

Cathedral Coast Walkway Update Report

TO	Economic Development Committee
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SUBJECT	Cathedral Coast Walkway Update Report

1 Purpose of Report

To provide the Economic Development Committee an update on the Cathedral Coast Walkway Project - Stage one of the Coromandel Walks programme, and related projects.

2 Background

The Cathedral Coast Walkway is the first project as part of TCDC's wider strategy of connecting walking tracks across the Coromandel Peninsula. The Cathedral Coast Walkway is separated into two stages- with several sub-stages:

Stage 1A: Hahei to Blowhole

Stage 1B: Hahei carpark to Lees Road, and Stella Evered

Stage 1C: Walkway from Whitianga to Purangi

Stage Two: From the blowhole south to Hot Water Beach.

Ultimately the Cathedral Coast Walkway will be a 14.2km long coastal walkway from Whitianga to Shakespeare Point, to Cathedral Cove, through to the Blow Hole at Hereheretaura Bluff and on to the Hot Water Beach sand dunes. The Cathedral Coast Walkway will be a world class visitor destination, taking in some of Coromandel's most awe-inspiring coast and connecting two existing visitor destinations, Hot Water Beach and Cathedral Cove. Although Cathedral Cove is world famous for its beauty, there are a large number of not so well-known features which will be on display along the Cathedral Coast Walkway.

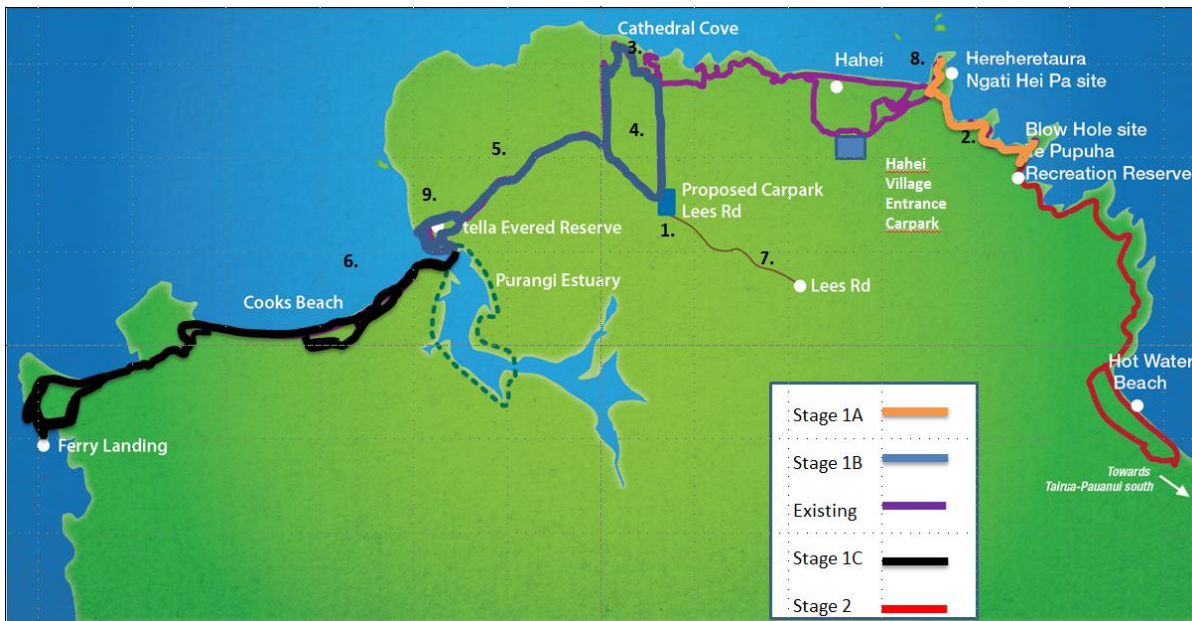
The Coromandel Walks project began in September 2012, and has well documented progress reporting to Council. Recent reports to Council included the approval of the project scope through the Project Initiation Document, as well as a project plan, key milestones, related projects and details on funding and Governance Structure. For clarity, Council approved Project Governance Board for the Coromandel Great Walks - Cathedral Coast Walkway at its December 2015 meeting. The Governance Board is mandated to provide overall leadership and high level project governance of the programme, advocate the project, develop inter-agency relationships and provide operational continuity. The Board is to operate within the delegations given from respective organisations, and does not have the ability to implement any significant changes to project scope, timeframes and budget.

