Örākei Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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REMUERA COMMUNITY NEEDS

A Reassessment

Remuera Heritage
Remuera Residents Association
April 2018
What is Remuera?
Meadowbank Remuera Ōrākei Community Needs Assessment. Mobius, 2017

Table 1: Meadowbank, Remuera and Ōrākei Key Demographics

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Mobius Report 5.2 Current demographic characteristics – Meadowbank, Remuera and Ōrākei

- Meadowbank has the **largest population** (of these three areas) – WRONG – REMUERA IS MORE THAN DOUBLE
- The median age is slightly younger in Meadowbank – WRONG: IS THE SAME
- The Meadowbank population **has increased more** compared to changes in Remuera and Ōrākei between 2006 and 2013
- Remuera and Meadowbank have higher Asian populations
- Remuera has slightly fewer residents aged under 15 years - WRONG - SAME AS MEADOWBANK
- Ōrākei has a higher Maori population
- Ōrākei has slightly fewer ‘couple with children’ families
- Ōrākei has a slightly higher **average** personal income.
- The number of residents aged 65+ is similar across all three areas. WRONG. REMUERA RANGES FROM 8-21%
## Remuera Population – Stats NZ Census 2013

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Remuera – NZ Post Code 1050
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Need for a Remuera Community Centre

- Remuera is a substantial size district: largest in the Orakei Local Board area
- Large long-established town centre
- Diverse population of 28,000. Large Asian community.
- Only 2 community facilities currently:
  - Remuera Library: no rooms for hire
  - 4 Victoria Avenue: no rooms for hire
- Need to service a large area with a growing diverse community, focused on the town centre
- Uncertain future of 4 Victoria Ave
Orakei Local Board Plan 2017

- Outcome 2: Our residents are proud of their community facilities and public places
- By 2033 the number of Orakei residents, is expected to grow to 109,100, with over half the population aged 40 or older. A growing community needs good-quality and functional community centres and halls. Our community has already told us they want their community facilities upgraded and better maintained.
- 7 Community centres or halls in Orakei: Meadowbank CC, Tahapa Cres Hall, Ellerslie CC, St Heliers CC x 2, Glendowie CC, Orakei CC
RECOMMENDATIONS

• Public private partnership mooted in Mobius Report for 4 Victoria Ave?
• Keep 4 Victoria Avenue & redevelop
• If 4 Victoria Ave is sold, reinvest the funds in Remuera town centre with a community centre near the library = the community heart
• Set up a community liaison group about redevelopment of 4 Victoria Ave as a community centre
Crossfield Road Reserve Playground Upgrade Proposal
2018

Benefits of Crossfield Reserve

- Soccer fields
- Baseball fields
- Skate park
- Community centre
- Basketball courts
- Car parking
- Concreted path way around the whole park
- Toilets

Would be nice to see

- One Fenced in Playground especially as very close to the playground there is a major storm water drain that goes down in a ditch that is always filled with water.
- Path way around the playground not through it.
- More equipment for younger children like a seesaw or spinning equipment, small trampoline in ground, wooden pole stepping posts etc.
- Picnic tables and seating.
- Some shade over the playground.
- Trees for shade or more native trees.
- Water feature for children to play in similar to Stonefields.

I have provided some pictures of Crossfield Reserve playground compared to 2 other local playgrounds which many more parents use. Crossfield Playground has been great up until recent years, the equipment is run down and the playgrounds don't make sense being separate. I and many other members of the community would love you to consider funding for this project. I have started a Facebook page called “Crossfield Reserve Playground Upgrade” It has been receiving great interest from members of the community, feel free to check it out.

Kind Regards

Hayley Marshall
Crossfield Reserve Playground

Playground #1 with the community centre behind, basketball courts, car parking, sports fields (in far distance) and 2nd playground to the left in mid distance.

Playground #1 slide and tunnel are the only things a toddler can use by themselves.
Playground #2 is fenced in to the community centre which makes it look like it’s not for the public but it is and this photo also shows the distance it is from playground #1.

