



Future recreational use of A F Thomas Park

Feedback must be received by **11.59pm, 23 November 2025**.

In response to flooding events in recent years, A F Thomas Park is being redesigned to protect people, homes, businesses and communities in the Wairau catchment from severe flood risk.

Currently, most of the park's land is used by the Takapuna Golf Course, providing an 18-hole public golf course and driving range. Eventfinda Stadium, lawn bowls and archery are located on smaller sections of the park.

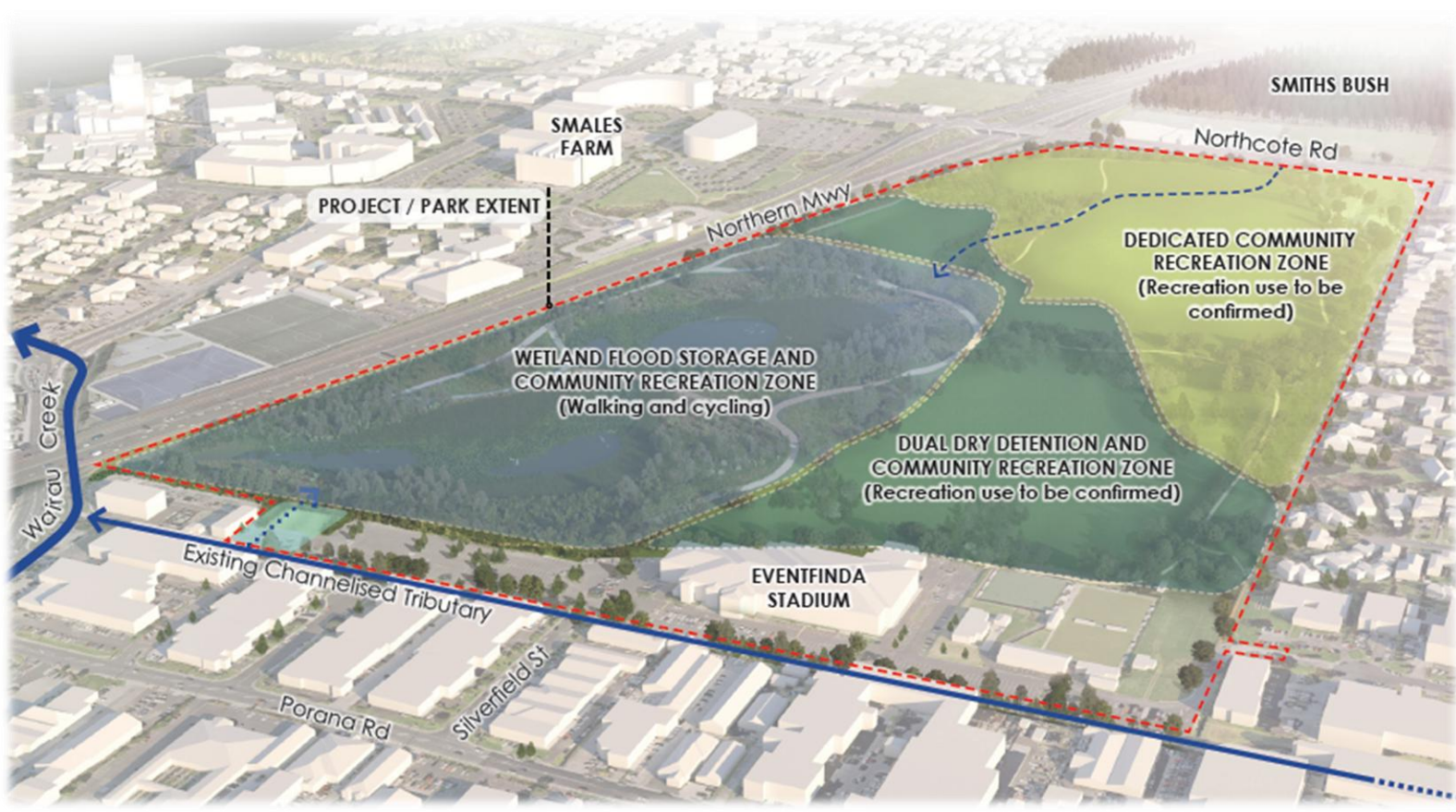
By 2027, the entire park will begin to be redeveloped, and a section of the park will be turned into wetlands and areas that can temporarily hold excess water during heavy rainfall to reduce the risk of flooding in surrounding neighbourhoods. Walking tracks, benches, planting, and other features around the wetlands will be provided to ensure this area is both accessible and enjoyable for you and your whanau.

After this work is completed, the remainder of the park will be developed to continue providing for recreation. With the exception of the wetland area, it could continue to be mainly used for golf, or it could provide a wider range of activities.

Because this project is a response to urgent flood protection needs, there is currently no council funding set aside for major new recreational facilities. Any new facilities would need to be funded through future budgets or other funding options, and are likely to be delivered in stages over time.

We want to know what you would like to see in the park in the future.

The Kaipātiki Local Board will consider your feedback alongside technical advice to determine a suitable and affordable use of the park in the future.



We strongly encourage you to read the accompanying information to fully understand the issues before answering any of the following questions.

We encourage you to give feedback online at [akhaveyoursay.nz](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/feedback), or you can:

Scan and email your completed form to:

AFTThomasPark@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Post your completed form to:

Auckland Council

FAO: A F Thomas Park Development

Freepost Number 190198

Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West

Auckland, 1142

Your details

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. No other personal details will be made available to the public.

