1 Proposed neighbourhood reserves in Flat Bush

What's happening

The Howick Local Board would like to develop two small neighbourhood parks in Flatbush to help fill a gap in recreational open spaces in this medium-high density housing area.

The reserves are located at 148 Thomas Road and 41 Tir Conaill Avenue and are within an 800m walk (10 minutes) from one another. It is envisioned that these reserves will be developed in tandem. They will work together to provide park amenity for the neighbourhood. There are no other small reserves within a 10 minute walk of Thomas Road, and only two small reserves within this distance from Tir Conaill Avenue. The nearest large parks for the area are Totara Park to the south and Murphys Bush to the north.

Both sites have been acquired by Auckland Council. They are currently under-utilised, open lawn spaces. They have good road frontages and sit adjacent to stormwater drainage reserves with established riparian planting.

Before design gets underway, we would like to hear from the community about what types of amenity and recreation experiences you would like to see at the Reserves.



Have your say

Please take this opportunity to have your say on the development of the reserves by viewing the following pages and completing the feedback form online via aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay.

Online feedback opens on 11 April 2025 and closes on 31 May 2025.

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2 Tir Conaill Avenue Reserve Existing Site

Existing Site Plan



The Tir Conaill Avenue Reserve is mostly **flat and open**, bordered by residential houses and **low-traffic** roads with neighborhood **passive surveillance**.

Site Photographs



Relatively flat, open site with road frontage to two sides





Residential housing and bush reserve on the boundary of the park





Existing condition of Tir Conaill Avenue - speed bump, raingardens and swales



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3 **Thomas Road Reserve** Existing Site

Existing Site Plan



Thomas Road Reserve is situated on **sloping ground**, with its southern boundary adjacent to the **busy Thomas Road** and Drianage Reserve.

Site Photographs



View of Drumnaconagher Drive from the reserve



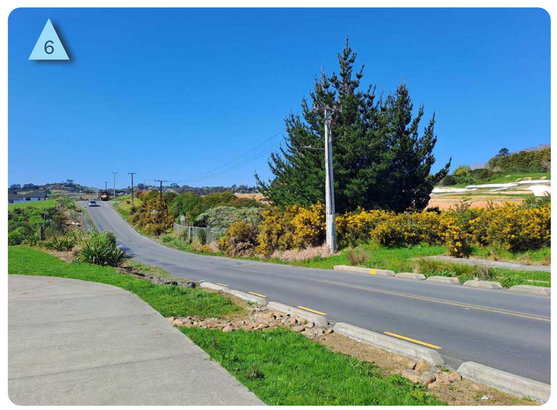
Gently sloping, open site with road frontage on two sides





Existing condition of Thomas Road Reserve - timber bollards, pedestrian path, power plinth



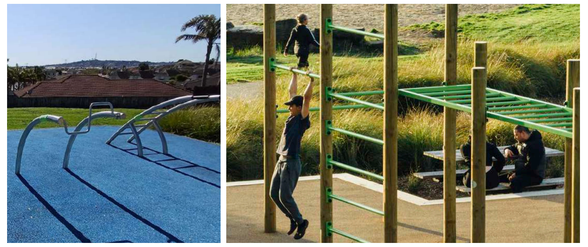


View of Thomas Road and Elevation Street from the reserve with swales on the reserve boundary

4 What three park elements would you like to see in the Reserves? (Select 3)



Playground



Fitness equipment





Nature play / informal play spaces





Half-Basketball court





Seating / social spaces





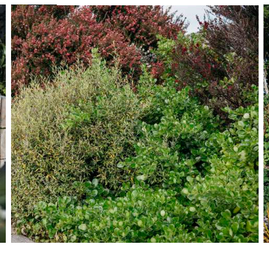
Open lawn / Kick a ball





Picnic facilities







Gardens

i.e pollinator planting, herb gardens, seasonal flowering gardens





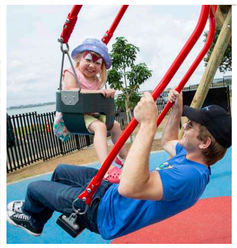


Shelter / shade

Others

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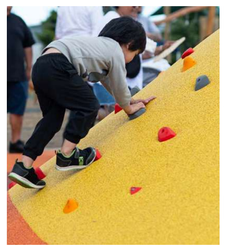
5 What top five play activities would you like to see in the Reserves? (Select 5)

Swinging




Sliding





Climbing




Spinning / Rotating




Jumping




Balancing




Hanging / Overhead




Nature Play




Play Tower




Rocking