Playground #2
Here are some photos of Roberta Ave Playground and Madill’s Farm Playground. These would be the most popular playgrounds in our area for parents/ caregivers to take their children to. There is also Stonefields Playground which has a water feature running through it that has been great through summer. Sorry I haven’t attached photos for this playground.
Robert Ave Playground

1.
Amazing climbing tower with a shade sail over top so much to do!!!!

2.
Fully fenced in playground, lots of swings on offer.
3.

Turning/ pushing activity centre.

4.

Nest swing great for all ages and more than 1 child.
5. Rope activity climbing centre great for older kids

6. Stepping poles great way to use up some space at a low cost.
7.

Monkey bars and climbing activity all under the big climbing tower great use of space.

8.

Great activities used underneath climbing tower. Neat for the younger kids/toddlers.
Madills Farm Playground

1. Excellent shade provided over a lot of the playground

2. Scooter/bike road built around playground. Would be great if some traffic lights were added helps teach kids about stopping for cars etc.
3. Rocking activity

4. Inground trampolines
5. Big slide/ climbing tower

6. Baby/toddler activity centre
Made use of a hill adding another slide with stepping poles etc.

8.

Wooden stepping poles
9. Great climbing structure

10. Picnic Tables

11. Bench seating

Letter 1.
34 Whitehaven Road
Glendowie
Auckland 1071

Auckland Council
Parks Department

5/3/2018

To whom it may concern,

My family of three girls aged 9, 6 and 4 live approx. 900m from Crossfield Reserve, it is the easiest and safest park to get to from our home.

I am writing this request for you to consider Crossfield Reserve for an upgrade. The following are my reasons: • The equipment at the park is dated and appears unsafe. There is rust on several pieces of equipment. • The park is unfenced. When I take my three girls to the park, it is difficult to ensure they are all safe— I cannot focus my attention on pushing the elder girls on the swings as my youngest may move to another piece of equipment out of my reach. • There are no shaded areas. In the heat of the day, and even after school it is so hot at the reserve the equipment is hot and the children are not protected from the sun.

We are lucky to have other parks nearby that have been upgraded, but these are busy and to have our local park upgraded and not need to use the car to get to the park would be amazing.

Ideally, I’d like to see Crossfield Reserve not to be a replica of other parks in the area but have its own drawcard such as a bike riding path with lights that the community can use to teach the children road safety and teach children to ride bikes / scooters without being part of an off leach dog area. Alternatively, a splash pad area would be fantastic also. Other splash pads are located in the east / west and are too far to take the children for a morning of play and require significant time investment to get there.

Please consider Crossfield reserve for funding for an upgrade in 2018.

Kind regards,

Rachel Beattie

Letter 2.
56 Ashby Ave
St Heilers
Auckland

Auckland Council
Parks dept

To whom it may concern

As an active mother I am always out and about at playgrounds in our local community. I quite often come down to Crossfield reserve as it is in walking distance from my house and is a great spot for meeting my son on his way home from Glendowie Primary School.

I have a 10yr old and a 2yr old and we find the playground lacking in equipment and safety compared to others. My 2yr old can only use the swings and climb up the steps to go down the slide which has a crack in it. My 10yr old just plays basketball as nothing on the playground interests him.

I've grown up in Glendowie and seen a lot of changes recently happening to this reserve and I feel upgrading the playground would truly benefit the park as other playgrounds have done to their parks. It needs to more of a destination that we can meet up with families and have a picnic while the kids play.

It currently has 2 playgrounds about 20 metres apart from each other, which are both for the public to use. Wouldn't it be better to merge the 2 together in a fenced in area. Fenced in playgrounds are very important for safety, especially for mothers with more than one child and when the playground is close to a main road, also to keep dogs and animals out while children happily play.

I and many other locals are very keen to help see this change.

Regards
Hayley Marshall
Orakei Local Board
19 April 2018

Assembly Minutes

Item 8.3

Attachment A

Comments

Gemma Stoia and others
Wendy Robinson
I totally agree. We need to get more than a rubbish collection for the rates we pay.
1 w Like Reply Message

Crosfield Reserve Playground Upgrade
Thank you Wendy Robinson. Will keep you posted on all progress.
3 w Like Reply Message

Lexie Bealridge
Good work!!!
1 w Like Reply Message

Joanne MacMillan
Sairy Harris
2
3 w Like Reply Message

Joanne MacMillan
Belle Peto-Bennett
1
3 w Like Reply Message

Comment as Crosfield Res...

