Presentation to the Pou tu te Rangi Harding Park Governance Board meeting Wednesday 5th December 2018.

## The Historic River Walk

We are a group of local genealogists working under the umbrella of the Kauri Coast Promotion Society and the Dargaville Development Board to redevelop the Historic River Walk: Dargaville and Mangawhare, initiated in 2000 as a Millennium Project.

The original walk incorporated Pou tu te Rangi Harding Park with identified sites being the Dargaville Museum, The Vintage Machinery Club, The Rainbow Warrior Masts, The Wesley Mission site and the Old Cemetery.

It is planned for the redeveloped walk to cover the same route from Lower Hokianga Road and to include the Park.

We are requesting permission to install three small information plaques, one in the garden outside the Aratapu Library, and two near the Rainbow Warrior masts, the latter identifying the masts and the mission site.

The three signs will recognise aspects of the historic and cultural importance of the site and surrounding area and contribute to the stories already represented by existing signage. Importantly they will link the Park to the rest of the River Walk sites, together acknowledging Dargaville and Mangawhare.

The Historic River Walk will enhance visitor experience by encouraging the full use of the Park including the Pa Site and Old Cemetery, making use of the existing walking tracks and picnic facilities.

Sue Curtis and Raewyn Sills



## Tales and Trails

Amber Threads, Tales and Trails is a community led project by a passionate group of volunteers who are actively working to revive walking trails around the township that portrays Dargaville's rich history.

The walking trails are being reinvigorated from the Millenium Project which created the first historic river walk in 2000.

The original walk was designed and implemented by Betty Biddles, Betsy Johnston and Nan Beardsall (with research by Brian Eastwood and art work by Marama Ingle) as a Centennial Project.

TIME: 1 ½ - 2 hours.

FITNESS LEVEL: Easy to moderate.

AGGESS: Majority Wheelchair / Pushchaifriendly.

Experience as much or as little as you like! While at Harding Park visit the Dargaville Museum and the Kaipara Vintage Machinery Club

It is advisable to take a water bottle.

Have you walked the
Time and Tides Trail?

For more info

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