

News Item

Design for walking highly commended

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The Boffa Miskell-designed dune boardwalk at Caroline Bay in Timaru has been highly commended in the New Zealand Best Practice Walking Facility category of the 2010 Golden Foot New Zealand Walking Awards.

The awards are run annually by Living Streets Aotearoa to celebrate and recognise New Zealand achievements for walkers by acknowledging innovative new facilities, highlighting national best practise and rewarding ongoing commitment to walking.

Boffa Miskell designed the 1123-metre-long boardwalk for the Timaru District Council as part of the nearly-complete redevelopment of Caroline Bay. Caroline Bay has been a popular beachside holiday destination, famed for its annual summer carnival, for nearly a hundred years. The three-stage development plan by Boffa Miskell has woven together a complex array of historical features, existing recreational activities and environmental enhancements.

The boardwalk is designed to enable people of all ages and abilities to reach the formerly rather inaccessible beach across remodelled and replanted sand dunes. It passes close to a new wetland nestled in the dunes, leads to a lookout and links in with adjacent coastal walkways.

It has contributed significantly to walking opportunities at Caroline Bay, according to Bill Steans, Parks and Recreation Manager with the Timaru District Council.

“Public use has increased noticeably - by 20% with each of the three stages of the redevelopment. In fact, the boardwalk has become the most popular walking facility in Timaru,” Bill says. “It is a high quality facility and is certainly being well used and enjoyed by a range of people.”

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The boardwalk provides easy access across the width of Caroline Bay (Timaru port in the background) while protecting native dune enhancement plantings.



The Caroline Bay redevelopment has incorporated historic features within extensive upgrading of facilities.

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