

Avonhead Park Cemetery proposed name change to Avonhead Memorial Cemetery – feedback received

#	SubmissionID	Which name do you support?	Comments - please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views	First name	Last name	Name of organisation	Your role within organisation
Early engagement							
	June/July 2019	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	<p>In June 2019, the Quake Families Trust was briefed on the Council's resolution to consult on changing the name from Avonhead Park Cemetery to Avonhead Memorial Cemetery, following a request from the Friends of Avonhead Cemetery.</p> <p>Information was circulated to Trust members. The Trust then sent an email to the Council on 1 July 2019 saying that all those members who expressed a view supported the name change to Avonhead Memorial Cemetery.</p>	Marwa	Alkaisi	Quake Families Trust	Secretary
<p>Consultation 2 December 2019 to 22 January 2020</p> <p>Note: Submitters were asked to choose which name they supported: Avonhead Park Cemetery or Avonhead Memorial Cemetery. Some suggested a combination of the two names, or indicated another preference. The list of submissions below aims to reflect those preferences.</p>							
Support change of name to Avonhead Memorial Cemetery							
3	30815	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	<p>Friends of Avonhead Cemetery support the name change.</p> <p>This being the last resting place of many of the victims of the E.Q. and this has significant implications as a sign of respect for many of the overseas victims resting here along with the NZ victims.</p> <p>Significant input from the C.C.C. in making this plinth in respect to the deceased and previous councils intentions to call this a memorial (documents pertaining to this in existence and provided to council in our original submission) should be upheld.</p> <p>The cemetery is situated in a welcoming suburb and is peaceful and restful away from usual city noise.</p> <p>I believe there will be less confusion over the whereabouts of the situation than that of Avonhead Avondale and Avonside. Visitors can still refer to the old name and the new name can be and will be reflected in "apps" like google and other mapping systems.</p> <p>The cemetery is busy with many visitors. A name change would reflect the standing of respect we pay to the victims of the 22.02.2011 EQ disaster inflicted upon this city.</p>	Clive	Paris	Friends of Avonhead Cemetery	Chairman
15	30658	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	A good idea	Peter	Yearbury	Heritage Funerals	
1	30612	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	My wife and I support the change to Memorial.	Tony	Ring		

4	30622	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I have frequently visited this cemetery. The added name "Memorial" would be a fitting addition to this cemetery as many of the earthquake victims are remembered there, and buried there, one of whom is a relation of mine. It is also where I can go and remember. I like the name Avonhead Memorial Cemetery, it represents the true meaning of the word. Avonhead Park Cemetery is just another name!	Dean	Absalom		
6	30628	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	The name of the Cemetery should reflect what is now its distinguishing feature - which is that it has a memorial marking the final resting place of many of the victims of the 2011 earthquake. The then Mayor Bob Parker and other communications from the Council used the word "memorial" to describe the structure being constructed in the Cemetery. More fundamentally, the fact that the structure is to mark the memory of those who lost their lives makes it come within the natural meaning of the word "memorial". There is no risk of confusion with the memorial in the city centre or with other cemeteries because the name of the Cemetery following the name change would be "Avonhead Memorial Cemetery".	Aishwarya	Bagchi		
7	30631	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Jacqueline	Leadbeater		
12	30649	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I am in favour of the name change of the cemetery. It makes sense to be called this as this is the final resting place for the people tragically killed in our earthquake. It shows a sign of respect and makes it different from the city area. This is imperative that the name be changed and soon. We have been waiting for this to happen.	Nicola	McCormick		
13	30651	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	It lifts the importance of the cemetery and shows respect to all those interned at the earthquake memorial. Because it is the final resting place of many of the tragically killed victims of the Earthquake of 2011.	Dwayne	McCormick		
14	30654	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	It is important that the name reflects the memory of the Christchurch earthquake victims.	Trevor	Michel-Smith		
16	30661	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	1. The CCC had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars developing the burial site and plinth for those who died 22.02.2011. 2. The cemetery receives many visitors to this site. 3. A name change would recognize the importance of this site and give value to the fact that we're wil not forget those that perished on that fateful day. 4. The name change would reflect the recognition of the cultural significance of the resting place of those deceased particularly those not from our shores. 5. A name change would more reflect the significance of the site. 6. To suggest the word memorial would confuse people is politicking and scaremongering, rather it would make it easier for people to locate. Mr. Google would see to this.	Clive	Paris		
17	30662	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	An appropriate idea	J	Heap		

