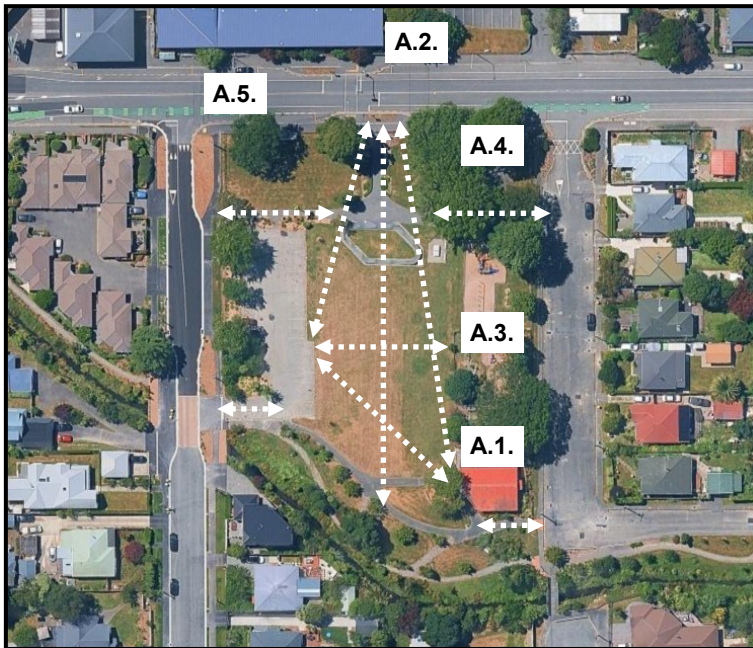




A. Existing Reserve Users (White Boxes)

A.1. Shirley Playcentre

Lease (2000): "There is a requirement that four car parks be provided, one for staff and three for parents attending the playcentre. There are car parks on the Shirley Community Centre Reserve to cater for on site car parking requirements, however the Council will not designate any of the car parks specifically for this purpose, the car parks being for Shirley Community Centre/Playcentre use as a whole. The main entrance to the playcentre is to be from the Community Centre car park which is accessed off Slater Street, thereby ensuring the safety of children by not requiring them to access the site from Chancellor Street which is adjacent to the playcentre."

A.2. Shirley Primary School

The Shirley Community Reserve car park is used to drop off/pick up Shirley Primary School students. Older siblings from Mairehau High School & Shirley Intermediate, wait in the Reserve after school for their younger siblings.

A.3. Reserve Playground

The current playground is outdated but still well used, by playcentre children & primary aged students. Due to the location on Shirley Road between Hills & Marshland Road, non-locals passing by the Reserve stop to make use of the site.

A.4. Shirley Recreational Walkers

Meet weekly on Mondays at 9:30 AM, on the corner of Chancellor Street and Shirley Road.

A.5. Shirley Road Bus Stops

Bus stops for high frequency bus routes: 100 (Halswell & Wigram to The Palms), 7 (Halswell to Queenspark) & Orbiter (Citywide, connecting major suburban shopping malls). These bus stops are used as transfer locations, for bus users changing from CBD buses & Orbiter.

B. Access & Footpaths (White Lines)

B.1. Shirley Road

The entrance gate/footpath into the Reserve is a bottleneck at drop off/pickup times. Pedestrians crossing from Shirley Road trying to get into the Reserve, have to push past those waiting on the Reserve side to cross at the signalized pedestrian crossing.

B.2. Chancellor Street

Two footpaths connect the Reserve to Chancellor Street, by the playground & behind the playcentre.

B.3. Dudley Creek

Currently Dudley Creek (Reserve's best view) is disconnected from Shirley Road. Prior to the earthquakes, a footpath ran along the east side of the former building, to connect Shirley Road to Dudley Creek.