First name:

Last name:

Email or postal address:

Your local board or suburb:

Are you providing:

☐ Your **personal** feedback

☐ Feedback as the official representative of an **organisation**

Organisation name:

These optional questions help us understand who is engaging with us.

What gender are you?

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Another gender:

What age group are you?

☐ Under 15 ☐ 15-17 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44

☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75+

Which ethnic group(s) do you feel you belong to? (Please select as many as apply)

☐ Pākehā/NZ European ☐ Māori ☐ Cook Islands Māori

☐ Samoan ☐ Tongan ☐ Indian

☐ Chinese ☐ Southeast Asian ☐ Korean

☐ Other (please specify):

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- ☐ People's Panel – to take part in council surveys
- ☐ OurAuckland – your weekly guide to what's happening in Auckland
- ☐ Auckland Conversations - free public events offering ideas, inspiration and action for world-class cities

You can also visit AK Have Your Say at [akhaveyoursay.nz](https://www.akhaveyoursay.nz) to find out about, or register to receive regular updates on, consultation activities happening across Auckland

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

Please note:

- Your feedback will be included in public documents. Please do not include any personal information in your feedback.
- To ensure a fair process we only consider one submission per person. If you submit more than once, we will consider your latest submission as your full and final feedback.
- We may use AI-assisted tools to help identify common themes in responses. Human reviewers check a representative sample of comments to ensure the AI analysis is accurate.

1. How do you or your household currently use the park? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Walk / run in or around the park
- ☐ Play golf at the golf course
- ☐ Use the golf driving range
- ☐ Play sport at Eventfinda Stadium
- ☐ Attend events at Eventfinda Stadium
- ☐ Use the bowling club (lawn bowls)
- ☐ Use the archery club
- ☐ Other, please specify: _____
- ☐ I don't use the park

2. How often do you use the park?

- ☐ Every day or most days
- ☐ Once or twice a week
- ☐ Once or twice a month
- ☐ Less than once a month
- ☐ Other, please specify: _____
- ☐ I don't use the park

3. Currently, most of the park's land is used as a traditional 18-hole golf course but it could provide a wider range of recreation activities.

What mix of recreation uses would you like the park to provide once redeveloped?

- ☐ Mostly golf with limited other recreation uses
- ☐ A balanced mix of golf and other recreation uses
- ☐ Mostly other recreation uses with limited golf facilities
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Unsure

Tell us why

4. As part of the planned wetland and stormwater works, the land available for recreation will be reduced, limiting the space for potential golf options. This means a traditional 18-hole course (70-72 par) is unlikely to fit but other golf options could be provided in the space available.

What type of golf would you most like to see provided at the park? (select up to 4)

- ☐ 18-hole beginner/intermediate golf course (approx. 54-60 par)
- ☐ 12-hole beginner/intermediate golf course (approx. 36-40 par)
- ☐ 9-hole traditional golf course (35-36 par)
- ☐ Pitch and putt golf course
- ☐ Driving range
- ☐ Short-game practice area / putting green
- ☐ Indoor golf simulators
- ☐ Mini golf
- ☐ Other, please specify: _____
- ☐ None of the above

5. What other type of recreation would you most like to see provided at the park? (select up to 5)

- ☐ Archery
- ☐ BMX pump track / skate park / other wheeled play
- ☐ Indoor sports courts (e.g. basketball, netball, badminton, gymnastics)
- ☐ Lawn bowls
- ☐ Nature play / playground
- ☐ Off-leash dog exercise area
- ☐ Open space / picnic area
- ☐ Outdoor sports courts (e.g. basketball, netball, pickleball)
- ☐ Space to hold events (e.g. community markets, festivals or concerts)
- ☐ Sports fields (e.g. rugby, soccer, cricket)
- ☐ Walking / cycling tracks
- ☐ Other, please specify: _____
- ☐ None of the above

6. Whether you currently use the park or not, what do you value most when thinking about the park's future? (select up to 5)

- ☐ **Affordability** - providing low-cost or free activities
 - ☐ **Connectivity** - walking and cycling connections through the park that link with the wider community
 - ☐ **Equity/Inclusion** - a diverse range of experiences the whole community can enjoy
 - ☐ **Heritage** - highlighting local Māori culture
 - ☐ **Nature** - protecting or enhancing the natural environment for people and wildlife
 - ☐ **Open space** - space for free play and relaxation
 - ☐ **Organised recreation** - space for organised sport or clubs
 - ☐ **Productive land use** - using parts of the park for food growing or other resources
 - ☐ **Resilience** - supporting flood protection and climate adaptation
 - ☐ **Safety** - providing a safe environment for play, sport, and relaxation
 - ☐ **Other** - please specify: _____
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- 7. There is currently no funding set aside for new recreation facilities in A F Thomas Park. Any new recreation options may need to be delivered over time, as funding becomes available. All or part of the land identified for recreation (outside the wetland area) could be leased to independent operators.**

A long-term lease to independent operators would make them responsible for funding, building and managing facilities (likely with user charges). This could provide higher-quality facilities, quicker delivery, and ongoing revenue to council.

Keeping the land under council control would mean any facilities rely on council funding. This could allow broader community access and flexibility over how the park is used now and in the future. However, facilities would likely be more modest, could take longer to deliver, and would not generate revenue for council.

Which approach would you prefer?

- ☐ Keep all land under Council control and deliver facilities when funding is available
- ☐ Lease some land and keep some under Council control
- ☐ Lease all land to independent operators
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Unsure

Tell us why

- 8. Do you have any other feedback about the future recreational use of A F Thomas Park?**

Need more room? You can attach extra pages.