

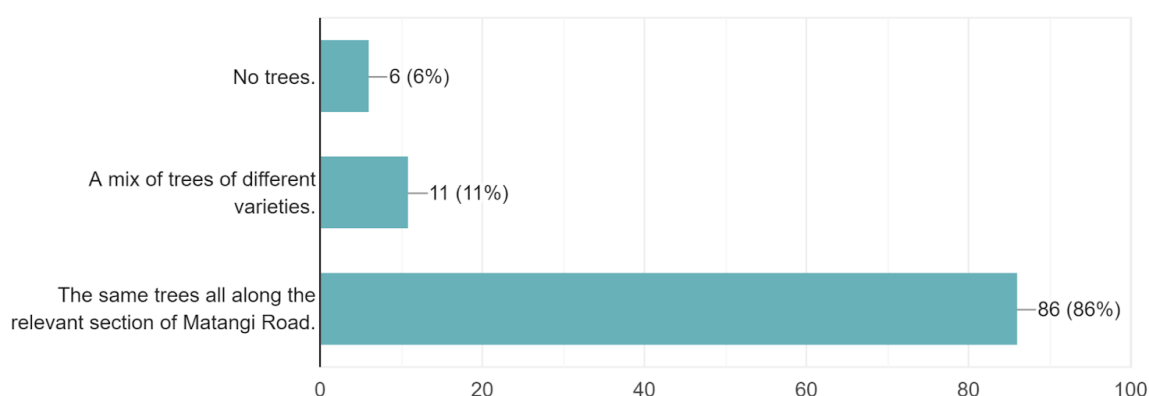
Matangi Tree Survey Community Responses May 2022

Matangi Community Committee

1. What is your preference as to whether there should be trees in the village on Matangi Road?

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100 responses



Comments 30 responses

Natives please. Kowhai and alternating - early flowering, like the existing trees, with a later flowering tree.

We need to create a uniform appearance for the betterment of the village.

Crepe myrtle or the Taiwanese cherry

Option 4

Cherry blossoms

Keeps things simple for services. We have enough trees on sections already.

Native trees that feed the bird life!

Focus should be on restoring natives before focusing on other trees.

Secondly, for point of difference and community spirit it would be good to have the same trees as you enter Matangi from all directions. It would also be good to get trees down Taplin. This would unify the village look.

I think that continuity of species is more harmonious than mixed plantings.

First choice is all kowhai, alternatively a mix of kowhai and campanulata

it costs money and we don't need them

Does this mean the current prunus cerifera or not mixed variety? All the same...prunus cerifera

Crepe Myrtle best suited I think

Nothing please as we have footpath being uplifted from the already trees planted there and now its a unsafe zone causing trips & un even surfaces.

This tree depicts a classic country lane

Mountain Haze would look very attractive

Mix of trees would increase diversity of all kinds (plants, insects, birds, different flowering times...)

Option 2 Kowhai

Stay with current variety for historical continuity

Would prefer the money being spent on widening the footpaths to allow for cycles. So many bikes on the footpath now and pedestrians are getting abused for being in the way of bikes.

Understand that parents wud prefer children off road, but its now becoming a hazard for pedestrians and when driving out of yr driveway.

Prunus yedoensis

A mix of retaining any of the 'good' trees already present and adding new kowhai -to gaps where needed

Kowhai trees

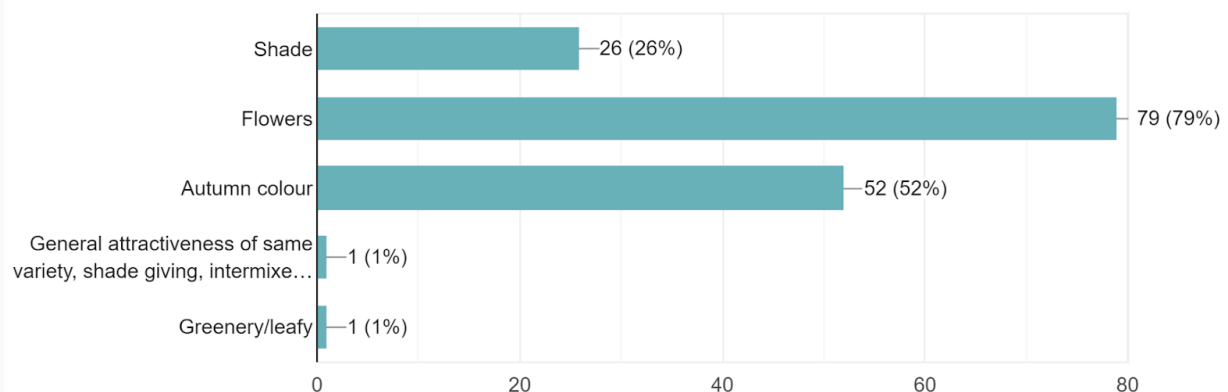
With plantings in the front yard of private properties on Matangi Road some roadside trees may struggle to find space to grow.

