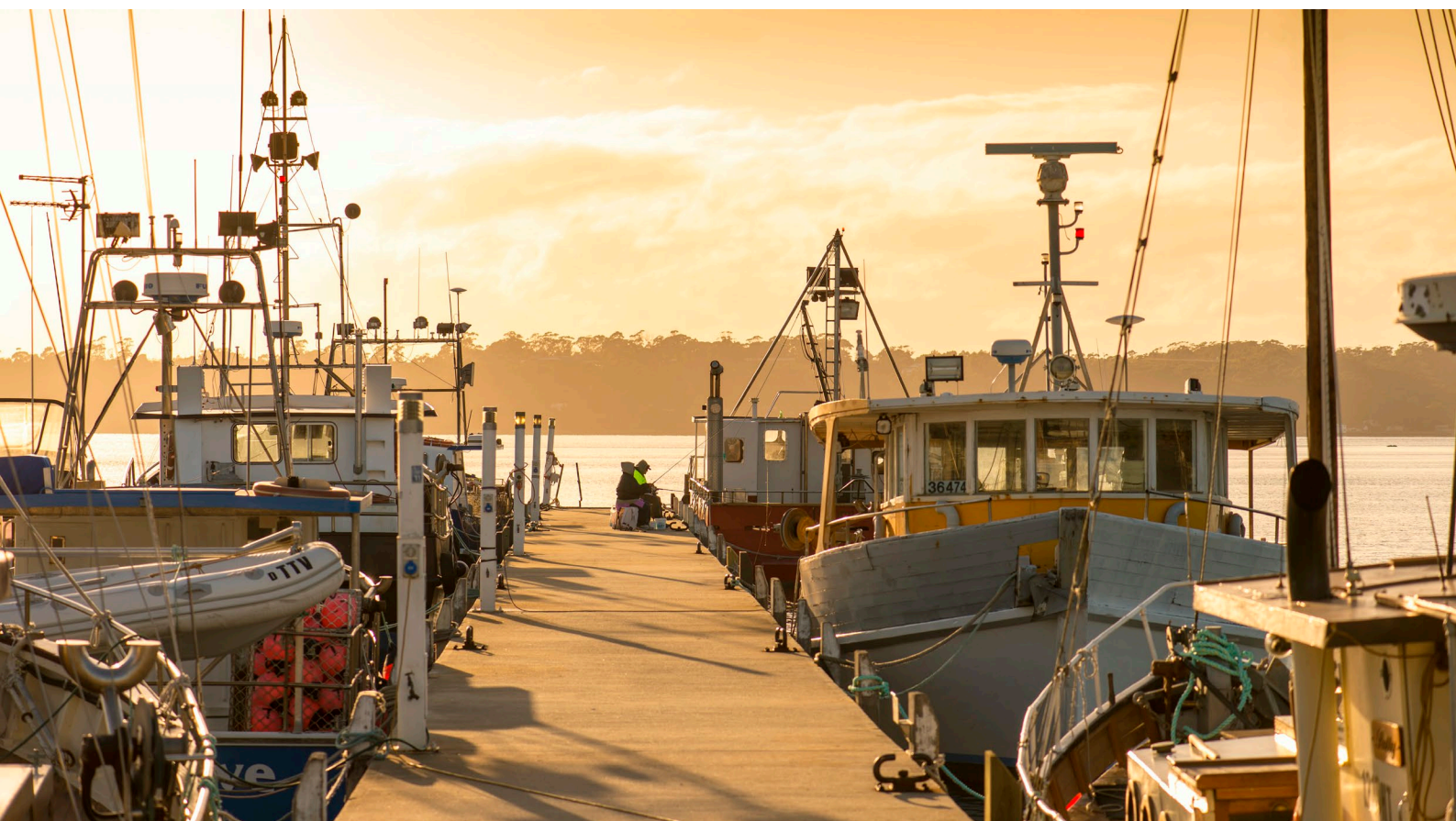




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# Georges Bay Activation Strategy



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## What is the Georges Bay Activation Strategy?

Where?	Who?	What?
<p>Key public foreshore areas around Georges Bay including:</p> <p>Moulting Bay, St Helens Foreshore, Medeas Cove, Beauty Bay, Kirwins Beach, Lions Park, O'Connors Beach and Steiglitz Foreshore.</p>	<p>Break O Day Council</p>	<p>Foreshore and bay recreation activities and the infrastructure to support them.</p>

The Georges Bay Activation Strategy will guide the way our community and visitors utilise key public foreshore spaces and access Georges Bay in the future. It will cover a wide range of recreational facilities to support community recreation at the following locations: Moulting Bay, St Helens Foreshore, Medeas Cove, Beauty Bay, Kirwans Beach, Lions Park, O'Connor's Beach and Stieglitz Foreshore.

The strategy is being developed in two phases. In phase one, we are gathering information to better understand how people use the bay and foreshore areas, the potential demand for facilities in the future, and the wider values our community place on these spaces. In phase two, the Georges Bay Activation Strategy will be developed. A final Strategy is expected for completion in early 2023.

# Timeline

## Phase One

### **February to May 2022**

- Review of planning and asset information
- Key stakeholder engagement

### **June to July 2022**

- Community survey

### **August to November 2022**

- Summary of engagement

## Phase Two

### **November 2022 to March 2023**

- Georges Bay Activation Strategy developed

# How we communicated

We asked for community feedback via an online survey between 13 June and 27 July 2022 and received 161 responses.

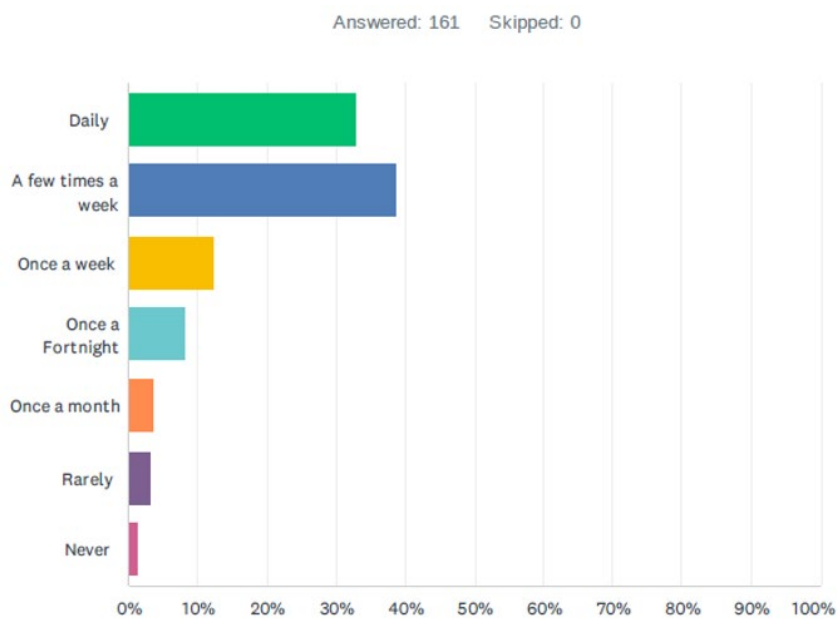
We promoted participation in the survey through social media, Councils website, distribution through community groups and stakeholders as well as site signage with QR links at the key foreshore locations around Georges Bay.

In addition, 16 key stakeholder groups were interviewed and feedback provided.

# What We Heard

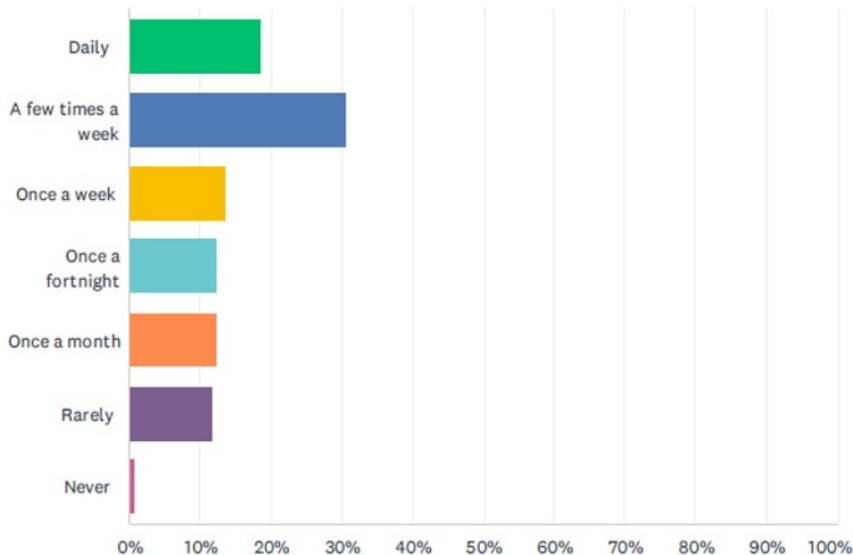
## General Use Questions

How often do you visit the Georges Bay Foreshore Area in summer (any site)?



### How often do you visit the Georges Bay Foreshore Area in winter (any site)?

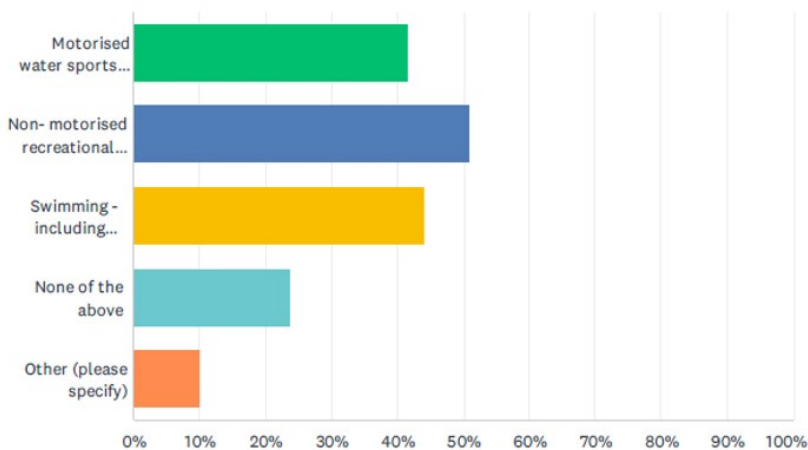
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- Overall use around the foreshore is significantly less frequent in winter compared to summer.

