

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.

Pathway Construction Continues

Work on the next phase of Te Whau Pathway kicked off in April 2016. The stage currently underway, Stage 1A, involves construction of the main pathway at McLeod Park, and creation of additional perimeter paths and linkages to nearby streets at Archibald Park, Ken Maunder Park and Olympic Park.

The Whau Local Board has funded consultation, design, consenting and project management for Stage 1A. The Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust, with grants from The Trusts Community Foundation, is funding the construction.

Iris Donoghue, who chairs the Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust, is excited that Te Whau Pathway is progressing. "There are so many people and organisations that are working to make the pathway a reality," she says. "It's a real collaborative effort and I thank everyone who has contributed."

Physical works have started on site at Archibald Park and McLeod Park, and work will soon be underway at Ken Maunder Park and Olympic Park too. Stage 1A is expected to be completed by the end of August, although progress will depend on the weather.

Planning and consultation is underway for a pontoon at Archibald Park. Discussions will be held with local waka ama clubs and other river users to ensure the pontoon is fit for purpose. If feasible, the pontoon will be built once funding has been secured.



Construction continues: Construction of connecting paths is underway at McLeod Park.

Whau stories wanted

Historian Dr Angela Thompson is seeking stories about the Whau River for a new book. Dr Thompson says, "My aim is to bring the river to life with the stories and photos of the people who care about this magnificent waterway. You, or your family or friends, might have stories about swimming, fishing or boating on the river, or picnicking, cycling or walking beside the river. You may have noticed changes in plant life or fish or shellfish over time, or you may even have something to say about how the river is spelt or pronounced. I would love to hear from you."

If you have something to share, please email thomsonangelaj@gmail.com.



OUTBOARD MOTOR - BOATS COMMENCE ANOTHER SEASON.
An airman's view of the initial meeting of the new season on the Whau River on Saturday.

Power boating at Saunders Reserve, NZ Herald, 1929.

Introducing Jacki Byrd



Hi, I'm Jacki Byrd, the new project lead for Te Whau Pathway. I've been involved in many environmental projects over the last 16 years, including Project Twin Streams and the Sustainable Catchments programme in Auckland, and Streams Alive in Wellington.

I am thrilled to be leading this project as my favourite job is to bring together lots of hearts and minds to create beautiful and accessible open spaces for people and restore our natural environment.

My goal is to ensure all our project partners and stakeholders contribute to this wonderful project so Te Whau Pathway reflects our community and is a loved and well used asset for many decades to come.

We'll be undertaking lots of consultation in the next year to get the communities' views as the pathway planning progresses so feel free to get in touch with your questions or comments on 021 945 172. I look forward to hearing from you.

More information

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Planting days at Archibald Park

You are invited to join a Te Whau Pathway planting, organised by Friends of the Whau. Help plant native trees to green up the pathway and provide habitat for native birds. Gloves, spades and refreshments will be provided.



Planting days will take place at Archibald Park, end of Archibald Road, Kelston, from 10am-12.30pm on the following dates:

- Sunday 5 June (Arbor Day Planting)
- Saturday 3 July
- Saturday 6 August
- Saturday 20 August

Contact Sandra on 021 295 0302 for more information, or just come and join in on the day.

What's next for Te Whau Pathway?

- Auckland Transport is leading development of a concept design for the entire pathway. It is expected that consultation on the concept design will take place later in 2016.
- More on-land sections of the walkway will be built in parks during the next year that will be connected to the boardwalk sections of the pathway in the coastal marine area.
- Restoration planning and weed control is about to begin in four reserves in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area, in preparation for future community restoration planting.

