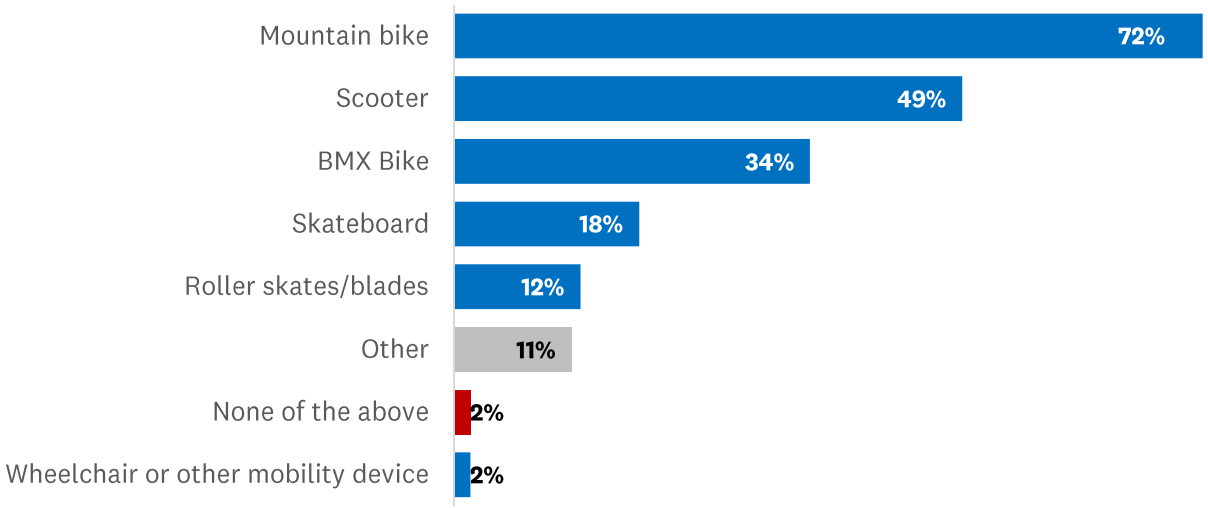
Response	Individuals	Organisations
Children's play	263	1
Informal sports and games	131	1
Eating/picnics	85	2
Exercising	350	1
Relaxing and enjoying nature	219	1
Socialising	129	1
Skate, cycle or scooter	218	1
Attending events	42	0
Other	165	0
TOTAL (submitters responded)	**656**	**4**

Other Activities

Dog walking was the most frequently mentioned activity *(119 responses)*, often off-leash and used for socialising. The park is also commonly used as a thoroughfare *(34 responses)*, particularly for walking to and from school.

6. What do you ride?

Multi select question | 567 responses (81 per cent of all submitters)



Response	Individuals	Organisations
BMX Bike	194	2
Roller skates/blades	69	2
Scooter	277	1
Wheelchair or other mobility device	9	0
Skateboard	101	2
Mountain bike	408	1
None of the above	9	0
Other	64	0
TOTAL (submitters responded)	**567**	**3**

Other Ride options

While most respondents selected from the provided options, other ride types were also noted. The most frequent were road bikes (28 responses) and e-bikes (14 responses) with smaller numbers mentioning gravel bikes and balance bikes.

7. Do you have any other feedback on Glendowie Park Pump Track?

Open question | 425 responses (61 per cent of all submitters)

Feedback from individuals

Of the 420 individuals who commented, most reiterated points from Question 1. The most common themes included:

- 44 per cent support the proposal, often highlighting benefits for kids and community
- 20 per cent requested a location change, suggesting alternatives like Roberta Reserve or Crossfield Reserve
- 16 per cent commented on good use of space, noting the park is under-utilised
- 12 per cent said it caters to different skill levels, asking for design that suits beginners and advanced riders
- 12 per cent noted community benefits, such as creating a social hub and encouraging outdoor activity
- 12 per cent raised dog walking concerns, focusing on loss of off-leash areas and safety for pets.

Feedback from organisations

Five organisations commented on this question. Given the low number of comments, there were no strong common themes among these comments.

