

## **REPORT**

**To:** Motueka Community Board  
**From:** Horticultural Officer  
**Reference:** Linden Place Reserve  
**Date:** 26 August 2008

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Motueka Community Board of Consultation being carried out with residents in the vicinity of Linden Place Reserve, Brooklyn.

### **BACKGROUND**

A request was made by residents of Linden Place for Linden Place Reserve to be considered as an area where the Open Orchards concept could be applied. The concept entails planting disease resistant fruit and nut trees in public reserves that would be then available for the local community to freely use.

### **COMMENT/DISCUSSION**

A questionnaire was distributed by residents initially, which indicated some support for the Open Orchards concept. I met with residents who also had other suggestions about the use of the reserve – such as weed control, new park furniture and playground equipment. After this initial meeting a survey was sent to the residents by the Council. There was some opposition to the removal of established trees within the reserve. It was also important to most residents that the grassed areas were not impinged upon as this is a popular area for local children to play on.

As a compromise it has been agreed that some feijoa, almond and hazelnut trees will be planted. To achieve this only one existing tree, of very poor form, will be removed and some flax transplanted closer to the river. A new picnic table will be placed close to the entrance to the Reserve. Some weed control will also be carried out, including removal of a large patch of pampas.

If, in the future, trees need to be removed after arboricultural advice we would look at planting other edible species. Play equipment may be considered in the future, depending on funding.

### **AFFECTED PARTIES**

The local Brooklyn community.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That this report be received.

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