Joanne MacMillan
Louise Barsley
1
3 w Like Reply Message

Fabulous to hear! Olivia (3) and Phoebe (2) visit this playground at least 4 or 6 times a week - it is in desperate need of an upgrade!!!!
3 w Like Reply Message

Hayley Marshall
Thank you! Would you be interested in writing a letter for me to put in my presentation just saying it needs an upgrade and that you know how busy others can get... can just email it to hcmarshall@outlook.co.nz
3 w Like Reply Message

Joanne MacMillan
Sure thing!
1
3 w Like Reply Message

Reply as Crosfield Reserve Playground Upgrade

Belle Peto-Bennett
Totally agree... what a great idea. Sairy Harris (2) visits the park once a week. But I don't like the fact it's not fenced. We could maybe do something raising in the council and get costs to a point where we could set up a little page and promote it on Facebook.
1 w Like Reply Message

Hayley Marshall
Hi yes and yes just want to find out more details regarding budget etc. But at this stage just wanting to get as much support as possible and anyone who can write a letter to put in my presentation to the board would be great. More letters the better!!!
1 w Like Reply Message

Reply as Crosfield Reserve Playground Upgrade

Sairy Harris
Totally agree the playground is in desperate need of an upgrade.
2 w Like Reply Message

Comment as Crosfield Res...
12 March 2018

39 Roberta Ave,
Glendowie
AUCKLAND 1071

Auckland Council
Parks Department

To whom it may concern,

I am the grandmother of two local children ages 10 years and 2 years old. My husband and I regularly take our grandchildren to play at the local parks, we most often go to Roberta Avenue playground as it is the closest and nicest nearby park. One of the reasons we don’t take the children to the other local park at Crossfield Reserve is because the playground equipment is not as good and the park is not as inviting.

We feel that the Crossfield Road Reserve playground needs updating and the whole area needs beautifying to make this park a desirable destination. It does have some good aspects, but there is definitely room for improvement at that park.

Some of the things I look for in a park are:

- Nice shaded seating areas for adults watching the children playing.
- Safely fenced playgrounds for younger children.
- Shaded areas over the playground.
- Interesting, modern, colourful playground equipment.
- Riding paths for children on scooters/bikes/roller blades etc.
- Aesthetic surroundings.
- Nicely kept, regularly mown grass areas for family picnics and kicking balls around etc.

Many locals would be happy to see Crossfield Road Reserve and playground brought up to a higher level and turned into a beautiful destination for families of all ages to enjoy.

Please consider Crossfield Reserve for future funding. Thank you.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

Moira Marshall
Phone: (09) 5755571
Mobile: 021 587184
Item 8.3

Persons Name: [Blank]
Address: 83 CROSS FIELD ROAD, GLENADOWIE AUCKLAND
Office: 09 575 8442
Email: centre@shelterscentre.org.nz
Website: www.glenadowiecommunitycentre.org.nz
Phone: [Blank]
Sex: Female
Age: 7
Location of Accident: Playground Glendowie Centre Reserve
Time of Accident: 5:20 PM
Date: 2/11/17
Nature of Injury: Fracture

Other:

Parts of Body Injured: (e.g. teeth, knee):
Left Arm Fractured

Side of Body: Left

Does this accident require a Serious Harm Notification? No

Further Details: Tipped over plastic slide, landed on his back and left arm may have hit his head.

Witness: Hugh Budge: Yes
Name: Hugh Budge
Phone Number: 027 442 8343

Leader in Charge at Time of Accident: Julie Cestaro
126 Riddell Road
Glendowie
Auckland
1071
16th March 2018

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Crossfield Reserve Playground Upgrade initiative. As a local family I would like to frequent Crossfield Reserve regularly (it is on my way to and from my son's Preschool). We are within walking distance of Roberta Avenue and Crossfield Reserve but we rarely visit the latter for two main reasons. Firstly, the playground is not fenced, it is unshaded, and the equipment is in poor condition*. Secondly, it does not cater well for children in the 1-10 age range.