18	30665	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	The name of the Cemetery should reflect what is now its distinguishing feature - which is that it has a memorial marking the final resting place of many of the victims of the 2011 earthquake. The Mayor Bob Parker and all other communications from the Council used the word "memorial" to describe the structure being constructed in the Cemetery. More fundamentally, the fact that the structure is to mark the memory of those who lost their lives makes it come within the natural meaning of the word "memorial". There is no risk of confusion with the memorial in the city centre or with other cemeteries because the name of the Cemetery following the name change would be "Avonhead Memorial Cemetery".	murray	irvine		
22	30694	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	More work should be carried out to keep the cemetery tidy by the Citycare workers . The place is a disgrace at times.	Grant	Dudley		
25	30705	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Anna	Volnova	Friends of Avonhead Cemetery	Trustee
26	30706	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I consider the word Park to be associated with somewhere people usually play in or gather to enjoy themselves. A cemetery is not for these purposes. My sister, brother-in-law, and a friend are buried at this cemetery and it is where I go to reflect on their lives and to pray for them. I think Memorial would be more suitable than having Park in the name.	Christine	Smith		
27	30708	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I support this entirely reasonable request.	Chris	Downie		
30	30716	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	My parents are buried at the Avonhead Cemetery and I support the change especially following the CTV disaster it is appropriate to have a memorial to them and to our loved ones.	Margaret	Bayliss		
32	30718	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	It will be most appropriate after those earthquake victims ashes are respectfully interred here. Thanks.	Kathakali	Bagchi		
33	30731	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	My husband's ashes are in the cemetery. He died in 1994 and his ashes were first in the circle area. I'd like to add I appreciate how the cemetery is kept, so well maintained. A bouquet to whoever does that. I support the change of name to Avonhead Memorial Cemetery.	Ann	Williams		
34	30732	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Elsbeth	Shipton		
35	30733	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery (‘Park’ should be deleted from the name)	I think it is an excellent idea for the word "Memorial" to be substituted for the word "Park". I have had an association with this cemetery since 1993 and noted that since then, an earlier too the cemetery was and still is) referred to as "Avonhead Cemetery". Adding the word "Memorial" will draw to the public's attention that something is being commemorated in the cemetery, in this case the important fact that the victims (or some of them / of the Canterbury 2011 Earthquakes are buried and memorialized here at the one place. The Avon River National Memorial is disassociated with the victims. if including "memorial" is not agreed to. I request that the word "Park" be deleted from the cemetery's name, as I submitted some years ago.	Alan	Tunncliffe		
37	30736	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		John	Bramhall		

39	30744	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Henry	Carrick		
42	30756	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	My late wife is buried in an ash plot not far from the memorial to the quake victims so when visiting I frequently go to the memorial as well because when the ANZ enquiry centre was in what became the CTV building I worked there on the 4th floor. But for the grace of God! I am all in favour of the name change for the sake of both my wife and the quake victims.	Philip	Parton		
43	30767	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	We have been Avonhead residents for 26 years and regularly use Avonhead Park to walk our dog. The earthquake memorial is very significant for the city and we would like to see that recognised with the proposed name change.	David & Diane	MacDonald		
45	30781	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Ken	Bennett		
46	30782	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	Happy to support the changes, especially with those Chinese who died in the "quakes" buried on site!	Bruce	White		
48	30789	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Jane	Cartwright		
54	30805	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I support the Community Board's views on this name change to include the word 'Memorial'. To me this word reflects not only the physical memorial to the Earthquake victims - which is lovely, but also a personal memorial to all those including the earthquake victims who are interred in this lovely space. We go there to remember, and the word 'softens' to very factual term 'cemetery'	Julian	Jensen		
56	30808	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I consider the name change appropriate because it is home to the earthquake victims. I presume the victim families are happy with a name change My late wife is buried there and a name change makes little difference to me personally.	Roy	Reid		
57	30809	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I think a name change to Avonhead Memorial Cemetery is totally appropriate, apart from the victims and beautiful memorial for the devastating earthquake we all remember our loved ones buried there. It is a memorial for us all. My mum's ashes are buried there and I have also bought the plot next to her for myself which will be coming up as I am fighting terminal cancer. I must also add we were very impressed at how well the cemetery looked at Christmas the grounds were very nice and tidy, all credit to the groundskeeper. Once the submissions have been considered I hope there were be an announcement on the name.	Alice	Tuinder		
60	30812	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	As the "Park" aspect has lost its relevance in recent years, I consider the change to "Memorial" Cemetery is much more appropriate.	L	Andrews		
65	30821	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I think Memorial is appropriate and sounds respectful. A place for families to go there and remember their loved ones. It is not like a park where people go picnicking, run around and play whatever game you like to do. Since CCC takes over mowing the lawns it has been looking a little tidier than what it used to be before.	O	Giblin		
66	30822	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		George	Giblin		

