MARYBETH AND CHICHESTER RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Pursuant to s41 of the Reserves Act, intention to prepare this plan was publicly notified on 25 March 2009.

Public notification of the draft management plan for suggestions and comments was given on 16 June 2010.

This management plan was approved by Papakura District Council pursuant to section 41(13) of the Reserves Act 1977 on 14 September 2010.

1 Introduction

1.1 Marybeth Reserve

Marybeth Reserve is a 9600m2 reserve which was established in 1971 as a reserve of 3860m2 but was enlarged by the purchase of extra land between 2007 and 2008. Marybeth Reserve is located at 22R Marybeth Place between Tatariki Street, Goodwin Drive and Marybeth Place in the suburb of Rosehill.

Marybeth Reserve is an 'area reserve' which means it is designed to cater for the needs of several neighbourhoods and as such should be appointed and maintained at a higher standard than a local 'neighbourhood' reserve.

Prior to 2008 Marybeth Reserve was shielded from Tatariki Street and Goodwin Drive by houses and had become unsafe and at times dangerous. Council purchased and removed several houses along Tatariki Street and Goodwin Drive to enlarge and open up the reserve.

The plan for Marybeth Reserve is to redevelop it as a safe and functional area reserve.

1.2 Chichester Reserve

Chichester Reserve is named after Sir Francis Chichester and was acquired through subdivision as a neighbourhood reserve in 1973 and added to in 1976 as a result of further subdivision. The reserve is located at 59R Chichester Drive, Rosehill.

Chichester Reserve measures 2146m2 and is a small neighbourhood reserve which is currently fully developed with open space and a children's playground. It is

fenced from the Southern motorway and has heavy planting to the motorway boundary.

The reserve has been partly compromised by the existence of a power transmission pylon in the northwest corner and will be further affected by the proposed location of a stormwater control device in the south west corner. This will entail the temporary closure of the reserve during works and installation, but will result in the southern part of the reserve being reshaped and replanted. It will not affect the playground or kick around area. Council has no further plans to redevelop the reserve but through this management plan will maintain the reserve and its features according to the objectives, policies and implementation actions.

For clarity, where the provisions of the plan are targeted to Marybeth or Chichester reserve the provision will name the reserve. Where the reserve is not named the provision applies to both reserves.

2 Statutory Framework

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that certain reserves have management plans to guide their development and use. The Reserves Act aims to preserve and manage special places of value, species, ecosystems and landscapes, preserve public access and allow for the purchase and classification of land for reserves as listed below:

All reserves are classified according to their principal purpose.

(a) Recreation
(b) Local purpose
(c) Scenic
(d) Nature
(e) Historic
(f) Scientific
(g) Government purpose

Marybeth and Chichester are classified as *Recreation* Reserves under the Reserves Act.

2.1 Recreation Reserves

Under Section 17 of the Reserves Act, recreation reserves are classified for the purpose of providing areas for the recreation, sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public. There is an emphasis on the retention of open spaces and outdoor activities. This means that the land can be used for organised or informal active recreation and can be developed with a view to providing facilities and areas for exercise and enjoyment for all people.

2.2 Management Plans

Management plans are required for all recreation reserves so that the owner (Council) can outline its general intentions, long term objectives and policies for the management, development, maintenance, protection, preservation and use of reserves. The aim is to ensure that reserve management plans are based on sound

principles and that, through consultation, the needs of the public are clearly identified and met.

2.3 Review of Plans

Council must review all reserve management plans every ten years but all plans are 'live' in that they can be altered or changed through consultation at any time to reflect changed circumstances or adapt to community needs. This ability to have a rolling review ensures that plans are kept up to date.

Reserve management plans do not operate in isolation from other legislation, therefore this plan should be read at all times in conjunction with the provisions of any relevant bylaw and the District Plan.

2.4 Consultation

A significant part of the development of reserve management plans is the type and level of public consultation that is invited by Council. Council must (and has) advertised its intention to prepare the plan and invite comment. It has also advertised the draft plan for public comment and will then undertake a hearing procedure to allow submitters to speak to their submissions.

