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Local Road Asset Management Report – April 2019

(Information prepared by Steve Murrin) **R800-007-02**

General

This report covers the month of April 2019.

Marlborough Roads staff together with Transport Agency national office staff have been finalising the documentation and preparing the estimate for the next Marlborough Network Outcomes Contract. Tendering is programmed to commence in mid-June.

Marlborough Roads staff have also been negotiating terms for an extension of the existing contract. The current contract finishes on the 30 June. As the new contract will not be in place by that time a contract extension is required.

The last of the Pavement Rehabilitations and reseals were completed in April. 3.88km of rehabilitation and 33.18km of reseals have been completed this season.

The annual road maintenance visit to D'Urville Island was undertaken during April. The HEBs team spent 10 days grading and metaling the roads. Over the last few years a big effort has been put into building up the gravel depth on the road and improving roadside drainage. This has really paid dividends as this year's maintenance was completed in around half the time as normal and at around half the cost. While on the island HEBs completed a large programme of works for DOC. With Council and DOC undertaking their works at the same time, it means the costs of getting machinery onto the island can be shared between organisations.

Storm damage from last winter is still being undertaken on French Pass, Port Underwood and Kenepuru Roads. Incorporated with the repairs are some improvement works such as widening of sections of the Kenepuru Road. This is programmed to be completed by the end of June.

A big effort is being put into getting the unsealed road network into shape prior to winter. Because of the fire risk in February and March the grading programme had to be put on hold. This meant that by the time the fire ban was lifted a lot of the unsealed network was not meeting the required Level of Service. HEBS have engaged 3 subcontracted graders, a hire grader plus their own to get on top of the back log of grading. By the end of May they should have caught up on the backlog.

There has been a significant focus on Health and Safety by NZTA this month following 3 fatalities in the Bay of Plenty and 1 in Wellington on Road Work sites over the last couple of months.

The local HEB team have been focusing on driver training on the Sounds Roads. In particular driving large and heavy vehicles on very difficult and narrow roads. There have been five significant issues involving trucks engaged in NOC work on these roads in the last two years.

