Fred Tschopp found Tschopp's observations in September 1929 through the Mount Albert Borough Council Engineer who "considered his expertise would be most valuable" and he suggested that "his services be obtained in bringing down detailed plans for this class of work on Morningside Reserve [Fowlds Park] [Figure 3. Fowlds Park], Gribblehurst Park and Mount Albert Domain.\textsuperscript{20} A local government loan was raised in early 1929 to undertake development of parks in Borough. A short report was prepared by Fred Tschopp and presented to the Borough Council in February 1930. Tschopp stated in his report that

The layout of the Reserves has been largely designed from an economical point of view. It has been my object throughout to ensure a low initial cost with a minimum amount of maintenance without however jeopardizing the aesthetic effect of detracting from the interest of the design.

For this reason flowerbeds with their perpetual upkeep and replacement have been reduced to a minimum. In general the scheme has necessarily been adapted to suit all local governing conditions, as near as possible.

The main features of the Park include Swimming Baths, Playing Fields, Lakes, Band Stands, Rock-gardens and Terraces connected with winding paths and roads which afford at each bend and turn different treatment and new vista. Thus a never tiring array of landscape picture meet the eye.

Much consideration has been given to the planting of trees and shrubs, which I consider should be the dominating feature of the Reserves.

Native plants are represented in large numbers and varieties some sections being exclusive native plantations. Brilliant flowering exotic shrubs and trees are interspersed to add colour at all seasons and to lend a subtropical touch to the whole scheme.

Besides the trees, lawns are of secondary importance and every available space should be turned to a green carpet.

The attraction of birds through planting of berried shrubs and trees has been taken into consideration.\textsuperscript{21}

Tschopp has also wrote a set of "Suggestions" attached to a one page copy of the above report.

1. All tar footpaths should be dressed with red shingle.
2. Flower beds to be planted on conspicuous places only, the immediate foreground to a group of shrubs is most effective, the beds should be lined with soft irregular curves.
3. When planting with trees, shrubs or flowers, AVOID STRAIGHT LINES AND PLANT IN CLUSTERS.
4. Plant lawn wherever possible except between shrubbery or around trees.
5. Do not build Rockeries or Moraines unless specified on plan. Natural rockeries need little or no improvements.
6. Soil should not be heaped around the trunks of trees and shrubs as this is injurious to most of them.
7. ...Let all plants develop their natural habits and growth and on no account attempt to prune and plants into formal or symmetrical shapes. ...
8. Label all plants with the botanical and common names so the public may get aquatinted with the plants.
9. Common sense will be the best guide for the layout of the parks and an endeavor to follow nature closely as possible.

FRED TSCHOOPP. Landscape Architect.\textsuperscript{22}

Detailed landscape development plans and planting lists were also prepared for this project including a

\textsuperscript{20} Mt Albert Borough Council Minute Book 1928-1930. MAC 100/16. Auckland City Council Archives.


\textsuperscript{22} Item 47. [Vol. V.] Tschopp Papers, UNITEC, Auckland.