

3. ARCON STREAM RESERVE PROPOSED PLAY EQUIPMENT

Background

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board had previously allocated project funds of \$15,000 towards installation of play equipment at Arcon Stream Reserve. Arcon Stream Reserve is located within Broomfield and Masham Park between Masham Road, Arcon and Kintyre Drives. The Needs Analysis for Broomfield highlighted the need for provision of facilities for children in this area.

A public information leaflet was sent to local residents during February this year asking their preference for play equipment design and age group. An excellent response was received to this questionnaire with 87 local residents taking the time to provide comment regarding their preferences.

Arcon Stream Play Equipment Survey Results

The results of the survey show a clear majority of residents in favour of play equipment design of composite structure that incorporates a number of items. The age group preference however, was very even with an almost 50% split between preference for ages 2-6 years olds and 6-12 year olds.

There were a number of comments in favour of the play equipment. Many residents, however, highlighted concerns with traffic on Carmen/Masham Road and the close proximity of Arcon Stream.

Deputation

A local resident, Mr G Bourke, had been granted speaking rights to address the Board on this issue. Mr Bourke opposed the installation of equipment on Arcon Stream Reserve. With four other similar facilities within the immediate residential catchment, with low usage, Mr Bourke contended that it was inappropriate to allocate funds to this work.

David Buist then **moved**:

“That the Board reaffirm its previous decision to approve the installation of play equipment on the Arcon Stream Reserve.”

The motion was seconded by Alison Wilkie and, when put to the vote, was declared **carried** on Division No 1, the voting being:

For (5) Paddy Austin, David Buist, Ishwar Ganda, Mike Mora,
Alison Wilkie.

Against (4) Neville Bennett, Helen Broughton, Mary Corbett, Bob Shearing.