

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL ROAD NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS NEWSLETTER

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Executive Summary

Tena Koutou Katoa,

February 2022 has been a challenging month for the Ashburton Maintenance Team with rainfall continuing well into summer.

We've completed all pre-reseal repairs and will be focussing on crucial pavement repairs throughout our network in preparation for winter.

Our construction teams experienced difficulty in forming and sealing patches with continuous rain delays, resulting in some failures that we have programmed to be repaired in the coming months. The unsealed network has also been affected by the wet summer we're experiencing, and resources were shifted to attend the most affected roads.

The newly formed stabilising team started mid-February with repairs on Ashburton Gorge Road while finding their feet and learning the secrets to delivering a quality product. The team got the hang of stabs quickly under the guidance and watchful eye of their experienced crew leader and headed to Surveyors Road to finish the last of the pre-reseal sites.

Our minor work crews kept busy with numerous smaller jobs around the district, while the cyclic teams focussed on potholes, edge break repairs, vegetation control, signs and grading.

The afterhours team attended several emergency situations.

James Faber
Contract Manager – Road Maintenance.

Highlight for the Month

Forming our very own Stab Team

HEB have invested in forming a cement stabilising team in Ashburton. This initiative is part of our long-term vision in Ashburton to grow and develop a sustainable business model whilst striving for operational excellence. Increased sustainability is achieved by recycling material, effectively reducing vehicle movements, and gaining efficiencies by reducing the time it takes to do a repair. Stabilising repairs enables us to reduce on-site vehicle movements, which is a positive health and safety improvement.

Vicky Irving joined our team middle February as crew leader. She's an extremely skilled operator and a capable leader, with a background in cement stabilisation and was tasked with training and leading a successful in-house Stab team, that would also have the capability to tend to drainage and other maintenance activities during winter.



Upcoming Planned Works – March 22

Overview

March will see our focus shift to repairing sealed roads for winter by targeting the shoves and failed areas on the network. Advanced Excavating will continue to deliver dig outs, while Heb stab team will focus on cement stabilisation.

Our delivery teams have finalised the unsealed roads programme and will focus on securing aggregates in the right areas to start work in April.

Minor flooding repair works remain, with additional scour repairs needed on unsealed network due to ongoing rain.

High shoulder removal will continue throughout March



Team attending to unsealed roads after recent rainfall.

Summary of planned works

Digouts – Barford Road

Sealed Pavement Stabilisation – Forks Road, Valetta Westerfield, Havelock Steet, South Street and Seafield Road

Footpath Repairs – Michael Street, Mona Sqaure and NorthPark Road

High Shoulder Removal – Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road, Mayfield Valetta and Tinwald Westerfield Mayfield Road

Flooding Repairs - Barkers Road, Hackthorne Road, Trevors Road, Pooles Road and Wightmans Road

Sump Installation on Middle Road



Headwall construction on Thompsons Track



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