

Avenel Railway Carpark Survey

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1	VicTrack does no maintenance at all and no grading of areas used by the public. It's unsafe to walk across. Volunteers have often nearly turned an ankle on the track ballast and potholes. One volunteer reported a puncture on her car. Another volunteer has a daughter who uses an electric wheelchair and cannot cross the carpark.	N/A	A clear separation between the road and the railway for safety from the road and an accessible footpath. For VicTrack to do some grading with smaller grade material in the parking areas closer to the station, Banks Street and the hotel. Better lighting at night. Off-street disabled parking.	Note: Comments gathered at a meeting with The Stationers, volunteers who look after the Avenel Railway Station gardens and meet at the station every Friday morning.	Community organisation
2			Support campaign for a formed and accessible carpark.	Note: Comments gathered through discussion with professional and reception staff at Goulburn River Group Practice, which offers GP services at 2A Queen Street, Avenel.	Business
3	Visitors staying at the Harvest Home Hotel often visit the Daily Dose Cafe and have to cross the carpark. The poor presentation of the carpark and the lack of the footpath make a poor impression on visitors and is unsafe for some.	People have nowhere to park as Queen Street is often busy. We see a lot of near misses with cars and utes doing U-turns at the junction of Longwood Road and Queen Street. Drivers turn there to come back and park on the other side. It's unsafe for drivers and pedestrians.	Support campaign for a formed and accessible carpark and footpath. We would also like to see a pedestrian crossing from Belmont Street across Queen Street.	Note: Comments gathered through discussion with staff member at Avenel Pharmacy and Daily Dose cafe at 2 Queen Street, Avenel.	Business
4		Linda and Geoff have been fighting this issue for over 20 years with dangerous driving, especially U-Turns into Avenel-Longwood Road by drivers who want to park outside the post office or on Queen Street. People have no-where to park and Linda and Geoff have pretty much given up on anything changing.	Support campaign for a formed and accessible carpark and footpath.	Note: Comments gathered through discussion with business owners at Avenel Newsagency & Post Office, 2 Longwood Road, Avenel.	Business
5	N/A	People who catch the train park in the main street (Queen Street) all day and this leaves no parking for Total Care Services' clients, both NDIS and Aged care locals. On the day of discussion the medical practice was operating and there was no parking available on either side of Queen Street. Belmont Street was also full to capacity down to the bend on the Total Care Services side.	Support campaign for a formed and accessible carpark and footpath.	Note: Comments gathered through discussion with business owners at Total Care Services is a disability and aged care service provider at 5 Queen Street, Avenel. Belmont Street is a residential area with older resident but the footpath from Queen Street into Belmont Street stops before it reaches the residential area and people have to walk on the road to the town centre. A footpath that connects Belmont Street to the town would also be very helpful.	Business
6	Hasn't been raise as an issue by patrons.	Accessibility of the carpark hasn't been raised by patrons so far, but some have raised the look of the carpark as an issue.	Would support action to improve the carpark and Avenel town centre.	Note: Comments gathered through discussion with business owner at Rabbit Hole Inn / Harvest Home Hotel at 1 Bank Street, Avenel. Patrons use the carpark, particularly at weekends.	Business
7	Not at all.	Not at all.	None. Prefer to see a decent drainage scheme in the town.	Received by mail.	Individual
8	Access to the Avenel Post Office, Pharmacy, Medical Clinic and railway station and bus stops is difficult for frail, elderly people to negotiate as it is paved with large, rough stones.	We are affected by the lack of a defined footpath because of the rough surface, when it is wet it is muddy and water lies over much of the area.	A designated, smooth footpath from Harvest Home to the railway station would give pedestrians a safer and easier access to the hub of Avenel businesses. Street lighting between the Harvest Home and the railway crossing needs to be addressed.	Received by email.	Individual
9	I'm a volunteer Stationeer at Avenel station. I feel parking spaces could be doubled for v-line customers. As a Stationeer volunteer we try to keep Avenel historical station looking its best.	It does make for a rough walk & a less agile person could find themselves in difficulty given the rough surface.	A connecting all weather foot path for people with disabilities & landscaping around the immediate area. Plus more allocated parking for V-line customers would assist greatly.	Received by email.	Individual
10	Not good.	People may trip on the uneven surface.	Needs to be done up to a proper standard.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
