

Development of Marybeth Reserve

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Reserve Provision in the Rosehill Area

- The Council prepared an Open Space Strategy in 2003 that identified a substantial deficit of neighbourhood reserves in the Rosehill area.
- Large neighbourhood reserves are intended to meet the needs of local residents – they are at least 5,000 square metres in size and have a variety of play structures, active open space and amenity areas.

There are few reserves in the Rosehill area - however none of the reserves meet the Council's requirements:

- Chichester Drive – 0.2153 ha – poorly developed
- Chichester Drive – 0.0776 ha – leased to play centre
- Marybeth Reserve – 0.3859 ha –poorly developed/unsafe
- Tairere Crescent – 0.1413 ha - leased from Church

The Council completed its long term plan – Progress Papakura in 2006.

They received a number of submissions to the plan including one from a group of local children who made a presentation about the reserves in Rosehill.

The children said that:

- Some reserves were unsafe – especially Marybeth Reserve because nobody could watch from the road.
- There were no facilities in the area – such as a decent playground, court space, skate park, or kick about area.
- It was difficult to get to the other good reserves in the District.





The Council has identified that Marybeth Reserve as the best candidate for retrofitting because

- It is in the heart of the Rosehill area
 - It can be developed into a local recreation hub that is compatible with adjacent land uses such as the church
 - It is currently poorly designed and inclusion of properties that preclude passive surveillance of the reserve will make the existing land much more usable
 - It is the largest existing reserve space in Rosehill so retrofitting would have least impact upon adjoining properties.
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Consultation results

- Submissions also gave ideas on what kinds of items and activities were wanted/not wanted.
- Not enough budget to include everything
- Amenity items were the most popular
 - Bins
 - Paths
 - Trees
 - Seats

- Lots of diversity around recreational items – highest ranking items:
 - Sport spaces
 - Flying fox
 - Playground
 - Basketball court/hoop
 - Skate park

Where are we now?







