

Karekare Community Day - Wishes charts

The Karekare Community Day was organised by Bob Cook on behalf of Kia Kaha Karekare and took place on Saturday, 19th October 2024, in the paddock by the Fire Station.

The Karekare Recovery Team, Mike and Eva, were present to engage with the community. Mandi Gregory contributed by organising a Swap-a-Wish lucky dip for children and adults in exchange for their input on the recovery plan.

Children were invited to share their wishes for the Karekare Recovery, which were recorded on a blank flipchart.

Adults had the opportunity to vote on their priorities from the draft recovery plan visual (A2 sheet) using star stickers. If an adult wished to elaborate on their vote or suggest a point not included in the printed visual, they were encouraged to write their thoughts on the flipchart.

Additionally, participants were reminded about the online and physical Wish Boxes available for their contributions.

Below is a photo of said flipchart and printed draft plan visual, followed by the collation of the input received.



1. Glade fill to track further down the Glade or to raise the path to the Surf Club
2. Stream depth: long term solution?
3. Open up the tracks!
4. Stop the spraying of the roadside
5. Plant road verges with Natives or fruit trees
6. Weed Glade and the tracks to the beach: wattle are very quickly establishing new seedling trees further into the glade - need to be weeded or there will be an infestation. Have done some weeding but it's difficult up on banks
7. I wish there was a bigger school
8. Move Glade fill to people properties if they want it
9. Stream resilience planting restoration
10. Love, Light, Ease
11. Clear the Glade
12. Put fill at the back of the Dunes. It would just disappear there
13. Trees to stop falling
14. Sunny days
15. I want a little library
16. More shops (hub shop)
17. We need a community centre
18. Gap 60 (roading aggregate)
19. Good surf
20. Make more houses
21. Soil for the slips
22. I want a bookshop
23. That the cyclone would end - Move on
24. Flatten the earth in the Glade
25. I wish for a bookshop
26. Drain the lagoon
27. I wish cyclones stop happening
28. Dogs banned from Northern beach for penguins
29. Glade fill into Rimu slip
30. Café
31. Directory of Community Groups - how to join, how they are managed/governed
32. A community orchard and garden - area probably in the valley on the area near Amber's house and maybe a pizza oven and shed so we can have community BBQs
33. Bouncy castles
34. No more slips, more ice cream
35. Get help from others
36. Super powers, running really fast
37. Gonna be a playground
38. Flat area to play/for children
39. More lollies
40. More puppies
41. Family/whanau to love each other
42. Stronger plants to hold the soil
43. Christmas gathering with Santa
44. Stream resilience planting restoration etc.
45. A craft collective - an evening a month or a fortnight where we meet up and learn from each other
46. Flat non-bumpy roads
47. Glade: Front part: return to pre-Gabrielle look. Middle part: also returned to pre-Gabrielle look with Pohutukawa left as they are