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**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Date:** Thursday, 16 February 2017  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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**1.4.1 Tabled Item - Presentation from Te Araroa Wellington Trust**

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*Te ARAROA*  
*NEW ZEALAND'S TRAIL*

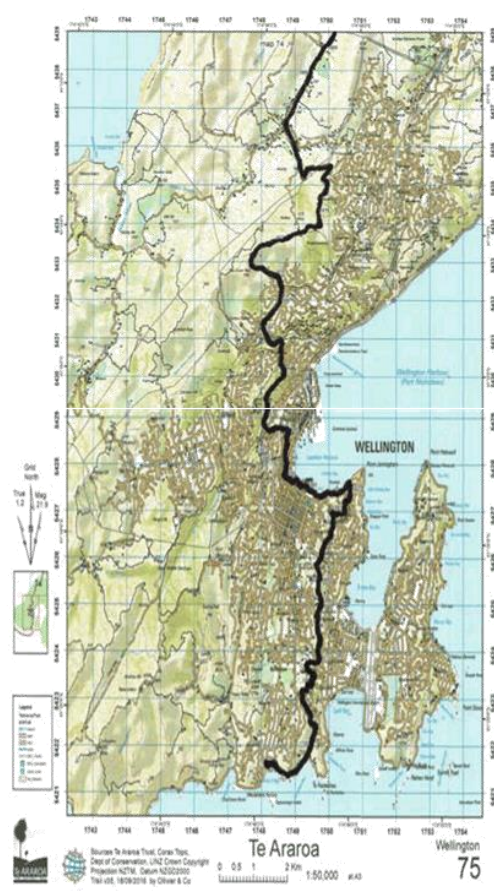




# Te Araroa Wellington Trust















# Ohariu (Skyline) Ridge 'Open Space Access Plan'

Wellington City Council  
June 2016



# Number One!

The focus of upgrades includes the following six “Key initiatives”:

- 1 The Skyline Track between Old Coach Road and Spicer Forest
- 2 The Harbour Escarpment between Woodridge and Ngauranga Gorge
- 3 The Urban Coastal Connection, including Te Aranui o Pōneke/the Great Harbour Way
- 4 The Rural Coastal Connection – coastal track linking Owhiro Bay to Makara Beach
- 5 The East-West Connection – a track linking Otari-Wilton’s Bush to Makara Road and beyond to the coast
- 6. Karori Stream Access – connecting Karori and Makara to the south coast.

# Rotary - Te Araroa Grove







# Waterfront Fountains







# The Paekakariki-Pukerua Bay Escarpment









## New Signs



## How WCC Can Help Us

- Identify Te Araroa Trail in all relevant WCC maps, brochures , signs and digital media
- Continue liaison role with WCC Open Spaces staff
- Promote the WCC – TAWT joint initiative to extend the Skyline Walkway along the Ohariu Ridge
- Use I-SITE to promote Te Araroa





## Paekākāriki Escarpment Track

Te Araroa - New Zealand's Trail is a 3,000km hiking trail stretching the length of New Zealand from Cape Reinga to Bluff.

The Paekākāriki Escarpment Track forms 10 kms of the trail connecting Paekākāriki and Pukerua Bay. It runs high above State Highway 1 and the railway, reaching 220 meters above sea level. There are spectacular views, and it is one of the highlights of the Te Araroa Trail.

Walk the whole track (approx four hours) or walk to the summit from the Paekākāriki end and return (3 hours).

**Come and give it a go**

### Points of Interest

Along the track, you will find signs providing information on all these aspects as you walk the track. Learn a little as you walk!

You will find seats to rest on along the route, and a sheltered station through stunning kohekohe forest on the southern half of the track. In pre-human times the escarpment would have been covered in forest, which the conservation group Nga Whakapapa is working to restore.



### Please note!

This track crosses private property. Please respect the generosity of land-owners by keeping to the marked track and keeping away from rail tracks.

Unauthorised access to the rail corridor could result in a fine up to \$20,000.

**Horses, dogs, bikes and motorised vehicles are prohibited from using this track.**

**Please note:** There are toilets in Paekākāriki and Pukerua Bay but not along the track. Please respect the environment and the land-owners by taking any litter with you. Leave only footprints.



## Getting to the start

At Paekākāriki train station you'll see Te Araroa signage pointing you in the right direction. If you are walking, allow for a 1km walk to the far south end of Ames Street. From there, walk north approx 20 metres alongside State Highway 1 before you take the stairs on your left down. You do not need to cross State Highway 1.

## Return Journey

When you are completing the walk from north to south, the easiest way to return to Paekakariki is to catch the train from Pukeruaia railway station. The off-peak trains north depart at 10 minutes to and 20 minutes past the hour.

Check out [metlink.org.nz](http://metlink.org.nz) for fare and timetable information.

## The Track

From end-to-end the track is 10 kilometres long and will take you about four hours to walk. Or head part way along the track and then turn back.

**You don't need to be a mountain goat but the track requires walkers to take on steep steps, no handrails, narrow sections and exposure to the conditions. As such, it's not suitable for those who suffer from a fear of heights or for young children.**

Be weather-ready by checking the conditions before you walk. You need to be prepared for whatever nature sends your way - wind, rain or sun. Remember to take plenty of drinking water too.

