

## 6. ADCOCK PARK DEVELOPMENT

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to proceed with the amended concept plan for Adcock Park, to approve the name change to Arthur Adcock Memorial Reserve, to approve the relocation of the memorial tree to Arthur Adcock Memorial Reserve and to seek community board contribution of \$4,000 to complete a shared boundary fence with Parklands School.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### Adcock Park Development Plan

2. Funding has been allocated in the current financial year to carry out additional landscape enhancement at Adcock Park. Public information leaflets were posted on an on-site noticeboard and distributed to approximately 120 local residential households in April 2005 inviting feedback on the proposal. A total of 23 submissions were received, with 22 supporting the proposed concept plan and one opposing it.
3. In recognition of the feedback, the Greenspace Unit proposes to undertake the following work and minor alterations to the original plan.

Extending footpath planting beyond the row of bollards along Bottle Lake Drive to reduce mowing maintenance around bollards.

Leaving the sand dune along Bottle Lake Drive as a grassed area instead of proposed planting on top of it in order to allow for better views into the reserve.

Not planting large trees within the right of way access on Linkwater Way and grassing one side of it.

Re-contouring the mound to provide outdoor classroom opportunities.

Section of school's fence to be replaced with see-through fence and lockable gate, increasing visibility into park from the school.

Opening up mounds on pathway at Northern end of Bottle Lake Drive.

Lower vegetation species along north-east boundary to maintain existing neighbours' views into the park.

4. The one submission opposed to the plan had concerns about visibility into the reserve over the sand dune from the road frontage along Bottle Lake Drive. Three other respondents happy with the overall plan also made mention of the sand dune heights. Only one of those was specific to the Bottle Lake Drive sand dune. In response a safety audit has been carried out in relation to sand dune height in terms of visibility, impacts, and safer park issues. The outcome of this was that no safety problems were perceived. Current mound contours do not compromise safety of park users and any further alterations to the mounds and ground contours is unnecessary.

#### Renaming of Adcock Park

5. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board in June 2005 requested a name change for Adcock Park. The Park was originally named after Arthur Adcock who was a long-serving councillor of the Waimairi District Council. The Community Board feels that changing the name to Arthur Adcock Memorial Reserve would better reflect the person it was named after and acknowledge his contribution to parks.

#### Moving Memorial Tree

6. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board in June 2005 also requested relocation of the Arthur Adcock Memorial tree to the Arthur Adcock Memorial Reserve. The tree and its plaque are currently located at the west side of the Parklands Community Centre, Queenspark Drive. The move would be subject to the adoption of the name change being accepted and would need to be implemented in the 2006/07 planting season.

## Community Partnership – Adjacent School Fencing

## BACKGROUND

11. The Adcock Park development plan has previously been presented to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board in July 1996. In 1996 there were no residential properties around the reserve. Subsequently the area has been developed. Greenspace therefore thought it appropriate to consult the community for feedback before proceeding with development. The major work up to this point has concentrated on establishing grass and some establishment planting.

At the July 1996 meeting of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board the following resolutions were passed:

1. That the final design of the lake be such that the edges slope gently down at a grade no greater 1:6 to ensure that a toddler could walk out of the lake.
2. That any Resource/Environmental/Discharge Consents required be obtained before on-site construction commences from the appropriate authority. (The lake formation was part of the stormwater conditions linked to the subdivision consent).
3. That all costs associated with this application and resulting development be met by the subdivider.
4. That maintenance periods of six months be accepted by the developer for the lake structure and associated head works and planting, before being finally handed over to the Council to maintain.
5. That the design take into account the concerns raised by submitters i.e.
  - (a) That uninterrupted views across the lake be retained where the public have access to the lake edge.
  - (b) That large open informal grass areas fronting on the extended Chadbury Street Lamorna Road be incorporated into the final plan.
  - (c) That the final plan show the extension of the school's playing area into the open grass area in the Reserve fronting on to Lamorna Road in the Reserve.
6. That Parklands Residents' Association are shown the final plan before implementation.
7. That the board makes submissions to the current budget rounds requesting funding from Water Services and the Parks Unit.
8. That funding be brought forward to \$10,000 in 1996/97, \$10,000 in 1997/98 and \$5,000 in 1998/99 to enable the project to be completed in a reasonable time frame.