Kenepuru Road Storm Damage Repairs and Widening

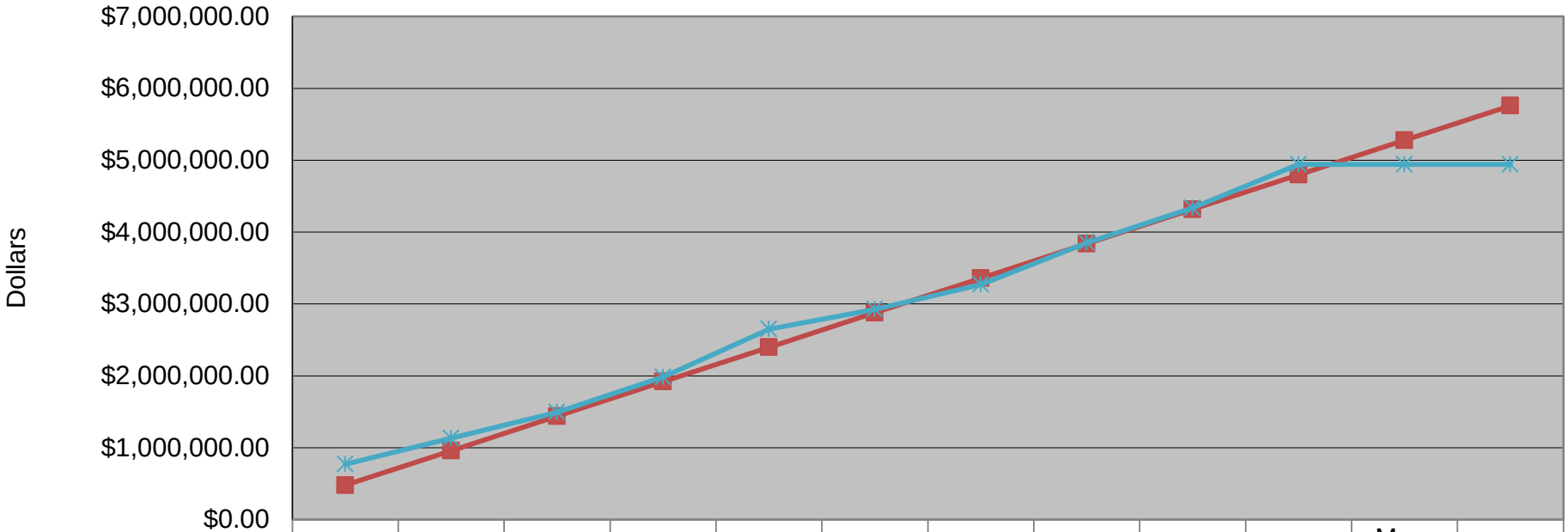
Traction Seal Ure Road

Financial Commentary

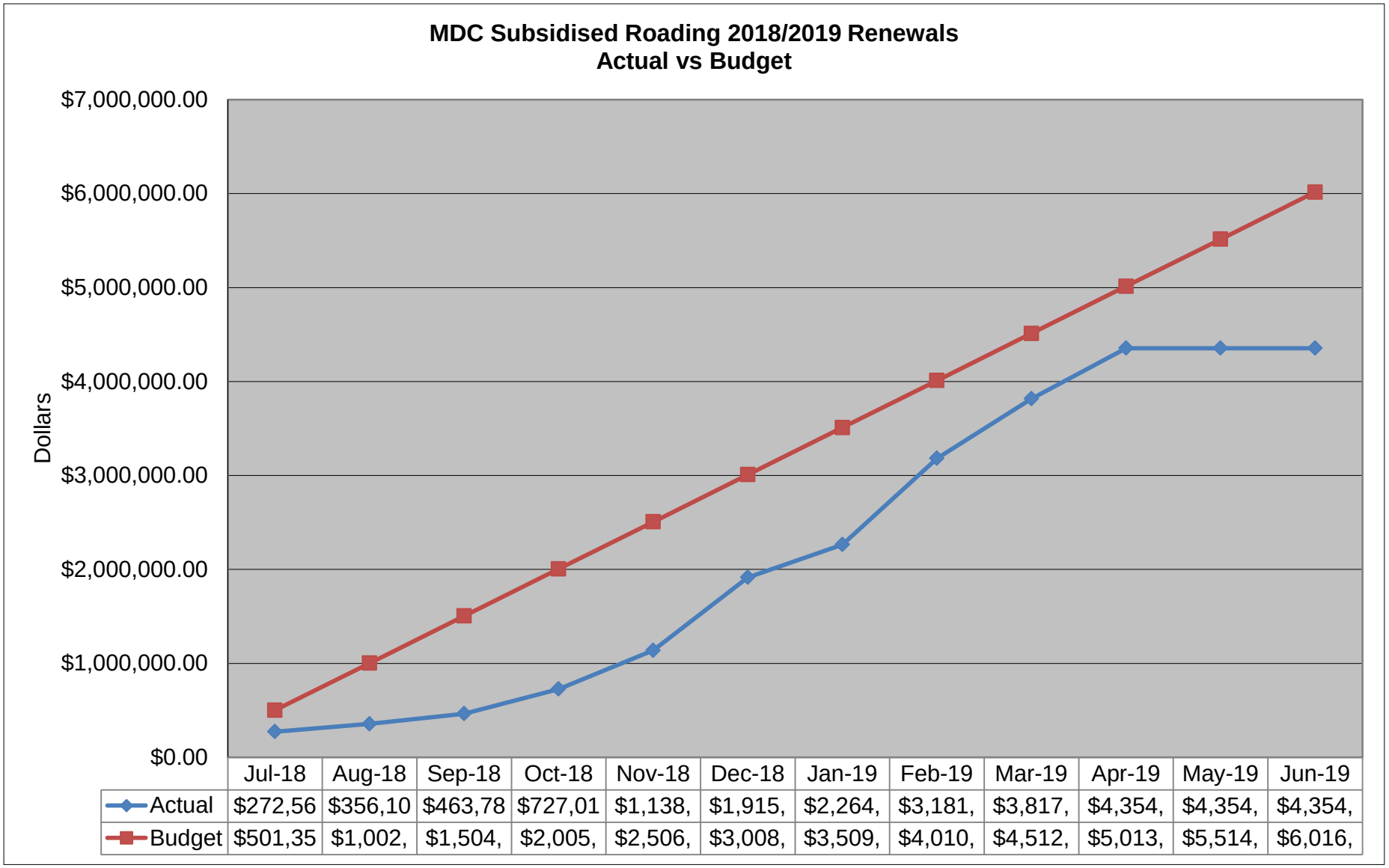
The total maintenance and renewals budgets for local roads is $12.9M. Over and above this Marlborough Roads are managing a $4.4M Emergency Works Recovery and a $4.3M local road improvement programme.

The maintenance graph is shown below and indicates expenditure is slightly ahead of budget. The renewals graph shows expenditure is behind budget. There is still quite a large programme of structural renewals to be completed by the end of the year.