The Tui tree - seems most fitting for location and a practical choice.
the same trees along the relevant section of Matangi Road

2. What do you most want from a roadside tree

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100 responses



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Softening of the environment. Bird corridors

Just their existence is also good enough!

Benefit to native birds

Attract native birds, flowers for bees. With climate change some drought resistance would be useful

Appealing roadside appearance

Aesthetically pleasing, and shade

council to do more Regular Maintenance to keep on top of shape in the early stages. rather than 3-4 years as it is.

It would be good if birds were attracted to them but being roadside this is doubtful.

Blossom and scent

Nothing please as we have footpath being uplifted from the already trees planted there and now its a unsafe zone causing trips & un even surfaces. I do not want Autumn colour but I choose that option so I could carry out this survey

Beauty

Not block sun light to your house

If we have to have trees, something tall would be good so not a visual hinderance when trying to exit your driveway.

Wild life (native bird friendly)

Flowers, tidy and attractive form

Hardy ,attractive tree

I like the existing trees as they are one of the earliest flowering plants, so when we are in the cold depths of winter, it gives the glimmer of hope that spring is coming. It is so lovely to see the pink flowers along the road. By the time their flowers drop, the other trees are starting to bloom.

Attractive in Spring

Flowering Native trees to provide food for birds and encourage native biodiversity, also awareness of native species for children at Matangi school

I love a well tended canopy over the road

To be maintained in a unified loomed. This means pruning is needed early on to ensure shape is correct.

Native, habitat for birds

Catches ur eye

Encourage traffic calming, slower speed, clearly identify to traffic this is a village community and slower speed is required - traffic speed through the village is a serious concern for residents . Many dogs, cats have been killed on the village section of road that wouldn't have been killed if traffic traveled at the 50kmph speed limit.

Native trees that support the native wildlife

low maintenance

Attract native birds

A variety that can tolerate the conditions and does not disrupt the footpath or other services in any way

Cherry tree

Tree line increase value of property and slows traffic

Native. Flowering for bees / birds

Tidy, maintained, do not adversely affect infrastructure (pavements, power lines etc)

Compact, little mess.

Robustness

Blossom

unless it is gonna be beneficial then we do not want it

Safe, attractive, easy to maintain.

I want them to go away

New Zealand natives. Develop Matangi as a destination place for its wildlife corridors specifically designed for New Zealand native animal species. Not only can we contribute to the support of native fauna and flora species but it would be a wonderful legacy for future generations to enjoy. This would be a long term project but the benefits for the area could be unique and immense.

A tree which looks attractive during all seasons

Native instead of introduced, support native birds (tui)

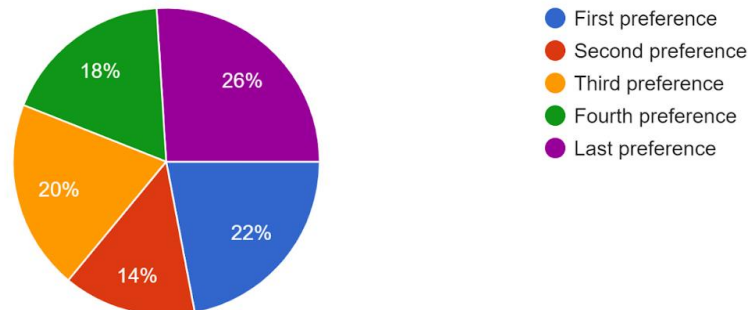
Well shaped and nice to look at through the seasons

