

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Reserves Manager
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: 11 May 2009
SUBJECT: Reserve Manager's Report

The following is an update on capital projects and items of interest.

RICHMOND

Site	Projects for 2008/09	Timeframe
Washbourn Gardens	Pond Upgrade	The hard landscaping part of the project is complete. New grass has been sown and landscaping will be carried out in the next few months. It is well worth a visit as the altered shape has made a significant change to the area and the viewing deck makes duck feeding a lot easier.
Estuary Walkway	Beach Road	The walkway construction in this area has now progressed around the transfer station and is heading towards Beach Road
Richmond Cemetery	Memorial Wall	Construction of the Richmond Rotary Club memorial wall project is continuing with the walls now in place.
Cambridge Street	Playground	Glenn has prepared a concept plan for the replacement of the playground; this will be advertised later this month.
Keep Richmond Beautiful	Winter planting projects	KRB will be planting at Bill Wilkes Reserve, Reservoir Creek, Rabbit Island and Craft Habitat.

MOUTERE – WAIMEA

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Mapua Recreation Reserve	Cricket Nets	Prices are being collected for this project.
Aranui Park	Drainage upgrade	Work will commence this month on the alteration to the drainage ditches to improve water flow at peak times.
Two Rivers Walkway	Development Plan Signage	The draft development plan has been completed Steve is continuing to work with Martin Conway on this project. Signage for the walkway is underway.
Lord Rutherford Park	Roadway drainage	A sump and drain will be installed in the driveway to reduce ponding.
Rough Island	Road realignment	Work is continuing on this project.

MOTUEKA

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Decks Reserve	Historical Plaques Tree Planting	Final lay out of plaques underway. Local BNZ staff will be carrying out tree planting in the reserve which will include ornamental tree species such as Cornus and Maples along with nut and plum trees.
Motueka Cemetery	Natural Burials Area	A site visit with Iwi will be held at the Cemetery next week.

GOLDEN – BAY

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Selwyn Street Walkway	Coast care Pest plant control Walkway	Coast care planning is underway for 2009. Pest plant control will be carried out on the reserve to remove pampas, gorse, broom, blackberry and bamboo etc. Letters to neighbours will be sent prior to any work commencing. A boardwalk is proposed to be constructed through the wetland area.

BMX Track	Development	Glenn attended a site meeting with the organisers of this project to discuss design and maintenance issues.
Labyrinth Park	Maintenance Car Park	Kathy has made contact with Ross McDonald re materials for track maintenance. Council's Engineering Dept is preparing a plan for the carpark design.
Tata Beach	Judder Bars	Judder bars are to be installed on the roadway east of the boat ramp to deter speeding etc.
Playgrounds	Parapara Bainham	Funding for this project will be carried forward to allow staff to commence work on this project in the next financial year. The request for a playground in the vicinity of the hall will require funding to be allocated.
Interpretation Signage	Coastal Reserves	Preliminary discussions have been held with DOC re what information should be on the signs, which reserves they would benefit and how DOC could contribute to this project.

REGIONAL

Winter sporting codes are well underway with the junior sports starting last weekend. It is a busy time for staff and our Parks Contractor SICON to install goal posts, remark fields, liaise with the clubs and Associations regarding what fields are required where and what size and sorting the finish of summer codes and the start of winter codes.

This year the first soccer game was held at Jubilee Park while the last cricket game was being played.

We received a letter from Waimea Old Boys Rugby Club thanking Council staff and contractors for the excellent job in making the fields available for the touch rugby season. Due to the irrigation installation project staff had to juggle areas to make the fields available this season.

Site preparation for Arbor Day and coast care plantings are underway.

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