Crossfield Reserve has many positives; 1) There is ample parking; 2) the pathway circling the playing fields are perfect for young cyclists and scooter drivers; 3) It caters well for older children who access the skate park and basketball courts; 4) The view and proximity to Mt. Taylor add a unique aesthetic and small children love the cows; 5) the playing fields are used by many community groups and the addition of the lights has extended their use; 6) The community hall is a good size and I have attended the Eastern Bay Toy Library, birthday parties and playgroups there.

I would personally like to see: improved access to Public Toilets adjacent to the main building (the afterschool co-ordinator once kindly let us use the facilities); a large, fenced and shaded playground with a nature inspired theme; and, seating and benches incorporated within the fenced area. 44

Madills playground in Kohimarama is visited by families from Kohi, Meadowbank, St. Heliers, Glendowie, Glen Innes, and Orakei, because it is by far the best playground in the Eastern Suburbs for the 1-10 age group. This does lead to overcrowding. I was there today and a mum commented that her daughter did not want to get out of the car because there were too many people in the playground (on a Friday morning). The weekends can be worse. Overcrowding leads to more accidents, queues for the swings, and scattered supervision.

Crossfield Reserve is located at the heart of the Glendowie Community and should be given an improved local profile. If the playground were upgraded and expanded it would make it comprehensive destination for children of all ages from the surrounding area.

The Community Centre could also be upgraded to include drop in facilities for teenagers (medical, counselling, social), the very young (Plunket) and the very old. It would be fabulous to see the elderly involved in the redevelopment. Loneliness is has a terrible effect on the health of our older community members.

I urge the council and Orakei Board to strongly invest in Crossfield Reserve. There is a genuine need for a community hub and improved facilities inside and out.

Yours sincerely,

Lorna Spicer

*The steep steps that need to be climbed to get into the tube are dangerous and I am surprised that they ever met the equipment safety standards.
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27 March 2018

Ōrākei Local Board  
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Auckland 1142
(by email)

Dear Mr Collins and fellow Ōrākei Local Board members,

Crossfield Reserve local playground upgrade

My name is Jacquelyn Collins, and I am a mother of five year old twins and a final-year full-time student in the BA(Hons) programme at the University of Auckland. I am also the founder of Kiwi Play Safe, a grassroots campaign to support and encourage district and city councils around New Zealand to consider some of the more practical needs of playground users. Kiwi Play Safe focuses on two key areas:

- Ensuring that playgrounds intended for younger children and located near busy roads, open water, or dog exercise areas are adequately fenced; and
- Promoting the value of providing shade over as many playgrounds as possible - both to supplement the 'slip, slop, slap' sun protection already utilised by parents and caregivers at playgrounds, and (more pragmatically, from a council perspective) to ensure that these valuable community assets can actually be used and enjoyed year-round.

I am also strongly interested in ensuring that families with children who are not neurotypical can access and enjoy play equipment locally (which is a significant issue for parents with autistic children, for example), and in promoting equitable access to high quality play equipment in all areas of Auckland. You can learn more about my project at [www.kiwiplaysafe.com](http://www.kiwiplaysafe.com).

I'm writing this brief letter to you in support of Hayley Marshall's campaign to improve the quality of the play facilities at Crossfield Reserve. I know that Hayley has consulted widely with relevant stakeholders in her local community and is due to present to you at some point soon. It is very encouraging to see a local parent lead a grassroots campaign of this kind, and I look forward to writing about Hayley's efforts on the Kiwi Play Safe website and encouraging other parents to work constructively with their local boards and councils.

I urge you to take the opportunity of Hayley's passion for Crossfield Reserve and listen to her feedback regarding the play needs and preferences of local residents. I know that Ōrākei
Local Board offers regular opportunities for consultation when various plans are reviewed, but I'm sure you recognise the challenges that participating in formal council-led consultations present for many people. It is so admirable that Hayley has had the motivation and determination to actively start this conversation with you about local play facilities, and I do hope you will respond favourably to her suggestions.