Upright form to reduce damage from trucks etc and reduce maintenance requirement

Variety of tree - your preference

Prunus cerifera

100 responses



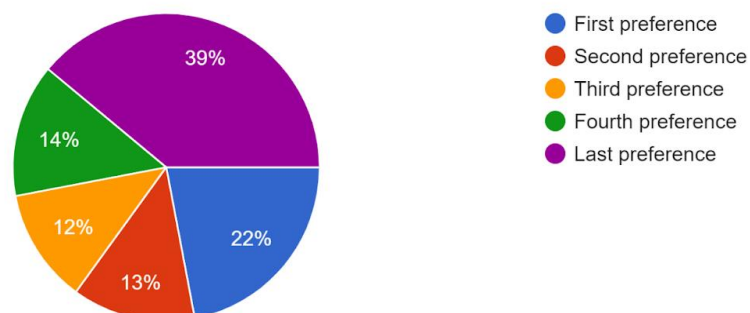
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Sometimes planting the same plant/tree that has been there before ends up with a higher chance of it being a less healthy tree due to soil chemistry left behind by the previous tree
Nothing please as we have footpath being uplifted from the already trees planted there and now its a unsafe zone causing trips & un even surface
only problem, shallow rooted.

Right size at maturity and the first flower of spring. There are improved examples of this prunus cerasifera e.g. Thundercloud, blireana, or Nigra
Keep existing trees as able

Kowhai

100 responses



Comments (optional) 16 responses

Native is good

Beautiful native, bird attraction.

Very messy trees over footpaths

Natives take priority

Nothing please as we have footpath being uplifted from the already trees planted there and now its a unsafe zone causing trips & un even surface

native is good

Not always attractive

See previous comments

Terrible Idea too big

Restoration of natives is important.

Wonderful tree but you need to consider how many tuis the road traffic will kill!

Prefer evergreen

Yuck! Definitely not!

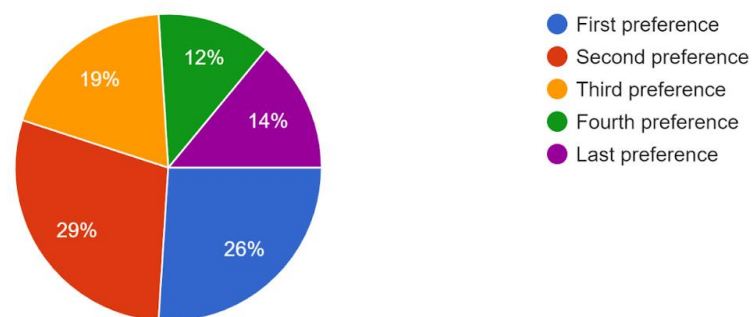
Native species and supports native birds - tui, also likely to pose no issues to power lines

Rarely look tidy

Kowhai generally don't do well in isolation, often have messy form and slower growing than other species - limited to no street impact

Prunus yedoensis 'Mountain Haze'

100 responses



Comments (optional) 6 responses

Lovely looking tree and flowers

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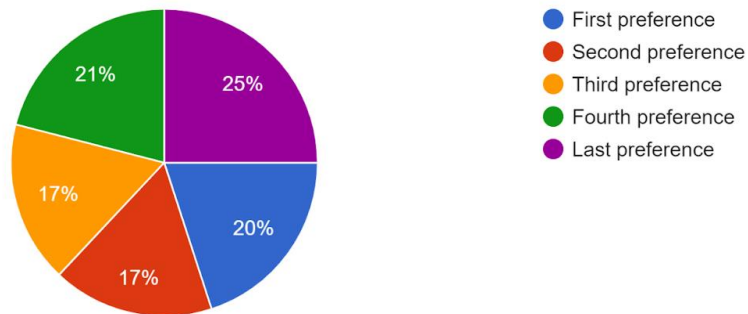
Look too spreading

Possibly to big for the burm

Appeal equally with the other two - crepe Myrtle and Taiwan cherry

I believe this tree will grow too big, too quickly and cause problems from its roots to the lawns and footpath

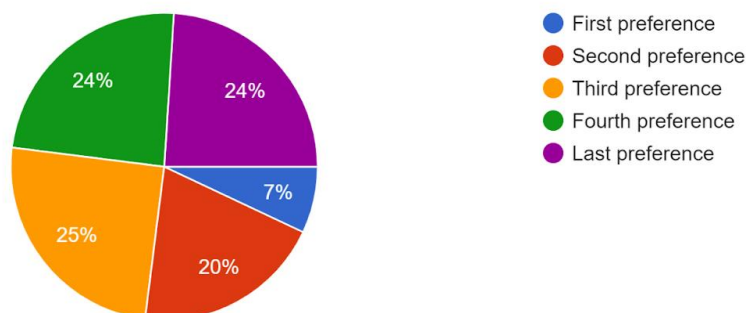
Lagerstroemia indica – Crepe Myrtle
100 responses



