



Photo: Aerial photo of Stage 1a, August 2023



## Te Kori - Scott Point

### Project Update #7

The first stage of Te Kori Scott Point is nearing completion and the park is now 'springing' to life this spring.

Grassed areas, trees and plants are establishing and creating habitats that are encouraging wildlife to the area.

We are keen for the Scott Point community and school children to be able to travel through the park as soon as possible and we aim to open some paths in November.

#### Park progress

The walkway and cycleway along the southern park boundary is almost complete, with the final concrete pours planned for early October. Decorative concrete finishes are being laid at entrances and path junctions to create interest within the park, and bird stencils will be added to reflect the native bird life that inhabits the area.

Planting of specimen trees and garden areas are complete, and grassed areas are establishing well. Pohutukawa trees rescued from an inner-city redevelopment project last spring, have been planted in an avenue

through the centre of the park. An area with fruit trees has also been created.

In July we welcomed the local community on to the site for a planting day event. Over 2000 plants were planted around the aquifer area and path linking to Joshua Carder Drive extension.



Photo: Community planting day event, July 2023

The local pūkeko (swamphen) are enjoying the newly planted habitat, but their grazing instincts of pecking leaves and uprooting plants is proving a challenge for our contractors to manage.

Sowing of the first two natural turf sports fields will begin this spring, and the turf will be grown over the summer months ready for play next winter.

The carpark has been asphalted and surrounding gardens planted.

Boulders have been added as features and were sourced from other projects around the

city including the City Rail Link during the formation of the tunnels.

## Roads

Joshua Carder Drive and Craig's Way road extensions have been asphalted and streetlights installed. Walkways and cycleways on both sides of the roads are complete and planting of the swales is in progress.



*Photo: Joshua Carder Drive extension and boardwalk crossing, August 2023*

The new roundabout linking the two roads has started and is due for completion in the coming months.

## The next stage

Work is due to begin in November on the second stage of the park. This includes the construction of two artificial sports fields, a second baseball diamond and a natural turf sports field.

Innovative sustainability features have been included in the design, which incorporates underground water storage crates under the artificial fields for park irrigation. A 'blue-to-green' system will be installed under the natural turf field that waters the turf from the bottom up, through a wicking system.

Construction of this stage is expected to be completed in early 2025.

## Next steps

Over the coming months, work will focus on:

- completing the baseball diamond and fencing
- sowing of the sports fields
- construction of the roundabout
- completing the southern path link between Clark Road and Willowherb Lane

## When will the park be open?

The first stage of the park is expected to be open in April 2024. This includes two sportsfields, the first baseball diamond, carpark, toilet and changing facility and informal recreation areas.

To enable the community to pass through the park and access Scott Point School, we plan to open paths on the park boundaries sooner, in November this year. This includes the southern path between Clark Road and the accessway on Willowherb Lane, and a path from Squadron Drive to Joshua Carder Drive south.

The remainder of the park will remain fenced off for safety during construction, and to enable the turf to establish.

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