

PATHWAY NEWS

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Te Whau Pathway is the creation of a major 13km shared path for cyclists and pedestrians, linking the Manukau Harbour at Green Bay Beach to the Waitematā Harbour at Te Atatu Peninsula along the western edge of the historic Whau River.

Stage One Completed

Stage One of Te Whau Pathway is complete, giving walkers and cyclists the beginnings of a great new route between Kelston and New Lynn. Three sections of the pathway, totalling 1.6km, run through Archibald Park in Kelston, and Ken Maunder Park and Olympic Park in New Lynn. The 3 metre wide pathway will allow for shared use by cyclists and pedestrians. It will also provide entry and exit points for kayakers.

The opening of these sections of the pathway was celebrated with a community event at Archibald Park on 18 October 2015. Local families brought along their bikes, scooters and skateboards to try out the new path.

The pathway was officially opened with speeches from Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse, Councillor Ross Clow, Whau Local Board Chair Catherine Farmer, Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust Chair Iris Donoghue, and Cycle Action Auckland representative Phil Robinson. The Deputy Mayor was joined by local children to cut the ribbon.

“The pathway will be used by a great variety of people, and we are delighted that it is fulfilling a need and showing off the beautiful river,” says Iris Donoghue.

Whau Local Board Chair Catherine Farmer says it’s great to have the first part of the pathway completed. “The pathway showcases some of the river’s unique environmental and historical features and we encourage the community to head along to enjoy a walk or cycle.”



Ribbon cutting: Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse, Councillor Ross Clow and Whau Local Board Chair Catherine Farmer join local children to cut the ribbon and open the pathway at Archibald Park.

Meet the team

Te Whau Pathway Project is a collaboration between Auckland Council, the Whau and Henderson-Massey Local Boards, Auckland Transport, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngati Whatua Orakei, the Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust and philanthropic trusts such as the Trusts Community Foundation.

In this photo, standing from left to right: Peter Chan (Henderson-Massey Local Board), Ross Clow (Councillor, Whau Ward), Andreas Lilley (Auckland Council Parks), Catherine Farmer (Chair, Whau Local Board), Helen Biffin (Auckland Council Parks), Kyle Kaliniak (Stellar Projects), Iris Donoghue (Chair, Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust), Penny Hulse (Deputy Mayor), David Nelson (Auckland Transport), Earl Barretto (Auckland Transport), Katharine Black (Auckland Council Parks), David Kenkel (Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust), Emily Harris (EcoMatters Environment Trust), Grant Jennings (Auckland Council Parks). Seated at front: Sharon Davies (Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust), Bob Mohammed (Auckland Council Parks).



What's next for Te Whau Pathway?

Stage 1A

Planning for the next stage of Te Whau Pathway is already underway. Stage 1A includes extra connecting paths in Olympic Park, Ken Maunder Park and Archibald Park, along with a pontoon in the Whau River near the Archibald Park boat ramp, and a viewing platform at Ken Maunder Park.

Construction of Stage 1A will take place in the first half of 2016. The Te Whau Pathway project is planned to be staged over the next 5 to 8 years, which will be dependent on funding streams.

Mayor Len Brown supports pathway

"To be able to travel between the Waitematā and Manukau harbours by cycling or walking is an exciting prospect. This project is about giving people more options to be active and to get out of their cars while enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Whau River. I look forward to the completion of the next stage," says Mayor Len Brown.



The mayor joined Ngati Whatua Orakei representative Taiaha Hawke, Councillor Ross Clow, Whau Local Board Chair Catherine Farmer and Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust Chair Iris Donoghue to return a sod to the ground at Olympic Park to mark the completion of construction of Stage One of the pathway.

More photos from the opening celebration at Archibald Park...



Kelston Girls College cultural group provided a sausage sizzle



Kelston Boys High School Service Academy students sing a waiata



Spot prize winners try out a new bike

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