67	30823	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Vishasio	Manu		
68	30832	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	It gives the location more significance and helps explain and remember the earthquake that devastated Christchurch.	Leon	Shimazaki		
69	30833	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	My husband is buried in a lovely cremation plot here. This is also where I will go. I don't feel strongly about a name change but support those who do. The earthquake memorial is close to our plot and it's a lovely place to be contemplative. I do however feel strongly about this costing a large amount of money.	Trudy	Brown		
71	30835	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I believe this more properly reflects the final resting place of a number of the victims of the 22nd February 2011 earthquake and the site of the first earthquake memorial. Whilst also preserving part of the original name of the cemetery. The city changed forever on that day and I believe it is extremely important that we continue to acknowledge this. Changing the name of the cemetery I see as one small one to achieving this and reminding us all to remember those who so tragically lost their lives.	Michele	Upjohn		
72	30839	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I believe this an appropriate thing to do, and support it.	Marjorie	Smart		
77	30881	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	The Cemetery is a memorial to those who have been members of families and now have died. Also the fact that it is the burial ground for unfound victims of the earthquake adds to the idea of a Memorial Cemetery.	Rosita	Guy		
78	30884	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Sue	Pursey		
79	30891	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery or Avonhead memorial park sounds nicer.	Dongshan	Ni		
85	30924	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	I believe Avonhead Memorial Cemetery better reflects what the cemetery now is. The original vision of a park with no headstones has long-gone and the Earthquake Memorial is now a significant part of the cemetery. Also, all cemeteries are memorials to those who are buried there - so Avonhead Memorial Cemetery better reflects what the cemetery now is.	Dale	Peach		
87	30974	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Anita	Hawker		
91	31039	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery		Alan	Marshall		
99	31096	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	The earthquakes are a big part of Christchurch history. Although the earthquake memorial in this cemetery is small, it seems fitting for the cemetery name to reflect its presence.	Cameron	Oliver		

101	31107	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	The Avonhead Cemetery is the resting place for many of those whose lives were lost from the events of earthquakes during 2011. The Council went to a lot of trouble to construct a formal location for families and friends with the remembrance area as the central focus. The atmosphere where the circular area is placed has a calmness away from the rush and hurry of the central city. There is seating available for people to sit and recollect their memories of their loved ones, which adds to the restful atmosphere. I feel this area not only gives time for us to remember the earthquake victims but also a place of solitude for those folk who have family and friends who are buried elsewhere in the cemetery. It seems right to replace the "Park" to "Memorial".	Rae	Wilson	Friends of Avonhead Cemetery Trust	Committee
107	31126	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	The words "Avonhead Park" have for many people become closely associated with active teams games and lively cheering of supporters. This is completely contrary to the function and atmosphere of a cemetery. Replacing the word "Park" with the word "Memorial" in the name of cemetery is fully justified, reflecting much better nature of a cemetery,	R	Ryburn		
109	31151	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	The name change seems totally appropriate	Sue & Chris	Hooker		
113	31176	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	Because this cemetery at the earthquake MEMORIAL site has actually got victims interred here so it is very fitting. The wall in town is a wall of names and no remains are there. It is not just an ordinary cemetery but one with an everlasting memory of our dark days	Trish	Paris		
115		Avonhead Memorial Cemetery	Believe "Memorial" incorporates "Park"	Jim	Crook		

Support retaining the current name Avonhead Park Cemetery

9	30637	Avonhead Park Cemetery	I am very happy with the current name and see no need to change. People will not forget the Earthquake memorial there and this name change will not help people to know about it.	Rick	Loughnan	Christ the King School	Parish Priest
11	30648	Avonhead Park Cemetery	To avoid confusion when advertising a cemetery with memoir the name	Mark	Glanville	G Barrell and Sons Simplicity Funerals	Manager
2	30613	Avonhead Park Cemetery		Gregory	Timms		
5	30625	Avonhead Park Cemetery	That is change for change sake. Just leave as Avonhead Park Cemetery as it is part of Avonhead Park.	Ann	Rowe		
8	30636	Avonhead Park Cemetery		k.r	pritchard		