Marlborough Roads will be keeping a close eye on expenditure to ensure end of year outturn will be within budget.



	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
Budget	$479,77	$959,54	$1,439,	$1,919,	$2,398,	$2,878,	$3,358,	$3,838,	$4,317,	$4,797,	$5,277,	$5,757,
Cummulative Total	$772,03	$1,134,	$1,495,	$1,982,	$2,650,	$2,925,	$3,269,	$3,852,	$4,335,	$4,941,	$4,941,	$4,941,



	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
Actual	$272,56	$356,10	$463,78	$727,01	$1,138,	$1,915,	$2,264,	$3,181,	$3,817,	$4,354,	$4,354,	$4,354,
Budget	$501,35	$1,002,	$1,504,	$2,005,	$2,506,	$3,008,	$3,509,	$4,010,	$4,512,	$5,013,	$5,514,	$6,016,

Storm damage works are on programme to be completed by the end of June. The emergency works claim to date is $3.35m representing 78% of the budget allocation.

One area of concern is contract cost adjustments. The NOC contract rates were determined as of 1 July 2013. Contract cost adjustments are currently running at around $100,000 per month. This is having an effect on budgets and the main reason maintenance expenditure is ahead of budget.

Monthly Activities

Network Outcomes Contract

The NOC maintenance contract is due to finish on 30 June. Marlborough Roads staff together with the **NZTA Procurement Team are negotiating an extension to the existing contract. Different options of a 6,** 9 or 12 month extension are being considered.

There has been a backlog of outstanding maintenance works, but good progress is being made to have these works completed by 30 June.

With the onset of winter the contractor is gearing up for winter maintenance. This includes the spreading of Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) a de-icing agent on the highway and frost gritting on local roads.

Marlborough Roads Activities

The Network Managers role vacated by Chris Parnell last November is still vacant. The position has been advertised 3 times nationally as well as through Australia but at this stage we have been unable to find a suitable candidate.

Being able to obtain suitably experienced staff is a huge problem, not just in the Marlborough Roads office but across the whole industry.

Project Status

State Highways – Earthquake Recovery

Pavement repairs are being undertaken on SH 1 around Ward and on the Tar Barrall south of Ward. These are temporary repairs to get through the winter. Pavement rehabilitation works will be undertaken next summer.

Generally the alternate route is in good condition. It is hoped with the resilience improvements being undertaken on SH 1 that the alternate route will not get much use this winter.

Ōpaoa

Works is progressing well and to programme on the new Ōpaoa River Bridge with ground improvements being completed for both abutments and work on the midspan piers well underway.

There will be some disruptions to traffic from July once work commences on the southern approach to the bridge.

Local Roads

A traction seal has been completed on the steep slope at the end of the Ure Road that leads down to the Saw Tooth Gorge walkway carpark. In the past there have been a number of issues especially with front wheel drive vehicles not being able to climb the hill.

A number of intersection safety improvements have been completed around Blenheim these include Muller/Scott and Muller/Weld intersections. Work has also commenced on the Hospital/Howick intersection. These intersections were chosen as they have shown up in crash statistics as being some of our high risk intersections.

The new pedestrian crossing relocation has been completed on Kent Street in Picton. The Picton School and the community are very pleased with the outcome.

The replacement of the Butterly Bridge on the Waikakaho road is completed and the bridge open to Traffic.

Communications

The following section covers CRMS contacts.

Customer Database Information

The following information is taken from the Transport Agency's CRMS database for the report period The total number of calls for the month was 181.

April 2019 CRMS	No. of Calls	Percentage
Comment	138	76%
Complaint	20	11%
Request	18	10%
Compliment	2	1%
Other	1	.5%
Capital Project	1	.5%
Data entry error	1	.5%
Total	181	99.5%

Community Interactions

Various meeting and discussions have been held with residents and stakeholders.

These include meetings with Kenepuru and Central Sounds Ratepayers' Association, Ngati Kuia, D'Urville Island Residents and French Pass Residents.

Road Safety

The JV monitors crash trends which continue to show no significant change in total crashes in Marlborough. Data over the recent months may not be updated noting there is usually a two to four month lag in recording minor and non-injury crashes.