I have no doubt that, with the involvement of Hayley and other local parents, Ōrākei Local Board will have the opportunity to turn Crossfield Reserve into an excellent play space, which will be much loved by children for years to come. And with my Kiwi Play Safe hat on, I would be grateful if you could consider seriously the value of including fencing and shade into any redesign calculations; doing so will greatly enhance the space, and increase its accessibility for a wide range of families. Fenced playgrounds, in particular, are true community assets and operate as the heart of the community for local parents, helping to build a sense of community spirit. I have a background in corporate community investment and I am confident that this kind of community asset could represent an attractive sponsorship opportunity for local businesses who wish to engage in passive marketing to local families. I would be very happy to support you if you wished to investigate this kind of potential sponsorship.

If you would like to contact me about anything discussed in this letter please feel free to email me at kiviniyasaf@gmail.com. Thank you for your time!

Kind regards,

Jacquelyn Collins.
Attachment A

Item 8.3
Section C_ Masterplan Proposals

3.1_ Introduction

The masterplan is intended to provide a long-term vision for the reserves to guide future development and use of the parks. The design proposals presented in the masterplan have been guided by the extensive community consultation and thorough assessment of the site in relation to the physical environment, activity, use and operational requirements.

Key guiding considerations relating to the overall masterplan objectives are the strategic relationship of the parks and their ability to meet the needs of the wider areas sporting requirements in balance with the passive needs of the local communities.

Some of the recommendations of the masterplans are relatively minor and can be addressed over time as part of general parks maintenance (Operating expenditure) and renewals. Other initiatives will be more mid to long term and will need funding allocated accordingly as part of long term planning.

3.1.1_ Consultation

(Refer to Part B Consultation Report)

The key outcomes of the consultation reflect the high number of active recreational users and their interests in seeing the reserves improved to facilitate their sporting activities, particularly improvements to drainage and sportsfield floodlighting across all of the reserves. Responses from the general community were more diverse, however the key conclusions to be drawn from their feedback is the desire for improvements to basic park assets to enhance passive use and their ability to continue to have ready access to these.

The largest number of respondents related to Madills Farm, where there is a particularly strong sense of community ownership of the park and some opposing views as to where the future focus of the park lies between the local community and sporting groups. In this instance, as for Crossfield Reserve and Glover Park, the masterplan has sought to find a suitable balance between all user groups while supporting the largely sporting focus of the mostly Open Space 3 (Organised Recreation) zoning associated with these reserves. Following the preparation of the draft masterplan further feedback from the public and stakeholders, following a second round of public consultation, was used to further refine the masterplan.

3.1.2_ Key Issues

i) Sportsfield Capacity

The key issue associated with each of the reserves relates to their ability to support a range of active recreational pursuits, particularly winter demands, by increasing sports ground capacity. The main problems identified with each of the reserves in this respect is poor drainage. This has led to ground closures for extensive parts of the winter season for all of the reserves in recent years. Capacity has been improved at Crossfield Reserve and Madills Farm with the installation of drainage and sand based construction for some of the fields. Despite this however has not provided a solution to the capacity demand across the wider Ōrākei Ward. Consequently there has been pressure from local football clubs for the installation of artificial surfaces in these reserves. Such surfacing can extend the use capacity of up to 22 hours per week over a sand field. There is however strong local resistance to the installation of artificial turf in these reserves as is indicated in the survey results, particularly for Madills Farm. The main reasons for the opposition are centred around legitimate concerns, including:

- the "unnatural" qualities of the surfaced;
- the loss of premium open space by the local community to a single user group and the intensification of sporting use to the detriment of other users;

- effects on the ambience of the park; and

- amenity and visual effects of associated fencing detracting from open space

1 Longhill Associates, August 2011. Quantifying the Supply and Demand for Winter Sportsfields in the Auckland Region.
qualities and concerns relating to the potential associated signage; and
threat to the existing cricket pitches.

