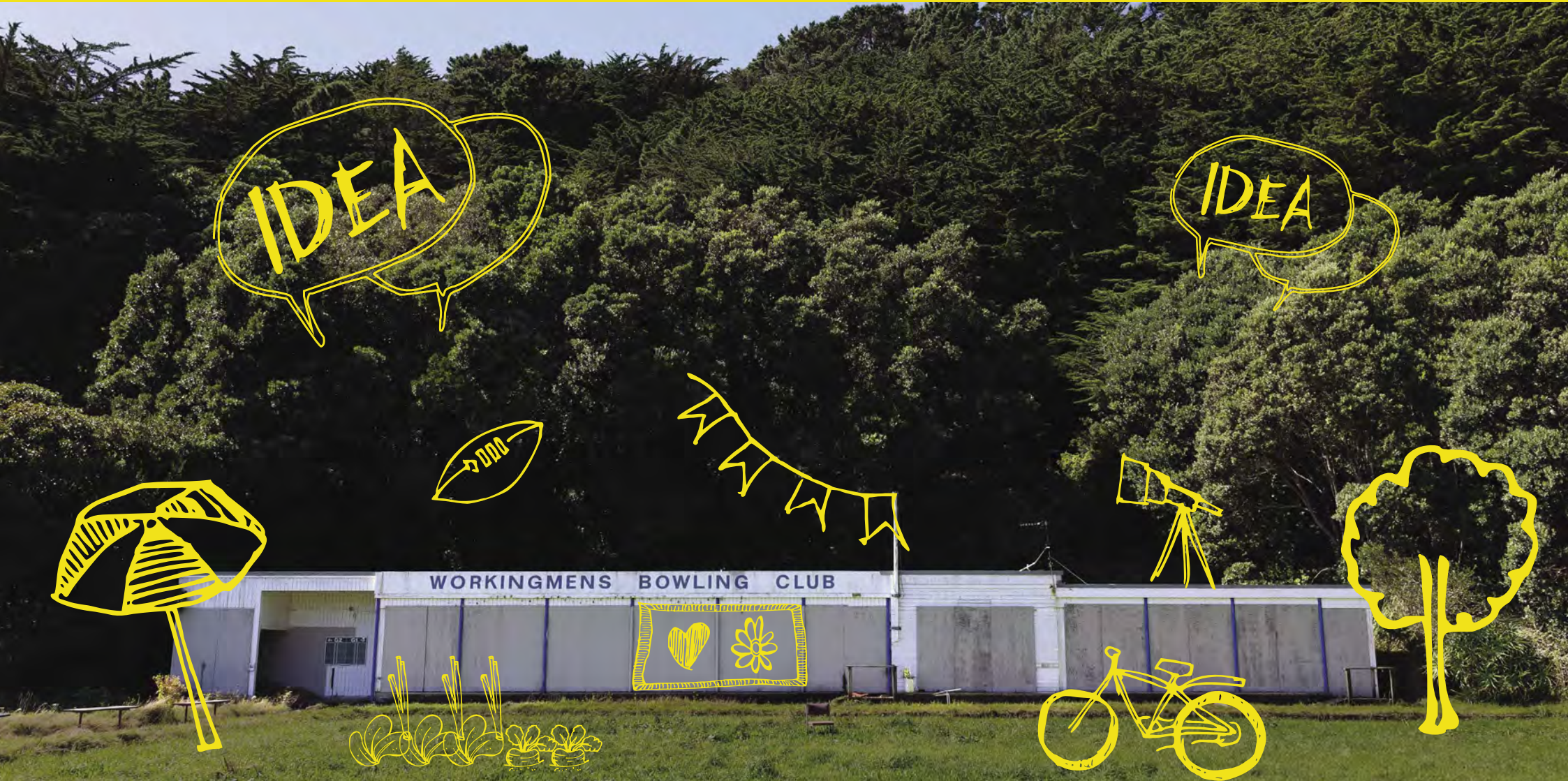


Summary of community engagement feedback

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Update on community engagement

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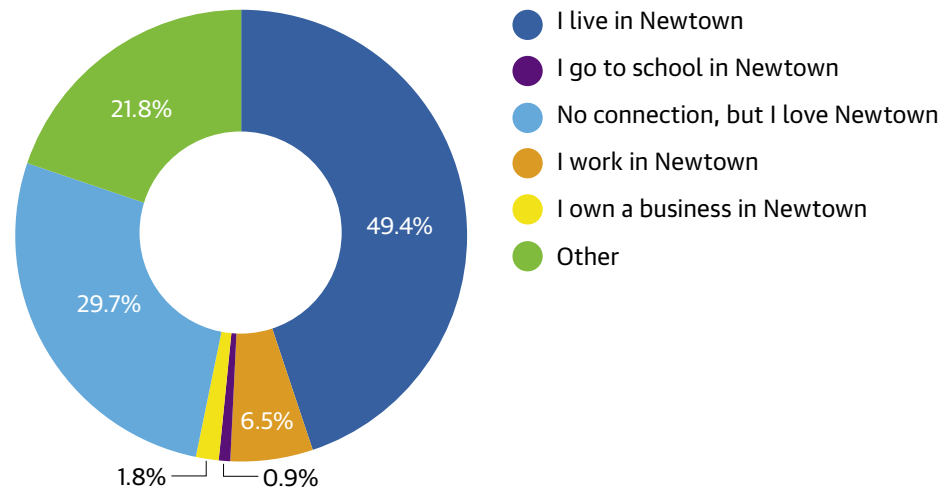
Between 27 March - 27 April 2023 we sought public feedback on the future of the former Workingmen's Bowling Club. This included an online survey and in-person engagement at public workshops and at the Newtown School market. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