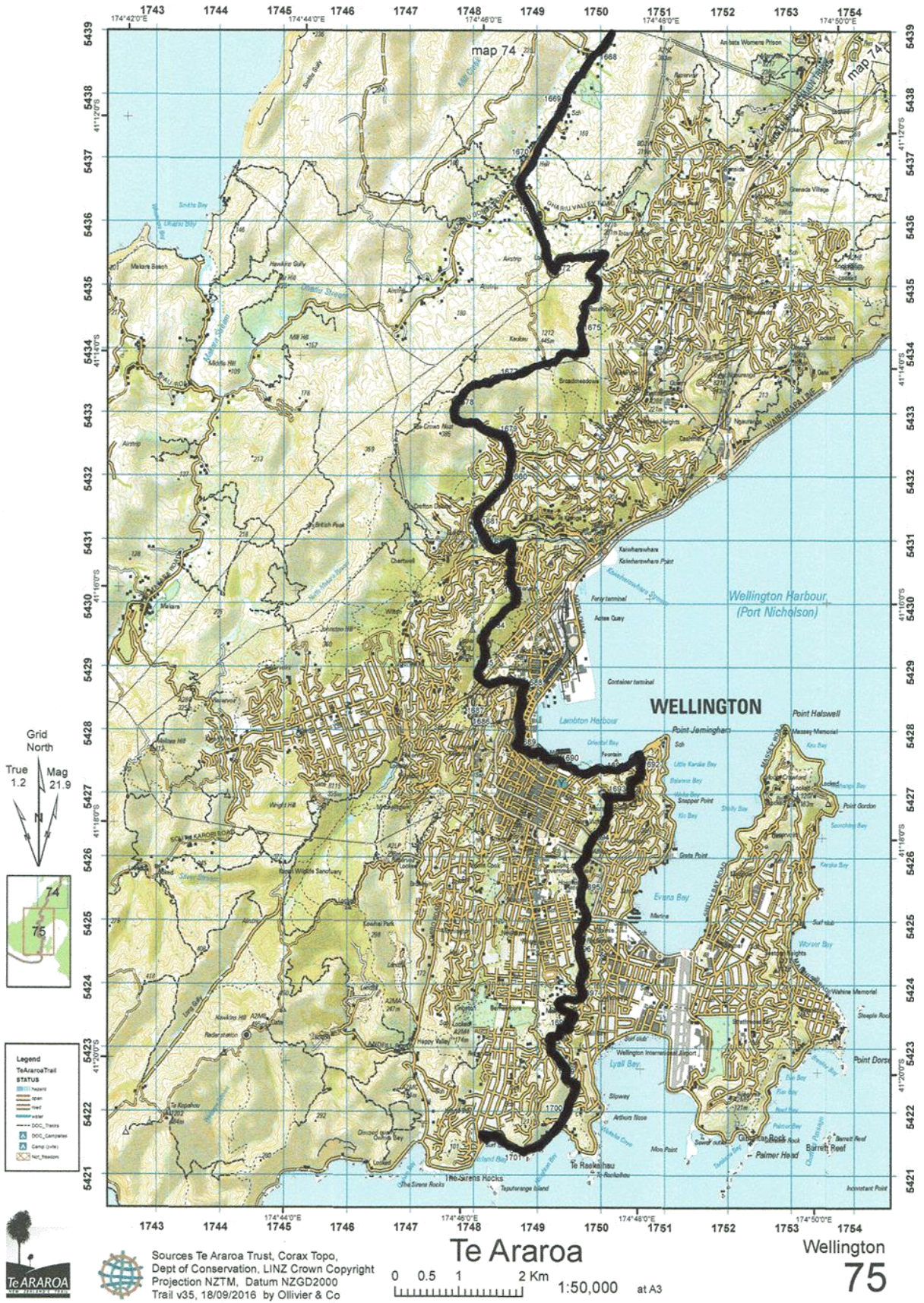
## Track history

Thinking about a walking track to avoid Centennial Highway began in 2005. Route options were discussed in 2006 and a route along the Escarpment suggested. In 2007 a feasibility study was done and in 2008 a scoping study. In 2009 the resource consent process commenced. A revised scoping study was prepared in 2010. Steps under the road/rail bridge were built. In 2011 archaeological and geotechnical assessments were undertaken, then preliminary design and surveying was done. In January 2012 Valley Landscape began work, continuing in 2013. In 2015 funding to complete the project was secured and the track was finally completed in early 2016 – an 11-year effort!

Funding and support came from many sources: the New Zealand Government (Department of Conservation), Pub Charity, NZCT, Southern Trust, Wellington Community Trust, Transpower Community Care Fund, Lotteries Commission, Porirua City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council, Walking Access Commission and NZTA. The Te Araroa Trust and Te Araroa Wellington Trust acknowledge and thank all the supporters of this iconic track.

It is an amazing track, with especially stunning views.





**Item 1.4.1 Attachment 3**