

## Notes from Workshop held in Paekakariki on Saturday 16 October

Attendees:

Ted Varcoe	
Barry Williams	
Jan Nisbet	
Steve Eckett	
Sue Muir & Paul Riley	
Hilary Wooding	
Ian Clark	
Pat Rosier	
Jan Compton	
Fiona Gunter-Firth, Steve Firth	
Margaret Gordon	
Jenny Clark	
Deirdre Beeby	
Emily van Stokkum	
Maureen Burchfelt	
Paul Callister	
Paul Riley	
Helen Keivom	

Notes from John Mill,

I wish to convey my apologies to the meeting on this critical issue to our town.

We have to the rock revetment option for the first 400 meters of the parade which will be in accordance with the existing resource management conditions with the rider that we are consulted concerning the beach accesses. A person who spoke on this issue at the last meeting was charged with checking out these options.

The rock revetment is an option not friendly to beach recreation and I believe that we have one chance to get it right. This is the time that we need to get a competent landscape architect to produce a suitable option for the longer term community aspirations.

I enclose web site photos from the award winning Isthmus Design Company's New Plymouth walkway project. This shows large scale walkway rock revetment and beach access that I believe could be used as a pattern for these 400 metres of our coastal protection. It clearly shows what can be achieved at the Paekakariki foreshore if we declare that as a community we want this quality planning.

For beach access the New Plymouth walkway pictured is constructed of hardwood timber in large stadium style steps which are excellent for recreation such as sunbathing or picnics on hot summer days and evenings. When the tide is in during calm weather, people could safely sit with their feet in the water.

The entire structure measures about 8 metres in width with extra steps down the middle for safe access.

I would like consideration given to similar access and walkway to this area.

Our beach has been enjoyed as a playground for the Greater Wellington region over the years contributing much to the special charm of Paekakariki.

Let us not accept anything less than what the town deserves for our foreshore recreation and feel.

#### Notes from the Disability Reference Group

- Steel railing on land areas to match height of sloping rails
- Landing to be all the same dimensions
- Colour strip or something “texture” to flag the edge of the steps
- Ramp complying 2<sup>nd</sup> non complying choice better than no ramp
- Concrete steps round steel railing stainless steel 1<sup>st</sup> preference no splinters
- Easier to grab hold of and smooth
- Railing to go beyond the end of the steps
- Railings on both sides
- Non slip texture on the ramp

#### Notes on Overall Project Plan

- Getting across the road at access a is a problem for pedestrians coming from The Parade
- Extend yellow no parking line from the corner to past 8 The Parade
- Was not happy about KCDC removing the original access from the road at “B”.
- Even more unhappy about removing access to the beach at “B”
- Space the steps as equidistantly as possible

#### Notes on The Steps

- Though this is a more severe look, if it weathers better than wood I’m in favour if it at least ? the handrails. As for the steps either this concrete or the non-toxic macrocarpa cut to measure sleepers seem the best bet. Would support either depending in Council finances.
- It is not clear whether this shingle accumulated here from washings off retainment areas or whether it was put here. Either way it is not desirable on the beach or as a landing platform for feet coming off or going onto the steps.
- Yes I see what you mean about ? in wood and potential for splinters in hard rails off wood. Overall the permanent materials concrete and clear ? seem the better solution – though I have heard that salt is hard on concrete.

#### Notes on The Pathway

- There’s not much point in this lovely path when its so dang erous to get to from the other side of the road.
- Pedestrian crossing and signs.

## Notes from Sheets

### Sheet 1

- Drop could make wheelchair access dangerous
- Size of rocks relevant – small rocks will be taken out to sea

### Sheet 2

- Concrete steps (as a unit) more suitable than wood (and pipe handrails preferred)
- The revetment in its present form is greywacke. Many rocks are hopelessly small and are dispersed into the sea
- Concrete is practical and cost effective. However, the design/aesthetics need addressing. Could the stairs have exposed aggregate or embossed pattern? Be more organised in their fall location.
- See the advantage of concrete. Mixed concrete and timber would look better. Would prefer not just greywacke.
- New Plymouth – stairs have very wide steps with an extra stair on top – ref Isthmus. This gives a good aesthetic.