### What water based activities have you taken part in over the past 12 months?

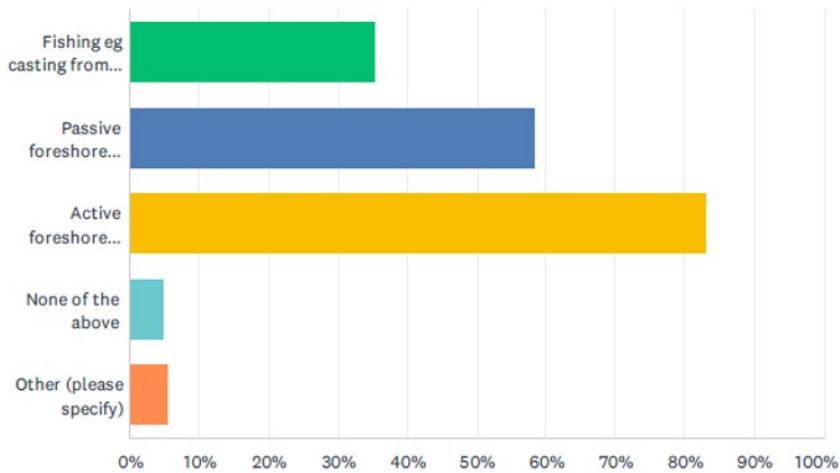
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- Non-motorized recreational boating (Eg kayaks, individual sailing vessels, wind surfing, canoes and surf skiis) is the most popular activity in the bay.
- Swimming (Eg Swimming, wadding from shore) is an important activity in Georges Bay ranking second.

### What foreshore-based activities have you taken part in over the past 12 months?

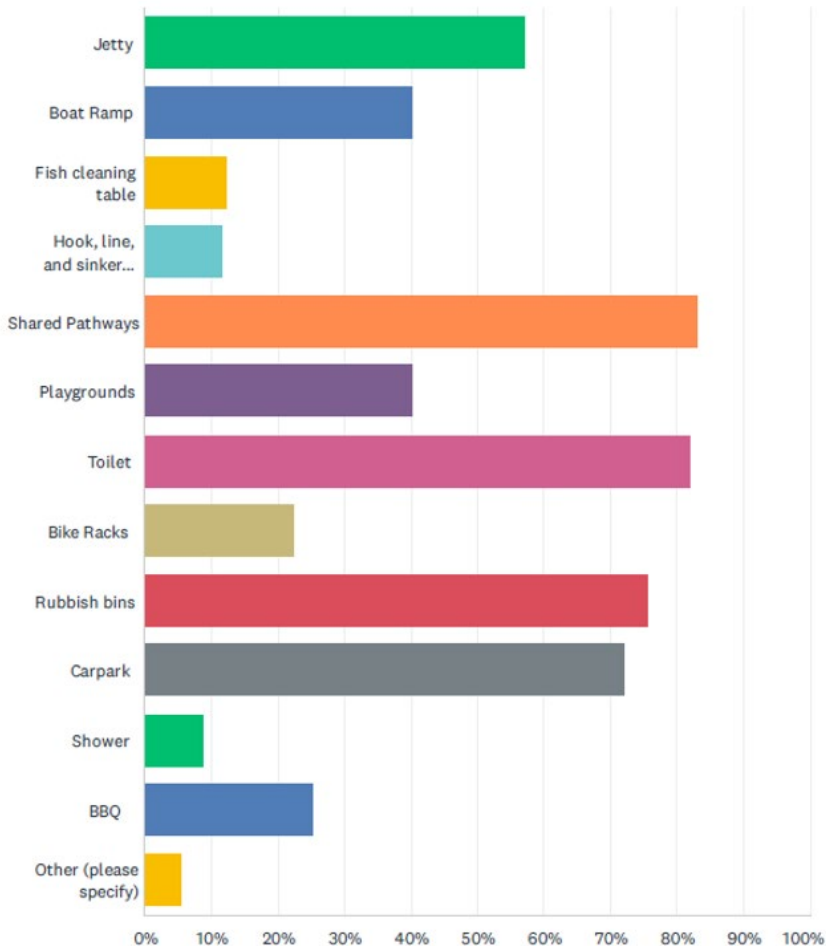
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- Active Foreshore Activity (Eg walking, jogging and cycling) is the most popular foreshore activity with over 80% participation.
- Passive Foreshore Activity (Eg picnic, playground, toilet etc) is the second most popular followed by fishing (Eg casting from beach, jetty or pier. Not from boats).

## What facilities have you used in the past 12 months?

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- Shared pathways are the most utilised facility around the foreshore with over 80% participation.
- Toilets, rubbish bins and carparks all have over 70% participation.
- Showers have the lowest level of use with less than 10% participation.



## Site Specific Questions

### Moulting Bay

12 respondents provided feedback specifically on Moulting Bay. 54% (6) of respondents use this space a few times a week. 41% (5) usually spend 30 minutes to 1 hour at this space. 50% (6) usually drive to it. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Motorized Recreational Boating (5). The most common secondary uses suggested were Non-Motorized Recreational Boating (4) and Passive and Active Foreshore Activity (3 each). Most respondents are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (4) or dissatisfied (4) with this space. Users tend to like the natural values of the site and dislike the lack of facilities, particularly boating facilities and management of weeds and seaweed.

#### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	2
A few times a week	6
Once a week	0
Once a fortnight	1
Once a month	1
Rarely	0
Never	1

\*1 skipped

#### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	0
15-30 minutes	2
30 mins - 1 hour	5
1-3hrs	1
More than 3 hours	4

#### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	6
Walk	3
Run	0
Cycle	1
Other (please specify)	2

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	5
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Swimming	2
Fishing	0
Passive Foreshore Activity	0
Active Foreshore Activity	1
Other	3

### What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	4
Swimming	2
Fishing	2
Passive Foreshore Activity	3
Active Foreshore Activity	3
Other	1

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

### How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	1
Satisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4
Dissatisfied	4
Very dissatisfied	1

### What do you like about this space?

1	Lovely view looking across the bay	Natural Values (9)
2	Open area	
3	Remoteness	
4	Quiet and peaceful	
5	Its freely available with a great ocean aspect	
6	Peaceful	
7	Serenity	
8	It's beautiful	
9	Close to home	Accessibility (1)
10	Very scenic public space is very accessible by residents and visitors good parking and parking area is easily accessible by vehicles towing e.g. boats or motorhomes etc.	Parking (1)

### What don't you like about this space?

1	No boat ramp	Facilities (6)
2	Lack of facilities	
3	Needs boating access	
4	Facilities	
5	Lack of safe walking/biking trails	
6	Lack of foreshore facilities	
7	The weed in the water!	Management (4)
8	The foreshore is eroding back to the road and there are many non-endemic plants including blackberry vines along the shore.	
9	Seagrass	
10	It can be mosquito infested; parts of the area of the Park we most frequently use are more comfortable (less hollows, gum nuts, better spongier grass); no lighting in the darker months (we have to improvise)	

### Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	A pontoon for swimmers in the bay and more seating areas.	Facilities (14)
2	The old jetty that was removed should be replaced in the same location as many water uses frequent and launch their various small craft at this location. It is an ideal spot for people to kayak, paddle board and sail in safety whilst enjoying Moulting Bay Lagoon. Many tourists pull up here to photograph and enjoy the area including launching their small self-propelled craft. Unfortunately the beach area is narrow with oysters and rocks in the mud. A jetty would allow full use of this magnificent area whilst avoiding the foreshore mud. We believe this would complement the existing foreshore amenities around the Bay	
3	Toilets, better car parking, graded road, interpretative signage	
4	Get a boat ramp	
5	Jetty would be good for yachts staying at moorings.	
6	Add a ramp	
7	Bike track extension	
8	Create a safe multi user trail	
9	Replace jetty please. Install some seats / park benches to sit and look at the water maybe install toilets near aquaculture creek	
10	New boat ramp at southern end. Dredge and build a floating pontoon. Will assist St Helens boat ramp with capacity in the future	
11	Don't reinstate old jetty, was never the right spot for one.	
12	Bird watching area with seating, shelter also screening from birds and wildlife (like at Windsor Park) bike racks Roadside trail needs some work.	
13	Investigate feasibility of small boat ramp and kayak launch with carpark at the manmade inlet.	
14	Provide a means of lighting the space at 05:00-06:00 in the darker months (there is an existing plinth with a weak light that, for some reason, is sometimes on and sometimes not) -maybe on a timer or with a code I could push but would need to be free. Fog the culvert for mosquitoes that would also benefit the adjacent children's playground.	
15	Clear seagrass beds	Management (2)
16	Weeding. Investigate a boardwalk, signage. MAINLY SIGNAGE WOULD BE USEFUL	

## St Helens Foreshore

59 respondents provided feedback specifically on St Helens Foreshore. 40% (16) of respondents use this space a few times a week. 40% (24) usually spend 30 minutes to 1 hour at this space. 66% (39) usually drive to it. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (20), Motorised Recreational Boating (14) was also a popular response. The most common secondary use suggested was Fishing (14). 30% (18) of respondents were satisfied and 30% (18) were dissatisfied with this space. Users tend to like the diversity in facilities and dislike the lack of seating options, general condition of the site and parking issues.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	9
A few times a week	16
Once a week	8
Once a fortnight	4
Once a month	2
Rarely	1
Never	0

\*19 skipped

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	1
15-30 minutes	15
30 mins - 1 hour	24
1-3hrs	12
More than 3 hours	7

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	39
Walk	18
Run	0
Cycle	2
Other (please specify)	0

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	14
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Swimming	3
Fishing	0
Passive Foreshore Activity	16
Active Foreshore Activity	20
Other	5

### What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	9
Swimming	4
Fishing	14
Passive Foreshore Activity	24
Active Foreshore Activity	23
Other	4

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

### How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	5
Satisfied	18
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	16
Dissatisfied	18
Very dissatisfied	2

### What do you like about this space?

1	It could have better car parking, more gym equipment, bigger play ground	Facilities (18)
2	It retains the fishing port atmosphere; undercover bbq area facility is well maintained; skate park is well used; secure play area for younger children; safe play equipment.	
3	Easy access and user-friendly. Good facilities, nearby eateries, pubs etc overlooking, feels tranquil but also alive and active.	
4	I like the new track around the bay. I like the existing playground. I like the boat ramp/jetty.	
5	It is a pleasant, clean area and there is plenty of room to park and play and lovely scenery. There are food sources and the biggest attraction are the fishing boats and watching people fish. There are toilets and exercise equipment.	
6	Good sized playground	
7	It is fluid and services many various users both commercial and recreational	
8	Playground, picnic area	
9	I like the playground and walking tracks	
10	Walking trails	
11	Fantastic port facilities and great boat launching and retrieval facility	

12	Grassed areas	Natural Values (8)
13	the pathway along the edge of the beach	
14	Good ramp and landing	
15	Footpath the trees	
16	Open grass area	
17	Clean, great walking track & bike riding. Toilets provided that are clean.	
18	Good area for walking dog off lead	
19	Great view, open space	
20	The views	
21	I like it being open and the flat grass area - good for fitness classes (weather permitting though)	
22	The uniqueness and the potential to do something much better with it than what we have	Accessibility (8)
23	The beautiful views to the mountains in the west, the Birdlife, the sunsets	
24	Quiet and peaceful	
25	Landscape	
26	Looking over Georges Bay, seaside views	
27	Plenty of room to park and room to walk around and explore.	
28	Clean open easy access	
29	Off the road	
30	It is central to St Helens and should be a major feature.	
31	View, proximity to town	Mixed Use (5)
32	Close to town	
33	Ease of use	
34	The location to the town center	
35	Accessibility from home. Fishing mostly good.	
36	Proximity to my home	
37	Grassed area, walking tracks, playground, food services.	
38	Proximity to town. Can pick up lunch and wander down. Also the convenience of multi use: Ability for kids to use playground, skate park, exercise equipment, the grassed area or the beach to play.	
39	various uses	
40	Distinct areas for different activities and a large uncluttered green area with potential for events.	Food (3)
41	The mix of uses, Skippers, takeaway, kids playground and skate park	
42	Food	
43	Community. Sea food	Parking (3)
44	Access and views of water. Pathways and restaurants	
45	Easy parking. Lots of room. But not a lot of activities, some nature play and shade would be great. And toilets are so far away from the playground.	
46	Plenty of room to park and room to walk around and explore.	
47	I like theirs plenty of parking	

### What don't you like about this space?

1	There are only a few places to sit down. Over the summer there are hundreds of tourists and about ten seats maximum.	Facilities (26)
2	How underdeveloped it is	
3	The concrete bollards that block the access to fishing boats and make it hard to get past when the wharf is full	
4	Ugly, old facilities, not functional	
5	Wasted space	
6	Non appealing	
7	No garbage bins outside skippers (fail) not enough seating areas.	

