

**Wood Street Innovating Streets  
Interim Themes Mapping Workshop**

**Thursday 20.08.20 at Fagan Place Senior Citizens Hall**

<p><b>Interim Design</b> For implementation from December 2020 through 2 summers (15 - 18 months) <b>Theme Mapping</b> Each table had a large map of the Wood Street area to work on and show ideas for key elements in place.</p>	<p><b>Key sites include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shared Space</li> <li>○ Playground</li> <li>○ Old Fire-station site</li> <li>○ Wood Street entrances</li> </ul> <p>Participants chose one table to focus on primarily then once each of the tables presented their ideas, everyone could add to the other tables too.</p> <p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Play</li> <li>○ Planting &amp; Green infrastructure</li> <li>○ Activation</li> <li>○ Arts &amp; Creativity</li> </ul>	<p><b>Values include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● People friendly</li> <li>● Movement</li> <li>● Safety</li> <li>● Sustainable</li> <li>● Signage</li> <li>● Low cost</li> </ul>
<p><b>Theme</b></p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p><b>Fabrication materials Suppliers Contractors/skills</b></p>
<p><b>Play</b></p>	<p><b>Key points from initial group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Play elements could be incorporated into other utilities (e.g Seating incorporating play tunnels)</li> <li>● Multipurpose and Multifunctional play elements</li> <li>● Inclusion of water play elements and water features</li> <li>● Site Activation area (Fire Station) could be used as parking during winter for locals.</li> <li>● Need to maintain open spaces for free play</li> <li>● Provide flat area for kids to draw in chalk etc.</li> <li>● Current playground area could be repurposed to include a Community Garden, smaller play elements and seating.</li> <li>● Play elements could incorporate the Stingray shape</li> </ul> <p><b>Further Suggestions/Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Due to its steep nature the Fire Station site could be better used as loading zone, with the addition of a retaining wall and a rubbish station for the businesses.</li> </ul>	<p>Natural Materials are preferred, and local suppliers/ builders are too. Don't need conventional playground. Have multi-purpose e.g. loungers/chairs that children can play on and adults can sit on.  Water play elements.  Flat areas where chalk drawings can be done and games made up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hopscotch</li> <li>○ Four Square.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The carparks directly in front of the playground could be lengthened to allow parking for longer vehicles like Campervans and vehicles with trailers.</li> <li>• Safety and noise concerns from the adjacent neighbours regarding the new vehicle lane beside the playground</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Planting &amp; Green infrastructure</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong consensus regarding the creation of a planted entrance at Wood and Molesworth: create an inviting entrance and continue the theme down Wood street to lead people in and provide a sense of continuity. It was somewhat unclear on if these should be low or high plantings.</li> <li>• Strong theme of having planting down the side of the old fire station and continuing down between carpark and residential: help delineate and block noise. This seemed to be agreed as larger planting.</li> <li>• Use Nikau around streets but won't stand a planter -maybe use an artistic impression of a Nikau for the trial.</li> <li>• Use rustic natural looking planters to keep in line with the beachy feel</li> <li>• Concern was raised regarding planters: will need a lot of looking after in summer -Maintenance plan/budget required.</li> <li>• Concern generally about longevity of some species when its dry -use hardy species.</li> <li>• Use of grey water for plant maintenance was suggested: investigate if there is general roof water collection in the area (as its somewhat mains supplied) and options for greywater collection.</li> <li>• Concern was raised about some species taking up too much room especially in the car park areas: start with smaller species in planters.</li> <li>• Concern was raised about the space needed for Blue/Green SW</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fabrics/Materials</b></p> <p>Nikau – draught resistant</p> <p>Evergreen</p> <p>Wood Planters – Natural Look</p> <p>Natives</p>

