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The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Board following public consultation on the proposed play equipment for Arcon Stream Reserve.

Background

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board 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. Members of the Environmental Committee will recall visiting this site as part of their bus tour on 19 April 1999. 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 outcome of the survey was as follows:

	Play Equipment Design	Preferred Option
A	Composite structure incorporating a number of items (similar to the Botanic Gardens playground)	69
B	Individual items (see saw, slide swings etc)	10

	Age Group Preference	Preferred Option
A	2-6 year olds	40
B	6-12 year olds	47

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. Local resident Gary Bourke has requested speaking rights to the Board to oppose the installation of the play equipment.

It is currently proposed to install play equipment of composite structure that caters for both age groups (2-6 and 6-12 year olds) within the budget allowance of \$15,000. Post and cable fencing is to be installed along the reserve frontage to improve safety from the busy Carmen and Masham Roads.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

**Chairperson's
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