# 5. RYDAL RESERVE – PLAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT/UPGRADE

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to approve the final landscape plan for Rydal Reserve play equipment replacement/upgrade, following community consultation.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. Rydal Reserve play equipment replacement/upgrade is a project in the Greenspace Unit's 2005/06 capital programme.
- 3. A public information leaflet was distributed to key stakeholders and the local community for feedback on a concept plan which also gave several choices of different play equipment pieces.
- 4. Approximately 350 leaflets were circulated with 68 submissions received, all in support of the project.
- 5. Results of the feedback regarding the play equipment options were:

(a)	Option A		
	Double Rocker	36	
	Spring Toy	26	
(b)	Option B		
	Space Net	44	
	Supa Nova	20	

- 6. Due to feedback results a Double Rocker and Space Net will be the two new pieces of equipment installed.
- 7. Changes made to the concept plan following feedback are as follows:
  - Native grasses in the new border gardens around the play area instead of carpet roses
  - Add an additional two paving stones to existing hopscotch to make into traditional hopscotch
  - Proposed seat to be changed to a picnic table and moved closer to the trees for shade
  - Add an additional two seats to the Greenspace seating programme to be placed on the north side of the park away from the playground
- 8. A copy of the final plan incorporating these changes is attached for information.
- 9. A letter has been sent to all submitters advising them of the changes following the consultation and that a report is coming to this meeting for final approval.

# FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 10. All work will be funded by the Greenspace Unit's Capital Works Programme 2005/06.
- 11. Play equipment will be installed as per Playground Safety Standards by a Council approved contractor.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the final concept plan for Rydal Reserve play equipment replacement/upgrade.

## CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.