The Cathedral Coast Walkway project will also deliver critical roading and traffic infrastructure, with the provision of a new 500 space car park at Lees Road (by year 5), and a new entrance to Cathedral Cove, and is also linked to the locally funded car park extension at Hahei Village (Hahei Village Entrance Car Park).

To help co-ordinate the related projects and to provide efficiencies in delivery the project been broken up into 9 sub projects as a programme as follows (see Attachment A). These

are:

1. Lees Road Car Park
 2. Track construction from Hahei to Blowhole (Stage 1A)
 3. Andlinger Track Construction from Cathedral Cove to viewing platform loop (Stage 1B)
 4. Carter Track Construction (Stage 1B)
 5. Lees Road Track (Stage 1B)
 6. Purangi to Ferry Landing (Stage 1C)
 7. Lees Road, Roding Improvements
 8. Hereheretaura Pa Site (Stage 1A)
 9. Stella Evered Track (Stage 1B)
- Hahei Village Entrance Car Park (Related).



Budget to date for the project is \$3.66m comprising of the following:

- \$1.341m District Economic Development Operational for track construction
- \$1m Lotteries (for track construction)
- \$333,000 Trust Waikato (for platform construction)
- \$1.5m capital expenditure Lees Road Car park and Roding Improvements

To date, a total of \$220,000 has been expended and includes survey work, traffic assessment reporting, preliminary and construction of Andlinger Platform (Stage 1B #3) creating a loop track extension from the existing Cathedral Cove Track.



Recently completed viewing platform Andlinger Track (Stage 1B) - Scheduled for opening mid-June

3 Issue

Project Budgets

At this stage budget includes consenting costs, contingencies, car parking estimates and other items resulting from negotiations with the landowner of Lees Road car park. A report on the project will be going to full Council at its June 2016 meeting. At this stage, the budget includes a tide dependant crossing of the Purangi estuary, and further investigations into a ferry and a targeted EOI for commercial crossing will be progressed and feasibility and costs will become clearer. The project Governance Board's long term vision is for a boardwalk and bridge around the Purangi, with future funding being explored.

Revenue Generation

The Giblin Group who prepared the revenue generation strategy for the original Business case are being considered for seeking additional funding for the Purangi crossing and Herehera Pa site in the first instance. The revenue generation strategy outlines a range of funding mechanisms from Trusts to corporate and community sponsorship which includes naming of walking sections, platforms through to picnic tables and kiosks.

Lotteries

Lotteries grant of \$1million has a deadline of 14 October 2016; an exception report is due in June and will include reasons for delays including consultation and land owner negotiations.

Resource Consent

Lees Road car park resource consent is currently being prepared, and communication with Lees Road residents and other parties is underway. Any major changes to project scope will be brought back to the Project Governance Board, and Council if and when applicable. One of the important mitigation steps will be signage, entrance design to car park and marketing around Lees Road car park as the main access to Cathedral Cove.

Purangi

Current plans involve a tide dependant crossing of the Purangi River. The project governance board have given a steer for a longer term vision to provide all tide boardwalk access around the Purangi, and requested in the short term to go out with expressions of interest for other forms of all tide crossing options. A key focus for resource consent for Lees Road car park will be mitigation of any adverse traffic impacts including signage,

