## KEIRUNGA GARDENS THE NEXT 10 YEARS



A new 10-year Reserve Management Plan is being drafted for Keirunga Gardens and Hastings District Council wants to hear from you.

The much-loved Keirunga Gardens is a place of many activities – from walking and jogging along the paths under the mature trees and through the picturesque gardens, to playing on the neighbourhood playground and picnicking on the lawns.

One of Keirunga Gardens' feature attractions is the Keirunga Park Railway, with its ride-on trains and near one kilometre of track. It has been voted one of the top five miniature railways in the world. The reserve is also home to the historic Keirunga Homestead buildings and The Creative Hub, a gathering space for a vast range of craftspeople and artists, from writers, painters and singers, to miniature modellers and quilters. Keirunga Gardens is also the home of Arthur's Path gully, where the community has demonstrated the mature oak and gum trees are greatly treasured. The Keirunga Gardens Care Group is currently overseeing the preparation of a Tree Management Plan that will form part of the Reserve Management Plan.

## The Reserve Management Plan process

Reserve Management Plans formalise the use, management, protection and future development of reserves. They are renewed every 10 years and give Council a clear framework for the day-to-day management and decision-making for a reserve. The new Keirunga Gardens Reserve Management Plan will build on the 2009 plan.

The preparation of a Reserve Management Plan has two phases of community consultation. The initial input will be considered for inclusion in the draft plan, which is then published for further public feedback and submissions before being finalised and presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

## **SURVEY**

To have your say, fill in this survey and post it back to us, go to www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz or come to one of our Community Open Days between 11am and 1pm on Saturday 13 June or Sunday 21 June 2020 at Keirunga Park Railway. The Council parks team will be available to further discuss issues and opportunities for the reserve. Wet weather option will be in The Creative Hub.

1	How often do you or your family/whānau visit Keirunga Gardens?										
	O Daily	O Weekly	O Fortnightly		O Monthly	Occasionally	O Never				
2	What are your main reasons for visiting Keirunga Gardens?										
	O Walking/running	O Dog walking	O Children's playgrou	ınd	O Relaxing or enjoying the green space		O Through route				
	O Picnic	O Visit Keirunga Park Railway	O Attend an event or Arts and Crafts So			ens	Other				
3	How else would you like to use Keirunga Gardens?										
4	Please tell us the three things you <b>like best</b> about Keirunga Gardens?			5	Please tell us the three things you like least about Keirunga Gardens?						
	1.			1.							
	2.			2.							
	3.				3.						
6	What do you think of the existing features? What could be done to improve them?										
	The heritage buildings		O Needs Improvement			O Adequate	O Excellent				
	Comments										
	O Needs Improvement		O Adequate		O Excellent						
Comments											
	Arthur's Path (the tra	ail through the woodland)									
	O Needs Improveme	O Adequate			O Excellent						
	Comments	Comments									
	Grass knoll (the high point above the railway)										
	O Needs Improveme	ent O Adequate			O Excellent						
	Comments										

What are your thoughts on the following facilities in I	nat are your thoughts on the following facilities in Keirunga Gardens?							
Facility	Yes	No	Comments					
Do you, or children in your care, use the playground?	(YES)	(NO)						
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If you answered yes above:		(NO)						
Is the playground big enough?	YES	NO						
Does the current equipment meet your needs?	YES	NO						
Is it in the right location?	YES	NO						
Do you feel safe using it?	YES	NO						
What types of play pieces would you like to see?	YES	NO						
Would you use adult fitness equipment?	YES	NO						
Does Keirunga Gardens have adequate walking trails through the gardens?	YES	NO						
Are they maintained to an adequate standard?	YES	NO						
Is there adequate signage?	YES	NO						
Are there enough picnic tables in Keirunga Gardens?	YES	NO						
Is there enough seating in Keirunga Gardens?	YES	NO						
Is the parking adequate?	YES	NO						
Are the rubbish bins and toilet facilities adequate?	YES	NO						
Do you feel safe in Keirunga Gardens?	YES	NO						
The Keirunga Gardens Care Group has suggested enhancing the grassy area above the railway station, to the east of Arthur's Path gully.  Do you agree with this idea?	YES	NO	If so, do you have any ideas on enhancing this area?					
Based on feedback from the community, the Keirunga Gardens Care Group has suggested planting natives on the bare grass bank, at the south end of Arthur's Path gully. Do you agree with this idea?	YES	NO						
The Keirunga Gardens Care Group have also suggested new planting in Crabapple Walk/Poplar Flat (grass area at Puflett Road and Tanner Street intersection).  Do you agree with this idea?	YES	NO	What kind of planting would you like to see in this area?					
Are you happy with the current level of service for maintenance of the natural areas within Keirunga Gardens?	YES	NO						

8	If you or a person in your family/whanau have accessibility requirements, are there any additional facilities that would enable you to visit Keirunga Gardens, or visit more often?							
9	What improvements could Council make to increase your enjoyment or use of Keirunga Gardens?							
10	Do you have any other comments you would like to add about Keirunga Gardens?							
11	Could you please indicate your age?							
	Age Range 015-19 020-29 030-39 040-49 050-59 060-69 070+							
12	If your children or children in your care currently use this park, could you please indicate their age?							
	Age Range O Under 1 year (infant) O 1-2 (toddler) O 3-4 (pre-school) O 5-10 (primary school)							
	O 11-12 (intermediate) / 13-17 (secondary school)							
Do (If <sub>)</sub>	you want to have further opportunity to contribute to the preparation of the Reserve Management Plan? es, please fill out below)							
Nar	ne e							
Add	ress							
Pho	ne Number Mobile Number							
Em								
0	want to be informed of ongoing updates around Keirunga Gardens							

If you have any other feedback or great ideas we should consider, write (or draw) them here:							



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