8	The handicap female toilet is set up incorrectly so it is very hard to sit over the bowl. People often miss and go on the floor. The doors of the toilets are often broken	
9	Lack of sheltered rest areas on waters side edge. The ugly "temporary" concrete blocks	
10	Lack of shade, not being able to let dogs off leash in enclosed space anywhere. Dogs on houseboat harassing dogs on leashes	
11	The steep edges in places on the walking track aren't safe, particularly for children. The foreshore could really be improved in a number of ways- my mind goes straight to Ulverstone as an example (more children friendly areas, a foreshore coffee shop).	
12	No clean, public toilet near the playground. If one of my kids needs to go, it's easier to go home. Also not a lot of shade. On a hot or high UV day, we can't spend very long there.	
13	The skate park is used by lots of kids, but is very basic and needs an upgrade and maintenance	
14	The playground is very cold in winter and when the westerly winds blow.	
15	The playground has growth of mold, the soft matting is fallen apart	
16	The old, rusty, moldy playground	
17	No toilet near playground - very hard for small children. Crossing through traffic eg between playground/skate park	
18	Space underutilized and a bit of an asphalt jungle. Current design is not in keeping with the area.	
19	Nowhere to sit nothing there. Skate Park boring. Kids play area old	
20	no seating	
21	Skate park is a joke compared to others in Tasmania	
22	not enough picnic tables	
23	Lack of facilities	
24	Needs additional poo bag dispensers AND most importantly at least one bin to deposit filled bags close to parking areas! Parts of the walkway behind the beach gets waterlogged after heavy rain.	
25	No proper walking paths for all abilities is wheelchairs, prams, walkers. I get wet shoes walking in the early morning on the grass getting to work	
26	The gaps in retaining wall - by tidying this up there would be more possibility of a grassed area close to the water	
27	The way cars park & the no give way with more traffic near the wharfs	Parking (9)
28	Too many cars and vehicles on the grassed areas	
29	Lacks streetscape and doesn't open onto the main street. The carpark to the south is quite ugly - not landscaping done. It's also not user friendly if you're walking either over to Skippers or continuing along the bay walk. Lack of path towards Skippers and then the path around the skate park is odd (not to mention poor streetscape - could do with a few trees and not just plain natives dispersed).	
30	Car parking needs to be formalized especially near the Bayside Inn.	
31	Traffic sometimes can be congested in the summer months	
32	The parking and traffic management - lack of signage and tourists park anywhere - probably not enough designated and clearly marked parking, particularly around the boat ramp area - boat trailer parking needs to be clearly identified as tourists and other cars just park where ever and go away for walks and leave their vehicles in ridiculous places blocking access to things for many others	
33	Minimal parking for boat trailers	
34	Access road	
35	Limited walking tracks, no loop track	
36	Limited parking - poor water access	
37	Glass all on the wharf and sting rays when u swim	Management (7)
38	No toilets for kids next to playground	

39	big ugly smelly rubbish bins	
40	Can get crowded.	
41	The silt build up that's very quickly progressing from Panorama westwards and reclaiming the foreshore. This will eventually preclude commercial fishing boats reaching the port if not addressed in the immediate future.	
42	Reclamation in this area destroyed an important marine habitat	
43	Buildup of silt in the area in front of Panorama	
44	Lack of use of foreshore/view	Natural Values (1)
45	It's an important part of St. Helens and I'm sure most visitors completely miss it. It's not being shown off the best it could	Other (1)

### Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	Nice seating, preferably shaded my mature trees. The waterfront area was created for use by the people, but there isn't any real areas that can be used by many people for extended periods of time.	Facilities (44)
2	Relocate BBQ area and resize to more appropriately. Relocate the memorial mast pole. Path network around mast pole needs to be reconsidered. Widening the road in front of wharf restaurant would allow for additional car parking. Potential for pier with commercial businesses at tidal waters end.	
3	Investigate a boardwalk, signage.	
4	I would love to see a Pump track and sand dumped at shore. A grassed entertaining area with a stage and a larger playground for the children that also incorporates a fenced toddler playground within it. Some nice landscaping with some trees (like Norfolk Island pines) edging around the path In front of the bayside.	
5	Retaining walls along foreshore could be tidied up	
6	Consider extending foreshore and square off with new retaining wall (approx. 5m out). No impact on restaurants or boat access along MAST piers.	
7	Investigate feasibility of further land reclamation at the northern end of the foreshore	
8	Pump Track for riders, suitable for tots	
9	More interactive activities for all ages	
10	Improved toilets and consideration on more seating	
11	More BBQ facilities, tables, seating out in front of the hotel.	
12	Landscape of native plants shared use paths	
13	Improve the skate park, more shops on waterfront to draw people there	
14	More trees	
15	Bikewash is hidden behind toilets, gets more use by cars than bikes.	
16	The space should be all weather with shelter from rain and NW winds in colder months.	
17	Green space is very important to foreshore.	
18	As above, more children friendly areas/seating/ bbqs	
19	Public toilets beside the playground is a must. And they need to be close enough for parents/carers to observe both the toilet block and the playground at the same time.	
20	More shade, either trees or built shade. More accessible toilets. Nature play. Something outdoors for older girls - seats, swings, balance beams. Girls can use the skate park too, but an area that doesn't require equipment (like a bike or skateboard) but also encourage activity would be good.	
21	More features like an open air chess area ..hope scotch etc	
22	Landscaping and considering how pedestrians use it so it can become more pedestrian friendly. Location of car park - is this the best place for it?	
23	Music shell/ events space at tidal waters end of park	



24	Some sort of wind break for playground or new playground in a more protected area from the wind.	
25	Remove of playground upgrade desperately needed. Waterplay Park which is used from recirculation from the Bay so initial cost would be the only thing although endless of hours of fun throughout the year especially for kids that cannot swim	
26	New play equipment	
27	Boat owners or council need to clean up the rubbish left by commercial n other boaties along the wharf area. Especially have rules about ropes trimming etc before all the bits fall into the water n other muck off the boats after off-loading	
28	A MTB pump track to replace the skate park - or to complement a revised skate park. St Helens is selling it's self as a MTB destination - it needs something like this to further this aim as all the MTBing is hidden.	
29	It is not utilised enough. Take for example the exercise equipment, there is not enough and it is facing the wrong way. So much more could be done in this area. Some picnic tables and shade in the grassed area.	
30	The availability of wash down facilities on the wharf area would greatly assist recreational fishers.	
31	Separate uses into specific areas and upgrade	
32	Have a look at Bridport's foreshores	
33	Well organised and safe area.	
34	Toilets for kids should be next to playground	
35	Upgrading the grass/lawn. Another bbq.	
36	Additional poo bag dispensers and AT LEAST one rubbish bin to deposit filled bags close to parking areas.	
37	Improvements to drainage along walkway behind beach.	
38	Continuous smooth footpaths / cycleways around cove	
39	Currently being improved	
40	More seating more planting create smaller spaces. Interactive space like riverbend in Launceston artwork sculptures	
41	Swimming pool	
42	Maybe more structure around parking, separating pedestrians and vehicles	
43	Skate park and pump track, permanent stage area	
44	Toilets, better carparking, graded road, interpretative signage	
45	toilet facilities need updating	
46	A delegated fishing area. Parking and freeing up zones for accessing boats, bait trucks etc.	Parking (9)
47	Carpark should be along main road and open space along foreshore, it's currently back to front.	
48	Open fluid parking/hard surface should remain fluid with consideration for the Rescue and Port accessibility. Alfresco sheltered seating rest areas along the foreshore including for recreational fishing families.	
49	Consider additional formalized trailer parking in the grassed area between boat ramp and private pier.	
50	Clearly signed traffic management and parking arrangements - possible seal the grassed area next to the Marina car park to make more boat/trailer parking as people park there anyway. With regards to traffic management a clear delineation of the road way passing through the boat parking area from the Blue Shed towards to Bayside car park/skate park and playground	
51	Trucks use the large sealed area at the wharf end for logistics, turning.	
52	Larger car park , full length floating pontoon along foreshore near the ramp	
53	Re design to highlight natural beauty. Redesigning car parking areas and road and create more recreational space.	
54	Widen road to allow multi use	

54	Increased Marked parking - extend the current jetty via floating pontoon - safety increased by adding a red light for night	
55	Return to natural condition by removal of all fill	Natural Values (4)
56	Would love to see a post graduate study on the varying rates of siltation around George's Bay complete with recommendations.	
57	Weed area (Acacia Salinga, blackberries etc) can replant with appropriate natives. Minor landscaping works to improve aesthetics and function of site.	
58	Investigate a boardwalk, signage.	
59	There needs to be so much more in this area. More businesses and use it as a draw card. At the minute businesses are open limited times (or not open). This is confusing to tourists and not beneficial for the area. St. Helens now needs to go from being a sleepy old town and move it into a progressive sea side town with 'REAL' amenities!	Commercial (2)
60	Additional commercial business, possibly near current planted out/ conservation area.	
61	Consider closing the esplanade to increase open space and development potential of Bayside. Removes Binalong Bay shortcut through esplanade	Accessibility (2)
62	Crossing the street with large groups can be an issue and cause safety concerns. Particularly with the number of intersections in that area close to the skate park/weigh in station.	
63	Undertake a risk assessment at boat ramp	Safety (1)

