

## **Kaiapoi needs a new space for community events and celebrations.**

Kaiapoi has lost a significant amount of green space after:

a) significant area has been taken from Trousselot Park for a new playground. The remaining area is now unsuitable for events such as Waimakariri's Waitangi Day celebrations.

b) the new wharf and coastguard building, along with red zoned streets, has removed the usable land from the reserve by the river.

This is a perfect opportunity to create a new park that has a stage, a natural amphitheater and usable flat space. Many events incorporate a variety of components to make a well-rounded experience. This requires space that will allow for a variety of different uses.

Amenities such as power and toilets are needed, but apart from that there would be little ground remediation required. The venue should also have a fountain for drinking water - something many parks seem to miss.

Such an area would not only be for special events but also regular use such as the weekly farmer's market and community events.

The new area would not be a replacement for Trousselot Park but would be complimentary.

The placement of a community space, in a place where the community has lost so much, is a fantastic way to respect that loss and give back to those that have experienced hard times.

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