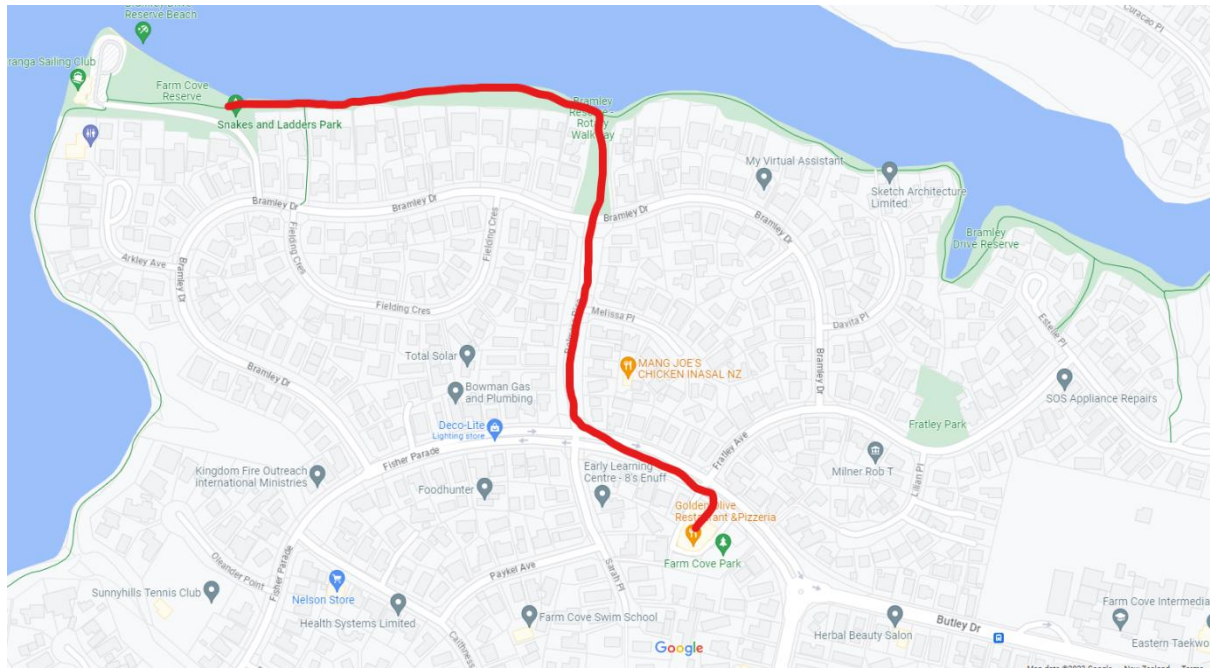


Observation by Arson Rashidmardani, starting at Farm Cove Village at 10:54 on 19/08/2023, walking along Fisher Parade and Belemere Rise before continuing on the Rotary Walkway (as seen in Figure 1), and ending at 11:16 at the Snakes and Ladders Park.

Figure 1: *Route of observation*



Source: (Google Maps, n.d.)

During the observation, it was found out that there are key areas that the community cherish extremely, namely the Farm Cove Village and its associated dairy and cafés and the rotary pathway and associated playground.

Figure 2: *Photo of amenities at Snakes and Ladders Park*



Source: Author

A variety of people utilised community amenities, ranging from toddlers to the elderly. However, the overwhelming majority of those observed were of European decent.

During the study, many people, including the elderly and young, crossed Fisher Parade without a pedestrian crossing present; they utilised the wide grass berm as a refuge (as seen in Figure 3) before crossing again; this could raise a potential equity issue as those who are not able-bodied, the elderly, or the very young could find this spot hard and/or unsafe to cross.