### Do you have any BIG ideas for the St Helens Foreshore that you would like to share with us?

1	Needs better skate park that is bigger and suits older children.
2	I think a pool could perhaps be considered in the future. Half on land, the other half extending out into the bay. This could include a cafe and facilities of course. I know the cost of a pool is prohibitive, but with an aging population, the benefits of regular swimming would be very beneficial to many older residents, plus a great facility for tourists who flock here in greater numbers every year. Most of the smallest of country towns have a pool, eg Branhholm, Winnaleah, Campbelltown etc.
3	Plant more trees and shrubs to enhance the grass area and create more shade for picnickers!
4	Locate the tourist information centre somewhere close to the foreshore. Splash park for kids. Baby's soft play park separate to bigger kids park. Maritime interactive centre looking out onto the water.
5	The foreshore is dominated by a carpark, greatly decreasing green space in this area. Better biking facilities (think Derby), more family friendly food options and recreational spaces would be nice. Somewhere you can sit and take in the environment that is not dominated by concrete would be nice.
6	Continued expansion of the bike path. Creating opportunities for longer non-MTB rides (on mostly flat paths) to destinations without having to ride on roads. You could create some great day long outings for cyclists that don't want to go on MTB trails to tour around the Foreshore area and maybe even out to the light at the end of the channel. At the same time connecting more areas to the existing trail network would enable keen cyclists to get to the MTB trails safely without needing to travel by car.
7	Don't reinvent the wheel..... look at other foreshore successes and then develop one that is truly unique to St. Helens. The town is suffering. There are no proper functional facilities in the area (e.g) medical, shopping, grocery, public transport and recreational activities. No wonder people get to their shacks, bring their own supplies from outer town and don't leave. Even the local tavern doesn't open late.
8	Reclaim the area in front of Panorama as an extension of the existing foreshore. Reclaim the space from the boat ramp to Skippers by about 3-4 mtr to 'square up' that section of foreshore. Formal management of the old slipway to restore it as a greater benefit to the community

9	get those rotting environmental disasters out of the space or there will be no point in all this hard work developing the space for continued recreational interactions
10	Let's build a sound shell.
11	Absolutely. Other than previous comments, the capacity to have a pop up hard shelter on grassed areas to accommodate an actual market/event/gigs/food stalls etc. Square up the space between the Piers and create a sheltered area with hard shelter from the NW and sun shelter for summer with tactful green space included. Most tourist and locals are drawn to the water's edge and port viewing. Need to allow vessel operators access amongst it though. And much more
12	I see the grassed area is maybe under-utilized. A bike training /education area could be very beneficial for youngsters. A sound shell/stage area for maybe some live music performances.
13	I just hate that visitors first see a cheap shop, bws and petrol station when entering St. Helens. It has so much more than that and people often miss the amazing foreshore
14	not really. maybe a public pool area would be nice with picnic tables etc.
15	if possible please keep it as natural as possible. ( I'm no longer a boating person so can't comment about fasciitis's like wharf and jetty, which need to be kept up to standard.
16	Requires a better range of services -cafes, kayak hire, there is a lot of car park for not many things to do
17	Pool. We're at the beach with no pool and swimming training for our community. Ridiculous seeing as st Mary's does and they don't have a beach.
18	Maybe something to encourage people to volunteer with marine rescue.
19	More jetties for recreational fishing - they can get quite crowded at times.
20	St Helens (and the whole east coast) is really behind and at a huge disadvantage by not having a public pool. I know we have beaches, but they are not always ideal for young kids or learning to swim, and it's harder to swim in winter. I think St Helens focusing only on MTB is narrow thinking. We need to celebrate ALL that our region has to offer, and a water park like the new one in Scottsdale would be a huge drawcard for our area and something I know the community is longing for. If it had a heated pool for swimming lessons or aged care/rehabilitation too, it would benefit all, and create so many jobs!
21	As already shared re: safe enclosed area for dogs
22	Maybe I'll get a mooring
23	No "big" ideas but the greatest natural attraction we have in St Helens is Georges Bay itself and yet it could be considered the most under utilised asset we have. The investments we have made into the MTB attractions has been a great success story but I am not sure we are making the most of the "seaside / fishing" aspects of our town.
24	The big grass patch would make a wonderful nature play area or even a mini gravel bike park for little ones to hone their skills.
25	It would be great if the Sea Scout building at the end of O'Connors beach could get a coat of paint and maybe in summer someone could lease it and sell ice creams and coffee of a weekend over summer
26	Walkway to Stieglitz
27	Yes, I would like the walkway extended out to Akaroa. It used to go once, but after a landslip it was never rebuilt
28	Would love to see the wharf area landscapes eg what they did in Esperance WA
29	Netted swimming areas
30	I like the idea of a farmers market hall / concert area. New Norfolk is a good example of farmers market. The weather is pretty sketchy so having a space on the water that is inside is a real bonus
31	The toilets are too far from the playground especially when you have young children. Make a playground that is suitable for young children in a more sheltered area of the foreshore.
32	I love what you are doing extending the walking path around Parkside. I would just like to see more indigenous plants planted to complement the great walking tracks
33	Pump track. Multi user trail to Binalong bay
34	A major wharf structure, say 100 metres long and say 20 metres wide that provided spaces along the way for BBQ etc and with a major recreation or multi-eatery space that you could sit at and enjoy the bay from the "off-shore" perspective. (there's one like this in Geelong) This would be a "draw-card" for visitors from far and wide, as well as accommodating pleasure craft etc. Maybe even a man-made island at the end of the walk-way.

35	I would like to see a hub designed to be used by all the groups involved in water activities on the bay. This would include sufficient storage for water craft and the equipment used. It would also need showers, toilet and change facility. This could provide a venue to host other groups and clubs for competition. Something like this would really promote the various water activities such as the yacht squadron, dragon boating, swimming, the kayak club and possibly more.
36	just google some pictures of "amazing foreshore development" and let your mind be blown! (and budget probably... but maybe not!). Infinity heated swimming pool and water play area(heated with solar). pump track for kids. event space and sound shell with grass and seating. facilities for some larger markets and food truck/ music mini festival. easy parking for RV and trailers. some commercial spaces for eg kayak hire.
37	Waterplay Park
38	Take the shared walkway all the way around to Beer Barrel. Improve the non existent walk way and steps at Beer barrel, like you have at Binalong. Put a wooden walkway around / across the Medea Cove water way.
39	Swimming area with floatable pontoon and shark net
40	A new, better skatepark is desperately needed for our kids. Also, a pump track.
41	Pump track!!
42	Floating restaurant cruises.
43	Another boat ramp around Parkside area
44	There needs to be a safe road crossing to the foreshore for pedestrians especially older folk with walkers And the track along the grass area near the water needs to be a surface that walkers go on. Older people come to SH to live by the water yet there are few places they walk from a residence in town to be near the water.
45	MTB Pump track!! To share the space.
46	The Regatta is a great example of what can happen there. Events!! Take a look at other towns similar area, ours really doesn't have much going for it. Very disjointed with no real flow.
47	Control the silt before it controls the foreshore.
48	Upgrade sailing squadron area for use for all non-motorised water sports
49	Multi Purpose Play Space
50	See above. Maybe a few more lights on the walking tracks & jetty's at night time would romanticise the area a little & perhaps improve safety.
51	Look at Bridport
52	Stylish aesthetic Upgrade
53	A food van style Saturday market
54	There's a cool climate palm tree that is used to good effect in places like Pambula, Batemans Bay and Lakes Entrance (a council planting in Tassie can be seen along High Street in Launceston near St George's Square). They have a very welcoming 'tropical' aesthetic. Plantings of these along the foreshore, Kirwans, Lions Park, Connors and Stieglitz beaches would give some much needed shade in summer. More importantly, the common rows of palms would create a common theme, with the beach, George's Bay, and palm trees unifying the different areas into a 'St Helens feel', rather than the very distinct areas they are currently. This would leave visitors with a better impression of St Helens as a whole and make it more distinct in comparison to other east coast towns.
55	Extend a substantial area in front of Panorama for open space allowing for more functional use of existing space. Only if deemed the absolute best location through a feasibility study establishing a swimming pool facility may be a good fit.
56	Pump track. Outdoor cinema capability. Outdoor music venue
57	Comment swimming pool
58	Bay of fires Bike trail. Georges bay boat ramp to Binalong Bay
59	Just revamp it it looks tired and uninviting

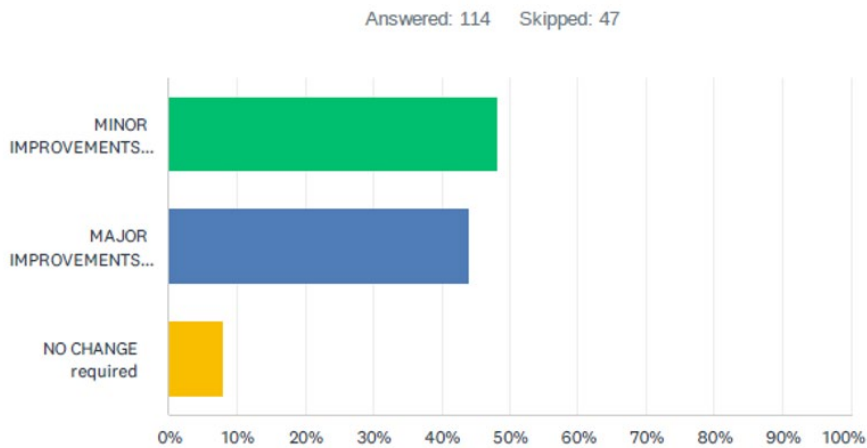
### Do you have any other comments about the St Helens Foreshore Area?

1	I do have some concerns about the dual access on the walkway by walkers and bikes. Some safety concerns and maybe a speed limit for bikes might help.
2	More trees please and more seating - so necessary.
3	Don't ruin the naturalness
4	The boats at the marina make the scene idyllic
5	It's a nice area to walk
6	Undervalued
7	Video surveillance
8	Not keen on the idea of a floating sauna, waste of money and the area is not sheltered enough. Would like to see Moulting Bay have better access although the tidal issues makes it tricky
9	Keep it accessible to all including locals & visitors,
10	I love this space, it's my home, it's multi user, busy, fluid and full of life it could really pop with some smallish but major changes. I watch many visitors pull in, get out and stretch, look around to get their bearings - often the first port of call in town.
11	It is a very multi used area that could certainly do with some defining and improving to make it enjoyable and to give it a sense of pride.
12	More events should be held there. a pity there is no public pool.
13	This is a wonderful area. I think events can be comfortably staged there, but no more permanent commercial places, except boat hire if feasible.
14	I love it. There are activity areas for local and visitors to enjoy and if you keep an eye on your little ones I think it is safe for families. I love that there are places to sit and eat and use toilet facilities too. To have fish and chips to buy is great.
15	More amenities and shelter is needed. Often when organising birthday parties or group activities, bad weather can cripple plans because we don't have enough sheltered spaces.
16	Ask all local takeaway outlets to contribute to litter picking in the area, as most of the litter we collect in this area comes from these cafes/takeaways (not just the fish and chip shops)
17	It'd be great to have a bike/foot path down St Helens point road from Aerodrome Rd to the boat ramp. This would make it easier for Stieglitz residents to use the fabulous waterfront facilities
18	It's great I look forward to using it more
19	Just love the walking/cycle track that is now in the process of being completed from St Helens to Stieglitz Beach. Great to see the Kirwans Jetty rebuilt, it would be great to have a jetty and or pontoon on the walking track from O'Connors Beach to Stieglitz
20	It's easily accessible, with great parking, just under utilised.
21	The council risks over developing the St Helens foreshore. The reason that visitors come to visit is because it is a small working fishing port and the unspoilt foreshore. Visitors don't want to see an overdeveloped foreshore that they can see on the mainland. The foreshore risks becoming sterile and bland. Our children and their partners and friends love coming to St Helens from the mainland because it is unspoilt, relaxing and not over engineered.
22	Walkway from wharf area through to grassed area is not a clear integrated pathway, many curbs, gutters, changes in surfaces, which could be improved to result in a homogeneous trail.
23	Good place
24	Lovely space
25	Great. To see the walking track being extended around the bay
26	Any development will only ever be good if its considered part of the wharf area. Access across the car parking (maybe there is too much glass land in front of the blue shed that could be turned into parking?
27	Well done on the work so far! It would be great if visitors could hire a kayak or stand up paddle board.
28	It needs to be showcased. It is very under utilised
29	Block the road on the foreshore side of the Bayside Pub and encourage food and beverage buildings, in the style of "seaside" to be placed strategically in or adjacent to the current green space.
30	I love the provision of art such as the sculpture trail. Development needs to be of an aesthetic nature.
31	please keep the open area for public space. A long term plan could really enhance this space, for residents and tourists. it would be amazing if this is the place tourists pull up and have a positive experience - rather than the IGA carpark... (which you can still walk over to).