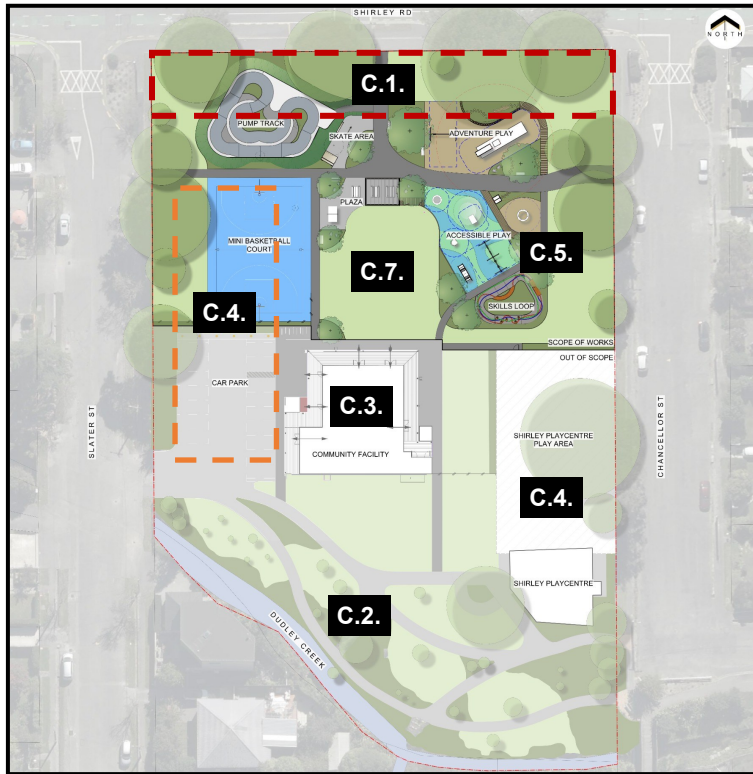
B.4. Slater Street

Footpath connects the Reserve to Slater Street, near Shirley Road. The entrance/exit to the Reserve car park is off Slater Street.



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C. Reserve Zones

C.1. 'Road' Zone (Red Dotted Line)

Currently this grass area is empty, apart from the rarely used half basketball court, located in the Reserve on the corner of Shirley Road & Chancellor Street.

This area needs to remain as a clear buffer zone, due to the amount of visual noise in front of the Reserve on Shirley Road. Red light runners are still a problem, going through the signalized pedestrian crossing. Road users are already visually distracted enough with the Hills/Shirley Road intersection lights, signalized pedestrian crossing lights, pedestrians waiting to cross, bus stops on both sides of Shirley Road, vehicles turning on to Shirley Road from Slater & Chancellor Streets & cycle lane users.

C.2. 'Creek' Zone

Due to the building placement on the Reserve & the south wall of the building having no windows/doors overlooking the back of the Reserve, there are limited clear sight lines to address safety issues.

C.3. 'Building' Zone

The new building will have an access deck on the North/East/West sides of the building, but not on the South side, which is an accessibility and safety issue.

C.4. 'Playcentre' Zone

Due to the playcentre placement on the Reserve & the post earthquakes removal of the footpath, that ran along the east side of the former building, many locals are unaware that this early childhood centre is there.

C.5. 'Playground' Zone

The current playground caters for babies/preschoolers/primary aged school children.

This location is the most accessible & visible from the streets with natural surveillance (CPTED), compared to other local playgrounds in the communities surrounding Shirley Road.

C.6. 'Car Park' Zone (Orange Dotted Line)

Reduced on-site car park, previously 29 spaces to 16 spaces: 14 with 2 Mobility car parks.

Many current Reserve car park users will be unaware of this change, which will add more anxiety & stress for drivers trying to find a park close to the school, leading to more congestion on the surrounding streets.

C.7. 'Grass' Zone

"This area currently visually appears as lower density residential; however, this area has been recently re-zoned to Medium Density Residential (MRZ) & High Density Residential (HRZ)...projected future increase in population signalled by the recent urban intensification zonings."

Family homes with big backyards are being replaced with multiple townhouses on the same section, with small or no gardens.