10	30644	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>All cemeteries are a memorial to those buried within so there seems little point in wasting money changing the name.</p> <p>If the name is changed then all cemeteries in ChCh should have 'memorial' included in the name.</p>	Richard	Falloon		
19	30674	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>Our daughter was buried under the Avonhead Park Cemetery and we wish it to remain the same</p>	Stephen	Morris		
20	30675	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>Our daughter was buried under the present name and would like it to remain the same</p>	Gloria	Morris		
21	30682	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>Instead of spending money on a name change the money would be better put into cleaning the cemetery up. The lawns mowed properly & more often & a decent gardener to get rid of the weeds that are growing up the headstones. Its alright looking after the memorial side of the cemetery but the rest is neglected.</p>	Kay	de Malmanche		
23	30695	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>My parents are buried in the cemetery and I don't want the name changed.</p> <p>Those who died in the earthquakes already have a plaque in the cemetery and there is a memorial in town.</p> <p>The name was there before the earthquakes.</p> <p>Everyone else has to get on with their lives.</p>	Vivienne	Downes		
24	30698	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>While I have a very great deal of sympathy for the quake families, for a couple of reasons I would prefer the name to remain the same.</p> <p>One is that most of those buried at Avonhead are not quake victims - my husband died young suddenly a few days before the Feb 2011 quake and is interred at Avonhead, for example.</p> <p>Another is that there is already an official quake memorial. I assume not all quake victims are buried at Avonhead.</p> <p>Lastly, the 'Park' befits the leafy nature of the cemetery more, in my view.</p>	Kirsten	Mclvor		
28	30710	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>Christchurch has an earthquake memorial, in town, beside the Avon River. Two Earthquake memorial sites is confusing, and I'm not sure why the Friends now want to jump on the bandwagon - are they looking to open a cafe perhaps and seek greater visitor numbers or recognition for their work?</p> <p>By common definition and understanding, cemetery's are memorials. We don't need the tautology and salute to stupidity.</p> <p>Putting the emphasis on the role the cemetery plays regarding the victims of the 2011 earthquake is disrespectful to all those interred and remembered there, who are not victims of the earthquakes.</p>	Lou	Gourlie		
29	30711	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>The cemetery exists as a cemetery for all people of Christchurch. One of my sons is buried there. By renaming it implies its prime focus is to the earthquake victims, which I don't agree with.</p>	Eric	Pennington		
31	30717	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>Both my parents are buried in the Cemetery.</p> <p>While hard to describe, the Cemetery has a nice feel to me. It well thought out, it has a good mix of plants that flower at different times and the native trees are attaching an even great range of bird life, (I saw a bell bird recently).</p> <p>I fear that adding the name "Memorial" instantly puts a touch of sadness and changing it from a place to celebrate all the people that are buried there and their contributions to our</p>	Murray	Smith		

			community, to just one that focuses on the earthquake victims. Our Cemetery is more than just the earthquake section.				
38	30742	Avonhead Park Cemetery	My Husband is buried at this cemetery and I like the name to stay the same. Why waste money on something like a name change. Would be better to spend money on keeping the grounds mowed.	Erin	Lutton		
40	30746	Avonhead Park Cemetery	No name change is required BUT WHAT IS REQUIRED is better care and attention at the cemetery. I visited today and was absolutely appalled at the condition of it . The lawns are a disgrace and in urgent need of mowing - it has got to the stage that people are taking their own lawn mowers to mow their loved ones areas. The weeds are growing up the headstones and dead flowers are everywhere. It is shameful ChCh City Council. Your contractors need a serious shake up. I sincerely hope this comment is passed on to the right area and that urgent care and attention is given to the cemetery.	Linda	te Kaat		
41	30748	Avonhead Park Cemetery	As a regular visitor with family buried there I have counted the Memorial graves which total 200 odd while the others total 2000+.The total of other graves will increase as many people have purchased plots as we have for our ashes. The word Cemetery clearly represents the area as used all over the city. There may be a case for showing the area of Memorial graves more clearly and I suggest more signs inside and outside the cemetery	Warwick	Ainger		
44	30772	Avonhead Park Cemetery	I believe this proposal is a waste of time and money. It smacks of work creation or justification. To change the name will create years of confusion with old printed maps still having the current name on. There must be other infrastructure where the money would be better spent.	Michael	Barr		
47	30787	Avonhead Park Cemetery (Name for interment site within cemetery)	I don't support the renaming of the Avonhead Park Cemetery to Avonhead Memorial Cemetery but would support naming a part of the cemetery appropriately in the same way as the Ballantynes Fire Memorial in Bromley Cemetery. All cemeteries have a memorial aspect to them, and adding the word 'Memorial' to Avonhead could set a precedent to rename other/all cemeteries to include Memorial in the name. The Memorial Park Cemetery in Bromley does not have a suburb/locality identifier in the name. While the Diamond Harbour one does, I understand that the burial/internment aspect of the site is just one feature, the memorial garden is alongside as another.	Marie	Byrne		
49	30794	Avonhead Park Cemetery	This cemetery is the burial place of my husband, parents, uncles, aunts and numerous other close relations. There is absolutely no need to change the name. Avonhead Park beautifully reflects the situations and history of this cemetery. The name doesn't have any impact on it being the resting place and memorial for the Earthquake victims. Forever being in a place known as a park is a important and has a lot meaning to people with family there. AND that has nothing on the absolute waste of taxpayer money involved in changing this. The money would be much better spent in upping the maintenance level of the cemetery.	Phillippa	Kidd		
50	30797	Avonhead Park Cemetery		Hayley	Stewart		