32	Upgrade of playground
33	Thank you for all that has been done so far.
34	The Bayside carpark is wasted space in one of our prettiest foreshore areas. They can organise their own parking. The direct could be utilised for pump track it skatepark, keeping it in the same area as the kids playground.
35	The wharf /town foreshore area is unique for many reasons including it is close to the town center. Please support commercial and recreational boating in this area. Please ensure sufficient boat trailer parking that others do not park in. May need additional infrastructure to separate boating, commercial and recreational, from waterfront diners and day trippers. The cycle way is an excellent improvement, as we age it is this type of cycle way that we use, not mountain bike tracks. Don't forget the northern side of the bay for some improvements please. However we DO NOT want street lights. It is great not having the light pollution on the bay.
36	Increased car and pedestrian traffic makes backing a boat risky at times.
37	I don't like that the exercise equipment is facing the town instead of the bay - could do with an update.
38	Shade and toilet at other end!
39	The walking/cycle tracks are fantastic
40	Upgraded walking track from St Helens foreshore to Moulting Bay
41	Needs an upgrade
42	When you come off the bike bridge coming into town in pop into the jetty area it is a little unclear where you go from there which may be confusing for visitors to the area.
43	See Bridport
44	Beautiful location
45	It has definitely been gradually improved over time and now needs maintaining to continue to be space that caters for a variety of different users. It is not a single use area and as such the competing requirements of different user groups requires a very balanced approach to its maintenance over time.
46	The wide green spaces in front of the Bayside are nice, and getting rarer in coastal communities.
47	This is quite a special space and therefore any future development needs to be well considered however a visionary futures oriented plan needs to be developed and commercial activity and opportunity should be incorporated into this planning.
48	Perfect for a pool
49	Fantastic area. Love it
50	The bay suffers in term's of presentation. While the sea grass is a natural thing, it cannot be denied that run off and other introduced nutrients has added to its proliferation. The Dead Sea grass needs to be raked on a regular basis so the foreshore presents at its best encouraging families to use at all times. Council could rake and bale the Dead Sea grass and sell as commercial enterprise creating a steady sustainable income stream.

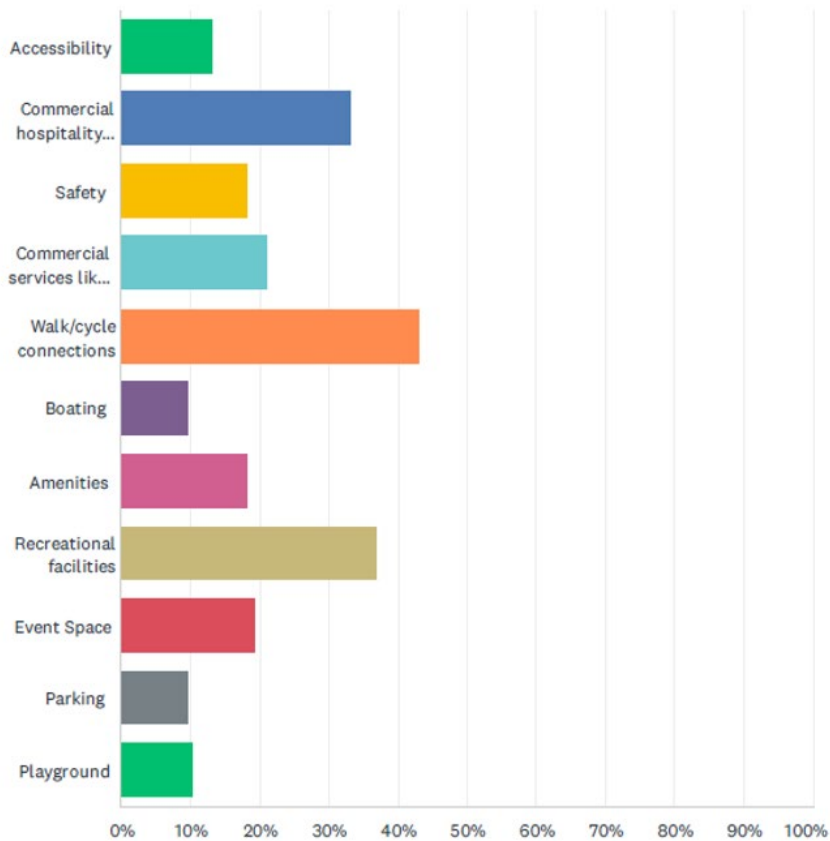
Please indicate which of the following statements best reflects your opinion on improvements to the St Helens Foreshore and wharf area?



- Over 90% of respondents want to see change at St Helens Foreshore.
- 48.25% (55) think MINOR IMPROVEMENTS are required to maintain the functionality of St Helens waterfront. (eg renewing existing facilities, minor upgrades etc).
- 43.86% (50) think MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS are required to enhance the functionality of spaces along St Helens waterfront. (eg. reconsidering locations of existing infrastructure, upgrading infrastructure and facilities, addressing safety and accessibility.)
- 7.89% think NO CHANGE is required.

## In your opinion, what are the priority areas for improvement to the St Helens foreshore Area?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 47



- Responses suggest key focus of upgrades should be on:
  - Walk/ cycle connections (42.98%)
  - Recreational facilities (36.84%)
  - Commercial/ hospitality style businesses - like food trucks, bars etc (33.33%)



## Medeas Cove

7 respondents provided feedback specifically on Medeas Cove. 57% of respondents (4) use this space daily. 28% usually spend 30 minutes to 1 hour at this space (2) and 28% spend 1-3 hours (2). 57% (4) usually walk to it. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (9). The most common secondary uses suggested were Non-Motorised Recreational Boating (3) and Fishing (3). 28% (2) of respondents are satisfied with this space, 28% (2) are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and 28% (2) are dissatisfied. Users tended to like the natural values of the site and dislike the lack of safe pedestrian access.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	4
A few times a week	2
Once a week	0
Once a fortnight	0
Once a month	1
Rarely	0
Never	0

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	0
15-30 minutes	1
30 mins - 1 hour	2
1-3hrs	2
More than 3 hours	1

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### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	3
Walk	4
Run	0
Cycle	0
Other (please specify)	0

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Swimming	0

Fishing	0
Passive Foreshore Activity	0
Active Foreshore Activity	6
Other	1

**What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?**

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Swimming	0
Fishing	3
Passive Foreshore Activity	1
Active Foreshore Activity	1
Other	0

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

**How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?**

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	1
Satisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2
Dissatisfied	2
Very dissatisfied	0

### What do you like about this space?

1	Landscape	Natural Values (5)
2	Beautiful quiet scenic area	
3	The beautiful views to the mountains in the west, the Birdlife, the sunsets	
4	Natural area	
5	Remoteness	

### What don't you like about this space?

1	Access road	Accessibility (4)
2	Narrow winding road with no space for footpath. Can be dangerous for walkers, dog walkers, bike riders and cars all using the same space.	
3	No proper walking paths for all abilities is wheelchairs, prams, walkers. I get wet shoes walking in the early morning on the grass getting to work	
4	Limited walking tracks, no loop track	
5	Lack of sheltered rest areas on waters side edge. The ugly "temporary" concrete blocks	Facilities (1)

### Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	Widen road to allow multi use	Accessibility (5)
2	Boardwalk around foreshore	
3	Continuous smooth footpaths / cycle ways around cove	
4	Loop track to walk around the entire Cove	
5	A jetty style walking track like at Boggy Creek would be a possibility.	
6	Conservation best use for site at the moment.	Natural Values (2)
7	High conservation values Eucalyptus Viminalis and Malaleuca Ericfolia forest. Needs a lot of weed management.	

## Beauty Bay

28 respondents provided feedback specifically on Beauty Bay. 38% (8) of respondents use this space daily and 38% (8) use it a few times a week. 57% (12) usually spend 30 minutes to 1 hour at this space and 47% (10) spend 1-3 hours. 66% (14) usually walk to it and 52% (11) drive. The most common primary uses suggested at the site were Active Foreshore Recreation (10) and Swimming (7). The most common secondary uses suggested were Passive Foreshore Activity (9) and Fishing (9). 60% (17) of respondents are satisfied with this space. Users tended to like the range of facilities at the site and dislike safety issues for swimmers.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	8
A few times a week	8
Once a week	1
Once a fortnight	2
Once a month	2
Rarely	0
Never	0

\*8 skipped

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	0
15-30 minutes	6
30 mins - 1 hour	12
1-3hrs	10
More than 3 hours	0

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### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	11
Walk	14
Run	0
Cycle	1
Other	1

\*1 skipped

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	4
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Swimming	7
Fishing	0

Passive Foreshore Activity	4
Active Foreshore Activity	10
Other	3

#### What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	6
Swimming	8
Fishing	9
Passive Foreshore Activity	9
Active Foreshore Activity	9
Other	3

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

#### How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	5
Satisfied	17
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Dissatisfied	2
Very dissatisfied	1