Artificial grass is the easy care option, with access to 'real' grass only available at CCC parks & reserves.



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D. CCC Draft Plan

D.1. Pump Track

The current pump track is rarely used. The original Shirley Primary School students petition asked for a pump track to be installed in MacFarlane Park.

Adding a new larger pump track, closer to Shirley Road in the 'Road' Zone, will put road users at risk of being distracted by pump track users, with the potential to cause more accidents at this location. Unsupervised children on scooters/bikes using the signalized pedestrian crossing, crossing from the Shirley side (North) to the Richmond side (South), could be put at risk as they ride across due to their speed/height.

D.2. Skate Area

Shirley residents have been asking for skate park facilities in MacFarlane Park "with unmet demand going back to 1993" according to the staff memo to the Board (Date: 10 June 2022, Reference: 22/701171). As above, this location adds distraction to Shirley Road users, congestion at the entrance gate with other park users & safety issues for skateboarders crossing Shirley Road.

D.3. Adventure Play

As above, H: Mega Swing at this location, close to Shirley Road in the 'Road' Zone will be distracting. Due to the height/width & solid state of the G: Adventure Climber structure. No ability to see through the structure, limiting visibility of children playing on the north side from the rest of the Play area.

D.4. Accessible Play

Yes | A: Curved Leg 2-Bay Junior Swing

Yes | B: Big Seated Net Chair

Yes | C: Companion Swing

Yes | D: Waka Rocker

No | E: Supernova Spinner, design not suitable for preschoolers & those with physical issues.

No | F: In-Ground Trampoline, rectangular shape to allow wheelchair users & more than one user at a time.

No | I: Play Whare, better interactive whare design options available.

No | J: Embankment Slide, design not suitable for those with physical issues & metal surface burns skin.

Yes | K: Inclusive Honeycomb Carousel

No | L: Low Vertical Timber Wave Fence, trip hazard for preschoolers & those with physical/mobility issues.

Yes | M: Te Reo Māori Core Board & Sensory Play Panels

- Equipment: Focus on Swings. No Climbing Equipment. Limited independent play options for preschoolers.

- Colour Scheme: Equipment needs to be 'nature' inspired, not bright, blues & greens, sensory friendly.

- Footpaths: Wider than normal, easy to navigate, simple direct access from A to B.

- Timber Boardwalks: Accessibility & safety issues due to slick surfaces for wheelchairs & strollers.

- Softfall Bark Chip: Can be challenging for some users with sensory sensitivities or mobility needs.

D.5. Skills Loop

Pump Track/Skate Area/Skills Loop would be better located in South MacFarlane Park by Jebson Street.

Create a destination space with the existing Community Garden, Nature Play area & new Twin Flying Fox.

D.6. Basketball Court & D.7. Table Tennis Table

No. Both of these are rarely used. This is a waste of this land, which could have better uses for more users.