51	30800	Avonhead Park Cemetery	While I fully understand that the Avonhead Park Cemetery is now an interment site for the victims of the 22 February 2011 earthquake, I am also aware that the cemetery is a resting place for hundreds of souls not connected with the earthquake. Both of my parents have been laid to rest here, and our family has a deep feeling for the name Avonhead Park Cemetery and would not like to see it changed.	Roselle	Bremmers		
52	30802	Avonhead Park Cemetery	Originally setup as a lawn cemetery with a subsequent compromise for some headstones to erected in part of the Park. A name change would not reflect the original intention to have a lawn cemetery. Obviously the intention is to use the change of name to push for the erection of headstones instead of lawn plaques. I want to retain the Lawn cemetery nature of the cemetery as originally intend and in respect for those who were buried there with that setting in mind. The ground is not suited to headstones due to slumping issues and this was part of the reason for the original decision to have a lawn cemetery.	Graeme	Anderson		
53	30804	Avonhead Park Cemetery	I think that this cemetery has lots of visitors visiting their loved ones and whilst the earthquakes were tragic, and it's a great idea to make a feature area as a memorial to these people, I think this cemetery should retain the original name. I feel it would downgrade others.	Helen	Marshall		
58	30810	Avonhead Park Cemetery		Barbara	Tie		
59	30811	Avonhead Park Cemetery	We already have an earthquake memorial in the Central City. Cemeteries by their very nature are memorials anyway - no need for additional wording	James	Maguire		
61	30813	Avonhead Park Cemetery	I have 4 family members buried in various areas at this cemetery and enjoy visiting the park like envioroment fortnightly. The Park makes the cemetery so much more inviting to visit, I often bike thru here and take other little grandchildren of mine. Introducing them that it can and is a lovely place to visit. Please leave the name as Avonhead Park Cemetery.	Lois	Clarke		

64	30816	Avonhead Park Cemetery	I have read through the 'Report to Council'. I walk through this Cemetery 2-4 times a week. I (distant) have family buried here - the purpose for walking through the area is for exercise and pleasure rather than any religious factors. I have been to the Internment Site on a few occasions as part of my walks and spoken with a number of family and friends about it (I had been unaware of it being there before mid 2019) - commenting to them that it is nicely designed, laid out and seems to be a fitting and appropriate resting place for those killed. I hadn't previously been aware of there being unidentified victims. Until reading the 'Report to Council', I was unaware of the legal requirements around the internment of unidentified victims. I have also not been aware of the history of the cemetery and its requirements to be parklike. I now understand why this is a cemetery that I enjoy walking through - it is the only cemetery I have ever chosen to walk through for pleasure and I will continue to do so while it remains similar to how it is now. The addition of the internment site I find aesthetically pleasing, appropriate for the setting and the location (being in an existing cemetery) and it is a place that I have visited recently to simply remember the 2011 event. In my naivety, I did not realise that it was not a Memorial within the existing cemetery - I do, in fact, rightly or wrongly, perceive it as a Memorial as it is and I appreciate it for that. However it was meant to be presented to the public, I feel that as it is provides a perfect resting place for the deceased as well as a place for remembrance for myself and I hope many others who visit. I do not see any requirement to change the name of the cemetery as a whole to reflect the addition of this internment site - I believe that its existence as it is speaks for itself.	Philip	Watkins		
70	30834	Avonhead Park Cemetery	I believe All Cemeteries should be for everyone not just renamed to become a memorial Yes it was extremely sad with the earthquakes, its lovely they are all together however i feel with my mum and grandad and other family members at Avonhead Park cemetery the name should remain the same.	Vicki	SMITH		
73	30857	Avonhead Park Cemetery (Name for interment site within cemetery)	Avonhead Park Cemetery along with Avonhead Park were created in 1983 by a progressive council and as a testament to those people the name should stay same I am in favour of the area where victims of the earthquake are located to be known as Christchurch Earthquake 2011 Memorial	Bruce	Reid		
74	30869	Avonhead Park Cemetery	Although we appreciate that the earthquake memorial is based in this peaceful park cemetery we do not believe the name should be changed. It is a resting place for so many people, including our parents and many friends and of course, including some of the earthquake victims but please don't make it about that terrible event. Thanks	Rosheen	OConnor		
76	30880	Avonhead Park Cemetery		Stuart	Ennor		
81	30901	Avonhead Park Cemetery	It was as a park cemetery, that attracted me to bury my mother and my husband there. The memorial to those lost in the earthquakes is in itself a memorial and will remain so.	Judy	Cooper		
82	30902	Avonhead Park Cemetery	My husband is buried in the cemetery. I like the current name and don't see the need for change, particularly as the earthquake victims actually make up a fairly small proportion of those buried there. Fix the gates and signage but leave the name as is.	Vicki	Porteous		
83	30903	Avonhead Park Cemetery	My four grandparents are buried in the park part of the cemetery. They all chose to be buried here as they loved the idea of it looking like a park and not a cemetery that visitors could feel relaxed and comforted as they visit the graves of loved ones.	Miriam	Quarterman		