#### What do you like about this space?

1	Easy access to a near natural environment	Facilities (13)
2	BBQ area, shower and toilet block facilities	
3	perfect safe sheltered access for swimming and kayaking activities, coupled with shower, toilets and BBQ	
4	Its natural beauty, ease of getting in to swim. Reasonably private, good facilities ....bbq shelter, shower, toilets.	
5	it has a beautiful quiet ambiance. with enough green space for the dogs , walkers and bikers.	
6	Sheltered, shady, bbq, toilet, shower, seating, rubbish collection, jetty, safe access to water,	
7	Great family space, wonderful swimming, SAFE Each for children, except when some motorised boats, jet ski come in. I have seen near accidents.). SHELTERED FROM MANY WINDS. The best swimming spot in St.Helens. natural bbeauty, beauty, SHOWER, FAIRLY PRIVATE, BARBECUE, people can bring strollers and picnic on grass or at the tables.	
8	Toilets and seating and picnic tables	
9	Sheltered from the wind. Toilets, bbq, walking track, gorgeous view.	
10	I like the bbq and the jetty	
11	shelter from weather and easily access to the beach with toilet facility.	
12	Good amenities	
13	Quiet, pretty spot with his facilities	
14	Safe to walk animals and very friendly people are always on the walk	Accessibility (5)
15	the path	
16	Close to town	

17	A safe walking place.	
18	Easy access to a near natural environment	
19	Open space with easy access at many spots. Great spot for walks both on and behind the beach. It's natural beauty - best spot ever for watching spectacular sunsets and for seeing marine life in the shallows.	Natural Values (2)
20	Less feral oysters than other foreshore areas.	
21	It is safe	Safety (1)

### What don't you like about this space?

1	that sunken fishing vessel	Safety (7)
2	Dog poo not picked up by owners! And in summer when speed boats and jet skis use the bay and beach.	
3	Occasional summer use by jet skis making swimming for kids unsafe.	
4	At very low tide wading in over the mud and sea grass is unpleasant. Some people do not pick up dog droppings, and at times dogs can be a problem. Some jet skis come in carefully, at other times they are VERY DANGEROUS	
5	Wish there was a netted swimming area for children away from the jetty, a lot of fishing is done on this jetty and I notice there are quite a few altercations with people swimming near peoples lines etc. I've been swimming at beauty bay since I was in primary school and a lot of other kids have been too so I think a restricted area to swim with netting would help	
6	Hooks and fishing lines being left tangled in the water. Rubbish - cans and bottles left on the walking track and on the beach. Overgrown weeds in Summer	
7	In summer, lots of jet skis and some boats. Have almost been hit by a jet ski when swimming. Needs to be a no motorised area.	
8	Bbq not hot enough.	Facilities (4)
10	There are only a few places to sit down. Over the summer there are hundreds of tourists and about ten seats maximum.	
11	Not enough indigenous plants	
12	It needs to go further around the bay.	
13	The weed in the water!	Management (1)
14	The car park needs work. lots of pot holes and muck when it rains.	Carparking (1)
15	too many people	Other (1)

### Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	A simple shelter screen area for quickly changing out of bathers etc instead of using the toilets. A towel rack or hook near the shower to put your towel on whilst rinsing off. Would love to see a pontoon positioned out in the bay for people to swim to, doesn't have to be out too far, just enough to give children, in particular, a place to swim to. I think it would help with water safety and confidence. Would also like Beauty Bay to remain a noncommercial site.	Facilities (12)
2	Needs a change area for swimmers, potentially an 'L' shaped screen of toilet	
3	A pontoon for swimmers in the bay and more seating areas.	
4	Consider a pontoon or safe swimming area	
5	better foot paths	
6	Investigate "L" shaped pontoon for swimmers.	

7	A tap where the bbq is would be good	
8	A change screen with a towel rack would improve the foreshore	
9	Hot water shower would be great but not essential	
10	A second shower head would be handy	
11	A pontoon to encourage swimming, would give people a reference to swim towards. Around the yellow marker.	
12	Make retaining wall more visually appealing	
13	Would love that vessel to be removed. Can often smell diesel and other nasties when swimming near the designated area. In place of this sunken hazard in probably the most utilized and loved area of Georges bay I would like to see a floating pontoon which could be used for recreational purposes.	Safety (5)
14	Ban boats and jetskiis from Beauty Bay in summer	
15	Jet skiis should not be allowed for safety reasons	
16	Advocate to MAST for 5km limit.	
17	Just banning motorised water vehicles in beauty bay area. It's not a good spot for it and it's dangerous as the area is used for swimming a lot. So many near misses. It also ruins the area for others.	
20	Perhaps seal the car park	Carparking (4)
21	a layer of cracker dust on the parking areas would do.	
22	Upgrading the grass/lawn. Another bbq.	
23	A pontoon would be a great improvement, providing a challenge for small children Learning to swim. The pontoon need not be far out. I feel motorised boats, jet ski should be prohibited in this Lovely family friendly space. It is also accessible for people in wheel chairs, and even with Council permission and help, disabled can be driven in. I was most grateful once, to be able to take my frail husband by car for a special celebration into this area he loved.	
24	Plants some low native shrubs to beautify the area (the lower roadside)	Maintenance (2)
25	Cut down some overhang branches so the track is safe after the wide weather	
	Plant an indigenous garden	Natural Values (1)
	Keep it quiet and peaceful. No further developments	

## Kirwans Beach

14 respondents provided feedback specifically on Kirwans Beach. 72% (8) of respondents use this space a few times a week. 28% (4) usually spend 15-30 minutes, 28% (4) spend 30 mins to 1 hour and 28% (4) spend 1-3 hours at this space. 50% (6) usually drive and 41% (5) walk. The most common primary uses suggested at the site were Fishing (4) and Active Foreshore Activity (4). The most common secondary use suggested was Swimming (6). 64% (9) of respondents are satisfied with this space. Users tended to like the range of facilities particularly the jetty and dislike the condition of some assets such as the BBQ and defunct jetty and the lack of shade.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	2
A few times a week	8
Once a week	0
Once a fortnight	1
Once a month	0
Rarely	0
Never	0

\*1 skipped

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	1
15-30 minutes	4
30 mins - 1 hour	4
1-3hrs	4
More than 3 hours	1

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	6
Walk	5
Run	0
Cycle	1
Other (please specify)	1

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Swimming	1
Fishing	4
Passive Foreshore Activity	0
Active Foreshore Activity	4
Other	1



### What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Swimming	6
Fishing	5
Passive Foreshore Activity	5
Active Foreshore Activity	3
Other	0

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

### How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	3
Satisfied	9
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2
Dissatisfied	0
Very dissatisfied	0

### What do you like about this space?

1	Ease of entry to water	Facilities (5)
2	Access to amenities - parking, jetty, pathway and bbq.	
3	Accessibility from home. Fishing mostly good.	
4	Progress - Track around to Parkside	
5	Jetty	
6	It's peaceful	Natural Values (2)
7	It is safe	
8	Close to home	Accessibility (2)
9	Safe to walk animals and very friendly people are always on the walk	

### What don't you like about this space?

1	I don't think the bbq area is very inviting	Facilities (3)
2	The broken jetty and sometimes clogged drain.	
3	Picnic area	
4	The wind	Natural Values (1)

**Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?**

<b>1</b>	Fix or remove second jetty and clear the drainage tunnel.	Facilities (8)
<b>2</b>	A multiuse pontoon at the site of the small jetty in disrepair would be good.	
<b>3</b>	Investigate general use pontoon for kayaks at the site of the old jetty	
<b>4</b>	Yes a undercover area for bbq.	
<b>5</b>	Would like to see area where St Helens Sailing Squad is currently located developed into an area that would be a multiuser Community space.	
<b>6</b>	More trees as wind breaks and summer shade?	
<b>7</b>	Shade trees like Allocasurina Verticillata	
<b>8</b>	Remove old jetty (jack buttons), has become an eyesore.	
<b>9</b>	Perhaps seal the car park	Carparking (1)

## Lions Park

14 respondents provided feedback specifically on Lions Park. 63% (7) of respondents use this space a few times a week. 30% (4) usually spend 30 mins to 1 hour and 30% (4) spend 1-3 hours at this space. 50% (6) usually drive and 41% walk (5). The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (6). The most common secondary use suggested was Passive Foreshore Recreation (6). 50% (7) of respondents are satisfied with this space. Users tended to like the facilities such as toilet and playground and dislike the cleanliness of the playground and toilets.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	0
A few times a week	7
Once a week	2
Once a fortnight	1
Once a month	0
Rarely	1
Never	0

**\*1 skipped**

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	2
15-30 minutes	3
30 mins - 1 hour	4
1-3hrs	4
More than 3 hours	1

**\*1 skipped**

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	6
Walk	5
Run	0
Cycle	2
Other (please specify)	1

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Swimming	0
Fishing	1
Passive Foreshore Activity	4

Active Foreshore Activity	6
Other	0

#### What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Swimming	2
Fishing	2
Passive Foreshore Activity	6
Active Foreshore Activity	7
Other	0

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

#### How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	2
Satisfied	7
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Dissatisfied	2
Very dissatisfied	0

### What do you like about this space?

1	Open and airy. A starting point for walks, biking. Has parking, toilet, picnic and playground and a jetty for fishing and swimming.	Facilities (11)
2	Potential	
3	Convenience of access, toilets	
4	Toilet block, playground, seats, bbq, art sculpture	
5	As a regular visitor to St Helens (every summer for most of the last 50 years), I've been pleasantly surprised and impressed by the way the shared path has improved access along the foreshore.	
6	Quality of footpath.	
7	It is great, please keep maintenance up.	
8	Lions Park and toilets are fantastic	
9	Sheltered, safe water	
10	Upgrade of the playground	
11	Ease of use	

### What don't you like about this space?

1	Walking access from Stieglitz	Accessibility (2)
2	Getting from O'Connor Beach to Lions Park around the road.	
3	Public toilet near the playground not clean. If one of my kids needs to go, it's easier to go home. Also not a lot of shade. On a hot or high UV day, we can't spend very long there.	Maintenance (2)
4	The old, rusty, mouldy playground	
5	The slip yards/sailing squadron are a mess, underutilised and an eyesore	Other (2)
6	Under-utilised	
7	Fenced along the main road for dog/children	Safety (1)
8	Huge amount of sea grass on beach	Management (1)
9	cant park with a trailer or long vehicle	Carparking (1)

**Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?**

<b>1</b>	Put in some small kids fun cycle structures like little rolling ramps etc.	Facilities (5)
<b>2</b>	Provide tree shade and additional plantings.	
<b>3</b>	That the sailing squadron and other non motorised water sports be able to use the facility	
<b>4</b>	Public toilets beside the playground is a must. And they need to be close enough for parents/carers to observe both the toilet block and the playground at the same time.	
<b>5</b>	New play equipment	
<b>6</b>	Clean seaweed from shore, it's the first area we all see coming in tourist visit	Management (3)
<b>7</b>	Whole Bay needs to have a sea grass reduction? Related to oyster and mussel farms	
<b>8</b>	Better management	
<b>9</b>	Fence	Safety (1)
<b>10</b>	Footpath beside St Helens Point Rd down the hill.	Accessibility (1)

## O'Connors Beach

17 respondents provided feedback specifically on O'Connors Beach. 38% (5) of respondents use this space daily. 47% (8) usually spend 1-3 hours at this space. 58% (10) usually walk to this space. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (7). The most common secondary uses suggested were Swimming (8) and Non-Motorised Recreational Boating (5). 35% (6) of respondents are satisfied with this space and 35% (6) are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Users tended to like the range of facilities and the openness of the site and dislike the management of seagrass and lack of shade.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	5
A few times a week	2
Once a week	1
Once a fortnight	2
Once a month	3
Rarely	0
Never	0