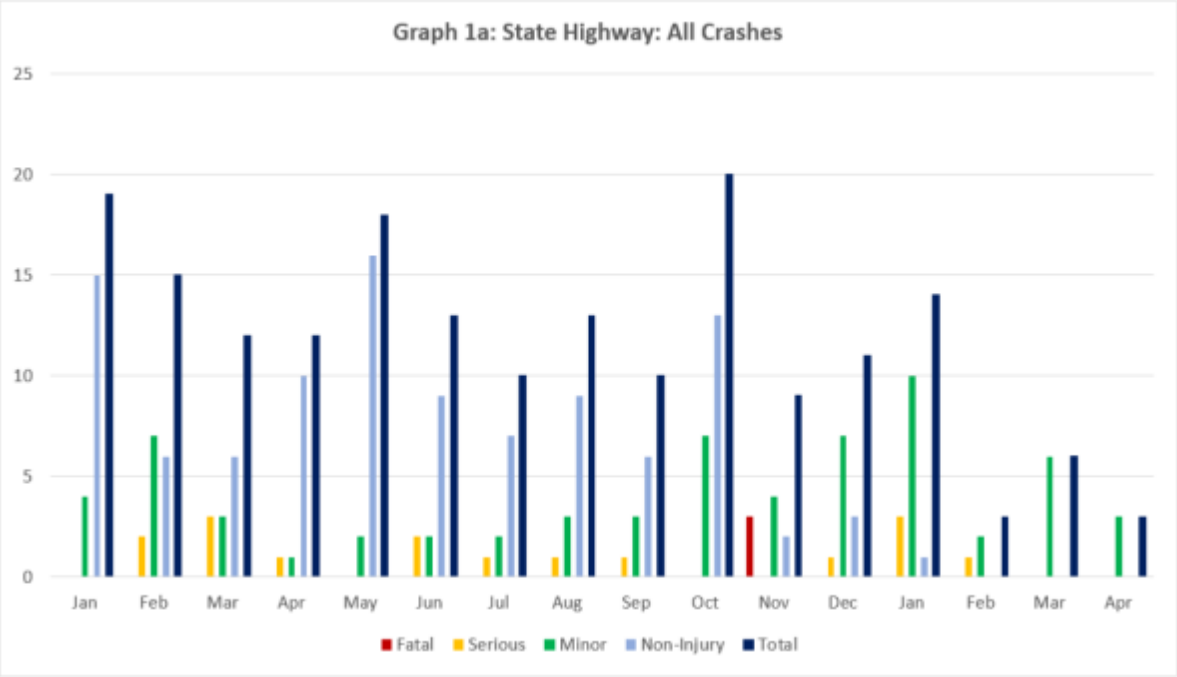
Marlborough Crash Record by Sector: All Crashes @ 7 May 2019

