

Path construction, October 2025 (photo JFC Ltd)

Ōrewa walkway and seawall

Project Update #7

With summer holidays just around the corner, we're excited to share the latest progress on the Ōrewa seawall and walkway project – and some great news about what will be ready for you to enjoy this holiday season!

What's Happening Now

Construction began in October 2024 and, while we've faced some unexpected challenges like asbestos on site and tricky tide conditions, we're making great progress. The full project is now scheduled for completion in **April 2026**, and we're nearly there!

This summer, work will pause for a short break from Christmas until 12 January 2026, so everyone can enjoy the beach safely.

Recent Milestones

- Seawall: Most of the seawall is complete, with the final section near Kinloch Reserve finishing early next year.
- Access Points: Three pedestrian ramps are in place, and work on five stairways is well underway.
- Pathway: Concrete paths at Kohu Street and Marine View are almost finished, complete with in-ground lighting.
- Northern End: Kohu Street upgrades are nearly done, including new kerbing, pathways, and beach access.
- Southern End: A short boardwalk through the pohutukawa trees is under construction to protect their roots.
- Remembrance Reserve: A new stone cenotaph is being built, and the flagpole will be replaced.

Good News - First Sections Opening Soon!

Before Christmas, you'll be able to enjoy parts of the new walkway:

- Northern section: Kohu Street to Kinloch Reserve
- Southern section: Remembrance Reserve to Marine View

Look out for fresh landscaping in these areas over the coming weeks.

What's Next in 2026

Early next year, we'll complete the final stretch of path between Kinloch Reserve and Remembrance Reserve, along with landscaping and a new culvert stream crossing in Kinloch Reserve. The last section of seawall will also be finished.

Thank You for Your Support

We appreciate your patience and understanding throughout this project. It's been a big job in a challenging environment, and your support has made a difference. Our goal is to finish as quickly as possible, which is why we've planned a shorter summer break.

Please take care around construction areas in January and February, especially between Kinloch Reserve and Remembrance Reserve. Contractors may need beach access via the Marine View boat ramp, and safety will be closely monitored.

We can't wait to open the entire walkway in **April** 2026!

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Overview of areas open by Christmas (pink arrows indicate access)



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