11	It is dangerous and confusing to work out where to go.	It feels dangerous without a defined footpath.	I would like it to be sealed so it is safer and more of a visual cue.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
12	Every railway station deserves a functional carpark. The Avenel Railway carpark is a disgrace.	Disabled people must be enabled to be able to access to available service.	Fix the carpark!	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
13	This is a ugly spot that could or should be made into a garden walk and plenty of parking, seeing as it is in the middle of town.	It is an unsafe area with only small parking. This area should be cleaned out and made into safe parking for all.	A lovely walking track, with areas for people to park their caravan overnight. A toilet dump [point] in this area would be good for the town.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
14	It doesn't.	It doesn't.	Levelled and paved surface.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
15	N/A	Unclear for pedestrians as to best route to take from Queen Street to Bank Street, especially when there is many cars parked in this area. I walk along the road as the railway carpark surface is unsuitable for my mobility needs.	Defined better surface for pedestrians, improved is possible. Potholes addressed.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
16	It does not.	It does not.	None. Spend your money on trimming trees, filling potholes, redoing white lines. Don't waste our ratepayers money on building monuments like has been done on every entrance to the town. Plus a second free waste (green) to the tip would be worth it.	Received by mail.	Individual
17	I would be pleased to see better use made of this area. It is quite dangerous to pedestrians, persons using motorised carts, and vehicles having no direction, plus it is extremely unsightly to the town, extra parking would be greatly appreciated.	Provision for a footpath is a necessity. With vehicles coming and going in any direction it is quite dangerous. There is no direction for pedestrians, bicycles, motorised carts.	A carefully planned footpath for pedestrians, bicycles, motorised-carts, and significantly planned car parking area, beautified with greenery.	Received by mail.	Individual

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18	It makes it very difficult to park and walk from there with an unstable and rough surface. Even worse if using a wheeled apparatus, eg. bicycle, pram, walking frame. Just dangerous!	Difficult to walk between the two.	Removal of all the heavy metal that is there now. Neither functional nor pleasing. Replace with a user-friendly surface eg. like the sandy footpaths. Easy to use. Looks better. Some decent landscaping and planting - the garden at the station is a good example.	Received by mail.	Individual
19	N/A	I thought the footpath was ok between the town and the station, but crossing to Banks St-Saleyard Rd will presumably cope with more traffic in the future & hotel needs proper parking area too.	More structured to allow more spaces - which may also allow 2-3 disabled parks in the main st near PO or chemist.	Received by mail.	Individual
20	Dusty, rough = safety issue. Every time I walk or drive past, I think this great little town can do much better than a dustbowl. It should be a vital part of the heart of Avenel.	1). Significant. Could trip, twist ankle, get run over. 2). An eyesore. Not a good look for our CBD. Looks like a dump.	Concrete pathways, marked car parking, separation of people and vehicles, plenty of landscaping continuing on from what the Stationers have accomplished. Move the war memorial back, consider a fountain.	Received by mail.	Individual
21	Undeniably a bituminous car park and connecting footpath to compliment disabled with appropriate storm drainage is severely required		Other matters to be raised are :- 1/ The vehicle turn around after the Post Office/general store requires levelling and HARD bitumen surface. 2/ Stop sign placed prior to turn around along Avenel - Longwood road. 3/ 20K speed limit along section of Queen street from bus stop to Harvest Home and Turn Around. 4/ Give way sign to allow parking and reversing in the 20K speed limit area. Those travelling through will have to learn patience like at any super market shopping center. 5/ The lane way beside the chemist to be upgraded for parking. (possible angle parking) 6/ Major upgrading of Storm Water Drainage urgently required in various areas of the town. Time to stop Avenel rates supporting Euroa and Nagambie beautification programs. Thank you. Maybe, just maybe, a few problems will get rectified.	Received by email.	Individual
22	Looks poor. Does not work for car parking or walking.	Ditto.	Tarmac and clear marking for cars or pedestrians.	Received by email.	Individual
23	Too cluttered - needs attention.	Dangerous, unsuitable for elderly, disabled, children.	Total rebuild please.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
24	Badly	Badly	Attention required.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
25	It's not very safe. Very dangerous for elderly people, it's very unstable.	Terrible for elderly and disabled on foot or mobile cart.	Pot holes fixed and level ground. More safe.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
