



Thursday, 6 April 2023

# Hi

**It's all go! It was so exciting to see the security fences go up. Since then the playground has quickly changed to a construction site.**

Curle Contracting came in to remove the equipment, seats, concrete footings and rubber matting. (We have had an exciting opportunity to recycle the old rubber, will bring you an update on that soon).

Despite some hail storms, wind and rain the task was completed on time. Fortunately, there were not too many surprises for this initial stage, mostly a few extra lumps of concrete in unexpected places.

It is so great to be underway, the next milestone is to strip the top soil and bring in gravel. This work is to:

- Level and smooth out the ground surface to make it suitable for construction.
- Create a stable base or foundation for building.
- Install drainage contours and channels so the water can be diverted away from the play area.
- Create gentle slopes and level surfaces, to make it easier for people with mobility issues or disabilities to access the play equipment.

Here are some photos of the progress taken by committee member Roselyn Fauth.



We relocated the sign that was printed for us by Branded Kiwi. And we have two new signs showing the site map and our amazing sponsors. The printing was sponsored by Corporate Print. To keep our costs down, the graphic design was gifted by CPlay committee member Roselyn Fauth.



CPlay volunteer committee members at Caroline Bay on Tuesday, from left, Roselyn and Chris Fauth with their daughters Annabelle 4, Medinella Fauth. Graham Ward, Leanne Prendeville, Lynette Wilson, Brent Birchfield, Hugo 5, Felicity 7, and Alice Brice. Absent, Francine Spencer, Sarah Mills, Owen Jackson (OJ) and John Rushton.



We are starting at the edge of the sports courts where the flying fox will be and working out from there.



Team work from Curle Contracting to clear the site ready for earth works.



Above: Dismantling equipment to shift off site.



Below: Bill Steans, Timaru District Director of Parks and Recreation, sitting on play equipment at Timaru's Caroline Bay, 1995. Timaru Herald Photographer Anne Hatch. Courtesy of [South Canterbury Museum 2012/186.9372](#)



The rope pyramid and mouse wheel has been un-installed to relocate off site. Now that they are out of the ground we can assess their condition. The horse and mouse wheel have a few small issues which seem straight forward to remedy. The rope pyramid has some wear and tear which we are getting professional advice on.



Thank you to Hilton Haulage for shifting the equipment and seats to the TDC yard.



So there you have it. The site was cleared at the end of March 2023, and now ready for the earthworks to start in April.

We look forward to sending through more updates soon.

Regards  
CPlay Team



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from the CPlay team