## OPTIONS

12. **Adcock Park Development Plan.**

There are two possible options:

- (a) Do nothing or status quo. This option is not practical as Greenspace sees merit in carrying out suggestions put forward by local residents. This option disregards the community feedback and input.
- (b) Undertake minor changes to the original plan in recognition of resident's feedback.

13. **Renaming of Adcock Park**

There are two possible options:

- (a) Do nothing or status quo.
- (b) Change the name to Arthur Adcock Memorial Reserve.

14. **Relocating memorial tree**

There are two possible options:

- (a) Do nothing or status quo.
- (b) Relocate the memorial tree (including plaque) to Adcock Park during the 2006/07 planting season.

15. **Adjacent school fencing**

There are two possible options:

- (a) Do nothing or status quo.
- (b) That the remaining cost of the see-through fence be met by community board discretionary funding.

**PREFERRED OPTION**

**Adcock Park Development Plan**

Option (b) is the preferred option. This option provides for the implementation of minor changes in recognition of feedback from the local community.

**Renaming of Adcock Park**

Option (b) to rename the park Arthur Adcock Memorial Reserve is the preferred option.

**Relocating memorial tree**

Option (b) to relocate the memorial tree and plaque in the 2006/07 planting season is the preferred option.

**Adjacent school fencing**

Option (b) to replace the adjacent section of fence using council contribution from the 2005/06 fencing budget and the remaining cost of the fence met by community board discretionary funding. This option provides increased informal surveillance for both school and the park and is deemed beneficial for both areas in reducing vandalism or undesirable behaviour.

## APPENDIX 1

### Community Consultation Responses April 2005

Community consultation has been concluded. 120 public information leaflets were delivered and 23 responses were received. Of the 23 respondents, 22 were happy with the plan and suggested minor changes. The requests for changes to be made are as follows:

- (a) **Trees**  
The two residences adjacent to the lane on Linkwater Way requested that no tall trees be planted in the lane. Two respondents desired to have more native trees planted whilst two respondents desired more planting of colourful exotic flowering shrubs. One person asked that the conifers in close proximity to the Bowling Club be retained which is in accordance with the plan.
- (b) **Seats**  
Two requests were made for some of the seating to be sheltered by planting or a gazebo. One owner said she does not want a seat outside her house so this shall be moved along further.
- (c) **Interpretation & Lighting**  
There was one request for interpretation panels about the plants and birdlife found in the park. Two requests for lighting along the pathways were received.
- (d) **Sports & Play Equipment**  
One request for each of a flying fox, tennis court, basketball court, and two requests for child's play equipment.
- (e) **BBQ's**  
Two residents were interested in having a BBQ installed.
- (f) **'Dog Poo' Bins**  
Two respondents asked for the installation of 'dog poo' bins.
- (g) **Pond**  
Three comments came from different residents regarding the pond. One was in relation to pollution from Canadian Geese. The other two were in relation to safety with there being kindergartens nearby.
- (h) **Sand dune heights**  
Three of the respondents who were happy with the overall plan made a reference to being concerned about the height of the former dunes which are now mown grassed areas. One respondent expressed strong concerns in regard to the current contours and mound heights.

**APPENDIX 2**

**ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS**

	<b>Benefits (current and future)</b>	<b>Costs (current and future)</b>
<b>Social</b>	Mitigate risks to public and property	Landscape planting \$28,000
<b>Cultural</b>	No benefits identified	No costs identified
<b>Environmental</b>	Improved reserve facility for community. Additional native planting will enhance opportunities for bird life.	
<b>Economic</b>	No positive or negative economic impact for the community identified.	

**Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:**

Primary alignment with community outcome: *“Our City’s natural resources, biodiversity, landscapes, and ecosystem integrity are protected and enhanced.”*

Also contributes to *“Our City’s infrastructure and environment are managed effectively, are responsive to changing needs and focus on long-term sustainability”*

**Impact on Council’s capacity and responsibilities:**

No impacts on Council’s capacity and responsibilities have been identified.

**Effects on Maori:**

No effects on Maori identified.

**Consistency with existing Council policies:**

Consistent with the Environmental Policy and specifically: *“Open Spaces and Planting - The Council will manage and maintain the open spaces of the City in ways that enhance amenity, avoid adverse effects and minimise maintenance requirements”.*

*“To acknowledge and promote the “Garden City” identity of the City by protecting, maintaining, and extending planting which complements this image”.*

**Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:**

From 23 submissions received, 22 supported the landscape plan.

**Other relevant matters:**