

QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

Stage 4

Development



The stage 4 development concept for Queen Elizabeth Park has been signed off for public consultation by the Masterton District Council Parks and Open Spaces Task Group.

A full set of consultation plans and papers are available from the Masterton District Council Offices on Chapel Street and residents are invited to give their views on all or part of the planned development.

If you have any queries or would like a set of consultation papers posted to you, please call 06 370 6300 or email mdc@mstn.govt.nz

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 4PM, 31 JANUARY 2014.

QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK - Stage 4 Memorial Drive preliminary concept

1. Pedestrian crossing of Memorial Drive to connect with Dixon Street Promenade and Remembrance Lake walkway.
2. Pedestrian connection from car park to Queen Elizabeth Park or Dixon Street Promenade.
3. Strengthen pedestrian connection to the Suspension Bridge, river trail and top of stop bank.
4. Review pedestrian connection and surfacing options along top of stop bank. Review accessibility where suspension bridge creates a disconnect with path.
5. Create an area of engineered surfacing to create an area of trees on the riverside of stop bank as specimen trees extending the views out beyond the park edge stop bank.
6. Clear all vegetation growing on or in stop bank, treat trees on the riverside of stop bank as specimen trees extending the views out beyond the park edge stop bank.
7. Review height options for increased path width and how these levels impact on the interface at the lake edge, path width and root zone of the existing trees.
8. Realign path around lake to accommodate existing trees and create a 'soft' edge to lake, a picnic space on southern edge of lake to watch the sun go down.
9. Create green edge to lake with reinforced/engineered grass open, refurbish boat ramp / access
10. Redesign parallel and angle parking layouts.
11. Enhance accessible route around lake with at grade bridge over water channel.
12. Upgrade path along back of boat house to become main access in this area.
13. Set car-parks back from entrance to park and edge of lake, allow for a sense of arrival and generous pedestrian access, introduce bollards and stronger road marking to redefine pedestrian and car space.
14. Redevelop timber deck to boat house.
15. Rescue oak tree that has asphalt up to trunk, create space for tree pit within car parking area.
16. Upgrade path to lake edge, create space for trees space for tree pit within car parking area.
17. Opportunity for feature, sculpture or monument, work with existing services/sub station on edge of lake and structure in the lake.
18. Reclaim corner extending structured water channel while enhancing accessible route around lake with a grade bridge over water channel.
19. Incorporate overflow chamber into accessible lake edge/ path, adjust surrounding paths for level access.



Proposed rejuvenation planting of 12 commemorative Oak trees in the existing spaces along Memorial Drive and Lake of Remembrance.

A LIVING MEMORIAL

In 1949 the Masterton Beautifying Society choose and donated 150 Scarlet Oaks as the best tree for the avenue planting along Memorial Drive and the Lake of Remembrance.

The planting ceremony was officiated by Major General Sir Howard Kippenberger (Dominion president of the RSA), who also planted the first tree. The trees commemorate the local citizens who lost their lives during the two world wars. The ceremony was filmed by the National Film Unit (archival material).

The Scarlet Oak numbers were unavailable in New Zealand at the time and were imported from Holland. The avenue

comprises predominantly of Red Oaks (*Quercus Rubra*) interspersed with more recent plantings of Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) and one Common Oak (*Quercus robur*) towards the Dixon Street entrance.

The historic heritage and landscape amenity value of the trees and the memorial planting as a whole is extremely high, requiring ongoing care and restoration.

RECOMMENDED REPLACEMENT TREES AND SPACINGS

- Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) or
- *Quercus bicolor* (Swamp White Oak)

The existing spacing of the memorial trees has been set out at 12 - 14 metre centres, this spacing should be recognised and where practicable maintained.

If you would like to have your say on this phase of the development, please email mdc@mstn.govt.nz or phone 06 370 6300.