

## 12. MARBLE WOOD RESERVE REDEVELOPMENT & MARBLE WOOD DRIVE STREET TREE REPLACEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the options currently being considered for a redevelopment in Marble Wood Reserve, plus a concurrent street tree replacement project for Marble Wood Drive.

The Parks and Waterways Unit has approximately \$10,000 funding available in the current financial year to build a new 'structure' on Marble Wood Reserve. The budget line item is for play equipment, with a local resident submitting to the annual plan that a pergola (or similar to) may be more appropriate for this reserve.

Options proposed for discussion are:

1. A pergola, with associated garden planting for colour and interest.
2. A children's play structure.
3. No change to the reserve.

Residents will be given a choice of these options, with room for them to suggest alternative developments to consider for the future.

As previously advised, the Board will be aware of the proposal to replace the existing street trees. The trees are inappropriate for the small berms and will eventually grow so large as to provide constant street maintenance issues, as well as causing shade problems for adjacent residents. The trees are also seen as a future health and safety risk, being root-bound when planted and now very insecure in the ground.

Residents will be offered several street tree alternatives, with the most popular choice being used as replacement trees. The suggested choices are: *Sophora microphylla* (South Island kowhai) or *Prunus 'amanogawa'* (Fastigate cherry) or *Acer palmatum* (Japanese maple).

Council staff will also be on site to discuss these proposals with the local residents. Board members will also be advised of this date.

### Staff

**Recommendation:** That consultation take place with residents on Saturday 8 November between 10.00am and 2.00pm at the Reserve.

### Chairperson's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the staff recommendation be adopted.
  2. That staff from the Parks and Waterways Unit have a choice of trees on site for viewing.
  3. That residents of Wesley Home, including the residential units, be included in the consultation document.