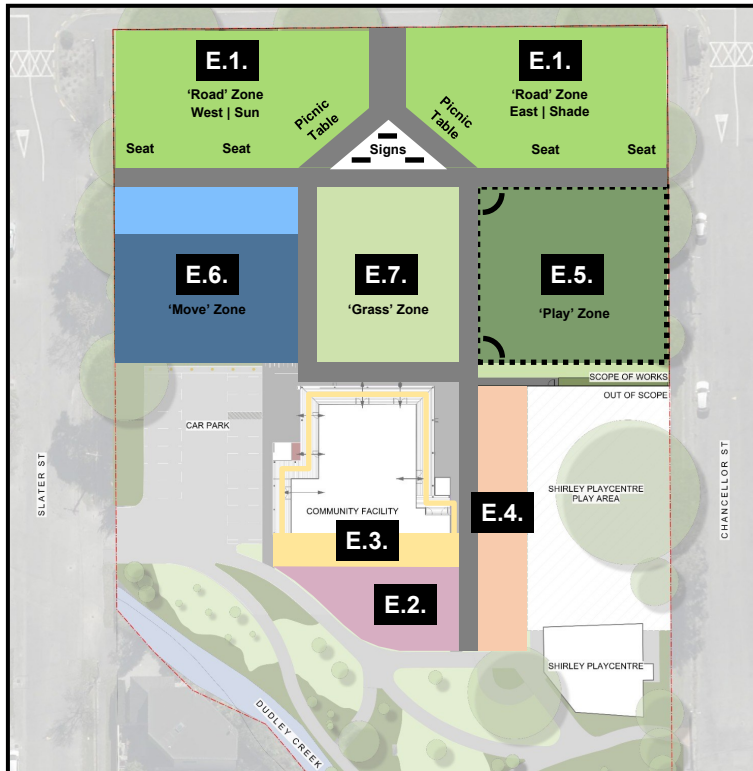
D.8. Plaza Picnic Tables

No. Picnic Tables need to be located where they will be used & not grouped together.



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E. 'Shirley Centre' Plan

E.1. 'Road' Zone

- Shirley Community Reserve is located on Shirley Road, between Hills & Marshland Road, which are key urban arterial routes, high-volume urban road (15,000+ per day), many non-locals going past this location.
- Picnic Tables: Both sides of Shirley Road entrance with separate rubbish bins, one in sun, one in shade, visibility over the whole Reserve & easily seen from the surrounding streets.
- Seats: Bench seats with no backs, ability to face either direction towards Shirley Road or either the 'Move' & 'Play' zones, available in the sun or shade, safe place to wait for bus & Shirley Primary School users.
- West | Sun: Grass area with new landmark, specimen deciduous tree, seasonal foliage & berries to attract birds e.g. Cornus 'Eddie's White Wonder' & fragrant/texture plants to create a calming sensory garden.
- East | Shade: Grass area with Nature Play options: boulders & repurposed Emmett Street trees/logs with Interpretation Board on the corner closest to their original home, sharing their story & our local history.

E.2. 'Creek' Zone

- Pollinator Friendly Garden, designed to provide food/water/shelter for bees & attract Monarch butterflies.

E.3. 'Building' Zone

- Deck extension to create wraparound deck for the building with seating area for the Reserve's best view.

E.4. 'Playcentre' Zone

- Community Garden, Shirley Playcentre & Shirley Primary School connection, with learning opportunities.

E.5. 'Play' Zone (Babies, Preschoolers, Primary Aged Children)

- Inclusive Play Space, designed to cater for the neurodiverse community (Feasibility Study 2023): "Opportunity to provide for inclusive play...Reserve is already currently fenced, which is rare particularly in the area north of Bealey Avenue...fenced playground...something the Disability community is advocating for more of, in particular the Autism community in Christchurch." More seating/safe observation locations.
- Fenced area with two access gates: North/close to Shirley Road & South/close to car park/playcentre.

E.6. 'Move' Zone (Youth, Adults, Older Adults)

- Larger Blue Area: In South Korea free outdoor fitness equipment features in virtually all public parks. Open 24/7 & no membership. Used by youth/adults/older adults for daily health maintenance & social gathering. Equipment for low-impact stretching & mobility, plus bars for calisthenics & functional movement training. Opportunities for circuit training & cardio along Reserve & Dudley paths/Chancellors St.
- Light Blue Area: Basketball/Netball Combo, with different goal at each end, colour coded layout markings.

E.7. 'Grass' Zone

- Large Open Space for outdoor activities to complement indoor activities & opportunities to connect each Zone to the new building eg: E.6.+E.7.+E.3. = 'Move' Zone combo or E.5.+E.7.+E.3. = 'Play' Zone combo.