For Marybeth Reserve, Council has also held open days, encouraged 'hot spot' recreation activities and liaised with a local community committee to further understand the needs of the community.

Officers analysed community desire and type of equipment, spaces and facilities and engaged a landscape architect to incorporate community desire into a draft concept plan for the redevelopment of Marybeth Reserve (see appendix). Council's intention is to create a popular, safe, attractive and useable recreation space that the community can have pride in. For Chichester Reserve no concept plan was created as the reserve is fully developed (see 1.2 above).

3 Council Framework

Elements of other Council documents impact on reserve management plans or affect how land is used and managed. These include but are not limited to Council's Open Space Strategy, the Parks and Reserves Features and Services document and the Long Term Council Community Plan process, particularly the following community outcomes:

1) Accessible and cared for natural environment - by sustainable recreational use of and collective care of the natural environment.

2) Fostering involvement in arts and recreation – by providing well maintained accessible and attractive places and opportunities for recreation.

3) Pride in our community and heritage – by strengthening identity with Papakura and, protecting our known cultural and heritage sites.

4) Releasing the potential of our Rangatahi – by creating educational opportunities.

Council also creates rules for development and use of land in its District Plan so that no use of the land may be contrary to those rules.

4 Management Objectives, Policies and Implementation

4.1 Objective 1:

***The Marybeth and Chichester Reserves will be safe and secure recreation places for the people of the Rosehill area of Papakura and will provide access and accessibility for people of all ages*.**

4.1.1 Policies:

- The reserves will be freely accessible by the public for general outdoor recreation.
- Fences will be kept to a minimum for the efficient and safe use of the reserves and neighbouring private property. Where possible, fences will be designed to limit opportunities for graffiti and vandalism.
- Council's preference for boundary fences between private property and the reserves is for permeable 'pool style' fences which create a defined barrier but limit opportunity for crime and concealment.
- All areas of the reserves will be made accessible by all members of the public.
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles will be considered in all elements of reserve design and ongoing maintenance.
- Dogs will not be permitted within 10m of any children's playground area or sports field 'kick around areas' as described in Council's Dog Control Bylaw 2009.

4.1.2 Implementation Actions:

- Existing bollard fencing to the road boundary of Chichester Reserve will remain to prevent unauthorised vehicular access.
- Marybeth Reserve will not be fenced to the road boundaries but will be sculpted to be lower than the road level to create a clear break in ground level.
- Fencing or low landscape element barriers will be erected around the young children's play area at Marybeth Reserve.
- Pram, wheelchair and mobility vehicle needs will be provided for in accessing the reserves through entrance design and path width.

4.2 Objective 2:

The reserves will cater for all ages through a mix of open space, structured play areas, passive open space, quality furniture and a high level of amenity provision.

4.2.1 Policies:

- Landscape plans will be prepared for the proposed redevelopment of the enlarged Marybeth Reserve. These plans will form the basis of public consultation on design.
- Appropriate play equipment and other facilities that increase or improve the amenity and character Marybeth Reserve will be installed and will include play climbing, swinging, agility and movement equipment. Existing equipment at Chichester Reserve will be maintained and replaced when necessary.
- Open space areas for active play and recreation will be provided along with walking and cycling paths at Marybeth Reserve. Existing open space areas at Chichester Reserve will continue to be maintained.
- Seating will be provided in appropriate locations in both reserves with regard to orientation to the sun, shelter from wind and views of the reserve.
- All furniture will be functional, robust and visually appropriate to the reserves.
- All signs and symbols in the reserves will be provided and located to give clear and positive guidance to assist public enjoyment of the reserves.
- Litter bins will be provided in appropriate locations within the reserves.

