ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL ROAD NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS NEWSLETTER

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Executive Summary

Tēnā koutou Katoa,

February 2024 was a busy and productive month for our teams in Ashburton. The favourable weather throughout the month greatly enhanced productivity in repairing sealed roads and with fewer potholes to repair, our cyclic teams could concentrate on other pressing tasks.

Sealed road repairs continued as both the digout crews and surfacing team consistently delivered high-quality results. During two digout repairs, springs were discovered as the root cause of the failure. Our team promptly installed a subsoil drainage system to divert water into a soak pit, effectively addressing the issue. The surfacing team has also completed the build-up of low shoulders on Taverners Road, enhancing safety for motorists.

Our Minor Works team remained dedicated to repairing footpaths and implementing drainage enhancements, while also prioritising urgent CRMs.

Weed growth remained a "hot topic". At the beginning of the month, there was continued focus on addressing weed growth, with our trading partner allocating more resources to control the problem. Roadside mowing was successfully carried out along Arundel Rakaia Gorge, Thompsons Track, Mayfield Valetta, and Ashburton Gorge Road. Additionally, 14 specific mowing sites were also attended to.

We presented our proposal for the Unsealed Road Rehabilitation and Shoulder Removal program to the council. During the meeting, we identified sites for the remaining budget allocation and also discussed potential sites for inclusion in next year's financial plan.

James Faber Contract Manager – Road Maintenance. Summary below of key achievements during January:

- 212 potholes filled
- 114m Edge breaks repaired
- 596km of routine grading completed
- 2,240m2 Digout Repairs
- 1.349m2 Cement Stabilisation
- 139m2 Footpath and vehicle crossing repairs
- 7 Soak pits installed
- 85 New signs installations/replacements completed
- 202m Post & sight rail painting & maintenance



Upcoming Planned Works – March 2024



Overview

Our Heavy Maintenance Teams will complete remedial works on Forks Road, attend to a few urgent CRM's on unsealed roads and continue with programmed Digout Repairs on Seafield Road.

The Stab team will continue to surface digouts, repair uneven shoulders & unsealed potholes, and conduct necessary drainage works where needed.

Our Minor Works team will continue with footpath repairs, drainage improvements projects and handling of urgent CRMs. Additionally, we've been assigned resilience work on a bridge, focusing on fortifying its abutments against further scouring by pouring reinforced concrete as foundation to extend the structure's lifespan.

Summary of planned works

Sealed pavement repairs – Forks Road, Seafield Road and Pudding Hill Road

Unsealed Road Maintenance - Accommodation Road, Siberia Road, Shepards Bush Road and River Road

Footpath repair & replacement – Catherwood Avenue & Close, Church Street, Dolma Street and Havelock

Soak pit installation — Tramway Road, Frasers Road and Hoattens Road

Bridge Works – Resilience Works

Intersection signage upgrade – Northwest Quadrant



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