26	The terrible state of the carpark turns people off – therefore shop owners lose business.	It is unsafe for people to walk on and impossible for people with prams, on walkers and in wheelchairs. Something needs to be done.	Proper bitumen carpark with footpaths and ramps for prams, walkers etc. Made accessible for everyone.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
27	Very rough surface, not good for walking from Bank Street.	Need to drive as too rough.	Constructed footpath and defined access to Saleyard Road.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
28	We live in Saleyard Road. The intersection is not defined. Patrons of Harvest Home park where they like and block the street. Then pedestrians wander across. The no parking sign is ignored. Major hazard.	If the area was sealed then the uneven surface would be eliminated. We are still able-bodied but the terrain is uneven.	Council should form the left side of Saleyard Road with concrete barriers. Whole surface needs resealing. Good luck getting Shire, VicRoads, ARTC and V-Line to agree to costs!	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
29	Current situation dangerous for disabled passengers, not safe for children.	Unsafe in current state.	Bitumen surface.	Received at Avenel Market.	Individual
30	Aesthetically the area does not draw me to the food and wine businesses in this area. During winter months parking there is fraught with potholes filled with water. As this is our 'foodie' precinct parking in this area is not a comfortable experience.	Mums with prams, elderly with wheelie walkers find the unmade road difficult to negotiate - walking on a paved area in Queen Street, then crossing the rail line you find yourself in mud or dust in this unmade and uncared-for stretch of road.	The Shire already has a streetscape design - we just need it implemented now - Not wait for any future subdivision down Saleyard Road. Please get onto it now - we want to have a tidy town, not this area which becomes an eyesore.	Received at Avenel Festival of Small Halls	Individual
31	Unsafe, uneven, slippery when wet.	It's hard to park in town, especially when the doctors surgery is open. Parking to go into the city on the train is very difficult and feels unsafe.	A path to walk safely to harvest home and bank st pizza, some lighting. A parking area to catch the train.	Why has this taken so long?	Individual (online survey)
32	We have a restaurant in Avenel called Chaar long. We have patrons who sometimes travel by train to stay or dine in Avenel.	The existing surface is unsafe to walk on, particularly in unfavourable weather	We would like to see an all weather seal surface for the car park and footpaths to connect to the railway station and Rabbit Hole Inn. Particularly given the large housing estate planned on Saleyard Road.		Individual (online survey)
33	I cannot push my grandchildren's pram over the stones. Therefore we cannot get to the train station safely	As above and also I cannot walk safely over the stones	Designated car parking, buses able to turn in and out. Concrete parking and curbs, driveway for safe entry and exit for cars and pedestrians.	There is no distinction between the car park and the road which makes it dangerous when people park there. The large pot holes damage vehicles	Individual (online survey)
34	There is no clear footpaths or parking space and it is hard to distinguish either part, as both pedestrian and a driver. For this reason, I feel this area is extremely dangerous and presents high risk of injury and vehicle collision. Wedding/function guests of the nearby Harvest Home like to pose for photos in this area also and I have often thought it a matter of time before a major accident is to occur if this area is not sealed and defined more appropriately for the use it serves. It must be improved as a matter of urgency.	I do not operate a business but to improve this area would, no doubt, have a positive impact on surrounding businesses, patrons and the overall community.	The whole area have defined footpaths/pedestrian access, car spots, bike path/ roadway, etc. Bitumen & concrete, painted lines, etc.	I am glad to have this opportunity to express my concerns. As a new resident, I have found this particular corner/area a disaster waiting to happen so I am glad to learn that I am not the only one concerned by this and that the community wants this issue addressed.	Individual (online survey)

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35	If there were any serious passenger trains stopping here it would affect me but since there are mostly trains passing through it makes no difference. We drive straight through. Parking is needed on the area along the road for pizza and pub patrons	It's difficult	More space and get rid of pot holes		Individual (online survey)
36	No safe place for my children to walk or navigate when riding there bikes. They get very anxious		Designated walking track and clear cap parking. The maintenance is a must too		Individual (online survey)
