

# Roskill South Park | Proposed Concept Plan (2025)

Corner Burnett Ave and Howell Cres, Mt Roskill



# SITE CONTEXT

## Site Photographs:



View from Howell Crescent toward the reserve



View of the reserve toward Burnett Avenue



View toward the HLC development site from the reserve



View of the AT path from the reserve



Panorama view of the reserve from corner of Howell Crescent and Burnett Avenue



Panorama view from the reserve toward Howell Crescent and Burnett Avenue



Key:  
— Work extents  
- - Existing gravel path  
— Existing concrete path

## Site notes:

- The park was originally part of the Homes Land Community (HLC) / Housing New Zealand (HNZ) development in Roskill South and was acquired by Auckland Council for a public open space.
- The site's topography was significantly altered during early development and is now mostly grass covered. A 3m wide concrete path leads from Sanft Avenue, this changes to a gravel path where it connects into the northwest corner of the reserve, connecting to Burnett Avenue and Howell Crescent. The land slopes moderately northeast, with a 7m(approx.) elevation change from south to north. This 3,500 sqm (approx.) park offers passive grassed open space and views of the surrounding area. It is bordered by private and state housing, with high-density redevelopment underway to the north by HLC.



# PLAY GAP ANALYSIS



Auckland Council's Open Space Provision Policy highlights the need for new parks in the Mount Roskill growth areas. Roskill South Park is identified as a neighbourhood park to support local recreation and social needs within walking distance of residents. Two parks - Turners Reserve and Freeland Reserve, have been developed to the north of the park.

## TURNERS RESERVE

- Junior Play
- Junior modules
  - Junior swings
  - Spinners and springers
  - Spin net



- Senior Play
- Basketball court
  - Flying fox
  - Thrill play



## FREELAND RESERVE

- Leisure walkway / Learn-to-ride
- No playground





# Roskill South Park | Concept Plan (DRAFT)

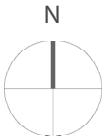


## CONTEXT PLAN:



## NOTES:

- 1 2.5m wide concrete path (gradient varies) connection to adjoining roads.
- 2 Laneway and carpark proposed by HLC.
- 3 Open fence running along boundary to provide traffic separation for park users.
- 4 Dry stream with wetland planting to provide sediment control for stormwater discharge from the HLC development and the park.
- 5 Inclusive playground (wetpur surfacing), equipment include: swings, carousel, slide, music play.
- 6 Moderately sloping bank (gradient at 1:3-1:4), vegetated with a variety of native species that provide a habitat/food source for native fauna, and soften the interface with neighbouring housing development.
- 7 Specialised play- sand play with boulders
- 8 Low mound with buffer planting reduces chances of balls running downhill from the ball games area.
- 9 Community hub with picnic table and drinking fountain, and potentially a barbecue facility under a shelter.
- 10 Approx 900sqm flat grassed space for ball games, tag and passive recreation.
- 11 Proposed 3 on 3 basketball half court, with retaining and ball fencing as required.
- 12 Natural Play on slope - climbing, balancing.



Scale: 1:250 @ A3



# Roskill South Park | Activity Summary

## INDICATIVE GRADING PLAN



The proposed concept outlines the potential developments for Roskill South Park, situated at the corner of Burnett Avenue and Howell Crescent. Based on the Strategic Assessment for this site, recommendations include a 30x30m 'kickaround' space, informal 'nature play' features, a community gathering space, along with planting and walkway connections. The park is also proposed to feature three key play spaces: inclusive play, specialised play and natural play, all complemented by extensive slope planting.

### KICK-A-BALL SPACE

The proposed kick-a-ball area is generally flat, covering approximately 900sqm, with seating along the borders. A low grass mound is also proposed on the eastern side, near the shared path, to help prevent balls from rolling down the slope below.

### PLAY FEATURES

According to the Play Assessment, Roskill South Park is identified as a key site to address population growth and enhance specialised play experiences. The 800-meter link to Turner Playground is at the outer limit of a typical pedestrian catchment area. The area's high-density, infill housing makes this park an important part of the play network, as Turner Reserve currently lacks early childhood and specialised play opportunities.

Due to the site's topography, an embankment playground is recommended to integrate nature play with the slope. A high-quality neighbourhood playground that accommodates diverse play groups is recommended. The location also benefits from good natural surveillance, with oversight from the HLC development from CPTED perspectives.

