

Trafinz Leadership Awards 2019

Trafinz Sustainability Leadership Award

The Pathway That Brings People Together - Palmerston North City Council

HE arak OTAHI consists of 8km of paths, 5 bridges and 145m of board walk, with Karaka Bridge crossing the Manawatu River and spanning 194m. It cost \$14million and connects the city with its communities, Massey University and Linton Army Base.

It is the result of 'vision' and leadership to create smart, safe and accessible places by a 'Small city' with big city ambition' using a strategic and sustainable approach.

Problem solving was needed to successfully link the needs of a community to share the city with university students, the army and the local community. It was a bold step away from the status quo of travel by car.

Strong community buy was achieved through consultation, use of local plants and seeds through the pathway landscaping and the culturally responsive Karaka design.

Since the bridge and pathway opened in June 2019, it has had over 100,000 users – peaking at 7,000 users in one day. The pathway has exceeded all planned forecasted demands and created a sustainable transport super highway.