37	I ride my 3 wheeler bike up to the Station Garden, where I volunteer weekly, and it is extremely difficult to negotiate around the fenced crossings as it would be for anyone pushing a pram or a mobility scooter.	The current place to park your car if going on the train is very uneven with very large unstable rocky gravel. It is extremely hot as there are no trees.	A proper compacted gravel carpark that is not hot like bitumen and trees all along it and a much safer crossing from Queen Street across the 2 railway lines to the Station and to Bank Street.	When the double deck trains go through they will be far higher and noisier and make even more of a wind to those using the crossing and going through the crossing fencing. there will be much more traffic with all this new housing and more people will want to use the train and therefore need to park their cars safely till they return. They will not want to return to a very hot car so shade is of vital importance.	Individual (online survey)
38	It is an extremely surface and very dangerous for people of all ages. I walk regularly in this area and have to avoid potholes, stones, etc and see young families walking to school and older people struggle crossing this area as many people also use the station regularly.	As mentioned above, the surface is very uneven with many potholes. During winter months these fill up with water and can be slippery and very uncomfortable when visiting nearby businesses or even just walking in the area.	A defined space for parking and walking which is maintained regularly .	A well defined and maintained carpark and walking area is essential for Avenel as many accidents are just waiting to happen due to it being so dangerous. Cars park anywhere and this causes problems for families and children walking to and from school and young families walking with prams and dogs along with older people struggling to cross and navigate around cars and surfaces.	Individual (online survey)
39	To be honest, not at all. Part of the aesthetics of the town...a bit rough and ready....very country.	I have no business to be affected	None at this time.	Government money is scarce. Shire - broke and broken, State - bankrupt, Federal - what a mess and only knows how to spend what we don't have. I believe all of us need to tighten our belts and wait for better financial times. We cannot afford more debt. it might be nice to have these changes but spending taxpayer money on these 'improvements' will only lead to increased taxation at all levels. Financial costs are high enough and we can wait. But always appreciate your efforts.	Individual (online survey)
40	We have to negotiate the potholes etc.	Not very welcoming or safe for visitors and patrons of the Harvest Home and Bank Street Pizza.	Should be sealed and made safe with designated parking areas		Individual (online survey)
41	The area is an eyesore and is dangerous for those older people who are unsteady on their feet, of which I am one	See above	Complete redesign with a footpath access from the railway line to Saleyard Rd. A multi-vehicle, landscaped carpark to improve safety and enhance the northern entry to Avenel	The area the is a disgrace to the town and reflects poorly on Strathbogie Shire Council	Individual (online survey)
42	it doesn't.	it doesn't.	none.	Instead of fixing the car park at the train station, that brings in 2-3 train services a day, which would be pointless unless there was more services, we should look into make the roads from Avenel to Seymour and Avenel to Nagambie safer. Due to the lack of attention on the roads they have gained large amounts of potholes making them unsafe. I have seen that they have tried to been fixed multiple times but they have just reopened due to the lack of care for the job. There has been multiple cases of car users that have had to slow down, swerve around or almost lose control of their vehicle due to the amounts and condition of these holes. The amount of foot traffic does not equal enough to require a foot path or car park. If it is an issue for the businesses around the affected area, will they be contributing? The amount of cars I have seen parked there have been for harvest home or surrounding businesses. And who exactly asked for this to be a car park and foot path? Why are we putting our taxes on things the community won't use.	Individual (online survey)
43	Pushing my grandsons in their prams is virtually impossible so I have to go on the road which is not safe and it's hard to get their pram over the rail line	I live on Saleyard Road and because there's no distinct place to park I'll often come around the corner and they'll be a car right in front of harvest home as they don't realise it's a road	It would be great if it was concreted and car park lines put in so they know where to park		Individual (online survey)