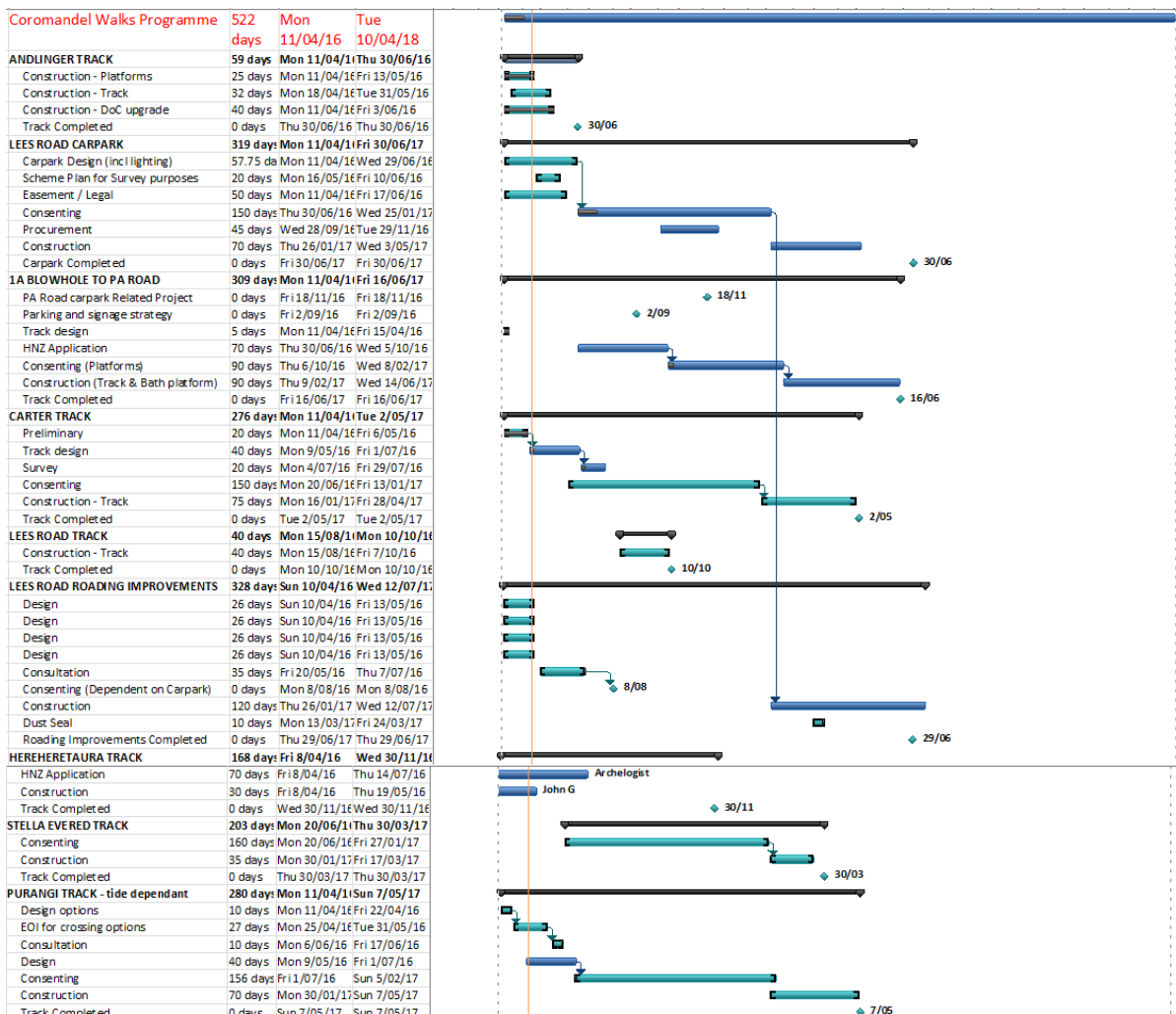
marketing and by-laws emphasising access from to Cathedral Cove from Lees Road car park and the loop route back via Carters farm.

4 Discussion

Programme timeline:

Below is a high level gphant chart for the 9 projects; key dates are applicable:

- Andlinger Track (Stage 1B) completed end of May
- Lees Road Track (Stage 1B) (Subject to consultation with Lees Road residents prior to resource consent) September 2016.
- Herehertaura Pa Site Oct-Nov 2016
- Stella Evered Feb-March 2017
- Lees Road Car Park - Consent lodgement 30 June 2016
- Lees Road Car Park Construction Jan -May 17
- Ian Carters Track to Cathedral Cove Consent Lodgement 30 June - track construction Jan-April 2017
- Blowhole to Hahei Village Entrance Car park track Stage 1A Jan -April 17