Weighing up the various requirements, it is considered that the effects of the intensification of use and changes to the character and qualities that artificial surfacing would bring is not seen as appropriate in these reserves. The masterplan therefore proposes that no artificial turf surfacing be installed in any of the subject reserves, and that alternative locations in the Orakei Ward should be investigated, and, consistent with the Orakei Local Board decision, that the capacity of the subject reserves be increased by the sand carpeting of all the sportsfields.

The Board has decided that these improvements will occur as a matter of priority, with three new fields proposed for Glover Park and two at Crossfield Reserve during 2012-2015. The board is clear that artificial turf should play a key role in addressing the sportsfield capacity issue being felt in the Orakei Ward, as is happening in other parts of Auckland. Currently artificial turf surfacing is proposed for Michaels Ave Reserve, with other opportunities being investigated for the establishment of artificial turf sportsfields at Ngahuia Reserve and Liston Park. In each instance provision will be made for public use of the facilities.

It is proposed that the capacity of the fields at Glover Park and Crossfield Reserve be further enhanced by the installation of floodlighting, with training lights for two fields at Crossfield Reserve and three fields at Glover Park proposed during 2012-2015. Although no funding is currently allocated, the masterplan also recommends improved flood lighting at Madills Farm (with time restrictions) and the upgrade of the changing facilities in each of the parks. This will ensure such infrastructure is more user friendly and does not limit the increased capacity provided by the existing or proposed ground improvements. Other opportunities to enhance existing use include rationalizing some of the playing field configurations and providing additional and updated facilities such as cricket nets, long jump runs and discus cages.

ii) Dog Exercising

Dog use within the reserves was another main area of contentions for users. Currently Glover Park and Madills Farm, under the Auckland Council’s Dog Policy are designated ‘Dog Exercise Areas’. In such areas, subject to owners keeping dogs under control and other conditions including, keeping dogs from marked sports fields while sport is in play, and 10 metres away from the playgrounds, dogs can be exercised off-lead. Dog use within each of the reserves is another issue, which polarizes opinion. Each of the reserves has a high number of dog walkers, with Madills Farm drawing particularly high levels of use, with dog walking a popular form of exercising and socializing for the local community. The masterplan proposes no changes to the current dog exercise designations. Although Crossfield Reserve does not have a dog exercising designation, there are a number of large nearby reserves that provide off-lead opportunities for local dog owners, including Churchill Park, Glendowie Park and Roberta Reserve.

The masterplan recommends an increased frequency of dog bag dispensers and dog waste bins to encourage cleaner reserves.

Other key themes that emerged from the consultation across all the reserves included:

- **Asset / Infrastructure Improvements**
  
  Upgrades facility, improved safety, improvements to access and parking, park furniture and amenities, lighting, provision for signage and increased general amenity.

- **Passive and Informal Use Developments**
  
  Provision for social areas, linked pathways, picnic areas, upgrade of play areas and provision and upgrade of youth orientated facilities such as basketball and skate facilities.
3.2_Crossfield Reserve Masterplan

3.2.1_Design Proposals

Access and Circulation

Key considerations relating to vehicles associated with Crossfield Reserve include access into, and within, the reserve as well as increased parking capacity. Pedestrian access is currently limited into and around the reserve. The masterplan provides clearly defined access and comprehensive all weather circulation throughout the reserve to enhance use and appreciation of the reserve.

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<td>Limited car parking within the reserve and difficult manoeuvring.</td>
<td>Extend existing parking toward toilet/changing facility with 14 additional spaces and room for turning around the end.</td>
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<td>Poor vehicle entrance – narrow, visibility and awareness (hidden by trees).</td>
<td>Widened road entrance and removal of dense vegetation associated with entrance.</td>
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<td>No all year access for vehicles to far western end of the reserve.</td>
<td>A 3m wide section of concrete path is proposed from the carpark along the northern boundary to western end to allow controlled all-weather vehicle access when required.</td>
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<td>Parking surfacing in reserve gets muddy during the winter and looks unsightly.</td>
<td>Remove existing grass pavers and resurface parking area with asphalt.</td>
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<td>Poor pedestrian access to community centre from Crossfield Road and Mt Taylor Drive.</td>
<td>Removal of existing vegetation and establishment of a defined pedestrian path from Crossfield Road and further strong pedestrian connections to Mt Taylor Drive.</td>
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- **Environmental Protection and Enhancement**
  Tree management, further planting, water quality/management and habitat enhancement.