44	My wife and I have a young baby and it makes accessing the main area of town extremely difficult. Not only is it difficult to navigate with a pram due to the terrain but it is also unsafe to cross there with the trains and a 6 way intersection. There is no established crossing point and is unsafe for pedestrians and cars alike.	The appalling condition of the "footpath" area and the adjoining carpark poses a risk of injury to myself when walking, my baby and the cars that turn a blind corner when pulling on to Bank St. Tripping, slipping and blackspot accidents could happen at any moment. Not to mention it is an abrasive eyesore for being the "CBD" of our lovely town.	An established footpath and crossing area. A solid base such as bitumen or granitic sand so that a pram can be safely pushed through the area. If its to be a carpark, clear signage and marked lines for cars would make it a little more transparent as to what it actually is. Currently it feels as though its a quarry, with potholes, loose stones and no clear planning as to what foot path is and what road or carpark is.	We live on Bayley Drive and I know of at least of a dozen other young families in our estate. There is no footpath to connect Bayley Drive to town so the only walkway for pushing prams and young kids on bikes to make it to town, is on the road. The verge that runs along Bank St in this area is cambered and constantly damp and boggy, and is next to impossible to walk a pram along. It poses a massive risk to pedestrians, particularly at dusk and dawn as it faces East to West. There are cattle trucks, horse trucks and speeding drivers that frequent Bank St and having a pram on the road is probably not the right place to be for the large volume of foot traffic that heads to town from Bayley Drive.	Individual (online survey)

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45	It doesn't	It doesn't	I think the cost of such improvements could be better spent elsewhere	Two projects that I think should be higher priorities are a proper skate park focused on what kids would actually use, and, definitely, speed-humps on Queen Street in front of the pool. I fear one day a child will run from between parked cars and be hit.	Individual (online survey)
46	Safety walk and riding bikes with my young children when heading for a meal at harvest home or bank at pizza	Nowhere safe to park your car if catching the train. No lighting. Dangerous at night	Bitumen the car park with lines showing actually car parks. Lighting. Fencing of car park and security cameras	Other businesses would benefit massively from these upgrades are it's getting harder to get car parking to the post office, chemist, daily dose, doctors, harvest home & bank street pizza. Having a safe place to park would allow more people to visit town to support our small businesses	Individual (online survey)
47	It's not a pleasant area to walk, uneven ground or walking on road with cars whizzing past.	When walking, always having to watch the uneven ground so as not to trip over.	Even surface, defined footpath and designated parking spaces.		Individual (online survey)
48	As a former resident for 10 years, I am very willing to provide feedback on this very neglected and unsafe area adjacent to the main Avenel railway crossing. The area is unsurfaced, has deep potholes, often water-filled after rain, unclear demarcation of roads including the entrance to Saleyard Road, and trip hazards due to the rough surface. There is no delineation for parked vehicles which often extends to the very surface of the Bank Street bitumen. Every time I needed to cross to walk to the Post Office, doctors practice and other areas on the eastern side of the town I felt nervous and dissatisfied with the lack of attention to resident's needs. I did try varying my footpath to the north side of Bank Street. before crossing the road to the railway pedestrian crossing but this was also unsafe as there is no marked pedestrian crossing on the road and to cross on the road itself, is very unsafe.	N/A	This area has never been labelled as a car park. Visitors to the hospitality venues in Bank Street just parked wherever they could. Very few moved around the corner to Saleyard Road, which even if they did, lacked clear parking instructions. There is a wide "nature strip" on the R hand side outside Harvest Home, but is not serviceable for parking due to a gutter which floods in wet weather and large garbage bins from the hotel occupying the space. VLine passengers are offered one small paved portion in this area which is not designated as such. Consideration of a marked pedestrian crossing across Bank Street for those parking in Murchison Road could be considered. Also refer to earlier planning documents which drew up plans for more marked parking in this nearby road. Why is it that so much work in the past just gets put in the bottom drawer and forgotten?	I relocated to Melbourne in 2022 but I still feel strongly about the difficulty I had as a pedestrian, accessing this crossing. Once in Queen Street, there is no signed disability parking to either the Pharmacy or medical practice. Those with walking frames have great difficulty negotiating exiting from a vehicle due to the kerb. I have witnessed this many times. Due to the nearby V-Line bus station at this point, this creates much competition for street parking and alternative parking options are not displayed. I wish Avenel residents and traders well in pursuing this goal of creating a safe crossing for locals and tourist pedestrians and motorists alike.	Individual (online survey)