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E. 'Shirley Centre' Plan | Suggestions

- <https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/playground-ideas/>
- <https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/shirley-centre-transport/>
- <https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/local-green-spaces/>
- <https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/gateway-to-the-east/>

E.5. 'Play' Zone (Babies, Preschoolers, Primary Aged Children)

- CCC Draft Plan has no Modular Play (climb/crawl/hang/slide) like the current playground.
- More preschoolers have limited opportunities to crawl (smaller houses = smaller lounge & hallway).
- Crawling develops co-ordination & strong shoulder muscles, to help control their arm/hand for fine motor skills like writing. Create more opportunities for preschoolers/primary aged children to climb/crawl/hang.



Replace Current Playground = Mini Dome with Slide

<https://www.playgrounds.co.nz/shop/product-detail/mini-dome-with-slide/>



I: Play Whare = Platinum Play

<https://www.playgrounds.co.nz/shop/product-detail/platinum-play-ijt743-v3/>



F: In-Ground Trampoline = Inclusive Rectangular Trampoline

<https://www.playgrounds.co.nz/shop/product-detail/trampoline-rectangular-100x300-cm---inclusive/>



E: Supernova Spinner = Wheelchair Carousel

<https://www.playgrounds.co.nz/shop/product-detail/wheelchair-carousel/>

E.6. 'Move' Zone (Youth, Adults, Older Adults)

- Inclusive Accessible Intergenerational Outdoor Fitness Space for exercise, Vitamin D & fresh air.
- Opportunities to incorporate fitness/stretching/strength & mobility training into daily life: waiting for your bus to arrive, after drop off or while waiting for pick up at school/playcentre & on your way home after work.
- Safe space (visibility from streets), flat footpaths & open green space for users to create their own routine.
- Equipment to complement potential fitness & mobility activities provided in the Centre building.



FitBLOCK

<https://www.playgrounds.co.nz/shop/product-detail/fitblock/>



Cross Training Combi 6 Compact

<https://www.playgrounds.co.nz/shop/product-detail/cross-training-combi-6-compact/>



SURFACE CHALLENGE 3

<https://www.playgrounds.co.nz/shop/product-detail/surface-challenge-3/>



Free Runner

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F. Reserve Activation

F.1. Christchurch City Libraries

The Shirley Community Reserve is located in North Richmond on Shirley Road.

The former Shirley Community Centre attracted locals and residents from other parts of the city, due to its accessible location by main arterial roads & public transport.

The Shirley Library/The Palms car park, is one of the busiest suburban libraries in Christchurch, yet has no Learning Spaces or Meeting Rooms.

Activities are provided in between bookshelves or by moving the book bins in the Children's area to create space for Wā Pēpi-Babytimes & Wā Kōrero-Storytimes (highest number of attendees in Christchurch).

The Shirley Library provides the most activities per location, compared to other local community facilities.

Community Engagement Librarians are trained outreach professionals with local knowledge, that deliver these mostly free activities/programmes to Shirley, Dallington, Richmond, Edgware & Mairehau residents.

Although the Board made the decision not to incorporate the Shirley Library into the new Reserve building, the Shirley Library activities could be relocated & run from this location: accessible central green space.

F.2. Auahatanga - Creative Spaces

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/creative-spaces/>

Christchurch City Libraries has dedicated Auahatanga Creative Spaces located at: Tūranga, Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, Matatiki Hornby Centre. But there are no opportunities in the East for residents to learn new skills, develop their creativity & connect with other local creative people in their communities.

Creative/Technology activities could be provided by the Libraries Team, in the new Reserve building.

F.3. Ō Tātou Wāhi Our Spaces

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/bookable-spaces/> New Button for 'Shirley Centre'.

<https://ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/our-spaces/our-spaces-booking-information>

<https://bookings.ccc.govt.nz/bookingportal/Booking/Casual#/facility>

When the new Reserve building isn't being activated by the Libraries Team, residents/community groups/schools/organisations are able to book these spaces online through 'Ō Tātou Wāhi Our Spaces'.

F.4. New Reserve Building Users

Our local Community Engagement Librarians are 'information specialists'. Familiar trusted local faces that are already engaged with our local communities through our schools, rest homes, community events etc.