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	<p>infrastructure: trial set out planned areas with carparks carefully.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using natives was a strong theme, evergreen look was agreed -no one wants to clear up leaves.</li> <li>• There was some conflict in ideas: some wanted shade trees while others wanted small compact trees that didn't take up room: pick type and position carefully.</li> <li>• Planted walls, fruit trees, herb gardens, Maori play area and community garden all suggested: perhaps for the current playground area or fire station? Was suggested that fruit trees or community garden could be multi use, double as a play area.</li> <li>• Suggestion was made to put the power lines underground...</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Activation</b></p>	<p>Night or Twilight Markets held in the central area from Fagan Place to Ellen Street (highlighted on map in dotted pink line) to encourage local small businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important to establish the culture or the market e.g: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Role model for zero waste</li> <li>– Local suppliers</li> <li>– Telling the story of the produce</li> <li>– Different to existing businesses</li> <li>– Themed nights</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Local musicians could be positioned in the shared space.</li> <li>• Host a Mangawhai's Got Talent Show</li> <li>• Question on licensing rules and whether alcohol should be limited to existing businesses or outside but within the perimeter of the market event.</li> <li>• Encourage the existing businesses to participate in late night shopping as part of the market.</li> </ul> <p>Create a Community Garden within the existing play area. Old Fire Station site.</p>	<p>Moveable Planters to be used as roadblocks</p> <p><b>Local Waste Champions</b> Sustainable Kaipara Plastic Free Mangawhai</p> <p>Local food vendors and musicians</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storage container could house a book swap/toy library space, with seating and mats that could be put outside in good weather.</li> <li>• Storage space for activation equipment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Art &amp; Creativity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Colour Scheme generally</i></b> Some discussion was had on colours scheme. No conclusion was reached; discussions were wide and varied ranging from wood earthy natural tones to seas/sand and on to garish brightness.</li> <li>• <b><i>Surface colouring of roadway</i></b> The table debated the merits of changing the surface colour of Wood Street in two areas. Initially this was between Fagan Place/Ellen Street the subsequently from the entrance of Molesworth Drive. The design intention was to have immediate impact upon arrival but signal 'arrival' at the quieter walkway.</li> <li>• <b><i>Overhead structures</i></b> In line with the design theme above immediate visual impact may be achieved with overhead structures or archways that span the roadside. These could be more sculptural than functional but may include lighting options (from sides and base not just suspended lamps). These may also offer means of suspension for additional seasonal or variable event lighting (festoon) e.g. night markets, Christmas, Easter. Inner area structures could include barriers for night market road closure.</li> <li>• <b><i>Lighting</i></b> Greater use of surface and downlighters encouraged. One proposal for lights inset into the</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fabrics/Materials</b></p> <p>Wood Natural materials No Plastic!</p> <p>A proposal was made for texture to be added by breaking up the solid colour with outline details of stingray type shapes.</p> <p><b>Suppliers</b></p> <p>Local Artists Group Steve Mackay</p>

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	<p>road to act as a walkway and defining the boarder for 'quiet zone'/traffic calming. This proposal extended to light any potential pathway from carparks. Subsequent suggestion for these to be solar powered if possible. Down lights under edges of existing planter bed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Signage</b> Stated desire to limit or even avoid the need for direct signage in favour of colour schemes or other visual indicators to achieve the same ends.</li> </ul> <p>No time for finer detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Side issues raised off topic(?)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for street black boards for street graffiti;</li> <li>request to encourage local artists to adorn walls or walkways with artwork.</li> <li>• Staff parking for retail agents</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Flags</b> Issue: How to ensure a holistic approach and avoid 'bitsy' design Potential solution: include or contract local artist groups to take a lead role</p> <p>Issue: Over height restrictions (re potential 'archways') Potential solution: Limit such structure deliberately in between Fagan Place/Ellen St.</p> <p>Make use of open structures from Molesworth entrance or even graduated pou.</p>	
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The maps produced and ideas generated were sent to the design team to be added to the final design.

Action groups will be established to encourage hands-on ownership for locals to create and activate aspects when possible in the build and on-going activation of Wood Street.