Wesley Community Centre Playground Renewal

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Section 1: Introduction

1.1 Introduction and background

Introduction and project scope

Wesley Community Centre Playground is located at the west end of Mt Roskill War Memorial Park (also known as May Road War Memorial Park). The total area of the playground is 280 square metre and Sandringham Road Extension runs along the playground's western boundary.

The playground is due for renewal and needs an upgrade to bring it up to today's standard of destination play, in line with other parks across Auckland.

Planning and programme

The Parks and Community Facilities design team will be working in collaboration with Puketāpapa Local Board and affected sports clubs and community groups throughout the development of this master plan. Refer to the project timeline below for more details.

Key partners and stakeholders

Internal Councils stakeholders and key partners include staff from the following departments will be involved in the development of this master plan:

- Parks and Community Facilities
- Puketāpapa Local Board
- Healthy Waters
- Mana Whenua

Other stakeholders include:

- Kainga Ora
- Wesley Community Centre
- Wesley Community Groups
- Bhartiya Samaj Charitable Trust
- Wesley Primary School
- Wesley Intermediate School
- Special school (future)
- Sports clubs:
  - Ōwairaka Athletics Club
  - Eden-Roskill Softball Club
  - Central City Baseball Club
  - Auckland Football Federation
  - Roskill Districts Rugby Club
  - Suburbs Rugby Club
  - Mt Roskill Saints Australian Football Leagues

Project timeline



1.2 Existing site photos


Existing playground


Basketball halfcourt


Te Auaunga


Roadside footpath by the playground


Te Auaunga bridge crossing


Roskill Youth Zone plaza

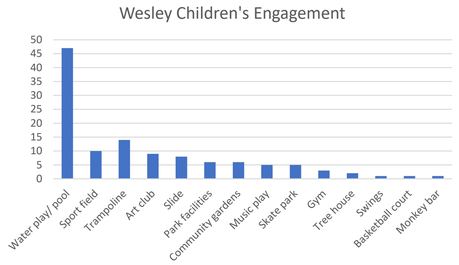

Seating locates beside the community centre


Gifford Ave carpark

1.3 Consultation feedback to date

Engagement with Wesley Primary School - March 2022

Engagement with Wesley Primary School was undertaken in March 2022 via post card.
The results of the engagement suggest that pools and trampolines are the highest two desired play facilities. There are also feedback on park facilities including benches, rubbish bins, and BBQ areas.



Have Your Say - December 2019

Consultation of Mount Roskill War Memorial Park draft masterplan was undertaken in December 2019 via Have your Say online surveys. The consultation targeted a large radius of local residents. There are general responses, feedback specific to the draft masterplan, and feedback that is specific to play. Summary points from the survey are outlined in the above three sections as the following:

1. General Responses:

- Respondents mostly visited a few times a week
- Main activity at site is sports and games

2. Feedback specific to masterplan: More than half of the respondents do not support to replace the existing softball clubrooms to a multisport clubroom

- Respondents mostly supported the naturalisation of Te Auanga
- Respondents mostly supported the improvements to accessibility on the path network and prefer a shared path link
- Less than half of the respondents support the enhancement of passive recreation provision. Most comments do not like the implementation of artwork in the park

3. Feedback specific to play areas:

- Most of the respondents fully supported to add seating, especially in the playground
- Most of the respondents support the upgrade of the play, skate, basketball and exercise equipment

1.4 Strategic documents

The renewal of the Wesley Community Centre Playground will be based on the following analysis and assessment documents:

Play Network Gap Analysis, Puketāpapa Local Board (2021)

This document looks at all playspaces within the local board area and provides recommendations for their development. It identifies the current Wesley Community Centre Playground as a neighbourhood scale playground. The playground is mainly designed for children in early childhood, junior and senior age. There's no play provided for youth.

The report suggests the playground has high priority in upgrading to address population growth and requires specialised play experience improvement. All abilities items and water play are recommended to be proposed for improving and maximising the play network impact to the community.

