

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Golden Bay Community Board
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REFERENCE: R886
DATE: 12 May 2009
SUBJECT: **GIBBS ROAD WALKWAY UPGRADE**

1 PURPOSE

To inform the Community Board of the proposed upgrade work planned to the Gibbs Road walkway.

2 BACKGROUND

The walkway requires resurfacing and as part of the upgrade work it is planned to widen the path and improve surface water drainage in the immediate area of the path.

3 COMMENT

The path is to be resealed either with a chip seal or asphalt surfacing. Frosting of the surface should not be an issue due to the footpath being surrounded by vegetation and elevated. The path when completed will be approximately 2 metres wide.

Drainage improvements are planned with the forming of a new swale and the reforming of the existing northern side drain. Work to the drain on the northern side will in places have constructed rock lining and weirs to help control flow.

The November 2009 down pour was an extreme event which if the water channels had been shaped and clear would have managed this flow better.

In terms of lighting there is a light at the foot of the walkway and at the top. At present there does not seem to be a need for a centre light however provision for this can be made.

A hand-rail is to be installed on the steeper section of the path and where there is sufficient room a seat.



Looking up towards top of walkway



Steeper section – proposal to install seat in this area



4 RECOMMENDATION

That this report be accepted.

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