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The Bulletin Kaikōura earthquake update

Mēri Kirihimete – thank you, and farewell!

From all of us here at NCTIR – we would like to wish you our very last ‘Mēri Kirihimete’! Not only that, but also a big thank you and farewell. The past four years have been extraordinary, and this project has been an experience that will stay with us all forever.

This project has been one of the most significant engineering challenges in New Zealand’s history, and it has been a privilege, and very humbling to be so warmly welcomed by the community and mana whenua over the last four years. We could not have achieved what we did without the support and patience of the community.

We have one last project left to complete south of Kaikōura (a rockfall canopy), which will require a small orange taskforce, who will be based out of Peketā! We’d like to thank you all for bearing with us while we

complete this final piece of safety work. We will open the road to two lanes around this corner over the Christmas break, so holiday-makers can travel freely. The Bulletin will return in the new year to keep you updated on the final work.

Thanks to all those locals who worked with us - who housed, fed, welcomed and befriended us. On behalf of the NCTIR team, we wish you and your loved ones an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

If you are travelling through this beautiful piece of the country, please drive carefully and enjoy your journey.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tony Gallagher
NCTIR Project Director



Blessing and unveiling event reflects on past four years

A special ceremony was held at the South Bay intersection last week to mark the departure of NCTIR from Kaikōura three years on from the re-opening of State Highway 1 north of the township – which saw the reconnection of communities that had been separated since the November 2016 earthquake.

A new Kaikōura town entry sign and two tekoteko (carved pillars) were unveiled and blessed by Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura, to symbolise the completion of works to restore and improve road and rail along the coast, and to celebrate the increasingly strong relationship built between the alliance and the Rūnanga over the past four years.

Speakers recalled the approximate 6.5 million work hours put in by over 9,000 people across the course of the project, many of whom were working away from their homes and families, and the smiling traffic controllers who brightened the days of delayed motorists.

Waka Kotahi CEO Nicole Rosie spoke of the team's extraordinary efforts, and how they achieved what they did by working collaboratively.

'By forming strong partnerships with our Treaty Partners Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura, Kaikōura District Council, and through the work with the Restoration Liaison Group, Cultural Advisory Group and the community we have been able to achieve so much together and leave a lasting legacy for the community.'

Speakers included Transport Minister Michael Wood, Waka Kotahi CEO Nicole Rosie, KiwiRail COO David Gordon, Kaikōura Mayor Craig Mackle, and Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura Chair Hariata Kahu.



Who will look after the highway when NCTIR leaves?

NCTIR crews have been working hard to make State Highway 1 (SH1) and the Main North Line safe and resilient for the future with a range of protective measures. But like other coastal areas in New Zealand, Kaikōura and the surrounding areas are prone to rockfall because of its geography and weather. Waka Kotahi has a dedicated locally-based team to manage SH1 (as they do in all other regions across the country), with Downer currently contracted to maintain Kaikōura roads. This team was the first to respond after the earthquake and has worked closely with NCTIR throughout the last four years. They know the area well and will be responsible for its ongoing maintenance and incident management.

Our Kaikōura Story

We recently released a video – 'Our Kaikōura Story', which sums up the rebuild journey and celebrates the amazing work of around 9,000 women and men who worked on this project. Follow the link to watch our journey: <https://bit.ly/2Woh5HG>



Reminder: Canopy work dates



A small team will be working south of Kaikōura into early 2021 to complete the final piece of NCTIR work – a new rockfall protection canopy between Peketā and the Paritahi Tunnels. The SH1 south night closures associated with this work will take a break over the Christmas holidays, with the road returned to two lanes under a speed restriction. The last closure of the year was Thursday 17 December, and they will resume the night of Tuesday 5 January 2021, and continue to late February. Day work will resume on Wednesday 6 January.



NCTIR StoryMaps

An online collection of eight interactive stories covering different aspects of the rebuild journey has also recently gone live! This includes a brief overview of everything from initial recovery work, to feats of design and engineering, to the installation of some stunning cultural artwork – complete with visuals. Check out the StoryMaps at the following link, or scan the QR code

<http://bit.ly/2WoLENS>



Racecourse road officially opened ahead of community farewell

The Racecourse road, and shared path, were officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony ahead of the community event this month, with Kaikōura Mayor Craig Mackle doing the honours. Members of the Kaikōura Cycling Club, including club Chair Winston Gray, also attended the ceremony and were among the first to ride down the new shared path, which connects and completes the club's 48km bike loop trail around the Kaikōura township.

Despite a fresh southerly breeze on that Sunday afternoon, there was a good turnout of keen local families who came along to enjoy ice-cream and bouncy castles at the community farewell. There was something for everyone with a quake table, face-painting, archaeological displays, tasty local food vendors, and entertainment by talented local songstress Jade Hole – and of course, Santa!



Let's get ready!

Non-profit organisation Neighbourhood Support has set up free online tool **North Canterbury Gets Ready** to help get you connected with your neighbourhood.



Kaikōura District Council member Joanna York runs Neighbourhood Support and North Canterbury Gets Ready in Kaikōura and says it is a 'really important' tool, and urges locals to sign up.

'We found during lockdown that the Gets Ready tool was a valuable asset in locating people and finding out what their immediate needs were. The aim is to have all Kaikōura residents signed up so in the event of an emergency we can find people and get valuable resources and aid to them faster.'

By signing up you will receive emails and alerts from community partners such as NZ Police, and get tips about preparing for emergencies and improving household and neighbourhood safety. The aim is to get communities working together to provide support, solve local issues, and make our neighbourhoods safer and more welcoming.

Sign up before Thursday 31 December 2020 to go into a draw to win a prize pack. Follow the link to sign up: northcanterbury.getsgready.net

If you have any questions email Joanna on Joanna.York@kaikoura.govt.nz



Christmas contact

For any queries regarding road maintenance in the Kaikōura area between Saturday 19 December 2020 and Tuesday 5 January 2021 call the Waka Kotahi local maintenance contractor, Downer, on 027 478 3458. For real-time journey information and updates on please check www.nzta.govt.nz/p2c. Downer will also be completing roading works on SH1 during the summer months when conditions are optimal for sealing (as with all roads around New Zealand each summer).

What will NCTIR do with its assets now that work is wrapping up?

A number of locals have expressed interest in the shipping containers, traffic shelters and other various materials that have been used by NCTIR over the course of our work. Many of these assets seen at our worksites are not owned by NCTIR – they are either hired, on loan, or belong to subcontractors working with us on the recovery. When NCTIR-owned equipment or material is no longer required, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail, as funders of the project, will decide whether they will keep, donate or dispose of the equipment/material. If Waka Kotahi or KiwiRail do not require the equipment, it will be offered at fair market value to the NCTIR alliance contractors (HEB, Higgins, Fulton Hogan and Downer). Anything they do not purchase will be put up for auction using client-approved auction companies. Some NCTIR assets will have no market value, either through age or condition, and will be sold for residual scrap value where possible, or will be disposed of appropriately. Any revenue will be returned to KiwiRail and Waka Kotahi.

NCTIR Village update

Following a successful tender process, the NCTIR workers' Village will be disestablished in January 2021. Once the buildings have been removed, the land will be reinstated.



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