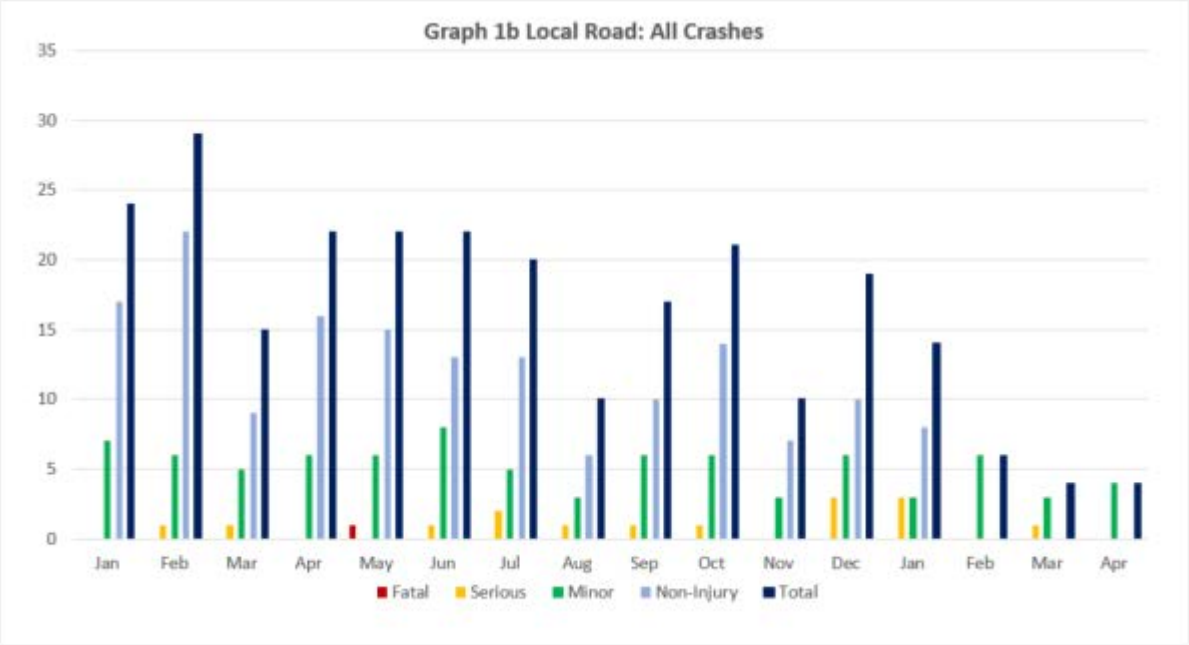
Table 1a: State Highway

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	0	2	3	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	0
Minor	4	7	3	1	2	2	2	3	3	7	4	7	10	2	6	3
Non-Injury	15	6	6	10	16	9	7	9	6	13	2	3	1	0	0	0
Total	19	15	12	12	18	13	10	13	10	20	9	11	14	3	6	3

Table 1b: Local Road

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Fatal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	1	0
Minor	7	6	5	6	6	8	5	3	6	6	3	6	3	6	3	4
Non-Injury	17	22	9	16	15	13	13	6	10	14	7	10	8	0	0	0
Total	24	29	15	22	22	22	20	10	17	21	10	19	14	6	4	4





There are no Death or Serious Injury crashes recorded in April 2019 in the CAS database.

Rivers and Drainage Section – Activity Report

(Information prepared by Geoff Dick, Steve Bezar, David Aires, Jan Dimmendaal, Hai Trieu, Duc Nuygen) **R700-014-01**

Wairau River

Upper Conders Erosion

Council's current LTP provides $4M to construct a series of new heavy rock protection works to fill a gap in the protection works from the Waihopai confluence down to Groyne 19 (constructed in the mid-late 1990's). The new heavy protection works are to enable us to maintain a river edge line/planted buffer zone to protect stop bank and Southern Valleys inlet race/ponds. A stop bank breach near the Waihopai confluence could cause extensive damage to the Southern valleys intake system, vineyards and ultimately flooding along Gibson's Creek/lower terrace at Renwick.

In the current financial year we have a $250,000 capital budget. We have spent approx. $200K to date stockpiling 4,000 tonne of rock on site and completing a drone survey and concept design. We are looking to engage Beca to assist with detailed design, quantity estimates and build specifications.

Over the last 6 – 12 months the erosion on the south bank has accelerated to the point where immediate response works are now required to hold the fort until the new capital works can be final designed and built. Substantial berm land and establishing protection plantings have already been lost to erosion, and even small fresh events in the river actively scour away the bank.

What we propose is a three-fold plan;

- Create a flood diversion channel to the north to reduce flow and hopefully erosion on the south bank.
- A series of temporary groynes to hold the existing bank line.
- Accelerate design and hopefully construction of the main works.

We have commenced work on improving a more appropriate channel alignment through this reach and will follow up with the temporary groynes as soon as is practical.

Consideration will need to be given to the possibility of compressing/bringing forward some of the capital programme to accelerate construction of the proposed new heavy groynes.

SH1 to Waihopai confluence general

Further temporary rock stub-groynes have been constructed to help slow the erosion along the true right bank between Jeffries and Giffords Roads.

Fairway spraying has been ongoing to check dense vegetative growth on riverbed islands to assist with providing optimal waterway capacity for flood events.

Noxious plants control and removing of large unsafe trees along river access track has been completed at Hillocks Road. This cleared berm will be planted with a range of exotic and native plants over the winter.

Quarried river rock being delivered to site, Wairau River

Wairau Floodplain and Tributaries

Upper Ōpaoa River

Large debris piles have been now burnt down and berm land reinstated in vicinity of Blicks Lane.

A site inspection was made at the new Ōpaoa.

Ruakanakana Creek (just downstream of Waihopai intake)

Isolated sections have been treated for noxious plants control and weed/sediment removal.

School Creek, Renwick

The final tazzing/maintenance run for the year is underway.

Wither Hills

The majority of the mountain bike park has been sprayed for broom and gorse. The eastern Crown block has had boundaries and track spraying completed also targeting broom and gorse. The natives planted last winter in Quail gully have been released and further area prepped for further upcoming winter planting. Some work to poison Corsican and scots pine plantings in upper Mapps catchment is soon to be underway, managed by councils land management/bio security team. Work to collapse an old stock water dam on the new Landfill land has been completed with the worked area now capturing wandering storm water into a central channel and sown to grass. Work is back on again to progress

and finalise the design elements for the new woolshed with the expectation that construction tender documents will be released later in the year.

