

Warkworth to Snells Beach Walk/Cycleway Update November 2018

Since the last Update, September 2017, the sub-committee have been concentrating on the following:

1. Applying for and obtaining a land Use Approval from council for the route from Grange Street to Hamatana road. This has taken considerable time once our plan to route around the storm water pond was dismissed due to land stability issues.
2. Applying for a local board grant to build the section of the cycleway along the marginal strip from Grange Street to the road from Hamatana leading to the Waste Water plant. This has involved surveying the best route, designing the track, and preparing cost estimates.
3. Engaging with landowners, including the Department of Conservation, to get agreement for the most practical route along the whole project.
4. Investigation of the preferred and alternative routes from Grange Street to connect with the north end of Snells Beach.
5. Participation in workshops on the design, funding, and construction of cycle ways run by the Walking Access Commission.
6. Investigation into the design feasibility of building the track from Warkworth to Duck Creek.
7. Engagement with The Mahurangi River Restoration Trust to combine our visions of developing access along the river.
8. Obtaining the background information leading to the decision to use stairs on Te Whau walkway.

Looking forward, we have been advised that the Rodney Local Board intend to approve our funding application for the Hamatana to Grange section of the trail. It is clear to us that the process of applying for funding in a piecemeal fashion will not result in a complete trail. It is also clear, that despite the funding of the Greenways Plan, Auckland Council is not in a position to fund any significant walkway projects in our area and has no will to seek any funding for such projects.

Therefore we will be working closely with the Matakana Coastal Trail Trust to engage on a funding project.

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