4.2.2 Implementation Actions:

- Council will ensure that all equipment and facilities installed on the reserves complies with and is maintained to relevant national codes and standards.
- Bench seating will be provided within the reserves at locations which take best advantage of sun, shade, views and observation of passive and active activity.
- Litter bins will be installed in the reserves with particular emphasis on entrances and those areas with seating. Litter bins will be regularly emptied.
- Flat, functional open space areas will be provided and maintained for informal sports games.
- All new facilities and equipment will be designed with graffiti proof surfacing and installed to provide as little attraction for vandalism as possible.

4.3 Objective 3:

The reserves will encourage people of all ages to stay and engage with the qualities and facilities of the reserve.

4.3.1 Policies:

- Existing trees will be maintained in a good condition and may be removed only for reasons of safety or good management as detailed in Council's Tree Policy and the District Plan.
- Additional trees and shrubs will be planted in appropriate areas to enhance the environment of the reserves.
- Weed control will be carried out to eliminate any weeds identified by the Department of Conservation or Council as a pest, noxious, or dangerous species.
- Quality path and park design will create spaces in Marybeth Reserve to allow people of all ages to engage in multiple activities, or observe and enjoy the surroundings in an attractive, open and safe environment.

4.3.2 Implementation Actions:

4.3.2.1 Existing Trees

Existing trees shall be maintained in good condition.

A tree may be modified, trimmed, or otherwise maintained in accordance with recognised arboricultural practice by Council if:

- the work is considered necessary for the health of the tree and;
- the character and amenity of the environment is improved, and;
- it is unlikely to result in the death, destruction or irreparable damage to the tree.

A tree may be removed only for reasons of safety or good management as set out below:

- The tree is dead or irretrievably diseased or damaged or:
- It presents an immediate danger to the life, health or property of the people of the locality;
- It is causing uncontrollable structural damage to a road or utility service;
- It is creating a traffic hazard by reducing driver's visibility;
- Removal is authorised by a statutory provision.

4.3.2.2 New Planting

Trees and shrubs will be planted in appropriate areas in Chichester Reserve and according to the landscape concept plan for Marybeth Reserve to:

- Provide shade and shelter for reserve users;

- Replace trees removed for reasons listed above;
- Define the boundaries and spaces of the reserves whilst still following CPTED principles;
- Provide a pleasant planted environment that balances natural planted areas with open spaces and incorporates species which are appropriate to the area and the reserves.

4.3.2.3 Weed control

- Any weed or plant species, whether indigenous or introduced and which is identified by the Department of Conservation or Council as a pest, noxious or dangerous species will be eliminated from both reserves and the reserves will be kept in a weed free condition.

4.4 Objective 4:

The reserves will be a focus for families and community development.

4.4.1 Policies:

- The reserves will provide opportunities for physical adventure and exploration by young people, safe observation and movement by older people and use of the reserves by families for a range or recreational pursuits.

- Play features will be provided in selected areas and designed and constructed to conform to the NZ Standard for Playground Equipment at Marybeth Reserve, and all existing play features will be maintained to code standard at Chichester Reserve.

- The reserves will be designed specifically for family use – so that people of all ages can enter, use and enjoy the spaces.

4.4.2 Implementation Actions:

- A specific younger children's play area will be constructed which will allow free movement, and structured play at Marybeth Reserve.

- Other equipment for older youth will include large swings, climbing frame and flying fox at Marybeth Reserve.

- Open areas are set aside for wide games and sport at Marybeth Reserve.

- Wide entry points will be provided so that people of all ages can enter and use the reserves.

5 APPENDICES

5.1 Marybeth Reserve landscape concept plan



5.2 Legal descriptions Marybeth Reserve

Lot 12 DP 64283 CT NA22A/778 - All

Lot 13 DP 64283 CT 22A/779 – All

Lot 79 DP 64405 CT NA18B/1422 - Part

5.3 Legal Descriptions Chichester Reserve

Lot 44 DP 77147 CT NA33C/518 – All

Lot 31 DP 77147 CT NA33C/513 - All

Lot 32 DP 77147 CT NA33C/514 - All