88	30996	Avonhead Park Cemetery	Money saved could be used for many other necessities e.g. Social House, Swimming Pools, Parks etc	Jan	Cleland		
89	31013	Avonhead Park Cemetery	My father is buried there. I would prefer you leave the name as is. Why waste more tax payers money on something like this. Nothing wrong with the name it has now!	Ursla	Gru		
90	31037	Avonhead Park Cemetery	My precious daughter is buried in Avonhead Park, chosen for her as a symbol of nature, peace and tranquility. At the time we were very misinformed by the funeral director causing increased heartache at a tragic time. I dont support the name change, and challenge this consultation process, you have to consider all in the park accepting that their families are the only voice they have.	Johanna	Rhodes		
93	31069	Avonhead Park Cemetery	My husband and nephew are both buried in the central park area of the cemetery. The current Avonhead Park name reflects the peaceful, park -like atmosphere we cherish. We did agree that flat A4 plaques could be added some years ago. Please retain the current name. The "earthquake memorial" is beautifully marked, just as it is. It does not need to be incorporated in the name of the cemetery.	Elizabeth	Wright		
95	31078	Avonhead Park Cemetery	Personal preference. Both parents buried there and prefer the status quo to remain.	Bruce	Heyworth		
96	31082	Avonhead Park Cemetery		Linda	Brettell		
97	31085	Avonhead Park Cemetery	Please retain the current name which reflects the fact that the cemetery is located beside Avonhead Park, and also reflects the park like surroundings where my father is buried.	Emma	Wright	-	-
98	31094	Avonhead Park Cemetery	My family have lived in Avonhead since 1970. We chose Avonhead Cemetery for the burial of both parents. It was in the neighbourhood they had lived in for over 40 years. It has always been a family friendly cemetery that has been well cared for by local families and the Council. I do not support a change of name. There are other Memorial areas in the city for the Earthquake victims. The name of this cemetery should not be changed as memorial to a small portion of those interred there.	Jenny	Tilson		
100	31104	Avonhead Park Cemetery	My father and cousin are both buried in the central park area of the cemetery. The current Avonhead Park name reflects the peaceful, park -like atmosphere we cherish. We did agree that flat A4 plaques could be added some years ago. Please retain the current name. The "earthquake memorial" is beautifully marked, just as it is. It does not need to be incorporated in the name of the cemetery.	Thomas	Wright		

102	31109	Avonhead Park Cemetery (Name for interment site within cemetery)	<p>We definitely want it kept as Avonhead Park Cemetery. We like the concept of it being a park.</p> <p>What happened to those who died in the earthquakes was terrible but there are a lot of people in that cemetery who had a lot of horrible things happen to them.</p> <p>We don't feel it's right to change the name.</p> <p>Those who died in the earthquakes have got a special section in the cemetery. How about they just name that part of the cemetery? That would be respectful to other people buried in the cemetery.</p> <p>The only thing I would add is, I feel it would be somewhat disrespectful to rename the place and by so doing make it more about the people who died in the earthquake. A lot of families and friends have loved ones resting there. What about them. Each one is just as important and precious as the people lost in the earthquakes. For me when I go there I would like to think of my dad and mum and friends and family peacefully resting in a park, all of equal precious value as the earthquake victims. I do not want to be reminded of the pain and suffering and the terrible time we all had over the earthquake time each time I go to visit, or to feel that the earthquake victims are of more priority or greater value than any one else who is resting there. Hence the suggestion, to try and meet everyone's needs to have the specific area where they are resting labelled as a memorial garden. I hope I am being considerate and compassionate enough to every person who put the request forward to change the name. But we have feelings too that need to be considered equally with theirs.</p>	Glenys	Brunt		
103	31114	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>I think Avonhead PARK Cemetery is more appropriate and makes sense because of a) it being attached to Avonhead Park and b) because of how park-like it is in design. We often talk about the park and cemetery together and the existing name encourages this. It helps with location - if people know where Avonhead Park is, the location of the cemetery follows naturally.</p> <p>I am persuaded by the council's report that having 'memorial' in the name is not technically accurate and may also increase confusion.</p>	Lydia	Oliver		
104	31115	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>The original concept of a park verses a cemetery was the appeal of laying my brother to rest here. With time this intent has been eroded somewhat. Cemetery's lock land away in perpetuity, which is a luxury that I don't think we can afford. There are other memorials.. Please retain the name and intent of the original vision.</p>	anthony (Jnr)	wright		