They are able to promote the Reserve facilities available, when asked at the Shirley Library for suggestions on available community facilities, plus help with online bookings through 'Ō Tātou Wāhi Our Spaces'.

- Librarians will be able to create & provide new groups/activities, based on residents interest & feedback.

- Better location for Wā Pēpi-Babytimes & Wā Kōrero-Storytimes, opportunities to utilize inside the building, E.7. 'Grass' & E.5. 'Play' Zone.

- 'Reading to Dogs' can be held inside the building or outside on the E.7. 'Grass' Zone.

- Privacy for residents needing 'JP Clinic' or 'TechMate' services, with options to use either Meeting Room.

- 'Canterbury Genealogy' can come back 'home', for their Saturday 'Family History Help' sessions.

- 'After School Activity Zone' & 'Study Zone' for different age groups, with Youth organisations utilizing the Meeting Rooms, plus E.7. 'Grass' & E.5. 'Play' Zone.

- More space for Kidsfest & School Holiday programmes (away from The Palms, less stress to spend \$) .

F.5. Information Signs & Interpretation Board (White Triangle at Shirley Road Entrance)

- Information Sign 1: 'You Are Here', Location Map, Reserve Building Info, Booking Info, What's On Info.

- Information Sign 2: 'Need Help?', Links to local Support Services (as requested by ReVision Youth Audit).

- Interpretation Board: 'Tell Our Stories', History of Shirley Road, Original Building, Local History etc.

F.6. StoryWalk

StoryWalk is an interactive outdoor literacy activity, where the pages of a children's picture book are displayed on posts along a walking path, allowing families to read a story while walking through nature.

- 'The Wonderful Strangers' by Melanie Koster (Christchurch Author):

<https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S37C1567292>

F.7. Footpath Games & Exercises

Turn ordinary footpaths into active/engaging/movement paths, good for all ages & abilities.

Also useful to redirect young children who need distracting when transitioning from the E.5. 'Play' Zone to leave the Reserve & go home, plus moving from the car park to go to the playcentre or school.



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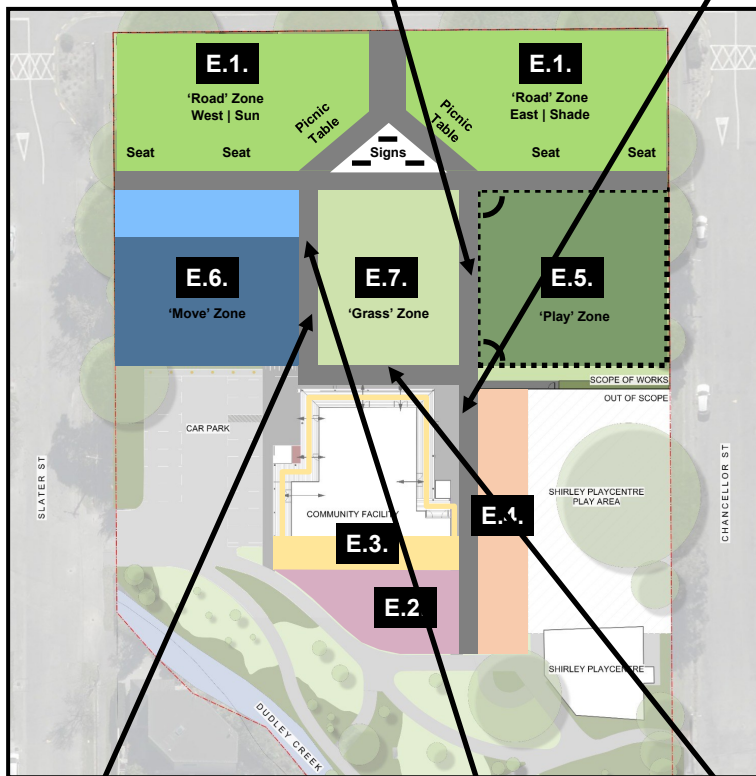
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Road Markings for the Footpath Intersections. Reminder to 'stop & look' for other users crossing.



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