Figure 3: *Photo of Fisher Parade and grass median used as refuge*



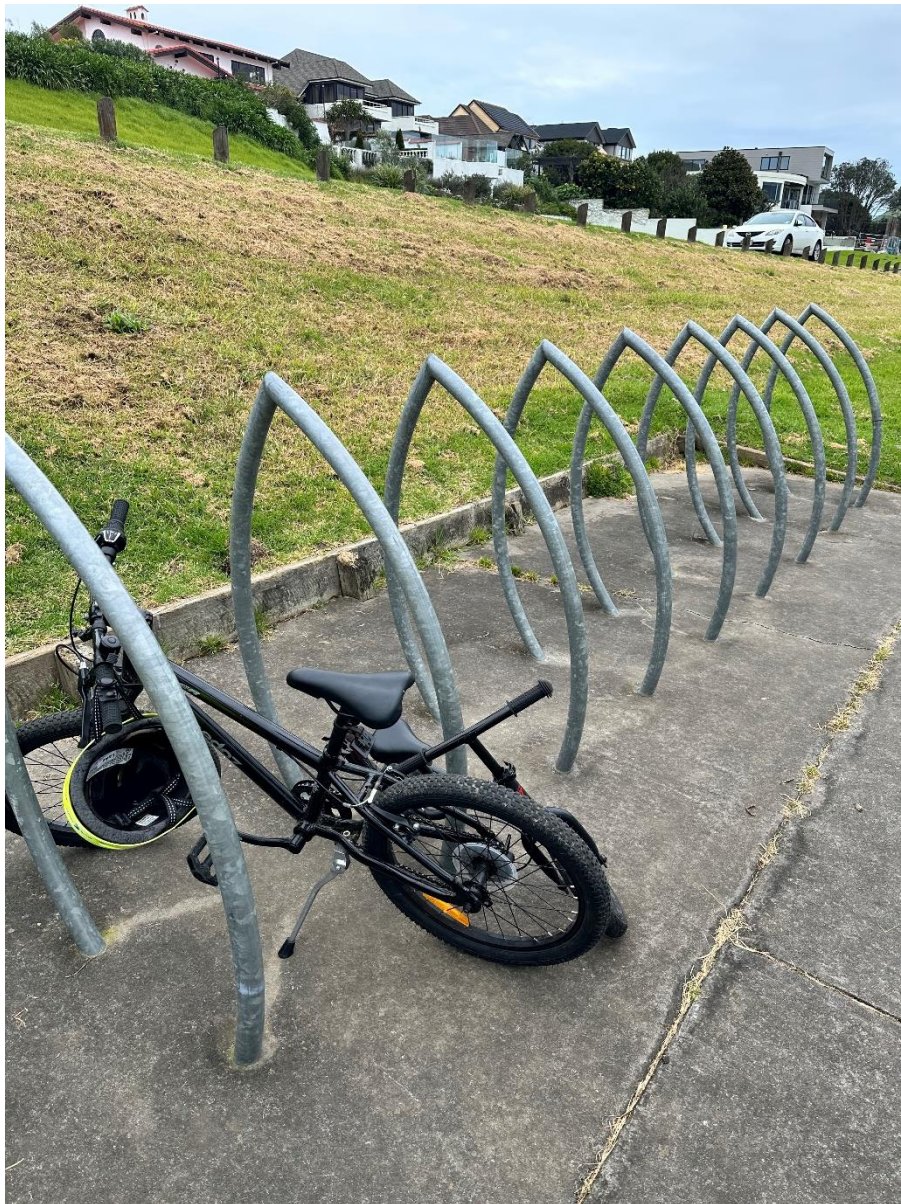
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Another major concern raised during observations was that the area is primarily dominated by motor vehicles; cars are parked on the sidewalk, making dangerous turns without indicating, backing out of the carpark without checking their rear-view mirror, speeding and more. As was found in Assignment 1, the area's residents primarily own two or more vehicles, and this could raise an equity concern about what it is like to live in this area for 2% of the population with no cars.

Another observation made was that all of the buildings were quite large and, at times, ostentatious, coupled with Assignment 1 findings that the area's rentals are entirely privately owned, raised an equity issue about how accessible this area truly is to lower-income people.

During the observation, many cyclists have seen cycling along Fisher Parade, the Rotary Walkway, or stopping at the Farm Cove Village or along the many benches of the Rotary Pathway. No bicycling facilities were present, including the lack of bike locks in many places. The Snakes and Ladders Park does, however, provide bike locks as seen in Figure 4.

Figure 4: *Photo of bicycle parking at Snakes and Ladders Park*



Source: Author

Another concern that arose is that the area's younger population consists mainly of teenagers. In contrast, the park is clearly designed for those younger, and no other facilities are present for this age category.

Overall, the area seems to satisfy and satiate the community's needs, however there are definitely some equity concerns around who is served within the community, and which communities are able to reside in this area.