105	31117	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>My father and cousin are buried in the lawn section of the Avonhead Park Cemetery. I am strongly opposed to the suggested name change. The current name reflects the special character of this cemetery.</p> <p>Avonhead Park is different environment to many other cemeteries, particularly in the central circular section where above ground headstones are not permitted. The current name perfectly reflects this unique character. It is important to note that when people have purchased a plot within the cemetery they have done so knowing about this unique character, and indeed for many, including my family, it was one of the key reasons why we have chosen to have our loved ones buried there.</p> <p>The earthquake internment area is also a special space within the cemetery. However, as per the report when this site was considered by the Christchurch City Council on 9 June 2011, and the more recent staff report, the internment area is not a memorial. Therefore it does not seem logical to me to change the name of the cemetery to include the name to include the word memorial.</p> <p>While other issues such as allowing different size memorials in the park section are beyond the scope of current considerations, I also would like to note my opposition to any such changes. The staff report comprehensively sets out the planning and history of the cemetery, including the change that was made in the 1990s to allow small flat ground level headstones, which was in my view a very good compromise. The report also notes that families have purchased plots on the expectation the lawn cemetery style and operation will be retained – a very important point. I commend the work of the City Council staff in putting together this report which is very sensitive in its consideration of the likely viewpoints of the families of those buried at the cemetery.</p>	Edward	Wright		
106	31124	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>Regarding "Have your say" - my preference is for the name Avonhead Park Cemetery to remain as it is. I don't see the necessity for change of name, has always been Avonhead Park, I am aware of the Earthquake memorial, but I think being Avonhead Park embraces all who are interred there.</p> <p>Another matter is – the state of the Cemetery really leaves a lot to be desired, in that the edges of the headstones are extremely weedy, the lawns are of poor quality and when mown catchers are not used at all.</p> <p>My daughter, has repeatedly made complaints on behalf of other relatives of the deceased, also she and I had a meeting with (name provided), he agreed that it wasn't acceptable, and reassured us, the newly acquired strimmer would be in use, but last Sunday when I was visiting our grave site it certainly hadn't been used along that area.</p> <p>I have noticed seat benches in other areas, and think it would be advantageous if one could be installed beside the little grove of shrubs & trees on the sunny side near our plot – as a resting place for the elderly like myself!</p>	Kathleen	Coster		
110	31152	Avonhead Park Cemetery (Name for interment site within cemetery)	<p>My wife & I have a son buried at this cemetery and it was chosen because of its original ideals. Also my brother is also interred here. If it is necessary to have a "memorial" word used then the appropriate site area can be designated as has been the case elsewhere.</p>	A N	Wright		
111	31153	Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>If the word "park" is left out it is as if it is not a park at all! No need to change the name.</p>	Faith	Wright		

114		Avonhead Park Cemetery	<p>Reasons: The cemetery has had its name for a long period of time and everyone knows where it is and what it contains by its namehead. Its name is all-inclusive of the people who are resting there. By renaming it "Avonhead Memorial Cemetery" it becomes exclusive to the earthquake victims who are interred there. There are sufficient memorials to the victims and most relatives, people and tourists visit the memorial wall in the city and the CTV site to pay their respect. Yearly memorials services are held at the cemetery.</p> <p>Changing a name would then require changing all the associated materials of identification – street signs, letterheads, brochures, pamphlets, other insignia. This would be a costly exercise. For what?</p> <p>As a ratepayer, I object to the cost incurred by the consultation process and the recent surveys undertaken at the cemetery to ascertain whether people are satisfied with services provided. As no doubt summarised by questionnaires, people are not happy about the state of the cemetery. Why isn't the money and time, wasted in haggling over a name, being invested in maintaining the cemetery to a presentable and respectable standard? For a long time now the Avonhead Park Cemetery is unkempt and it is demoralising for relatives and visitors attending to graves to struggle through long grass and weeds encroaching over gravestones. The grass is now short because of the summer but the weeds are still pervasive and the roses just now attended to. People are resorting to transporting their own lawnmowers with catchers and tidying up their respective grave plots. Therefore the bureaucracy and political grandstanding is infuriating. It is the cemetery grounds and not the name that needs priority.</p>	Christine	Coster		
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Support a name including the words 'park' and 'memorial'