### Sheet 3

- I like the idea of very strong concrete steps like this – they will withstand storms unlike wood. I am against wood as it early damages and gets slippery early – I was involved the other weekend in a Tararua rescue where someone slipped on wooden steps that were slippery.
- I am concerned that with better access children will come straight up and over the road – we need traffic calming devices at the top of each set of steps – The Parade is a racetrack even on summer days – good point.
- Need to make sure it can't be undermined.
- Handrails may help those of us less mobile when the bottom of the steps gets eroded.
- Concrete good! Rocks could be washed up to block beach access though.
- Practical option as long as it cannot be undermined (ugly though)

### Sheet 4

- No more like this
- Parking on the south end is always an issue, the corner is blind when driving north
- Proposed new concrete steps at “A” are in the wrong place.
  - The corner is dreadful both ways for pedestrians to cross.
  - It is very far to the next access at “D” for little or old legs.
  - The footpath steps just around the corner on the sea side.
- Re the above – need a crossing around the corner and also designated parking clearly marked so that cars do not park on or near the corner.

#### Sheet 5

- Ramp with exposed aggregate
- Approve ridging of ramp
- Have this at the north end for disabled persons
- Steeper grade for south end (push chair access)

#### Sheet 6

- Build concrete steps and cover with wood to soften the feel
- 2.5m wide steps at least 2.5m
- One thing we lose with rocks is dry sand. This can't be helped but one thing that could be done is build so platforms

#### Sheet 7

- Whatever is used building needs to take into account the large (imt) rise and fall in the level of sand on the beach
- Concrete ramps facing in southerly direction to minimise erosion
- I love the idea of John Mills of a large wide set of platform steps
- I am 82 and I hate having to walk across the road at the corner of Beach Road and The Parade. I'd like concrete steps (on a ramp) further along The Parade (100m?)
- The ridged concrete path with handrails looks excellent
- Mix greywacke and other tan rock on any one site?

#### Sheet 8

- Fix this one up for the disability people and put a disability park here
- Limited ability access ie low mobility and push chair access at south end. Disability access, ie wheel chair at the north end as there is safe parking. There is no safe parking on the south end.
- Ramps are good but remember safe road crossing essential for people parking on other side and getting across in a wheel chair.
- Wheel chair access on west side not access road. More parking needed.

#### Sheet 9

- Publicise Marg Sweetmans number as the one to call if as locals we spot a path that has become blocked or at least inaccessible to the disabled

#### Sheet 10

- This northern end is a shorter distance for KCDC to maintain and for disabled people to cover the distance. Could also have a handrail.
- In addition, the gravel and shingle are disabled unfriendly and also we need a disability carpark immediately adjacent to the ramp
- Shingle and small stones should be avoided as it just ends up in the beach and spoils its suitability for barefoot walking etc. Rather, ramps should be cross scored concrete

as in the long ramp example. The need to re-face this ramp in boulders shows that boulder facing should be used on both sides of ramps from the outset.

- I see from the Raumatī ramp example that even a concrete ramp can end up a problem if the end of its toe creates a big step as erosion proceeds. Toe needs to be really long under the current sand level and last as long as possible before resculpturing needed. Could wood extensions be used if end of ramp becomes exposed?

#### Sheet 11

- Ensure that posts are far enough apart for easy wheel chair access and as mentioned or other views get rid of the grit and replace with scored concrete.
- Keep sand replenished to keep the pingau happy till its runners can reach the beach. It is in some places able to use and attract sand to the crevices between the boulders and fence cloth and the revetment. It will probably never deliver the restoration level seen in the Bay of Plenty but good growth is better than die off from soil competition and weed overrun.