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Rātā Foundation grant gets Christchurch Coastal Pathway closer to finish line

The Christchurch Coastal Pathway is one step closer to being completed with a \$200,000 grant from Rātā Foundation.

The project, launched in 2012, is a 6.5km walking and cycling track that connects communities and offers a unique way to experience the stunning coastal environment.

The pathway stretches from Ferrymead to Scarborough Beach via Redcliffs and Sumner.

The Christchurch City Council recently approved the final stages of the project, which will connect Shag Rock to Sumner Surf Club, and the pathway is expected to be finished by August next year.

The grant from Rātā will go towards enhancing the pathway with signage, seating, picnic tables, memorial areas and places for bird-watching.

Christchurch Coastal Pathway Group treasurer and Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board member Tim Lindley said support for the project had been “outstanding”.

“We’ve had lots of great feedback from people using the pathway. We see cyclists, families walking along it, and parents teaching their kids how to ride their bikes on it,” he said.

“Often, people want to go out and do things and they go ‘let’s head to Hanmer or Castle Hill’ but they just can’t get there. This pathway is right on our doorstep... It’s an amazing asset.”

He said the pathway would coincide perfectly with the relocation of Redcliffs School from its original site on Main Rd to Redcliffs Park.

“The road that connects Sumner to Redcliffs is a minor arterial, which means it’s a heavy traffic route. Having this pathway means that children can walk or bike to and from school safely.”

Rātā Foundation Chief Executive Leighton Evans said he was proud to support the project.

“The Christchurch Coastal Pathway looks incredible so far, and I’m really looking forward to seeing it when it is finished,” he said.

“It’s a project which will hopefully bring people together to enjoy our beautiful coastal scenery, while also providing a safe and efficient way to get from place to place in the area.”

“It’s definitely an asset that is welcomed in our developing post-quake city.”

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