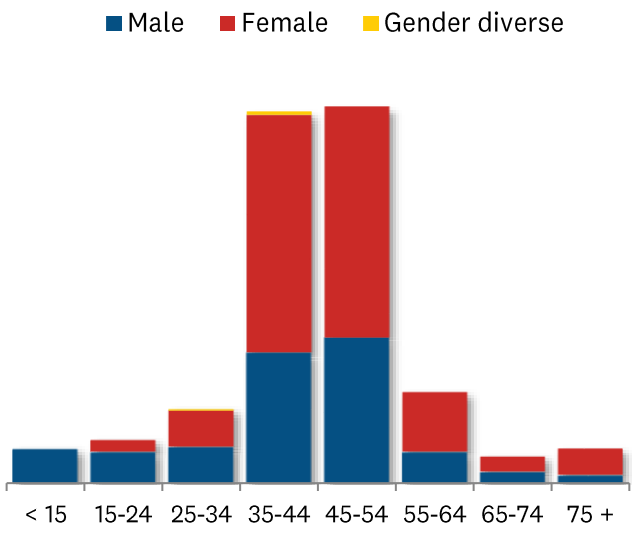
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Who we heard from

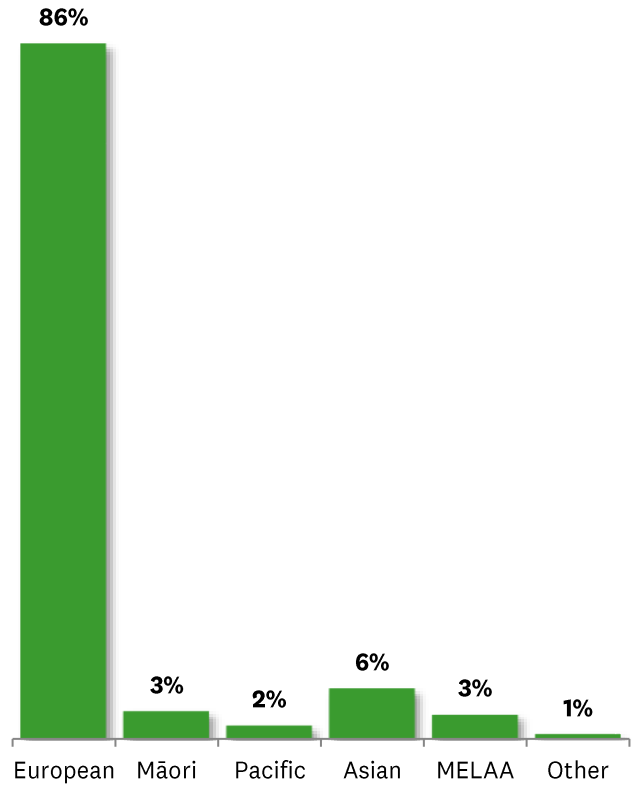
Overall, we received 698 submissions – 691 individuals and 7 organisations. Most feedback came via our online form (680 submissions), though we also received feedback via our physical feedback forms (13) and email (5).

The tables below indicate the demographic profile of those that answered the demographic questions.

AGE	Male	Female	Other	#	%
< 15	21	0	0	**22**	**3%**
15 – 24	19	7	0	**26**	**4%**
25 – 34	22	22	1	**46**	**7%**
35 – 44	79	144	2	**228**	**35%**
45 – 54	88	140	0	**230**	**36%**
55 – 64	19	36	0	**55**	**9%**
65 – 74	7	9	0	**17**	**3%**
75 +	5	16	0	**21**	**3%**
TOTAL (submitters responded)				**645**	**100%**



ETHNICITY	#	%
European	**577**	**86%**
Pākehā/NZ European	540	**81%**
Other European	37	**6%**
Māori	**23**	**3%**
Pasifika	**11**	**2%**
Samoan	4	**1%**
Tongan	3	**0%**
Cook Island Māori	3	**0%**
Other Pasifika	3	**0%**
Asian	**41**	**6%**
Indian	18	**3%**
Chinese	9	**1%**
Southeast Asian	10	**1%**
Other Asian	4	**1%**
Middle Eastern/ Latin American/ African	2	**0%**
Other (incl. Kiwi/New Zealander)	**20**	**3%**
TOTAL (submitters responded)	**668**	**NA***



* Note: percentages add to more than 100 per cent because people could select more than one ethnicity.

The table below indicates the total number of submissions received by the local board that submitters live in.

LOCAL BOARD	#	%
Ōrākei	600	86%
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	67	10%
Other local boards	27	3%
Outside Auckland	2	<1%
Not provided	4	1%
TOTAL (submitters responded)	**696**	**100%**