

Connemara Reserve

Location:	Connemara Court, Hobsonville
Context:	Urban / Residential
Description:	Neighbourhood Park / Recreation Reserve
Area:	2,874.64 m ²
Legal Description:	LOT 40 DP 161339
Entry:	
Visibility	Ok
Legibility	No signs at small entries, Clear at Connemara Rd
Accessibility	Good
Connectivity	Good
Number	3 Pedestrian
Signage	One at Connemara entrance
Carparks:	No
Boundary:	Open / Enclosed
Paths:	
Type	Concrete
Condition	Good
Width	1.5m
Connection	Good - Continue across roads
Buildings:	Sun Shelter
Seats:	3 benches, 1 table & bench
Bins:	2 metal / Green
Lights:	7 bollard lights
Playground:	Swings, slide, climbing, bridge, tunnel, platform, tennis court & wall.
Condition	Ok
Security:	
Outside	Poor - no properties directly overlooking.
Inside	Good
Entrapment	Behind tennis court & walkway.
Contour:	Flat / Gentle



Comments:

- One small sign at one entry, pedestrian entries not signposted. Good connectivity to surrounding streets, paving continues across roads.
- The reserve has been fully enclosed by surrounding properties. Evidence of small boundary fences placed originally and subsequent owners have constructed taller fences or hedges. No visual connection with houses.
- Well serviced by features including tennis court, sunshelter, fountain, playground, paving, lights and furniture.
- Playground located in one corner and not visible from the outside. Reasonable visibility inside.
- Potential hiding areas in perimeter planting, walkways also overgrown with plants in places.
- Number of large trees within reserve.
- Small grass areas could be planted to reduce mowing maintenance.

Conclusion:

A good example of a small neighbourhood reserve, some issues with surveillance over reserve due to modifications by private landowners. Investigate possibilities of limiting enclosure of reserve boundaries through policies and objectives. Develop design guidelines for neighbours to reserves. Maintain accessways to reserve in order to preserve sightlines.

Concept Plan: refer to Appendix 2