

Oral submission...

We live in the heart of a red zone, I own my own business which we operate from home, I am a volunteer ambulance officer, we are part of the management team that run the art gallery here within the library, I am on the steering committee for YouMeWeUs which is a charitable trust and head the food forest group within YouMeWeUS...our first food forest is at Kaiapoi Primary, however the group have donated a number of trees to schools through out the area

My submission is virtually about Kaiapoi East, which is where we live...

From the start of this process I have called for a food forest to be within the area...

It was bought home to me about the importance of local food source/food security when we recently visited Riverton (Southland), people explained that during the earthquakes they suffered major food shortages bread, chickens a wide range of food...because a great deal of their food comes from Canterbury...

Canterbury district health board (2009) did research into food security...

Food security is defined as access to nutritionally adequate, safe and personally acceptable foods and the ability to acquire them in a socially acceptable way.

Foods banks are a last resort for most, as people find the experience stigmatising and a loss of dignity. Food banks and charitable food assistance programs are not an adequate solution to food security

It is estimated that around 10% of New Zealand households experience low food security

Food insecurity affects health and social well being...Emergency food assistance is necessary.

By 2050 food production has to double to keep up with the growing demand.

When Red Zoning was announced and people started leaving the area, homes demolished, what was left behind was a vast array of fruit trees...so the start of a food forest already exists here in Kaiapoi

Explain food forest... various layers...shelter belt trees are important in North Canterbury
On the map show where the some of the trees are

A food forest takes between 10-20 years to reach its full potential, where as we have a head start if we were to use the trees that are already growing in the area

I am deeply concerned that the proposals are calling for clearing of areas that are filled with food producing crops...

I see the fruit trees that are within the red zone as a legacy left by the previous residents... CERA had an idea that anything under 4 metres should be removed...and only natives should remain...we spent days and days tagging trees so they would be cut down as we saw in other areas...

Despite the trees not being looked after for many years...they keep producing fruit... feeding many that wander through the red zone area... many come with their dogs, some coming back for reflection, some returning to see where they live...the other Sunday we had around 50+ walkers from Chch walked around the red zone...show example

It would be criminal to cut these trees down...
Subsequently I would rather the plans work around the existing trees

Corcoran reserve..

This land is full of rubble and hard as a rock...we tested the land when we were given it to use for the first food forest and the land would take a great deal of work to build it to sustain growth...its sitting doing nothing... use it for storm water

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Yard based activities in a prime location overlooking the river, where a great deal of money is being spent on redeveloping wharf, close by is a supermarket retail development soon to start on the corner of Charles and Williams... this area would be best suited for motel type accommodation or 2-3 storey higher density residential, or businesses that would be suitable for those visiting the river and wharf..

With the proximity to the CBD, backdrop of park like settings a food forest, with a river frontage it would be most appealing and valuable land....

Currently yard based businesses are on Smith Street and they would be better suited there.

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Parking for boat trailers.

The access to the river would be best off Hall St, as the noise from motor boats and jet skis would cause a great deal of issues for the CBD, as the boats do not travel up to this area of the river, they travel out to towards the sea.

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If you are going to have a campervan park, design it to fit in with the surroundings ideally set it amongst the trees.

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Roading proposed to go down Charles street is new roading yet roading which currently leads to the boat ramp down Cass St has to be left as a road to provide access for sewer services that come up Jollie and along Cass to connect up with Moore Street...I ask why create a new road, when one is already there that has to stay?

I shall briefly digress...

In relation to some of the reports that are being presented, I am concerned as to the information that they provide.

http://www.redzoneplan.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/16907/Appendix-6-T-and-T-Geotechnical-Report-.pdf

21b3 of that report states prone to major lateral spreading, resulting in more severe ground cracking and flooding...which I haven't seen any in that area...have in Beswick due to drainage and Bracebridge St

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In terms of ecological connections, sound a great idea, but I think that combining them with food forest shows misunderstanding of what a food forest actually is.

When we look at canvas submission process whats missing...

3/4 of the participants of the canvas program wanted outdoor recreation park or space, playgrounds, walking, cycling, picnic areas, community gardens, bmx.

almost 3/4s of recreation ideas wanted community gardens food forest.

Significant number of participants wanted land to reflect a quiet, tranquil place.

Over half the comments wanted the area to reflect nature in some way

Just over half wanted a memorial area...

Nearly half the ideas reflected recreation.

144 comments related to Art, culture, education and heritage

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The BMX track, should be placed close to the main road for kids to easily walk to the CBD and shops ...

Dogs are walked through the red zone now, but if you want an area for them to be off a leash, we suggest that they be in a fenced area further down into the area currently designated as rural.

These two things have been placed into the plan, whilst the other substantive submissions have been ignored

Design a walkway through the fruit trees that will accommodate the major requests for picnic areas, work out areas, sculpture gardens and at the end have an off the leash area of the dog owners...

There is a group of artists that could arrange outdoor sculpture exhibitions and the proceeds would fund the purchase of permanent sculptures for the park...

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Talking to people about the internment cemetery... they feel Kirk Street reserve as the start of the ashes internment cemetery as there is no connection with previous owners properties.

restore the social, economic, cultural and environmental well being of greater Chch communities.