- **Community**
  Balance use between community and sports users, improved community access to existing facilities, user safety, organised events and control of anti-social behaviour.
  Each of these themes has been considered with specific reference of each of the reserves in the preparation of the masterplan.
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<th>CPTED issues around toilet block (vegetation obscuring)</th>
<th>Remove dense low vegetation and limb up existing trees.</th>
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<td>The grove of native vegetation near entrance separates northern section of the reserve and limits connectivity.</td>
<td>Removal of a portion of this vegetation and establishment of a new path connection, including a paved threshold from the Community Centre to the other side of the carpark.</td>
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<td>Washington Avenue pedestrian access unpaved (grassed).</td>
<td>All access paths to be paved or repaved to improve year round access for cyclists and pedestrians.</td>
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**Use and Activity**

Both passive and active use within the reserve is hampered by existing access. Passive use is also currently somewhat marginalised to a relatively limited portion of the reserve, especially when sporting activities are occurring, which the masterplan seeks to rectify. Anti-social behaviour has been identified as a periodic problem within the park. Considered design of the reserve has some capacity to reduce this and improve user safety, however aspects of this are a wider community issue which need to be dealt with by other means and discouraged by effective policing.
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<td>Opportunities to enhance passive uses.</td>
<td>Passive use within the reserve will be improved by:</td>
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<td>• Improving access to and through the reserve, including a perimeter path around the entire reserve, incorporating fitness stations</td>
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<td>• Developing and enhancing the passive area around the community centre, with a new playground and picnic area</td>
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<td>• Defining other areas within the park for passive use and establishing associated site amenities (seating etc)</td>
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<td>• Increasing the size of, and enhancing the skate facility.</td>
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<td>Limited seating and picnic tables around the reserve.</td>
<td>Further seating and picnic tables throughout the reserve are proposed, particularly in areas identified for passive use around the Community Centre, skate facility and passive parkland area along the western and southern central boundaries of the reserve.</td>
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<td>No shade or seating associated with skate facility or playground.</td>
<td>• Establish picnic tables with shade sail or structure and other seating around the skate area</td>
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<td>• Extensive planting of deciduous trees and informal low seating walls and rocks are proposed around the redeveloped playground.</td>
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<td>Congestion associated with skate facility at busy times.</td>
<td>Extend the skate facility to provide more variety and to better accommodate peak use level for a wider range of ages.</td>
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<td>Limited passive space is available when active sports are occurring.</td>
<td>• Improvements to passive community space to facilitate greater use of this area</td>
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<td>• Further passive spaces have been identified along the western and southern boundaries of the reserve, which will be defined by tree planting and enhanced with suitable site amenities (seating, picnic tables shelters etc).</td>
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<td>Obsolete play structures (timber fort and skate bowl).</td>
<td>Remove and upgrade area for passive use.</td>
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<td>Anti-social behaviour and noisy nighttime use.</td>
<td>• Install automated gates to ensure carpark is locked in the evening once sporting activities have ceased.</td>
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<td>• Consider lock down basketball hoops in to dissuade night time use.</td>
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<td>Safety for park users (General CPTED issues)</td>
<td>Maintain opportunities for passive surveillance into the reserve from neighbouring properties</td>
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<td>Avoid opportunities for concealment and entrapment</td>
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<td>Encourage continuous active use through enhanced facilities within the reserve.</td>
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<td>Vegetation clearance and limiting up of trees to allow views into the reserve.</td>
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| Toilet facilities are substandard. | Proposed upgrade and redevelopment of existing toilet facilities. |