\*4 skipped

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	1
15-30 minutes	4
30 mins - 1 hour	4
1-3hrs	8
More than 3 hours	0

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	4
Walk	10
Run	0
Cycle	2
Other (please specify)	1

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	0
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	3
Swimming	4
Fishing	0

Passive Foreshore Activity	1
Active Foreshore Activity	7
Other	2

#### What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	5
Swimming	8
Fishing	5
Passive Foreshore Activity	6
Active Foreshore Activity	3
Other	1

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

#### How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	1
Satisfied	6
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	6
Dissatisfied	3
Very dissatisfied	1



### What do you like about this space?

1	New shared pathway, toilets, picnic area.	Facilities (7)
2	Best spot for jet skis which are most prevalent peak summer.	
3	Sea scout club could be expanded to include sailing clubs	
4	I like how people gather in summer and kayak and swim off the shore. There are always people walking along the beach and walking their dogs. The beach is very accessible for everybody	
5	Toilet, rotunda, good place to windsurf	
6	Shelter from weather and easily access to the beach with toilet facility.	
7	Maintained well and improvements / extension of the walking track	
8	It's peaceful	Natural Values (6)
9	The openness	
10	Not over-developed. Still retains coastal atmosphere.	
11	The openness	
12	Open, user friendly	
13	Sheltered, safe water	
14	Proximity to home and St Helens	Accessibility (4)
15	Convenient location, generally not too crowded.	
16	Progress - Track around to Parkside	
17	It's close to home, easy to park in. Dog loves it. Poop bags appreciated. Looking forward to the new bike track though to lions park.	

### What don't you like about this space?

1	Weed on the beach, lack of trees and shrub along the foreshore, dangerous access coming from Stieglitz along St Helens Point Rd ( no footpath, no lighting on the hill past the Scout Hall ) you are forced to walk on what has become a very busy road.	Management (11)
2	Would like to see the seaweed cleaned up from s sandy beach areas and oysters from beauty bay	
3	Seaweed	
4	Weedy when the tides out, oysters, not safe for swimming/ bathing	
5	Frequent stingray sightings, risk to swimmers	
6	Sea grass build up resources the beaches aesthetics and can make it difficult to get the sailboat into the water.	
7	Huge amount of sea grass on beach	
8	Too much seaweed sometimes which makes the foreshore look dirty. A clean-up once a month would do wonders & you could just make the excess seaweed collected available at the tip or something for the gardeners. The sea scout building has heaps of potential but seems to sit empty a lot. Would be a great little spot for a coffee etc. Toilet block could do with a re-vamp. Fresh paint in modern colours (grey, black, white, natural Timbers) & new toilets would be good.	
9	The beach has dead trees laying on the sand that have been there for years which the parks dept have never attempted to remove. It's not inviting anymore , and it's a place we would love to use , as we live along the track. It also requires some yearly maintenance to keep it looking beautiful .	
10	Hooks and fishing lines being left tangled in the water. Rubbish - cans and bottles left on the walking track and on the beach. Overgrown weeds in Summer	
11	Lack of trees etc.	
12	The wind :(	Natural Values (2)
13	Lack of trees etc.	
14	Getting from O'Connor Beach to Lions Park around the road.	Accessibility (1)
15	The beach is losing its natural appearance with the concrete retaining blocks that have been used. Whilst I know understand the need for them I believe a more natural look could have been used. The bollards that have been placed make the area look less welcoming. The whole appeal of O'Connors Beach was the natural look of the foreshore. The dramatic increase in sea grass makes the beach unusable at times. The sea grass has been increasing dramatically since the introduction and expansion of the oyster farms. A friend has been keeping records and photos of the changes of the George's bay foreshore and increase in sea grass since oyster farms have started. The change is dramatic and not for the good. The bridges that have been placed over the little streams at the western end of the beach look totally out of place and would look better in an English village..	Other (1)

### Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?

1	Desperate need of an electric BBQ in the O'Connor Beach Rotunda. Toilets need an upgrade.	Facilities (12)
2	Floating pontoon attached to boat ramp, new toilet and shower block.	
3	Kayak tours often stop at O'Connors to use toilets. Floating pontoons would be great at Kirwans and O'Connors.	

4	Investigate inundation hazards with existing sea scout building. Investigate general use pontoon for kayaks	
5	Boat ramp should be upgraded with a floating pontoon. May need to reconsider location and extend further as shallow part of bay. Good spot to launch jetski	
6	Multi user trail through to Stieglitz foreshore	
7	O'Connors Beach needs a table with bench seats	
8	More trees as wind breaks and summer shade?	
9	Completion of the shared pathway from O'Connors to Stieglitz beaches, more trees and shrubs on the foreshore.	
10	Desperate need of an electric BBQ in the O'Connor Beach Rotunda. Toilets need an upgrade.	
11	Provide a shower. Good sport for jet skiis	
12	Pathway/walkway along water	
13	Yes plenty! Remove the dead trees on beach. Remove the dead branches from the tress as we have seen them dropping onto the road and narrowly missing passing cars lately	Maintenance (5)
14	A routine raking of the sand	
15	Limit/reduce extent of oyster farms in bay to reverse sea grass takeover.	
16	Whole Bay needs to have a sea grass reduction? Related to oyster and mussel farms	
17	Toilets are old and don't reflect the neater and cleaner image of other council infrastructure.	
18	Any more changes to O'Connors beach should be made with natural aesthetics in mind. We are a small coastal town not a big mainland tourist town	Natural Values (4)
19	Shade trees	
20	Plants some low native shrubs to beautify the area (the lower roadside). Cut down some overhang branches so the track is safe after the wide weather	
21	Shade trees	

## Stieglitz Foreshore

24 respondents provided feedback specifically on Stieglitz Foreshore. 38% (5) of respondents use this space daily 30% (4) use this space a few times a week. 54% (13) usually spend 30 mins to 1 hour at this space. 75% (18) usually walk to this space. The most common primary use suggested at the site was Active Foreshore Activity (12). The most common secondary uses suggested were Swimming (10), Non-Motorised Recreational Boating (9) and Motorised Recreational Boating (7). 58% (14) of respondents are satisfied with this space. Users tended to like the openness of the site and the diversity in facilities and dislike puddling, management of seagrass, access to water and management of dog off lead.

### How often do you visit this location?

Options	Responses
Daily	5
A few times a week	4
Once a week	0
Once a fortnight	0
Once a month	4
Rarely	0
Never	0

\*9 skipped

### How much time would you spend at this location? This includes parking or leaving your car at one of these spaces.

Options	Responses
Less than 15 minutes	0
15-30 minutes	3
30 mins - 1 hour	13
1-3hrs	7
More than 3 hours	1

### How do you usually travel to this location?

Options	Responses
Drive	5
Walk	18
Run	0
Cycle	0
Other (please specify)	1

### What would you consider the primary use of this space?

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	2
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	1
Swimming	3

Fishing	1
Passive Foreshore Activity	3
Active Foreshore Activity	12
Other	2

**What would you consider the secondary uses of this space?**

Options	Responses
Motorized Recreational Boating	7
Non-Motorized Recreational Boating	9
Swimming	10
Fishing	0
Passive Foreshore Activity	8
Active Foreshore Activity	10
Other	0

**\*Multiple responses accepted**

**How satisfied are you overall with this foreshore area?**

Options	Responses
Very satisfied	0
Satisfied	14
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	8
Dissatisfied	2
Very dissatisfied	0

### What do you like about this space?

1	The grassy area with trees	Natural Values (9)
2	Enhance native shrub plantings along foreshore allowing for intermittent gaps to access beach.	
3	Openness	
4	Not over-developed. Still retains coastal atmosphere.	
5	Being by the water	
6	A lovely place to walk with both beach and grassed areas.	
7	Open, user friendly	
8	Open space with easy access at many spots. Great spot for walks both on and behind the beach. It's natural beauty - best spot ever for watching spectacular sunsets and for seeing marine life in the shallows.	
9	Its native bird life and remaining coastal vegetation. It has Pelicans, Swans, Wrens, etc. It has a sense of sanctity about it and is a place where people can go and connect to the natural values and enhance their well-being.	
10	Proximity, nice parklands	Accessibility (7)
11	Scenic and accessible	
12	Beautiful natural and accessible	
13	Access	
14	Convenient location, generally not too crowded.	
15	Proximity to my home	
16	Quiet and very clean	
17	Good area for walking dog off lead	Facilities (6)
18	Lawns are mown, toilets and bbq area clean and playground safe. Beautiful scenic and tranquil area.	
19	New shared pathway, toilets, picnic area.	
20	Jetty	
21	Lovely walking tracked and good boat ramps	
22	Various uses	

### What don't you like about this space?

1	The impacts of 4wd tracks and illegal veg clearing by property owners adjacent to reserve	Management (9)
2	Dog owners who are not responsible for their dogs especially keeping their dogs under control and away from other beach goers and who do not clean up after their dogs. Not everybody is a dog lover. The lack of trail maintenance of the behind beach walking trail that can be a sodden mess after heavy rains.	
3	Over the years it has been (and continues to be) illegally cleared, removing boobialla, native grasses, small trees etc. This has continued despite recent disciplinary action taken regarding the illegal removal of a large Gum. In peak times, Jet skis, motorbikes etc often ride close dispersing local wildlife.	
4	The sea grass is making it very difficult to walk along the beach or to find a clear spot to swim.	
5	Excessive sea grass weed on beach due to the long term changes to the Georges Bay marine ecosystem caused by too many oyster farms in the sensitive environment.	
6	At times there is so much sea grass it is very difficult to walk on sections of the beach.	
7	Seaweed on foreshore needs to be removed regularly	
8	Lots of seaweed	
9	Sea grass build up reduces the beaches aesthetics and can make it difficult to get the sailboat into the water.	
10	Not enough picnic tables	Facilities (5)
11	Needs additional poo bag dispensers AND most importantly at least one bin to deposit filled bags close to parking areas! Parts of the walkway behind the beach gets waterlogged after heavy rain.	
12	Picnic area	
13	Consider a pontoon at the jetty	
14	Potential location for a new boat ramp at northern end where waters are deeper. Always issues with sand banks, boat ramps need to extend quite far.	
15	Maybe more access	Accessibility (3)
16	Lack of proper walking tracks and after rain you can't get through the dirt road	
17	Limited parking - poor water access	
18	Residents with houses next to beach that are treating public space as extensions of their yard and are grumpy towards people using this space.	Other (1)