Kaikoura Earthquake repairs

All scheduled Kaikoura earthquake repairs are complete including the lower Opawa River dredging, and reconstruction of the stopbank at Park Terrace. Financial assistance claims with the MCDEM (Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management) and LAPP have been agreed.

The lower Opawa River dredging project has stabilised river levels at Riverside Park and is considered to have returned river hydraulics near Blenheim back to pre-earthquake conditions. Consideration will be given to similar dredging of 2 or 3 bends below Malthouse as part of our ongoing maintenance work.

The heavily earthquake damaged section of stopbank at Park Terrace has been fully rebuilt with geogrid reinforcement and a 142m dry stone wall on the landward side. New reserve boundary fencing is complete and we are just waiting for the grass cover to establish before reopening the walkway from Stuart Street. 19 Park Terrace which was used as a construction base/access has been returned to the owners.

Drainage

- Three new culverts installed in Drain F Fell Street Grovetown to accommodate increased stormwater flows from a recent subdivision development.

- A new debris screen is being installed on Marris Creek to intercept tree vegetation which has blocked the main stopbank culvert previously, and caused localized flooding.

- A new vineyard development, on a historically wet area of Alabama Road, has suffered some internal drainage issues. The Council administered outfall drain has been surveyed and will be excavated to provide an improved outfall point for that vineyard.

- The regular removal of fallen trees from drains and creeks continues with trees from Doctors Creek, Bowns Creek and Hollis Creek removed.

- A recent discharge consent at Tuamarina required rivers input to determine adjacent ground levels in relation to drain and pump capacities. This information was then used to determine stop and start levels for the discharge consent.

- The Rivers and Drainage group continue to consider strategic land acquisitions where and when required To that end a portion of land in Grovetown is currently being valued for possible purchase for drainage access purposes.

- Autumn is a busy time for drain excavations and the following drains have had mechanical attention. Drain R 636 metres, Fultons Creek 170 metres, Bowns Creek 437 metres and Drain F 525 metres.

Caseys Creek upgrade

Grant Hood Contracting are about 80% through the first stage of the Caseys Creek upgrade to cater for the new Blenheim north subdivision including Rose Manor.

All of the 5 new crossings and channel enlargement work downstream of Waipuna Street are complete. Remaining work includes driveway surface reinstatement, berm tidying, some agreed fencing and landscape planting. A new site barrier rail has been installed on the road edge of the new channel as a safety measure.

Upstream of Waipuna Street 3 of 4 new crossings are complete. The remaining crossing is planned to be installed after the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Other work to complete is the final reach of

new rock edge stabilisation, fencing and landscape planting. The section of the stream from the Herkt entrance crossing down to Waipuna Street was given a light dredge to remove a build-up of weed and sediment.

The contractor is on track to complete the key physical works by the due date of 30 June. Any remaining final finishing work including driveway resurfacing and landscape planting is due for completion by end of August.

Lower Ōpaoa River

Lower Opaoa stopbank: Gorses has been sprayed and stopbank has been mowed at 712 Dillons Point Road. Another mowing will be done before the stopbank upgrading work will be carried out next summer.

Stormwater Pumping Stations

Riverlands Industrials: Pump #50 has been taken out for overhaul. Pump shaft and mounting frame got severe corroded due to the nature of water environment at this station.

Pembers: a simple telemetry system is being installed at Pembers Drain pump stations, this will help to monitor this station in daily operation or during flood events. Full temeletry system will be required in the future.

Weed injection programme: oxygen weed control has been done at Taylor river, Upper Ōpaoa and Roses overflow, Tuamarina, Spring Creek and Murphys Creek.

Floodway Reserves

- Lease renewals are currently being considered for the Moto X area at Kaituna and Res 40 Lower Omaka River. Some ground work is required by the current lessees if they wish to have them leased again.

- Concrete blocks have been placed at two strategic sites in the floodway at Selmes Road to prevent vehicle access and thus illegal activities.

- With the assistance of the Reserves Rangers squatters were removed from Council lease land, where they had two caravans, one tent and three dogs present. Difficulties finding accommodation were cited as reasons for their presence.

- The weed spraying of harvested woodlots has been prepared and will be completed when the contractor is available with a good weather window.

- New pipe gates are being built to install following vandalism damage to light gates at the Taylor Dam and Conders Mountain Bike Park.

- A new boundary fence has been erected alongside the Riverlands Coop drain on Council floodway reserve land at the Riverlands Industrial Estate. This is part of a greater exercise/project to create a biking corridor to the areas east of Blenheim which is being promoted by the cycling and business community In the Riverlands area. This was a cost share exercise with the adjacent property owner.