The Gap Analysis report finds the following play experiences have been provided by Wesley Community Centre Playground:

- Climbing
- Swinging
- Rocking
- Sliding
- Spinning
- Balancing
- Creative / imaginative
- Balancing (poor)

The report also identified the playground does not provide the following play experiences:

- Jumping
- Sound
- Sand
- Water
- Nature play
- All abilities

Healthy Puketāpapa Action Plan(2019 - 2021)

This set of documents aim to create an environment that supports and encourages healthy behaviours. By addressing the drivers of social disadvantage, everyone will have a fair opportunity to reach their full health potential. The renewal of the Wesley Community Centre Playground will aim to help achieve the health and wellbeing vision.

Puketāpapa shade shelter report (2019)

This report summarises the outcomes of a network assessment of shade shelter provision across the local board area and provides guiding principles for future investment in shelter provision. The report suggests there's no additional shade needed at Mt. Roskill War Memorial Park West playspace.

Drinking Fountain Provision Assessment (2018)

This report looks at the drinking fountains within the local board area and suggests possible locations for additional drinking fountains. The report identifies there are two drinking fountains in Mt. Roskill War Memorial Park. There is no requirement for installing new drinking fountain in the park.

Public Toilet Provision Assessment (2018)

This report looks at the public toilets within the local board area and suggests possible locations for additional public toilets. The report suggests there is no requirement for installing additional public toilet in Mt. Roskill War Memorial Park.

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Name and Typology			*Age Group Provision*				*Standard Play Experience Provision*							*Specialised Play Experience Provision*					
Reserve Name	Site ID	Playspace Typology	Early Childhood (0-4 yrs)	Junior (5-8 yrs)	Senior (9-12 yrs)	Youth (13+)	Climbing / crawling	Swinging	Rocking	Sliding	Spinning	Balancing	Jumping	Creative / imaginative	Sound	Sand	Water	Nature play	All abilities play item(s)
Mount Roskill War Memorial Park West (Sandringham Road)	TBC	Neighbourhood	Y – good	Y – good	Y – poor	N	Y – good	Y – good	Y – good	Y – good	Y – good	Y – poor	N	Y – good	N	N	N	N	N

Accessibility						*Supporting Infrastructure / Amenities*						*Commentary*		
Courts	Wheeled Play	Other play	Edging	Level Access	Surfacing Type	Shade	Toilets	Parking	Drinking fountain	Lighting	Other	Nearby user groups	Priority	Considerations
Y – 2x small bas-ketball half courts	N	Y – hop-scotch and four-square (play mat-ta tiles)	Concrete	Y	Play matta tiles	N	Y – within wider park	Y – within park	Y – within wider park	N	Rubbish bin	Wesley Community Centre, Roskill Youth Zone, Owairaka Ath-letics, Lovelock Track, Mount Roskill / Wes-ley Farmers Market	High	High priority rating from excellent network position associated with community hub, location within Kāinga Ora's Wesley development area. An opportunity exists to consolidate the Sandringham Road playspace with the adjacent community centre playspace (currently decommissioned), to better integrate the Sandringham Road playspace with the plaza and community facilities. It is recommended that the retention of the 2x basketball hoops directly adjacent to the playspace is reviewed in lieu of investing in existing courts and potential multi purpose space adjacent the Youth Zone building. There is potential to integrate accessible / all abilities, creative / imaginative, balancing and specialist play experiences for the Early Childhood to Senior age groups, though level of investment will need to be considered against ensuring appropriate investment in the May Road playspace to elevate suburb level facilities given expected population growth in the area. Playspace upgrades should also provide seating (currently lacking).

Data capture spreadsheet of Wesley Community Centre Playground in the Play Gap Analysis Report.



Section 2: Site Analysis

2.1 Nearby playgrounds



Owairaka Park - Neighbourhood Playspace

Mixed Play

- Flying fox
- Spinning and climbing play
- Single slide module
- Baby seat swing





Arthur Faulkner Reserve - Neighbourhood Playspace

All Abilities Play

- Module with slides and hanging
- Play house with play panel
- Inclusive carousel, rocking play
- Swing sets with basket and baby seats