Kaiapoi needs to look to the future...and keep up with the times... if we want to be a destination town that is vibrant, we need to attract vibrant people...

I suggest

Have the area north of Cass street which is currently looking to be sports fields, however it is already agreed that we are over supplied with sports fields till 2025... I suggest sports fields that retain and work around the existing trees...

Games of the future... non traditional sports that are growing in popularity

What are the kids going to play in the future...

le ..Disc golf, Petanque, mini golf, out door chess, area for children to practise riding their bikes as was submitted earlier

I spoke with teens and they play a game called "Capture the flag" so that could be set up in the park...consult with the kids... ask what they want in terms of areas to play...

We could even have areas for Drone racing

Kaiapoi East has the largest area, has the highest level of potential, has the highest amenity value, has the opportunity to be the vital element Kaiapoi needs to making it a town that will draw in the tourists, it can and is providing food now, its providing exercise now, people walk their dogs, take their children and provide entertainment... we need to cater for people of all ages.. and provide additional amenities

Kaiapoi East is an area visited often by the previous residents...coming back to inspect their land... just like the Maori and the connection they have with the land, many would say that they are still connected to the Red Zones...

The area could be an area where people come and relax and wander through the trees, enjoy the sculpture park ..which we have been told that Patchina would be the first to be in the new sculpture park....

What is Kaiapoi's future, it could be in how the land of the east is used....

This area can provide an attractive destination and provide a quality of life like no other..

We have witnessed an area that had 570 residential properties, which was alive and vibrant, however as soon as it was red zoned, we had people leave, homes demolished, vandalism, arsonists...we have seen chain saws and diggers removing award winning gardens...

Now we have an area that has wild life returning, birds and animals... we have people visiting and walking through the area, which is so lovely now... but it could be lots better....take what is there and add to what is already a valuable resource...use the ideas that were put forward during the canvas project... **this will make for a vibrant, interesting, want to visit and live and play in Kaiapoi**

Additional links

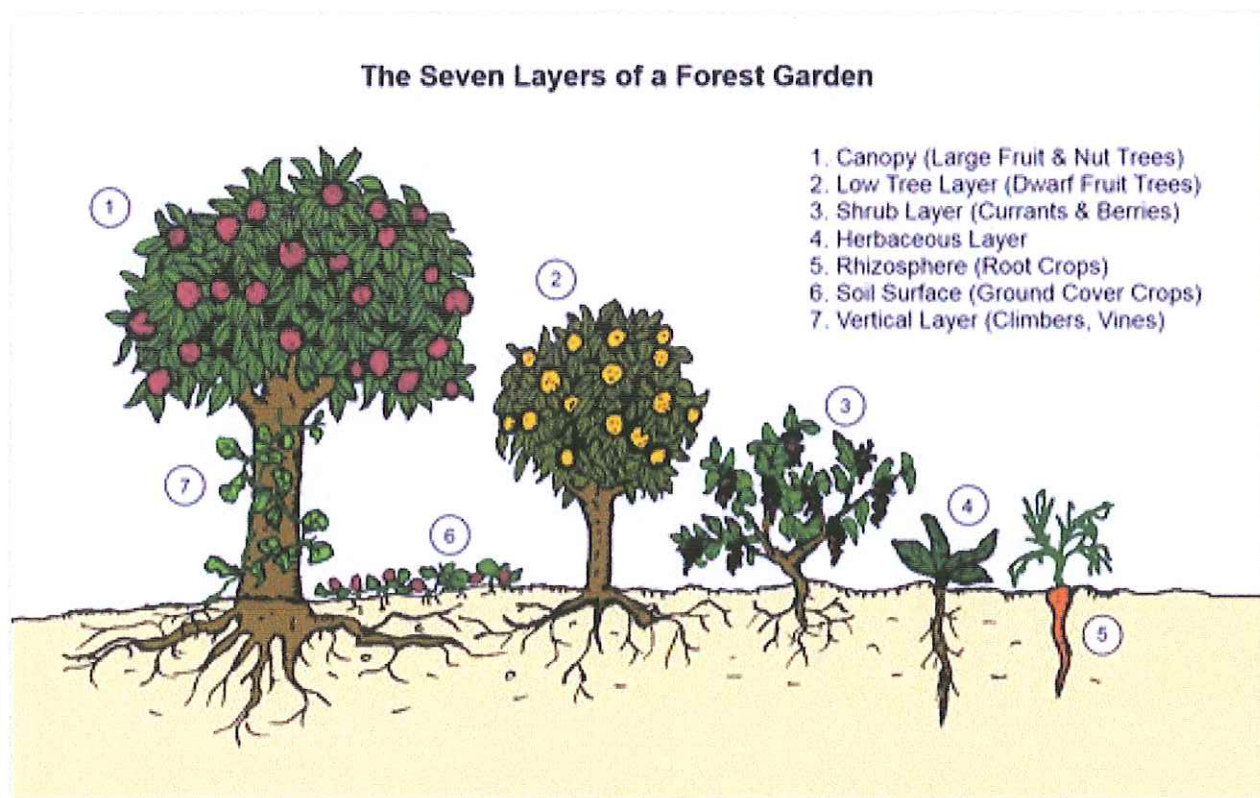
In terms of managing the food forest area...there is a model that we can follow