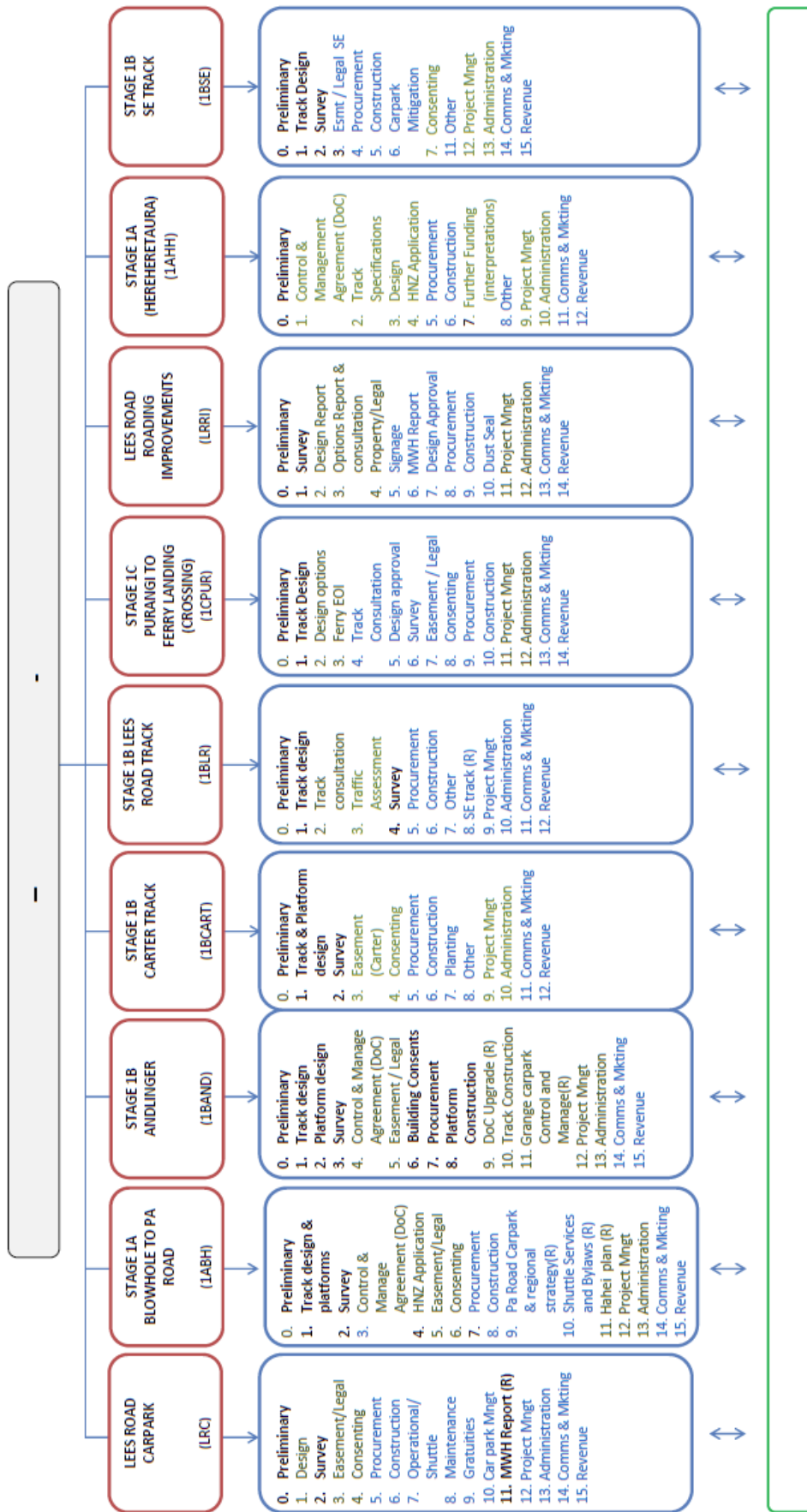


5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Economic Development Committee:

1. Receives the 'Cathedral Coast Walkway update' report dated 10 May 2016.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments***Attachment A Programme Structure***



Green - Work underway
 Blue - Work to be undertaken
 Black - Work Completed