



The Bulletin

Kaikōura earthquake update

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We're nearly there!

Works along the coast are coming together quickly with the Racecourse to be completed this week ahead of our event to thank and farewell the community (details below). Just before the event begins we will officially open the new pathway for people cycling and walking, which runs alongside State Highway 1 (SH1) and into South Bay.

The majority of the NCTIR team will be off the road for good by Friday 18 December, with a small team working Saturday 19 December and returning on Tuesday 5 January 2021 to complete the permanent rockfall protection work between Peketā and the Parititahi Tunnels.

The SH1 south night closures* associated with this rockfall work will take a break over the Christmas holidays, with the road returned to two lanes during this time under a speed

restriction. The last night closure of the year will be Thursday 17 December, with closures resuming the night of Tuesday 5 January 2021 and continuing to late February. (For an update of progress on the canopy project see page 2).

The Kaikōura NCTIR office and workers' Village will be demobilised in the new year, with the small returning canopy team to work out of the site office at Peketā.

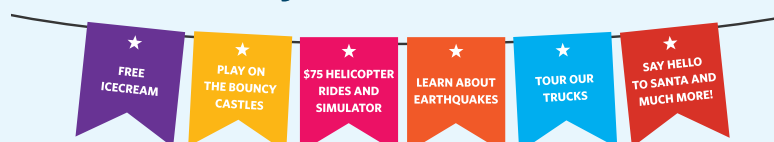
The Waka Kotahi local maintenance contractor, Downer, will be completing the final roading works on SH1 during the summer months when conditions are optimal for sealing.

*For real-time journey information and updates on these night closures please check www.nzta.govt.nz/p2c.



Asphalt being laid on the Racecourse project

Community farewell and thanks



With the end of the project in sight, NCTIR is hosting a fun, family-friendly afternoon to thank the Kaikōura community for their patience and support. There will be bouncy castles, truck tours, food stalls, free ice-cream and much more. We hope you can join us in celebrating!

Sunday 13 December
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Kaikōura Racecourse, South Bay Parade

Canopy progress update

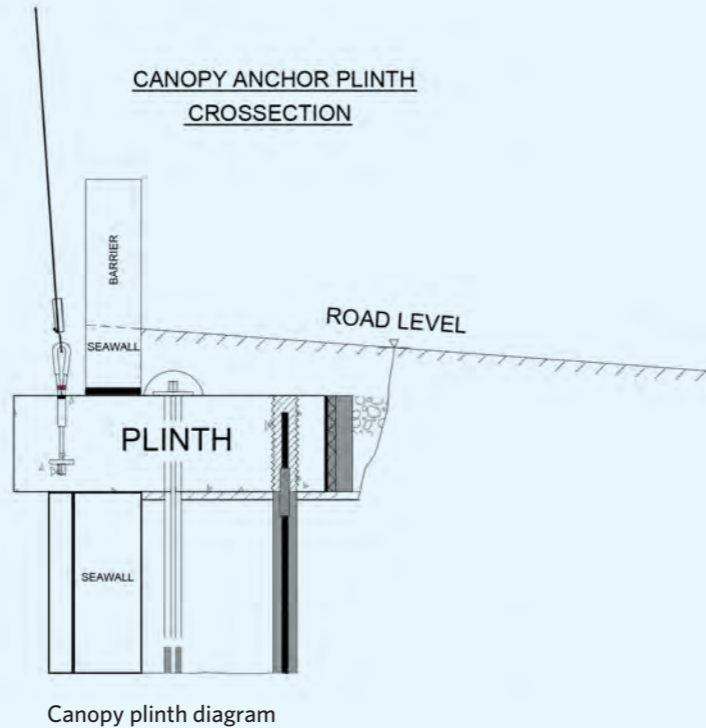
Despite a string of weather events, increased requirements for rock removal and COVID-19 related delays, crew are making progress on the rockfall protection work underway between Peketā and the Parititahi Tunnels.

This work involves installing three separate rockfall solutions: a draped mesh fence, a 1-metre high barrier and a six-metre high canopy to help redirect rockfall away from the road.

The seaward side of the road has been dug out in 14 sections where concrete is being poured to form plinth structures. These plinth structures are being installed on both the roadside and the hillside to act as anchor points for the 14 canopy posts.

The posts will be installed in the new year under night works, and connected to the anchor points using wire ropes (see diagram).

Helicopters have been busy over the past two weeks installing eight posts for the draped mesh fence at Site 9, just north of the canopy site.



Canopy by the numbers

1st
OF ITS KIND IN
THE SOUTHERN
HEMISPHERE

33
PANELS
OF MESH

220M²
OF SHOTCRETE

110M
CANOPY
LENGTH

6M
CANOPY
HEIGHT

120M
MESH FENCE
LENGTH

600+
ROCK
ANCHORS

14
POSTS

15M
LONGEST
POST

77
ROPES





'Package of memories' officially opened

The final pieces of the Cultural Artwork Package* have been installed along the Kaikōura coast this month, adding pouwhenua and tekoteko (carved pillars), laser cut corten steel murals, a painted rail bridge and palisade fence to the existing artwork displayed on tunnel shelters, and at seven Safe Stopping Areas.

Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and NCTIR hosted a dawn blessing and opening ceremony at Ngā Niho Pā on the peninsula last Saturday to celebrate and mark the completion of this special project. Before the dawn blessing, in the early hours of the morning, a small karakia team travelled both north and south of the township to bless the sites.

At the 10am official opening event Sir Tipene O'Regan, former long-serving chairman of the Ngāi Tahu Māori Trust Board, gave a heart-felt speech about the importance of the artwork in acknowledging the status and presence of Māori along the coast.

"I would like to join in the general chorus of praise for the forces that have assembled this package of memories along our coast. The coast is now much more widely adorned with its memories and its story than it was before, and that says something about what we are beginning, as a people, to become."

Hariata Kahu, Chair of Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura spoke to the guests and community about the shared legacy that the artwork represents. "For us, the Cultural Artwork Package is also for you, the community, to understand our history and to know who we are, and to join in. It is about biculturalism."



Dawn blessing ceremony

After the blessing and opening events the Rūnanga held guided bus tours for the public between Oaro and Ōkiwi Bay. Alan and Chris Gulleford were on the guided bus trip, "We had a great day out! Very interesting and knowledgeable speakers. The artwork is astounding and will be a very important part of our continuing living history of Kaikōura. The technical skills of everyone involved have produced exceptionally high-quality art made with cutting-edge tools. Once again, Kaikōura rocks! Thanks to NCTIR for making this day happen".

*The Cultural Artwork Package has been a partnership between Waka Kotahi, KiwiRail, Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and NCTIR that involves a team of artists, designers and others producing an extensive range of artwork along the coastline that tell stories of whakapapa and connection, for the past and for the future.



LEFT: Raramai pou
TOP RIGHT: Teketeko marker near the Peketā palisade
BOTTOM RIGHT: Corten mural near Ōhau Point