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<th>Active Use - Existing Issues</th>
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<td>Poor drainage limits use during winter months.</td>
<td>During 2012 to 2015 the Ōrākei Local Board propose allocating funding to allow for the installation of 2 further sand based football fields (in addition to the existing 3) with associated drainage to improve capacity for winter use of the reserve.</td>
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<td>General ground conditions could be improved.</td>
<td>Other ground improvements can be anticipated with the upgrading of the sportsfields.</td>
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| Lack of lighting limits winter training and use of the reserve. | During 2012 to 2015 the Ōrākei Local Board propose allocating funding to allow for the installation of lighting for 2 football fields. Where required, these lights will be removable so as not to limit summer sporting activities. It is envisaged that further lights may be installed at a later date if required. |

| No seating for baseball spectators. | 'Glediator' embankment seating systems are proposed for the 2 main baseball diamonds (D1 and D2). |

*Indicative images for Community Passive Area*
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<th>Crossfield Reserve is the home of Auckland Baseball, but they have to use club facilities away from the park</th>
<th>Establish Baseball clubroom as part of changing facility/toilet upgrade.</th>
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<td>There is currently an issue with baseballs being mis-hit backwards from out of the cage and into neighbourhood properties</td>
<td>Extensions to the existing nets will be installed to prevent this occurring.</td>
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Vegetation / Ecology

For a reserve of this size there is relatively limited significant vegetation, so there is considerable scope for planting to enhance the amenity, sense of scale and establishment within the reserve. Similarly low growing amenity planting and planting of ecological values is also comparatively absent. Groups of native planting elsewhere within the reserve have previously grown to impede site lines and impair access in certain areas. Further such planting needs to be carefully placed and used in a considered manner to assist in maintaining user safety and discouraging anti-social behaviour by providing concealment.

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<td>Inconsistent and fragmented tree planting within the reserve.</td>
<td>Extensive planting of additional large specimen trees throughout the reserve is proposed to provide a strong vegetative framework. These trees will also assist in defining different use areas within the park, breaking up the visual dominance of the surrounding residential development, and provide shade and habitat enrichment.</td>
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<td>Limited biodiversity within the reserve.</td>
<td>Opportunities are somewhat limited due to the shape of the reserve and space requirements for active and passive recreation, as well as safety considerations for all users. However extensive low riparian planting is proposed along the existing drainage aligned. This combined with extensive tree planting will provide some enhanced ecological values within the reserve.</td>
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### Site Amenities & Buildings

Although the reserve offers considerable scope for sporting activities, the existing site amenities are somewhat limited and do not adequately support active or passive use of the reserve.

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<td>Existing site furniture is uncoordinated, inconsistently distributed, and in some instances in disrepair. Where present it contributes little in terms of visual character and amenity. Overall there is a lack of park infrastructure for a reserve of this size.</td>
<td>Update all site furniture in accordance with Council’s Parks Standards and ensure a coordinated approach to distribution, to meet the users needs throughout the reserve.</td>
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<td>Changing facilities are inadequate and substandard.</td>
<td>Proposed upgrade of changing facilities and toilet facilities.</td>
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### Visual Amenity / Landscape

The character of the park and visual integration of the reserve with the surrounding neighbourhood could be significantly enhanced through landscape improvements, in particular, appropriate planting around the boundaries and the community passive area.

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<td>Football goal storage area unsightly.</td>
<td>A purpose built area to store goals and removable floodlights is proposed behind the changing facilities where they will be out of the way and largely concealed from view.</td>
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<td>Potential for sportfield lighting to affect visual amenity of neighbouring residents.</td>
<td>Any new sports field lighting will be in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards (AS2560 and AS 4228) to ensure that the effects of glare and spillage are minimised. Pole and fittings will be of simple modern design in visually recessive colours to assist in their visual integration within the setting. Sportsfield lighting is consistent with the usage and character of the park and could readily be anticipated in this environment.</td>
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Much of the graffiti apparent within the reserve is associated with the fencing bounding residential properties. The low riparian planting along much of the snake should help further dissuade graffiti along the associated portion of the fenceline by impeding access and screening large sections of the fence. Elsewhere around the park boundaries, additional tree planting may assist in reducing graffiti by visually breaking up continuous lengths of fencing.