

Orewa walkway and seawall

Project Update #3

Construction of the seawall and walkway is moving closer with the final stage of the detailed design complete. The design process took a month longer than planned, to consider refinements to the design and options to reduce costs.

Stairs and ramps have been designed within the seawall to provide safe and accessible access to the beach. Three ramps and five sets of stairs are included along the walkway and adjacent to Kinloch and Remembrance Reserves.

Inground lighting has been integrated within the walkway design, and lights will be positioned facing away from properties towards the seawall.

The seawall and path will be separated by a planted border, and new gardens added within Kinloch Reserve and at the end of Kohu Street. A mix of hardy native coastal plants are proposed including spear-grass, tussock and groundcovers.

Pohutukawa trees at the southern end of the seawall near Marine View, will be protected as part of the project. The wall will be built around the trees and the tree roots protected with a section of low boardwalk.

Construction

The first stage of the construction tender process was completed in December and three contractors have been selected to tender for construction. The contractors will prepare and submit their final tenders in April, and it is expected that work will begin on site in June.

Construction is still planned to be staged over two years (2024 & 2025) between the months of April and October to avoid the busy summer season.

We will work with the preferred contractor to agree on how they will stage the project between the two years, and their preferred start point. This information will be shared in our next update.



Artist's visualisation of the proposed walkway

Working together

As part of the project, we are working with Watercare to include the installation of a section of new watermain from Kinloch Reserve to Kohu Street. The watermain was damaged by Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023 and has been temporarily repaired. A new pipe will be installed adjacent to the waterway.

Property surveys

Site-specific property surveys to document the current condition of properties along the length of the seawall, are nearing completion. If you are a property owner between Marine View and Kohu Street and have not yet contacted us to arrange an inspection, please call Tom Gilbert at Tonkin & Taylor on 09 3556191.

Next steps

- April Construction tender period
- May Tender negotiations, contract award and preparation of environmental documentation by the contractor
- June Construction starts

Quarterly project updates are planned over the next two years as the walkway and seawall project progresses. If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter, please email us:

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