<http://ehoah.weebly.com/uploads/6/8/8/0/6880192/manualforcreatingacommunityfoodforestonpublicland.pdf>

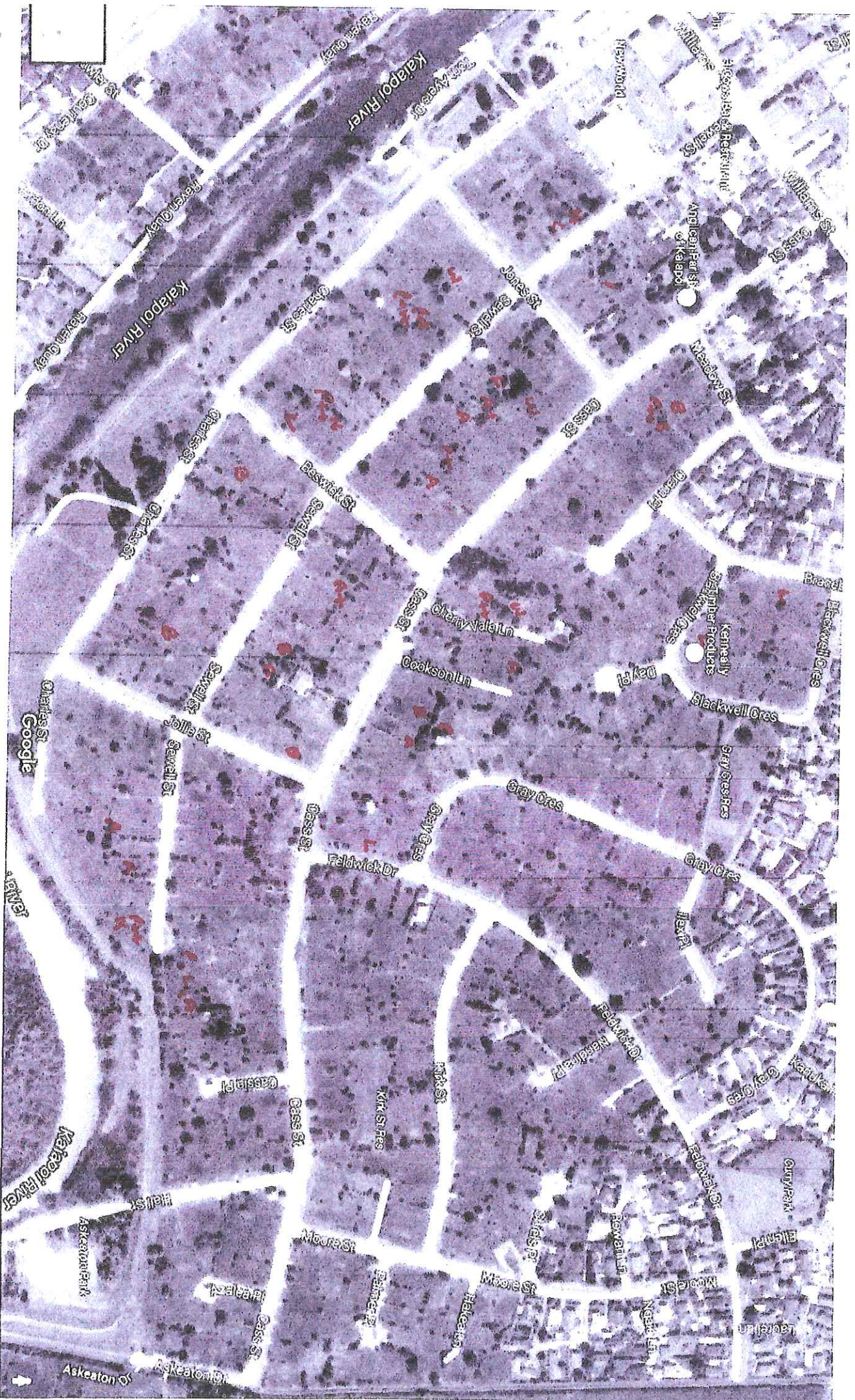
YouMeWeUS facebook page 1089 members/likes

<https://www.facebook.com/YouMeWeUsKaiapoi>

Night markets, river clean ups, welcome bags are delivered to every new resident to the community, pop up cinema, Kane Shield, Waitangi day, food forests, easter hunts, arts projects around the community and with schools...community site on Williams St where Patching resides, the same people within the You Me We Us organise the Art gallery within the library...



Shelter belt trees are important to protect the food forests in North Canterbury



The Seven Layers of a Forest Garden

1. Canopy (Large Fruit & Nut Trees)
2. Low Tree Layer (Dwarf Fruit Trees)
3. Shrub Layer (Currants & Berries)
4. Herbaceous Layer
5. Rhizosphere (Root Crops)
6. Soil Surface (Ground Cover Crops)
7. Vertical Layer (Climbers, Vines)