3	30617	Avonhead Park Cemetery (Avonhead Memorial Park Cemetery)	I personally do not think this needs a name change, but if it needs to be changed then why not Avonhead Memorial Park cemetery, as this is what it was originally designed to be a park like setting cemetery.	Cheryl	Cowden	Dignity with Sincerity Funeral Services	Managing Director
86	30973	Avonhead Park Memorial Cemetery	<p>My submission is that the name of Avonhead Park be retained, but add the word "Memorial" in. So, "Avonhead Park Memorial Cemetery". I think this option should have been offered.</p> <p>My reasoning is because we are closely involved with this cemetery:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My parents, chose to have their ashes interred here because of the quiet park-like atmosphere. 2. My in-laws are also interred here. Again the choice was because of the park-like surroundings. (Name provided) booked their site over 35 years ago. 3. My wife and I purchased last year an ashes plot. 	Laurence & Georgina	Ennor		

112	31169	Avonhead Park Memorial Cemetery	<p>My choice re the submission for the Avonhead Park Cemetary name change is as follows, Avonhead Park Memorial Cemetery.</p> <p>I feel it is respectful to consider both the earthquake victims and also to retain the name Park in memory of those loved ones laid to rest prior to the earthquakes. Integrating both would cover both viewpoints and historical and local aspects.</p>	B	Wiek		
36	30734	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery (Avonhead Park Memorial Cemetery)	<p>I don't support either of the above - but am forced by computer to select one option - would prefer to be called Avonhead Park Memorial Cemetery.</p> <p>I hope that there will be renewed effort to keep the place tidier, however it is not as bad as Avonhead Park - which has one of the front signs completely covered by growth above the seat, which of course cannot be used anyway.</p>	Isobel	Quartermain		
62	30814	Both names are ticked on submission (Avonhead Park Memorial Cemetery)	<p>Avonhead Park Memorial Cemetery. If the name is to change the above name would be great as this cemetery is a beautiful place. P/S my wife and parents are there I have been a resident of Avonhead for 40 years.</p>	Murray	Harper		
55	30807	Avonhead Park Cemetery (Avonhead Memorial Park Cemetery)	<p>These options are not satisfactory. You have not given an opportunity to give another choice, e.g. Suggested alternative. I do not support a name change as you have indicated in your tick box. The cemetery was originally set out as a park cemetery and you have not given reasons why you saw fit to change the format of interment. As it is now, it is untidy and messy with the headstones. Articles placed there are blown away and the grounds where the recessed plaques are placed is not maintained, resulting in people unable to find their loved ones. There was a clean up for the first time in years just before the last election.</p> <p>As there is a memorial there for the earthquake victims which is a lovely idea, I propose that if the name is to be changed - that it retains the word Park - and read - quote: 'AVONHEAD MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY' This would be in keeping with your accompanying notes samples and retain it as a park cemetery as was the original intent.</p>	Julia	Carson		
84	30904	Avonhead Park Cemetery (Avonhead Memorial Park Cemetery)	<p>I would prefer Avonhead Memorial Park Cemetery. My grandparents and niece are buried at Avonhead Park Cemetery and the reason they chose it was due to the park concept. I am happy for memorial to be added in, but would like park to be kept in the title.</p>	Roanne	Hasegawa		
75	30870	Avonhead Park Cemetery (happy to add Memorial to existing name)	<p>I feel the omission of Park from the name of the cemetery gives further loss to the community, where the park is such a important aspect of activity within Avonhead. By the same token I have no objection to the addition of Memorial to the existing name, but (clearly) this is not an option from the 2 absolute choices given to us</p>	don	stanley		
80	30894	Avonhead Park Cemetery (happy to add Memorial to existing name)	<p>My father chose this place for its Park like space, I honour that. My mother and my in-laws in there too, liked the park idea. Happy to add the word Memorial but not remove Park. My husband and I have purchased (details provided). So I guess we are speaking for 6 people</p>	Georgina	Ennor		

94	31074	Avonhead Park Cemetery (happy to add Memorial to existing name)	This area was chosen as it has a park and environmental reflection in the name so it can be used by people beyond just remembrance. Had anyone thought to add Memorial to the original name making it "Avonhead Memorial Park Cemetery"	emlyn	Wright		
Happy with either name							
92	31064	Avonhead Memorial Cemetery (happy with either name)	Avonhead Memorial Park is good but I am happy with either.	William	GRAHAM		