49	Sometimes in wet weather it is necessary to walk on the road due to the enormous puddles. The unevenness and large stones have caused me to trip. This is worst at night when trying to navigate a safe walk thru this area.	On the few occasions when I have need to park their are cars parked haphazardly to avoid pot holes and puddles due to its poor state and parking layout	Ideally it should be paved with clearly defined parking lines	This area is a gateway to our restaurant precinct and depicts a very poor presentation of our town to visitors.	Individual (online survey)
50	Living on Bank Street of the Station, there isn't a clear (safe I) path for pedestrians. Often on the weekends the area has high traffic and cars parking on the end of Saleyard Rd (thinking it's a car park for the hotel) - this can be problematic as a driver, pedestrian and also when we cycle through that area	As above, its condition suggests it is under utilised. I imagine if the carpark was clearly defined and surfaced-together with a proper path it would also serve as a spillover for Queen street which can often be full at busy times	Clearly defined and sign posted and appropriately surfaced	The Avenel Station volunteers are to be applauded for their work, the station looks so good, and at present, the carpark area and lack of footpath is distracting from the Station and their good work.	Individual (online survey)
51	Unsafe for kids, potholes, puddles, poor lighting	unpleasant to sit outside Harvest home, Unsafe for children and elderly, poor lighting.	Level tarmac with marked spaces and improved lighting	It's an eyesore currently and potentially dangerous especially at night	Individual (online survey)
52	Dangerous walking surface in one of the most trafficked areas in the town. High risk, particularly for elderly people.	N/A	A dedicated walkway (sealed) with a defined pedestrian crossing point at the Bank Street/Saleyard Road intersection. The area needs to be properly drained (from my observation, no drainage infrastructure exists). Improved and maintained landscaping.	The relationship of spaces between Council and PTV needs to be established and formalised.	Individual (online survey)
53	Not acceptable, I do not feel safe crossing here.	Not a good surface when walking or cycling over it.	Proper surfacing and a suitable footpath would be good.		Individual (online survey)
54		It is often the safest place to park with the ability to turn around in the town. U turns on Queens Street and Bank street should not done as they are dangerous with trains and other cars all mixing into the space. It would provide an ideal place for flow over parking from the side of streets as well - which is often needed on Bank Street with the success of Bank St Pizza and Harvest Home. During weekdays it is often difficult to find an easy park in front of Daily Dose or Post Office. Even more so as we have a higher than average large utes and trailers used daily and parked around the area.	Weather proof surface that drains and does not pothole easily. Formal car parking places would also be of benefit but not essential.	We are country people mostly, we can put up with a bit more rough and ready. But as the town population ages, having walking aid friendly car parks and footpaths will be of great assistance.	Individual (online survey)
55	Quality footpath are essential for community safety. Poor quality for bars are no asset and will eventually promote accidents time for quality footpath to be provided.	Fundamentally it's essential to have appropriate car parking available at every rail station. Avenel has been poorly serviced by the rail authorities and safety of the community has not been addressed nor has the provision of essential carparking provisions being adequately or properly addressed for future growth and development.	Firstly there needs to be a rail overpass at Avenel. Simply provision of a crossing on this major national rail network highway is absolutely unforgivable and lacks long-term planning for both community and the rail system itself. Avenel is a rapidly growing community and in the future this cheating shortsighted program provided by the ARTC lacks integrity and ability to address the long-term needs of Avenel or community. Nothing short of a major overpass eliminating the existing rail crossing so that the community can carry on its business and safety and the rail network can be safe from future. Catastrophic crashes at this site.	ARTC is currently spending something like \$40 billion on a useless underpass in Euroa which does not eliminate any of its three rail crossings which are as simply a road safety and a rail network safety issue. Avenel is being offered peanuts its growth and development in comparison with Euroa. It's about time that have all got its fear share and was treated appropriately because in the next 20 years the growth in this community will probably double or triple without doubt.	Individual (online survey)

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56	Safe walking path for kids travelling to and from school.	N/A	Larger, nicer carpark with vegetation.		Individual (online survey)
