

Te Kori - Scott Point

Project Update #9

It's exciting to open another area of the park for people to enjoy and that is the landscaped section next to Joshua Carder Drive. The park is looking lovely and green as the grass grows.

Now that construction of stage 1a is complete, and the platforms built for the sportsfields, fences are in place to protect the grass which should be fully grown by next autumn.

Over the past few months, work has focused on the park boundary at Squadron Drive, installing stormwater pipes and ducting for power. Connection of the power is planned for the coming months.

Staged delivery of the park

Opening the park to the community will be the focus for delivery of stage 1b, which is expected to start soon and be completed by next May.

With Covid 19, the escalation in construction costs and unforeseen ground conditions



Photo: Installation of stormwater pipes and manholes along the Squadron Drive boundary, June 2024

including the underground aquifer; there were insufficient funds to complete everything that was planned in this stage.

Specialist sportsfield components are on hold including the underground water storage tanks and the under-field wicking system for field 1.

With the platforms built and the grass sown, the fields will be available to use as open park space and can be developed further later as funds become available. The additional baseball diamond will also be built then.

During this stage, the park boundary along Squadron Drive will be finished, berms and footpaths completed, two sand carpet sportsfields sown, more paths constructed, landscape planting completed, and signage and park furniture installed.

Construction continues to follow the park's masterplan and the design did receive a leading design rating award from the Infrastructure Sustainability Council. Due to budget constraints, council staff will not apply for a sustainable rating for the park's construction.



Photo: Field 1 sportsfield platform sown in grass for general park use, July 2024

Next stage for roads

The Joshua Carder Drive and Craigs Way extensions are almost complete with line marking still to be installed.

Before the roads can legally open, Auckland Transport approval is required.

The process includes a review of the proposed line marking, and consultation with the community and emergency services, and is expected to be completed by December.

While this delay is disappointing for the local community, options are being investigated to open up Craigs Way to pedestrians in the coming months. Before giving access, the buildings and future ecological restoration area next to Craigs Way will be fenced. This work is a priority for the contractors and will take place during stage 1b.

Next steps for the park

Over the coming months, work will focus on:

- constructing the Squadron Drive berm and footpath
- installing fencing on Craigs Way and Joshua Carder Drive
- infilling the stormwater pond and completing the sportsfield platforms next to Clark Road
- installing signage
- path construction

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