Picton, Sounds and Awatere

Rai River

Rivers are assisting Marlborough Roads with protection works along the Opouri River which threaten to wash-out the road.

Waikawa and Waitohi Rivers

The final tazzing/maintenance run for the year is underway. A number of small jobs improving bank stability, vegetation clearing, weed and sediment removal and culvert outlet works have recently been completed.

Investigation and Miscellaneous

- A new method for estimating changes in channel mean bed level and sediment volume is proposed for use in Wairau River. The method makes use of river discharge to determine the channel shape and size, based on that it calculates the mean bed level and sediment volume difference over a considered period (months – years).

- An integrated 1D/2D hydraulic model (MIKE FLOOD) is developing for Fultons Creek catchment considering changes in stormwater runoff from the new zoned areas using retention storages. The model is based on the existing 1D channel network and 2D Pollard Park, which was initially developed by Land River Sea Ltd, Christchurch.

Gravel Extraction

- Gravel extraction operations have been quiet over the period. Bryant Earthworks has extracted some of their quota from the Waihopai River, Maori Ford Bridge site. Murray Newman extracted a small quantity of gravel form the Taylor River, immediately downstream of the Burleigh Bridge. This was done to reshape the river bed and improve capacity.

Quarries

Pukaka

The quarry has been busy during April/May. A large quantity of rock has gone out for river protection work. Rock extraction and sorting has been steady during the period however there have been some delays due to machinery breakdowns

Planning and Development Section

Renwick and Havelock Metering

(Information prepared by Stuart Donaldson) **C315-19-018**

Following community consultation Council has decided to install water meters across Renwick and Havelock. Procurement for this project is in two main stages, firstly installation of meter boxes with manifolds ready for meters and secondly the supply and installation of the meters.

Installation of meter boxes has been tendered. Two tenders were received and evaluated by the weighted attribute method. The contract has been awarded to Fulton Hogan and is due to be complete by end of March 2020.

Reserves and Amenities Section Activity Report

(Information prepared by Jane Tito, Robert Hutchinson, Robin Dunn, Grahame Smail, Linda Craighead, Robyn Blackburn, Murray Morgan, Brad Molony, Vanessa Evans, Regan Russell, Rebecca Moorhouse) **R510-009-000-01**

Blenheim Parks and Reserves

Pollard Park

Out with the old – moving on up

In with the new

Kinross Pocket Park

Happy at play on the new play piece

Burleigh Park

Completed play piece.

Faulkland Drive Reserve

The children in the Rata/Faulkland Area seem to prefer free form tracks rather than the new pump track at Rifle Range.

A&P Park

Recreation Sport and Leisure (RSL) continues its work with A&P Park users regarding the construction of the new sports pavilion at A&P Park.

Lansdowne Park

RSL continue working with the New Sports Hub users developing SOP's for use of the building.

College Park

A new driveway running alongside the carpark entrance at College Park now has asphalt driveway with the balance of the area being a chip seal.

Awarua Park

This carpark at Awarua Park received a complete new reseal, an upgrade from the previously area that had a mix of seal and gravel and grass.

Okaramio

The carpark at the Okaramio Hall has received a new seal.

Wither Hills Farm Park

New Car Park – Taylor Pass Entrance

Rifle Range Pump Track

The final contouring around the pump track has now been completed to graduate the transition between surrounding ground level and the raised track berms.

This will be sown in grass for easier maintenance and mowing/weedeating going forward.

Events

Harriers, the Winter Duathlon Series, School cross country and Mountain biking are recent events held in the park.

Mountain Bike and Walking Track Upgrade and Additional Signage

The Grigg Drive Walking Track construction has been completed within signage to be installed shortly.

This 'walking' only track connects BPOT residents to the Rotary Lookout via the Grigg Drive Farm Park accessway.

On-going track gravelling along Rifle Range Mountain Bike Track and other tracks in the farm park is underway.

Weed Control

Further gorse control has taken place with more planned in the Mountain Bike Park and another major control programme in many other areas is planned in spring.

Three Yearly Outdoor Structure Inspections

The recent OPUS report has identified a number of bridges require replacement.

Others require remedial works and are being undertaken as day works from repairs and maintenance.

Renwick Reserves

Renwick Domain

The Aztec themed tower as part of the playground at Renwick which should be complete at meeting time.

Sealed court surface and hedge removal at the Domain. This should be completed by meeting time.

Awatere and Flaxbourne Reserves

Flaxbourne

2019 Anzac service Ward Domain

The new roller doors on the Multi-purpose shed at the Domain.