Comments (optional) 7 responses

Crepe Myrtle Is hardy , (drought tolerant) Has some characteristics of existing , (leaf colouring) Doesn't grow too high (would be ok under power lines,so they could be evenly spaced)
Tree flowers for extended period
Nothing please as we have footpath being uplifted from the already trees planted there and now its a unsafe zone causing trips & un even surface
There is a variety called Diamonds in the Dark which has near black foliage which unfolds in early spring . Flowers - several different colours in this range but I would prefer the pure white
Right size. drought tolerant, flowers in summer when there isn't much colour about.
Can we have them made into tree rather than shrub
Nice tree lots of color

Prunus campanulata superba– Taiwan cherry
100 responses



Comments (optional) 6 responses

I feel that an expert is better to express a preference to me. However, Kowhai attracts Tuis so that is top preference. My strong preference is to have trees everywhere it is practical to do so!

The tui attraction is a big part for me

Nothing please as we have footpath being uplifted from the already trees planted there and now its a unsafe zone causing trips & un even surface

Crepe myrtle will make such a mess to clean up on the foot paths

Not a colour I like

If kowhai not preferred, or a mix is preferred, then these also provide support for tui

General questions

4. The Council has suggested that one possibility is to leave for now, some of the existing trees that are in better health. This would keep some shade from larger trees until the new trees grow bigger. What do you think about this idea? 89 respons

Good idea

Replace all at the same time

Good idea

No

The overall effect would possibly be better if all were replaced at the same time

Sounds like a good idea

Great idea

As long as it does not look haphazard

It makes sense to me, I agree.

Better to start fresh with all the same

Yes complete in stages, no point taking out still good trees and it can then spread the cost out over time

Start from scratch and keep it uniform

Agree

It would look messy, take them all out so all trees are same age/stage

That sounds like a good idea

Replace them all now so they all grow at the same rate

Plant them now so we can see them bloom sooner it looks weird with missing trees

Great idea

Replace all existing trees

the one outside our house 604 matangi is new and young compared to most of the rest. it could definitely stay would be sad to see it cut down. but the Bad ones further down are very dodgy and old rotted

Whatever the committee decides

Terrible idea

I'm not competent enough to judge.

Nope I feel that replacing them at the same time would be the best option looking at the bigger picture. In the long run this will create a uniform country look with all trees blossoming at the same rate and the same size

I think all trees should be removed and replaced at the same time so it has the same growth time and will look better in the long run.

Nothing please as we have footpath being uplifted from the already trees planted there and now its a unsafe zone causing trips & un even surface

I think the main purpose of the trees is aesthetics, not shade. Old and new trees won't be aesthetic as all new trees

Good idea, but would suggest that only trees in good health are retained to avoid the chance of damage were they to fall or drop limbs in bad weather

Only if planting another prunus

Yes if it helps the new trees establish themselves quicker.

no replace all at once

Do as many as possible while we can

Take them all out. The shade they provide is not necessarily useful.

Plant them now so they can be established

good idea, but would prefer wider footpaths

Bad idea

Would prefer to 'bite the bullet' and replace the lot at one time, that will give a consistent beautiful look in several years' time.

Prefer they were all changed at once

Maybe - not fussed on whether this should occur or not but aesthetically speaking it would be better for all the trees to be replaced at once

Better to remove all trees when we have secured replacements

A very good idea to keep the trees that are currently healthy, providing shade. Replace over time.

Better to get rid of all the old trees.

Sensible suggestion

Don't mind either way

Plant all new trees at once so they grow at the same rate to provide a show of impressive beauty

Yes good idea

Yes

It is important to do it right first time.

Don't mind

That's a good idea shame to chop a perfectly good tree. The dead ones dont look the best.

Seems sensible so long as overall planting isn't minimised with this approach.

May as well

I would prefer the trees are the same age and size. The existing trees are in poor condition and falling over in the wind.

Do them all at the same time so they are similar in size longer term

Good idea - don't deserve to die.

Great idea. It's a waste to chop down healthy trees.

Plant all new trees

Leave while new ones grow and take them out as new ones grow. Agree with council decision.

Replace all. Keep it uniform

I think leaving the healthy trees there is a good idea

Only if the retained trees can fit in with the planting plan.

