

Waikanae Playground Upgrade – update

Question: *When are we going to see some real investment in Waikanae park?*

It is the main park and is in desperate need of renovation and improvement e.g. the skate park etc?

Waikanae Park

As part of the current Long Term Plan, Council has allocated \$81,000 in 2021/2022 for a part replacement of the playground. There are different amounts budgeted over the coming years for the skate park, starting with \$43,000 in 2020/2021. The next investment is \$47,000 in 2023/2024 and then \$119,000 in 2025/2026 and a further \$177,000 in 2027/2028.

Playground and skate park renewals are based on the life of the asset and money is set aside appropriately. If there is a desire for an upgrade of a facility that is outside of pure asset management and in the aim of increasing levels of service, this could be discussed through the next Long Term Plan.

Playground next to Rymans:

From 6 August 2019, Council will be starting the process of relocating the existing swing set to its new location, next to the new play tower. The swings will be re-powder coated the same colour as the new play structure (apple green). This will happen off-site and will take a couple of weeks.

While the swings are being powder coated the new location will be fenced off while we get everything ready for the swings to be installed. We're also going to be doing some work with the left over soil that is behind the new play tower to create a small grassy mound to add a play element. As the ground is a bit soft at the moment, we're waiting for the ground to dry up before we do this to prevent any ground damage. We will be putting signs at both locations advising people of what's happening.