War Memorial Playground - Suburb Playspace

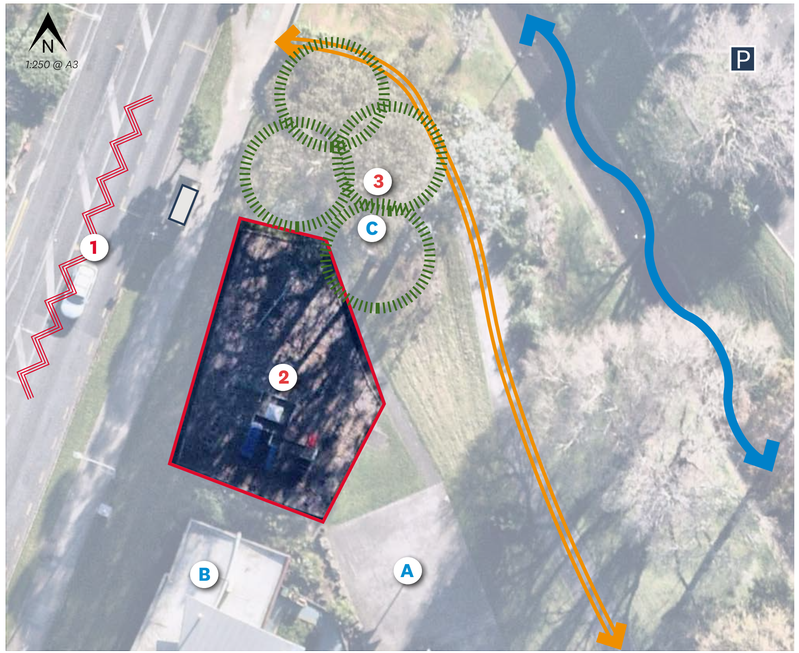
All Abilities Play

- Skate park
- Inclusive carousel
- Jumping, swinging, sliding, rocking, climbing, spinning play





2.2 Site constraints and opportunities



Opportunities

- A Potential area for playground extension
- B Adjacent building could be incorporated as part of fencing
- C Space to provide seating and picnic areas
- D Existing mature trees provide shades for playground

Constrains

1. Noise, dust, fumes, and high volume traffic on Sandringham Road
2. Limited space on the existing playground footprint
3. Mature tree roots
4. Shared cycle pathway traffic
5. Te Auaunga Awa in close proximity to the playground creates a potential hazard

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LEGEND

- Playground boundary
- Shared cycle path
- Te Auaunga
- Bus stop
- Existing car parks
- Noise, dust, and fumes from traffic
- Existing mature trees



Section 3: Concept Design

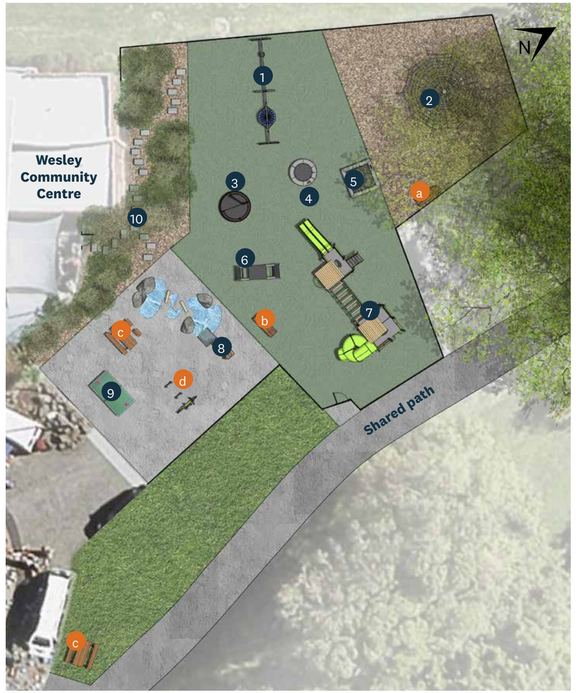
3.1 Draft concept plan



LEGEND

- Bark safety surfacing
- Wetpour safety surfacing
- Colour concrete paving
- Proposed fence
- Low amenity planting
- Proposed gate

3.2 Proposed play equipment and furniture



1 2-Bay Swing Set
w/ basket and toddler & adult seats



2 Climbing Net



3 Wheelchair Carousel



4 Trampoline - Round



5 Trampoline - Square



6 Multi Seesaw



7 Junior - Senior module



8 Water Play



9 Table Tennis (by others)



10 Nature play



a Park Seat



b Park Bench



c Accessible Picnic Set



d Cycle Stands



3.3 3D Visuals