### BASKETBALL COURT

A 3-on-3 basketball half-court is proposed at the Burnett Ave entry, targeting the growing young demographic from the nearby infill housing development. The design incorporates CPTED principles and benefits from neighbourhood surveillance. A 3-sided mesh fence may be included to keep the ball contained.

### COMMUNITY SPACE

The space is proposed at the Burnett Ave entry, overlooking the kick-a-ball area, playground, and basketball court, with a permanent shelter. The shelter will include a long picnic table, a barbecue, and a nearby drinking fountain. This setup will offer all-weather protection and encourage year-round community use. The gradient of the proposed community space is approx. 1:45 to provide assessability for the community.

### PLANTING

Sensory planting is proposed near natural play spaces to enhance play value. Sloped areas will feature low amenity planting and clear-trunk trees for sightlines across the park. Specimen trees will provide shading and soften views of nearby building massing. Fast-growing native shrubs on the northern slope will screen the retaining structures. A swale with wetland planting along the northern boundary will provide sediment control and traffic buffer from the nearby development.

### CONNECTIONS

A proposed 2.5m wide concrete path will connect users from Howell Crescent and Burnett Avenue to the park, one side also serving as a shared path linking to Sanft Avenue and will be managed by Auckland Transport. The gradients vary from 1:50 to 1:9.3. At the lower section, the path widens to 3m to connect with the existing concrete path.



# Roskill South Park | Materials Palette



CONCRETE WALL + PLANTING



TIMBER FENCE



PATH + PLANTING



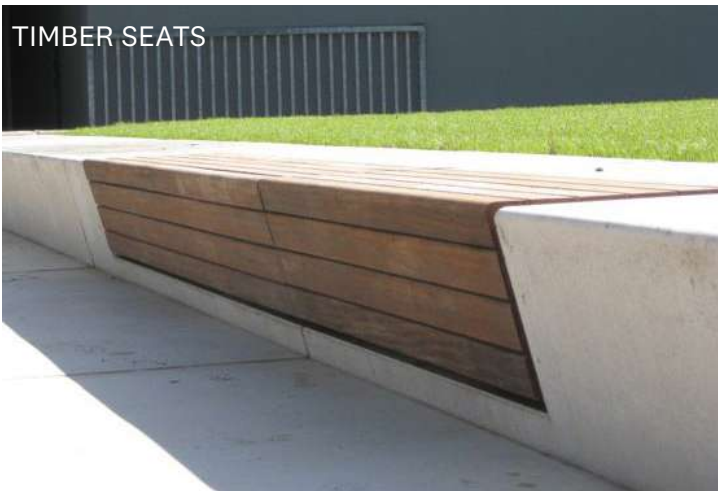
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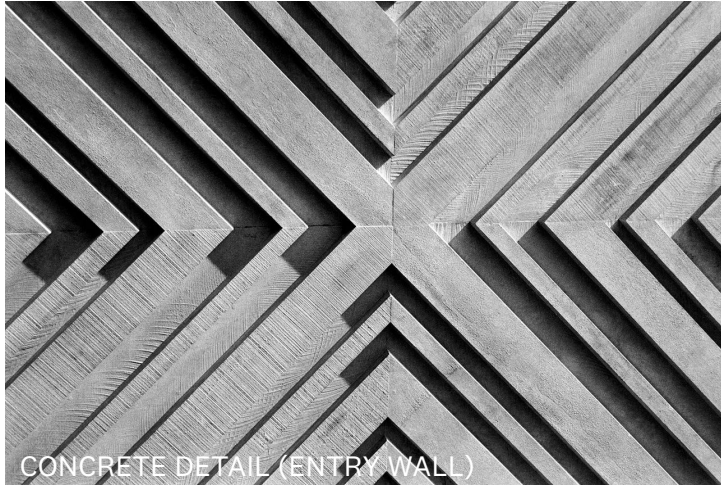
CONCRETE WALL RETAINING



PICNIC TABLE



TIMBER SEATS



CONCRETE DETAIL (ENTRY WALL)



SAND PIT



WOODCHIP



WETPOUR



SHELTER



# Roskill South Park | Play Precedent Images

NEW PLAY EXPERIENCES:



Swinging



Climbing



Sliding



Balancing



All abilities / inclusive



Crawling



Informal play



Basketball

**A** 2 Bay Swing



Options for Inclusive swing seats

**B** Inclusive carousel



**C** Music play / Sensory Play



**D** Sand play



**E** Tube slide



**F** Informal Play (kickaround)



**G** Natural play on slope



**H** 3 x 3 Basketball Court