Victoria Domain

Extensive weed control has taken place throughout the Domain this summer and 200 native seedlings have been planted in a bare area above Shelly Beach with the aim of establishing bush cover and reducing erosion.

A fourth winter planting of 200 Big Tree species is planned in June within the Domain behind Queen Charlotte College.

College classes will assist with this planting along with ‘Totoras for Totoranui‘ members.

Species included are Totora, Kahikatea, Miro, Matai, Rimu, Pukatea and Tawa and these provide much of the food source for many native bird species.

Walk and Bike Tracks

Updated walking and bike track information maps and panels have recently been installed within and around Victoria Domain.

Three additional panels have also been installed at key junctions along the Picton to Waikawa (Marina to Marina) Track.

Swimming Pools

Seddon Pool

The pool in Seddon has for the second year been accredited as Poolsafe.

The Poolsafe Quality Management Scheme (Poolsafe) is an independent assessment of public pools to ensure that their operations and facilities are safe.

There are currently 214 public pools in New Zealand and over 140 of those are members of the Poolsafe scheme.

Poolsafe is an industry led, voluntary management system designed by the industry for the industry. It enables peer to peer assessment and moderates the delivery of public aquatic facilities services, with the direct intent to limit serious harm to their communities.

General

Trees

A Notable old pepper tree on Nelson Street has had remedial pruning work undertaken to reduce end weight and further work or removal may be required after a full tree assessment is completed.

Rangers' Report

(Information prepared by Murray Morgan) **R510-006-02, R510-005-04**

Freedom Camping

While Freedom Camping numbers have dropped off there is still a steady stream of visitors to our Freedom Camping sites.

Road Safety Coordinator Update

(Information prepared by R Blackburn)

Safe Motorcycling

An event is currently being planned in September to raise awareness of the importance of well-maintained bikes. This is being held in conjunction and support of ACC's Motorcycle Safety Month.

Young Drivers

The Marlborough Community Mentoring Programme was launched back in May and already six students have been out with the police to learn how to drive.

While Supporting Families acknowledge there are issues with lining students up with available mentor hours, and the Police mentors have commented that the young people are quite apprehensive, we know this will be a programme that will benefit our community. The Police mentors do not wear uniform when out with the learner drivers to help make them feel more comfortable.

Learner Licence courses are currently running each month with almost 100% passing the test on the first attempt.

The first time success rate with supporting young drivers through the restricted phase of the system is lower and we would expect that. NZTA opening admit this is the hardest test to pass first time because they want to make sure young drivers are skilled enough to drive on their own.

Also, for the agencies supporting the young people, we know that there is a lot more responsibility on the young people to engage in the process in terms of making time for lessons and then the test. Some of our young people struggle to 'juggle' their lives and situations to be skilled enough to sit the test.

Eighteen young people have been through the Restricted Licence Programme since July 2018. 14 have successfully passed the practical test at this time so still a high pass rate at 78%. The number of students for this programme will increase because we are now able to offer a mentoring system.

Older Drivers

Age Concern will manage the monthly Confident Driving Workshops until July when Council and Age Concern will meet to discuss the effectiveness of workshops and community demand.

The Life Without a Car workshops are proving more difficult to attract people to and the last workshop was cancelled due to low registration numbers. Age Concern and Council will meet to discuss how we market the workshops as half of the time is spent on mobility scooter information which we thought people would be interested in.

A Carfit Programme is scheduled for delivery in June and the first time we have held an event in the winter.

The Road Safety Coordinator presented at an informal University of Third Age meeting on 7 May to discuss road safety issues with the group. A lot of data and information was shared with the group as we discussed the complexities of trying to change road safety behaviours.

School Road Safety

We have been advised by KiwiRail today after a number of years requesting for pedestrian improvements to the level crossing at Tuamarina, KiwiRail will work with Marlborough Roads to bring the crossing up to a standard we expect on our level crossings.

Child Restraints

Safe and Sound at the Top and Marlborough Road Safety have worked with local businesses to ensure NZTA child restraint information is available wherever child car seats are sold. A recent survey indicated that the community would like more information readily available.

Yesterday we were welcomed by the K-Mart Manager to install our display at their store.

Street Tree Enquiry Numbers

49 Street tree issues/enquiries	November to 17 December 2018
100 Street tree issues/enquiries	18 December 2018 to 25 February 2019
55 Street tree issues/enquiries	26 February 2019 to 11 April 2019
19 Street Tree issues/enquiries	12 April 2019 to 28 May 2019

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