

Pedestrian Crossing from Mapua Country Store to Mapua School

The Mapua District and Community Association (MDCA) has been working with the TDC and the Mapua School through 2015-16 to plan a pedestrian crossing across Aranui Road to enable children and the public at large to cross safely from the new footpath on Mapua Drive. The major impediment has been getting around the Mapua Country Store to a point where a safe crossing could be built.

Many options were considered including using the pathway through Aranui Park which has been recently upgraded and has an exit near the "Clothing Bins" on Aranui Road. The MDCA acted in a facilitative role but made it clear that the Mapua School needed to agree and take ownership of the final solution. There is no ideal crossing point but the School has accepted the attached plan developed by the TDC after consultation with the School and the owner of the property housing the Country Store.

The crossing will be a double "Kea" crossing with a refuge in the existing island. It will have flags and swinging arms and will be managed by a teacher for the period morning and afternoon when children arrive and leave school. The area is subject to a 40kph speed limit at those times.

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