57	It is awful. Tottering over fat chunks of rock, push chairs, small and large people wobbling about on their bikes, a short walk is an uncomfortably difficult one. I have witnessed snore than one occasion folk of all sizes and ages walking in the road over the crossing to Queen at rather than trip and stumble through the Pedestrian access, push chairs and bikes also face challenges for the same reason, it is a disconnecting put off!	Affects me because it is an ugly untidy, bumpy lumpy and ankle turning mess, no cohesion between Queen and Bank Street, pot holes abound, no designated parking spaces for any vehicle, park and walk is the go here, no designated bus space with easy access for anyone, an ugly Jessie unsafe 'blot' between two great streets. A stumbling block of a mess .	Get an intelligent aware person to get in touch with the Rail Authority who overseas this backwater type mess and get it sorted. Some really interesting designs came fro Shire maybe 1 or 2 yrs ago, but NO action has been taken, let's get this place sorted, cohesive, user friendly and DONE. It is not in anyway a safe area, vehicles to the lumpy area of no description, the road between Harvest Home and the carpark area space no delineation, just stop lock and walk, then the Babblers lane Rd opposite, a mess. Done once very well will help everybody, this obviously includes, Queen St, Bank St, Saleyard Rd Babblers lane or the Rd that goes off Bank st to the tip, if Babblers is wrong. Done once well huge difference, great for safety for all.	What is needed is someone/s who want it done for everyone's sake, not for kudos, just complete the lovely Avenel picture, Railway Station would be better showcased, town better showcased, mobility challenged and ordinary folk can greatly benefit, businesses will benefit, Avenel will benefit	Individual (online survey)
58	Unsafe surfaces for walking	Unsafe surfaces for parking and walking.	Solid surface with parking spaces and safe accessible footpath.		Individual (online survey)
59	It is terrible in winter when it rains and their are huge potholes and puddles	Car parking is random.	Better surface and a clear footpath		Individual (online survey)
60	As an 82 year old man with mobility issues, sometimes the only car parks are between the rail line and Harvest Home. This is a very uneven park with holes and big rocks which is a hazard. More disabled parking in the area would be good. I also can not use my mobility scooter to go that side of town due to lack of foot paths.	It is a tripping and falling hazard and I struggle to use my scooter or walker.	A foot path from the rail line to harvest, as well as an asphalt car park near harvest.	I am very disappointed I can not send this back by mail, as I had to rely on family to help me do this survey as I do not use mobile phones or the internet.	Individual (online survey)
61	As a mum with two young kids and a newborn on the way.. I spend lots of time walking around Avenel. The big rocks and pot holes are a hazard and have almost tipped my pram and a friends pram on multiple occasions. The limited decent foot paths in Avenel means using the road over 50% of the time, to use my pram, which is a semi off road model. My pram has almost nose dived many times in this town.	In winter especially the car park is very hard to navigate at night, you almost break your ankle walking to go for dinner. Getting a pram through the car park is also dangerous and very tricky.	A footpath, drainage and sealing of the park, another disabled park would be good for my elderly in-laws as they almost always miss the one that's there, and using a walker is impossible in the terrible car park.	It is difficult for my children to ride their bikes that end of town due to how unsafe it is to cross the very bumpy car park and watch for traffic.	Individual (online survey)
62	Walking to and from station to carpark or to car on Bank st and Queen St and is hazardous. This also includes riding bikes due to large stones and potholes and no safe area to walk along.	I volunteer weekly at the station garden and parking area is inadequate for number of vehicles. It is also rough filled with potholes and large sharp rocks which are hazardous to tyres.	Smooth gravel carpark with even entry and exit driveway connecting to Bank st.		Individual (online survey)
63	My household has someone who uses a mobility scooter or wheelchair and parking in the rail yard car park is a none event as there are to many larger stones (ballast) and pot holes.	Refer previous comments	Some asphaltting and disability parking areas would suffice.	The whole area there needs a good tidy up and could be asphalted as far as the sale yard road edge leaving the dirt road in front of Harvest Home.	Individual (online survey)
64	It makes an unsafe area to walk in anything less then ankle strapped work boots due to the size of the railway ballast that has been left over. The tracks in place create tripping hazards. And cal also allow for stones to be flicked up by passing traffic	I feel unsafe leaving my car in a parking lot that I don't want to walk through.	A new bitumen carpark that can be used for all of Avenel and a concrete footpath for safe use.	I can definitely get behind this guys! This is A one work	Individual (online survey)
