



Photo: Screening of topsoil adjacent to Joshua Carder Drive, January 2023

**Summer
2023**



Scott Point Sustainable Sports Park

Project Update #5

The start of the new year brings an exciting announcement for the park – a new name, Te Kori Scott Point.

The name ‘Kori’ refers to movement, wriggling, play, and moving into action and reflects the cultural and historical character of the reserve.

Te Kori was gifted to the park by Te Kawerau ā Maki and is supported by Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara as our two project iwi partners.

The Upper Harbour Local Board acknowledged the gift and thanked our iwi partners when approving the name at a local board meeting in February.



Te Kori

- Kori -**
1. (v) to move, wriggle, play
 2. (n) movement and
 3. (v) to move into action

‘Physical movement’ connection in that it is a sports park

Forward thinking ‘movement’ of sustainability

Historical and cultural space of Tahingamanu which relates to the large flock of birds, the visual movement on the ocean and the changing (therefore moving) landscape of Hobsonville Point.

Weather events

The unprecedented stormy weather this summer has been a challenge for everyone including our contractors. However, the good news is the park’s partially completed works have not been significantly affected.

Our two temporary stormwater ponds continue to perform well capturing and managing water flowing across the site.

The construction programme has been impacted by the wet weather and delays with the installation of power and water services to the park. The first stage of work will now be completed in spring 2023 and includes –

- Joshua Carder Drive and Craig’s Way road extensions (excluding the roundabout proposed at Squadron Drive)
- two sportsfields (growing of the turf grass will extend through into summer 2023/2024)
- a baseball diamond
- a shared path along the southern park boundary
- carpark
- toilet and changing facilities
- landscape planting

Construction works

The first two sportsfields are taking shape and field drainage has been completed. Irrigation pipelines will be installed over the coming months.



Drainage channels installed in the sportsfields, January 2023.

Stockpiles of on-site topsoil (16914m³) have been screened, ready for spreading back across the park. The screened-out soil including small branches and organic matter, will be used as a 'sub-bed' for the garden areas and tree pits, and the higher-grade soil spread across the top of the turf areas and gardens.

Recently completed work includes:

- kerbing for Craig's Way extension
- raingarden swales within the carpark
- sportsfield light pole foundations
- screening of on-site topsoil for reuse
- preparation of the subbase for the east-west shared path
- digging of tree pits

Dotterels within the park

A nesting pair of dotterels established on site in early summer and successfully raised three chicks.

NZ dotterels are classified as nationally vulnerable and there are approximately only 2500 birds left.

Our contractors spotted their nest in the open ground and protected the area until the chicks hatched.

Dotterels normally nest on beaches and in sand dunes but have adapted to earthworks sites which provide a good line of sight from predators.



Dotterel nest with three eggs (left), adult bird (right), Scott Point, January 2023

Next steps

Over the coming months, work will focus on:

- ground works for the baseball diamond
- spreading topsoil
- concreting footpaths and cycleways adjacent to Joshua Carder Drive and along the southern park boundary
- installing drainage and subbase material for the Craig's Way roundabout
- manufacturing the toilet and changing facility (off-site)

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