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Carrington Park **Playing with the imagination**

Giant hot air balloons and tree walks, Māra Hūpara and splash pads representing our wetlands, giant fidget spinners, interactive DJ booths, swings that create light and sound – there was an abundance of exciting and creative ideas raised during the community co-design process to reimagine Carrington Park.

Captured through a series of three community co-design workshops, plus community engagements and survey; the ideas, thoughts and opinions were added by the Carrington Park Working Group to data previously collected by Ka Pai Carterton throughout 2019 and are now being brought into developed design by award-winning community co-design facilitator and playground designer Catherine Hamilton from WSP.

There were a few consistent themes – nature play, kaupapa Maori, hot air balloons and water play were frequently raised alongside extending the current usage of the park by placing more planting and equipment around the perimeter, incorporating a sound shell or structure for community concerts and events, and by providing more lighting and cameras to ensure safe use for longer in the evenings.

Ideas and concepts delivered through the workshops and surveys were tested at the final workshop last month, and the final plan is intended to be completed later this month. Ka Pai will then report back to the Council alongside costs associated with layout and on-going maintenance. It is anticipated that, if approved by Council, Ka Pai Carterton will seek funding from multiple sources to implement the plan. For details, email hello@kapaicarterton.nz



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