

Kensington re-opens Orewa bridge

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The Orewa Millennium Walkway bridge over the Nukumea Stream will be reopened by Kensington Park Holdings tomorrow.

The walkway and bridge linking Eaves Bush was closed for two years while Kensington was a construction zone.

To enable the community to continue using the walkway, Kensington Park have set up temporary fencing from the reserve through Kensington Park, which will be upgraded as the residential development is completed, along Eaves Bush parade.

Early next year the original link of the Millennium Walkway opens, passing through Millennial Way into Kensington Park, along a newly-formed Landmark Terrace, crossing over the bridge and back into Alice Eaves Reserve.

The 16 hectare Alice Eaves native bush reserve was gifted to the Crown by the Eaves family in 1960. It is named after Alice Eaves, who died in 1955 aged 86.

Today the reserve is well maintained by the Orewa Lions club, in particular, Don Turner.

Pressure has come from the public to reopen the walkway because it is a popular track.

Kensington Park has installed a plaque which forms part of the 101 landmarks.

These plaques are placed when areas within Kensington Park are completed, recognising distinguished local people and heritage places.

The plaque unveiling on tomorrow at 11am includes Orewa residents and great-greatgranddaughters of Alice and Edward Eave, Eilish Emery and Madison Wilson.

Orewa North School, Orewa Lions and Eaves family representatives have been invited.