

## 7. AVONDALE PARK PETANQUE COURT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the results following further community consultation for the installation of a petanque court at Avondale Park and to seek approval of the installation.

### BACKGROUND

During early 2002 a group of interested Avondale and Christchurch East residents, along with several petanque players from further afield, approached the Parks and Waterways Unit with the idea of petanque games at Avondale Park. Based on the significant amount of interest received, the concept was considered by the Parks and Waterways Unit as valuable, bringing further attraction to the park at a relatively low cost.

### CONSULTATION

Following an on-site meeting with Council staff at the beginning of 2002, a draft concept plan was circulated to all residents neighbouring the park and to those who had expressed interest. Feedback received indicated clear support for the court, seating and proposed sheltered planting. However, some concern was voiced by several residents on the court's close proximity to adjacent properties, and the potential for noise levels to affect the quiet peaceful enjoyment of their private dwelling. In response to this concern the Parks and Waterways Unit revisited the proposed site in May 2003 to find a more suitable location. The revised site has taken adjacent housing into consideration and is now closer to the road and nearby park facilities. Refer to the attached map.

A total of 13 residential dwellings near to the proposed area were sent a copy of the second consultation package. Four completed comment forms and one phone call were received, a response rate of 38%. Residents were asked to indicate their acceptance/non-acceptance of the plan, and were given opportunity for comment. Feedback indicates support for the landscape design, with all respondents happy to see its installation.

### FUNDING

Funding of \$2,000 to \$3,000 has been sourced from the Parks and Waterways Unit's unspecified Capital Works funds. It is proposed to build a double unfenced court, as a trial, and to provide casual spectator seating and some additional shelter planting.

### Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the request for installation of a petanque court at Avondale Park be approved.

### Deputy Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.