**Do you have any suggestions for improvement for this site?**

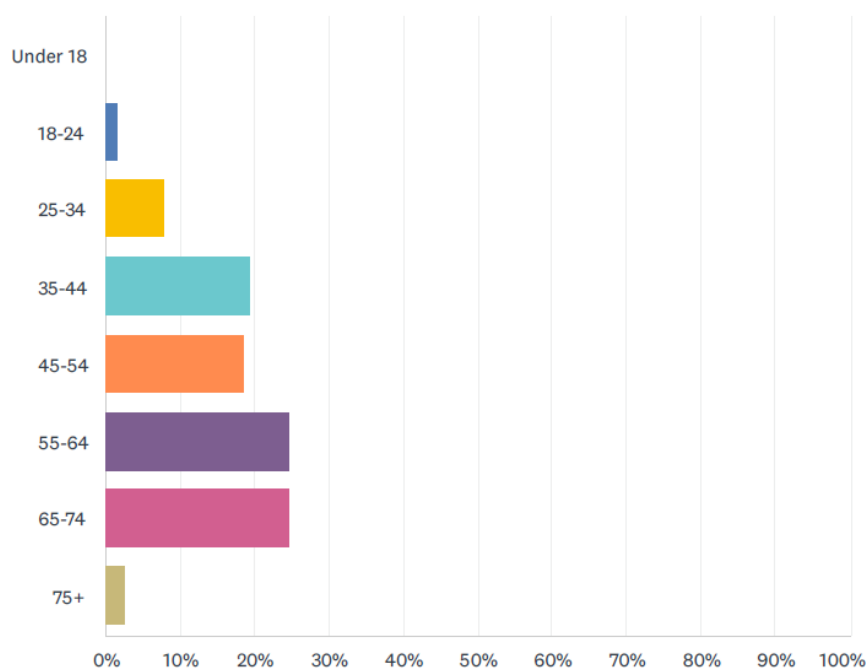
1	Extension of the shared use path so that you can readily ride from St Helens or the St Helens MTB park all the way to Stieglitz Beach would be fantastic.	Facilities (13)
2	More shade	
3	Couple of obvious rest stops for riders	
4	Additional poo bag dispensers and AT LEAST one rubbish bin to deposit filled bags close to parking areas. Improvements to drainage along walkway behind beach.	
5	Walking tracks right through to St. Helens and better upkeep of existing tracks	
6	Pathway/walkway along water	
7	Level the part of the walking path that gets wet and muddy. This section is bounded by bushes so awkward to avoid.	
8	Needs a walkway/cycleway	
9	Completion of the shared pathway from O'Connors to Stieglitz beaches, more trees and shrubs on the foreshore.	
10	Yes an undercover area for bbq.	
11	Investigate half court/ rebound wall and whether play equipment is appropriate for age demographic of local kids.	
12	Investigate feasibility of deep water boat ramp site to the east of reserve.	
13	Toilets are old and don't reflect the neater and cleaner image of other council infrastructure.	
14	Letterbox drop & education about people's property boundaries. Interpretation signage about the area and also activities allowed	Signage (4)
15	More information signs about environmental features	
16	Better signage and information about dog use areas and dog owner responsibilities - not vague online maps that are hard to decipher. A sea grass collection service that turns the dead washed up sea grass into something useable by the council - it seems to be an under utilised resource that keeps coming onto the beach - is it a useable resource? Care taken of the behind beach trail so that is useable in all seasons rather than flooded out during heavy rainfall times.	
17	Yes. Tie this area back to the Aboriginal community who used to frequent the area. For example, establish educational signage about the clan that used the area, and re-establish endemic vegetation patches in a way that would not significantly impact the view of local residents. Accompany this with ecological information signage. Make this area a cultural/ecological experience where people can informally walk through patches of native vegetation, and learn about how the first nation's people used to use this area. For example, plants they used for foods and medicinal purposes.	
18	Sea grass removed from beach. Walking track from O'Connors Beach to Stieglitz completed (which I noticed had just commenced)	Management (3)
19	Limit/reduce extent of oyster farms in bay to reverse sea grass takeover.	
	Consider options to for managing illegal dog off lead use.	
20	commercial use of crown land in terms of cafe/food	Food (1)
21	Increased Marked parking - extend the current jetty via floating pontoon - safety increased by adding a red light for night	Parking (1)
22	Move the sewage treatment plant	Other (1)



# Who we heard from

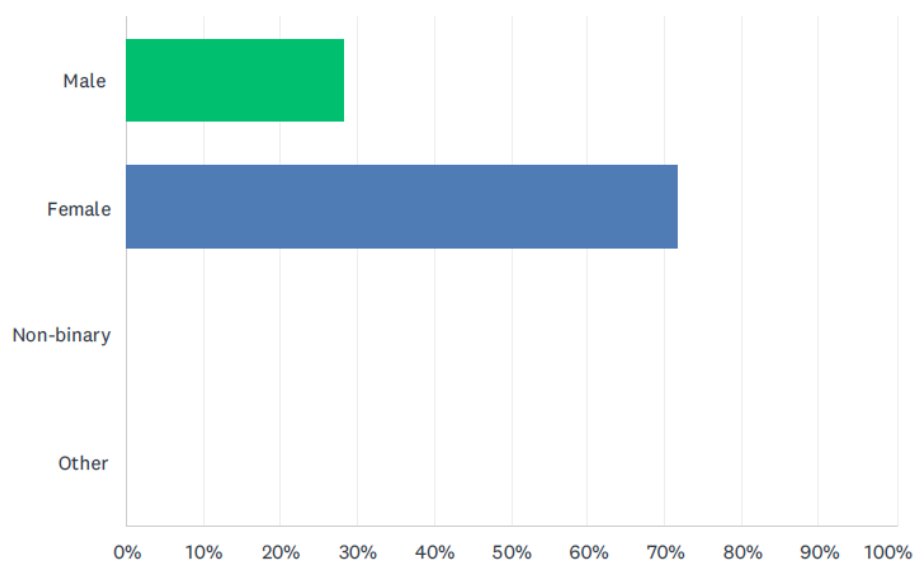
## Which age group are you in?

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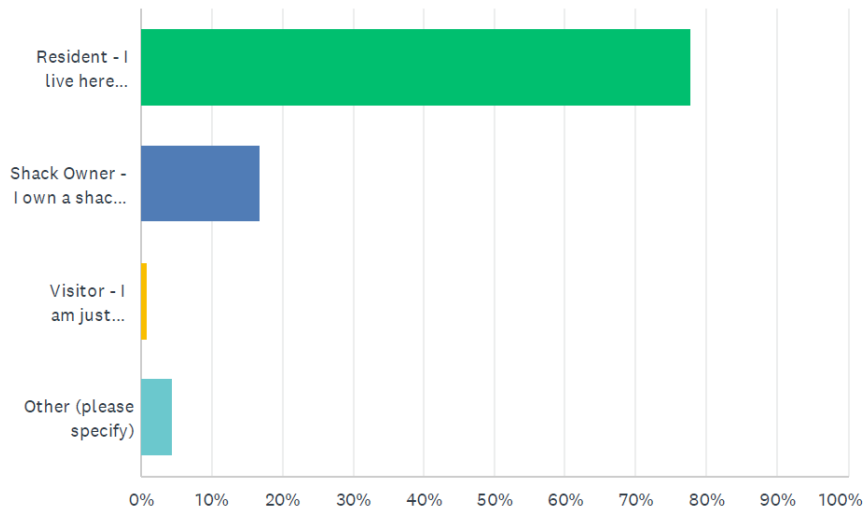
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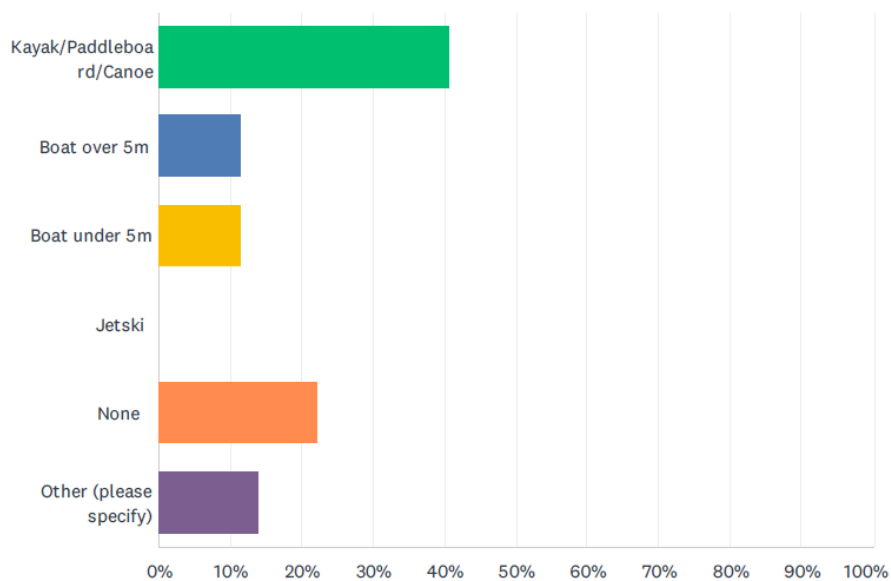
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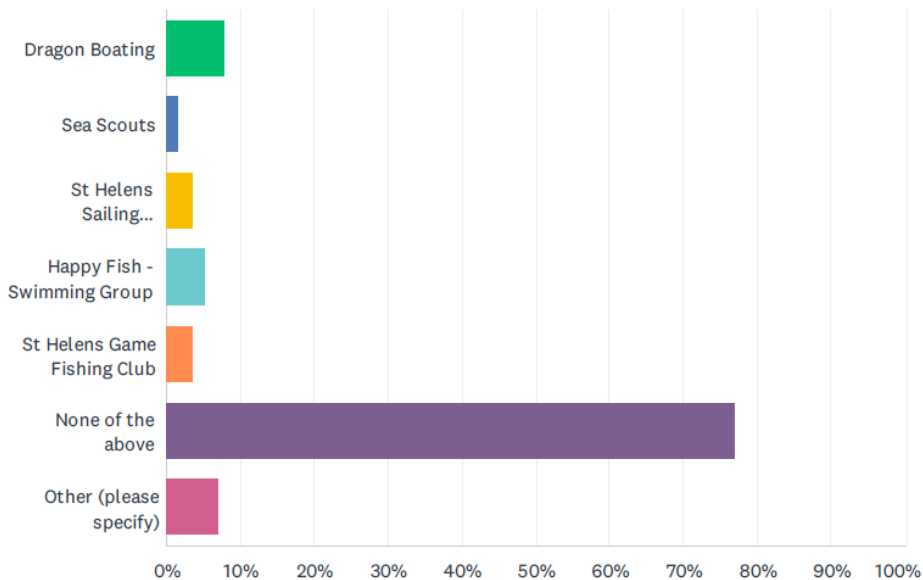
## Do you own any of the following watercraft?

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## Are you a member of a local club?

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## What we do with this information

This information helps us to better understand how you use our Foreshore areas and Bay now and are likely to use them in the future, and the issues and opportunities that the strategy needs to respond to.

Phase Two is when the Georges Bay Activation Strategy will be developed. You will have another opportunity to have your say on the draft strategy in early 2023.

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