Just do the job once and do it right. Remove all old trees, replant new ones.

Yes. Good idea.

Prefer starting from scratch and removing the other varieties. Plus I don't think there are many still okay

That's ok. I just want our street to look good but not messy with those big flowers that fall and leave a mess on the footpath

Good idea. Remove all the trees that are past their best and replant. Keep those that are still healthy and tidy

No. Prefer all trees same size and age.

Yes good idea

I think the trees we have are fine and you should leave them alone

Good idea agree

Clean it up in one go

Cut them all down and leave it unplanted

Start fresh with a clear outcome of intention. The road will look non-uniformed for some time and there's nothing to say the old trees won't die off anyway.

That is sound reasoning, allowing time for new trees to establish

Start from fresh get it over and done with

No, do a complete renewal of the street now. Get and do the job properly once. The majority of the remaining trees have reached the end of their useful life and are failing

It would be nice to have all of the trees the same size; replace all

That's fine with me

5. Do you have any other comments to make about the tree planting that would assist in making a decision? 41 responses

Suggest planting a tree that has less width growth on non power line side of the road due to less width burn. Plant trees that have less height growth but could have increased width growth on power line side of the road (burn on power line side of road is 1 metre. Wider than the other side)

Concerns about root system wrecking footpath like Good Street frequently have to fix path

Plant everywhere it is practical to do so. Increasing maintenance expense is worth the beautification of the living area, even if it needs a targeted rate. There are countless studies that identify greenery and trees are good for society.

Prunus cerifera is the theme, adding other varieties we lose the theme

Please have this same level of engagement with the community about the Jack Foster Reserve

Always give priority to planting native species

Thank you for including the community in this decision

As a family I would happily donate towards a tree and have plaque with it. Would be a great community event to have every help plant the trees together.

Nothing please as we have footpath being uplifted from the already trees planted there and now its a unsafe zone causing trips & un even surface

The current trees provide a beautiful impression when you drive into Matangi. What ever they are replaced with needs to be bright, colourful and project the old fashioned feel of the village. Maybe local fruit trees in a selected area could also be nice for the community

Wider footpath & no trees :)

Just get it done!

Good planting will considerably enhance the aesthetic value of Matangi.

Good idea

Need to be well protected and staked to prevent being destroyed by vandals etc

If they are all replaced at the same time then any trees that do not take would need to be replaced so some thought into ensuring replacement trees are available would need to be considered

To really look at our situation and a tree that will suit our narrow burns not just the picture of a particular tree because it's pretty

As new residents to Matangi we love how involved the community are regarding this project

I do like the Kowhai but the seeds are not good on a footpath

Need barriers to prevent trees from being snapped by idiots.

Shouldn't be planting exotic trees

A variety of trees would produce colour almost throughout the seasons instead of in one gp them there done.

It would be great if planting of the new trees is done on a Saturday or Sunday so the village community can come together and plant together. This would enhance community ownership and provide an opportunity for community social connectedness.

Native native native!

I think the community strongly supports this project.

Will the trees be "caged" to prevent damage until they a big enough, unfortunately we have vandals and kids who climbe trees. What size will the planted trees be

Protective barriers might be an idea if not too expensive - give young trees more safety

I like the idea of foliage all yr round. It currently looks bleak in winter.

No trees should be planted under the powerlines. The tree size and shape needs to fit with the space available. If the preference is a cherry tree perhaps some further options should be checked to get the ideal tree for the site.

Will the stumps be removed properly ?

Please replace. I love a tree line. Is there any chance of planting out the entrance to the village as plants look sad and would be good to make the start by limit signs look pretty and encourage cars to reduce speed.

Replace current historical trees with same variety

Low maintenance, high health tree

no but we pay money to the government and trees are good but this is a waste of money

I would prefer a mix of lots of suitable trees if we have to plant them at all. Preference is to cut them down and leave the small berm for services. We have plenty of trees already.

Cherry trees look unremarkable when not in flower and if left untouched the suckers and side shoots make them look scruffy and unattractive.

Involve community to assist and therefore increase buy-in. Understandably this survey primarily targets those residents close by; although I live in Fuchsia Lane, I walk through the village often so appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback - thankyou!

Make sure residents don't pile grass clippings around the base of them as this is not good for the tree contrary to many beliefs. Encourage mulch from council to keep mowers and weed eaters away from them - especially as they establish

n/a