

## 9. BROOKLANDS DOMAIN SKATEBOARD FACILITY

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The purpose of this report is to update Board members on the installation of a permanent skateboard facility at Brooklands Domain and to determine the next location for the temporary wooden ramp.

### BACKGROUND

Board members will recall that the temporary wooden ramp was relocated from St Albans Park to Brooklands Domain in March this year in response to local residents' requests for some skateboard facilities in the Brooklands area. Since the ramp has been on site all indications are that it has been well utilised by local children and apart from calls related to the ongoing maintenance of the ramp, there have been few other problems reported to the Parks Unit.

### PERMANENT RAMP CONSULTATION

The Parks Unit recently carried out consultation regarding construction of a permanent ramp on the Domain. The vast majority of comments were very positive and supportive of a permanent ramp apart from one or two that questioned the need and location of a ramp.

All in all there was a clear message that most of the community were supportive of the proposal and they were in favour of a permanent facility.

The proposal is to build a ramp similar to that in Sheldon Park with the possible addition of a "grind" rail set into the sealed area around the ramp. The Parks Unit would also like to include a path connecting the ramp to the existing path coming in off Charon Street, however this additional work is subject to available funding and will be dependant on final tender prices.

### NEXT LOCATION FOR TEMPORARY RAMP

Previously the Board had indicated that MacFarlane Park was to be the next location for the temporary ramp. The board will need to confirm if this is still the intended site. At this stage the Parks Unit has not identified a particular site on the park for the location of the ramp.

There are a number of possible locations and the nearby Shirley Primary School should also be considered given the Principal's presentation to the Board indicating their desire to promote greater community involvement in their grounds as well as the Park.

The Parks Unit will need to undertake consultation with local residents to identify the preferred site and this may include initiating discussions with representatives of the Shirley Primary School.

## **USE OF RAMP AT THIS YEAR'S AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SHOW**

The Parks Unit would like to use the temporary ramp as part of our display stand at this years "show" as a positive way of promoting recreational facilities for youth as well as giving some of these talented young people an opportunity to display their skills.

The use of the ramp for the show will coincide with removing the ramp from Brooklands Domain to make way for construction of the permanent ramp. The ramp could then be shifted to the next location following that.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Shirley Papanui Community Board confirm the construction of a permanent skateboard facility on Brooklands Domain in the same location as the temporary ramp.
  2. That the MacFarlane Park area be confirmed as the next location for the temporary ramp and the Parks Unit identify a suitable location and advise local residents of the installation of the temporary ramp on a trial basis.
  3. That the Parks Unit utilise the temporary ramp as part of their display at this years Agricultural and Pastoral Show prior to going to the next location.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.