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.
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?