What we found:

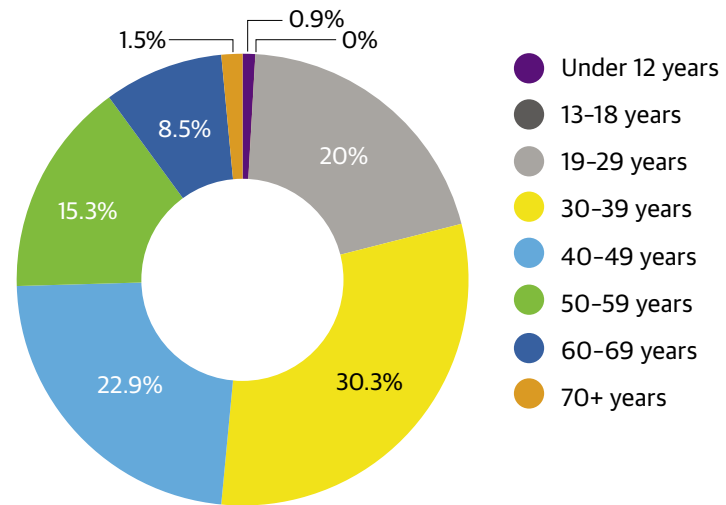
Survey results

340 people participated in our survey. The responses to each question are outlined below.

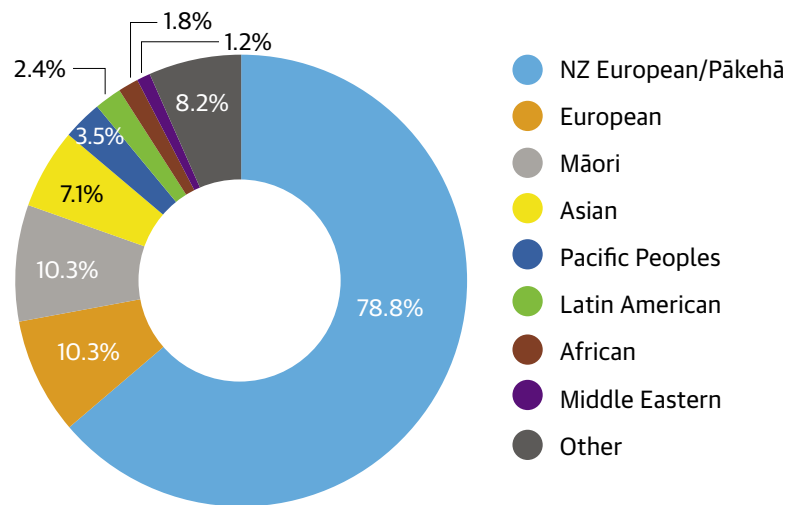
1. What is your connection to Newtown?



2. What age are you?



3. Which ethnicity grouping do you mainly identify with?



4. What recreation opportunities do you think are missing in Newtown?

We received 295 responses. Many responses suggested multiple opportunities were missing, so there are more suggestions than total responses.

Missing opportunities	Specific elements	Number of responses
Green open space (119)	Community garden	70
	Public toilets	5
	BBQs	4
Sport, play, and active recreation (119)	Sports infrastructure	50
	Play area	18
	Gym or fitness equipment	13
	Wheels track	12
	Dog park	10
Venue (77)	Indoor	39
	Outdoor	21
Creativity (61)	Live music performance	36
	Rehearsals or classes	11
	Studio	10
	Gallery	4

5. What recreation activities or facilities would you most like to see at 177 Owen Street?

We received 307 responses. As above, many responses suggested multiple activities and facilities within the same response, so there are more suggestions than responses.

Missing activities	Specific elements	Number of responses
Green open space (154)	Community garden	90
	BBQs	23
	Public toilets	15
Sport, play, and active recreation (122)	Sports infrastructure	38
	Play area	36
	Gym or fitness equipment	25
	Wheels track	12
	Dog park	10
Venue (122)	Indoor	72
	Outdoor	21
Creativity (82)	Live music performance	46
	Rehearsals or classes	13
	Studio	5
	Gallery	5

In-person engagement:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to have a chat with us at the Newtown School Market or share their ideas at our workshops.

At our workshops, the common themes we heard for the future of the site were:

- Green open space is important, especially for people in Newtown that might not have access to these spaces;
- Community gardens, especially in the context of rising food;
- A hireable venue or events space, especially for live performances

Considering all feedback we received as a whole, the main themes suggested for the future of the site were:

- green open space,
- community gardens,
- a place to be active, and
- a place to connect with family or wider community.