65	When I'm walking with my daughter in the pram it's very rough, particularly when she's trying to sleep	It's unpleasant and often it means I'm forced to cross onto the road	Concrete	A footpath down Longwood Road would be so beneficial and safer as there are a lot of people that walk on this road, especially with the new estate	Individual (online survey)
66	Uneven ground and potholes make it difficult to navigate by foot or bike in wet weather.		Sealed road in a car park. Safe access for pedestrians. Safe and sealed footpath with accessibility for people with disabilities.		Individual (online survey)
67	There is no clear path and cars can just drive wherever so it is unsafe	No clear signs to say where to park so I just conform with other cars	Clear lined car parks	Avenel deserves better	Individual (online survey)
68	Doesn't have a safe crossing for me and my 2 year old when crossing to post office from Bayley Drive direction		Pedestrian crossing and smooth surface for wheelchair and prams	A large car park would be good for train customers and not Harvest home customers think they should pay for half considering they fill it every week	Individual (online survey)
69	It's a huge impact, the fact my daughter can't ride her bike or scooter without going on the road, she's tripped a couple of times now on the rocks and cut her knees open. It's awful. I've watched people in wheelchairs have to use the road to cross the railway. This one thing actually makes Avenel unfriendly for families and visitors in general.	I used run the business at Harvest Home and always had issues with the lack of car park & dust and dirt making it an undesirable place to sit outside. Many customers had falls in the car park exiting and entering their vehicles and some even had vehicle damage. It's a joke.	Level ground with a smooth path connecting paths on all sides		Individual (online survey)

Avenel Railyard Carpark Survey

Responses at 25/06/25

No.	How does the lack of a footpath between Avenel Railway Station and Bank Street affect you?	How does the condition of the the Avenel Railyard Carpark affect you or your business?	What improvements would you like made to the Avenel Railyard Carpark?	Any other comments...	Category
70	The ground is very uneven in Bank Street, leading up to the pedestrian crossing. I have stumbled several times due to the large rocks or pot holes in that area. I have also seen young mothers pushing prams, cross the railway line, walking along the road instead of going to the pedestrian crossing as it is very difficult to push the prams across Bank Street. It is also very dangerous if any cars are turning into Saleyard Road as there is no defined path for pedestrians or for the turning vehicles. I have witnessed some close calls with vehicles almost striking pedestrians at this point.	N/A	More defined paved parking as a lot of commuters tend to leave their vehicles parked in Queen Street, due to unsuitability of current area, which causes congestion for community members attending at the medical clinic or pharmacy. Again walking across the very rough uneven surface where the few carparks are now is very dangerous, especially for people who have limited mobility. This surface is not suitable for wheel chairs or mobility scooters.		Individual (online survey)
71	It is very hard to push the pram through the large rail rocks that are currently on the ground and the car parking is very dangerous with young children, not only to walk across but also park as there is no clear marking or a walkway from the train station to Bank St where there are restaurants.	The potholes and rocks are difficult to not trip on and the lack of marking makes it unclear to drive and park on.	It would be wonderful to have smooth tar, car parks with signage and markings and designated path to cross from the station to bank street	Avenel is a growing town and car parking is needed, it would be great to have as much parking as possible so this doesn't need to be extended in the future.	Individual (online survey)
72	In its current state, it's dangerous when walking as loose rocks and uneven surfaces and pot holes cause tripping. Forces pedestrians to walk on the road rather than risk falling.	Apart from the shabby look of the area, when visiting harvest home or bank st pizza, forced to walk on the road.	A smooth flat level path from the railway to the corner of harvest home as a minimum. More parking and improved landscaping. (Similar to designs I have seen presented earlier)	Improved lighting and drainage.	Individual (online survey)
73	We take a lot of visitors to Bank Street for meals or drinks which is walking distance from our house. Its embarrassing of the condition and try not to roll your ankle on the rocks or fall in a hole	The dust or mud depending on the season and as more cars park there the holes get bigger	It would be great if they asphalted it with a path and carpark.		Individual (online survey)
74	Creates a trip hazard due to scattered ballast and is prone to flooding so generally have to walk along Bank Street itself which in turn creates a risk of being hit by vehicles	Refer previous comments	Remove ballast, seal and add drainage		Individual (online survey)