

The Causeway Alliance is raising and widening 4.8 km of Auckland's Northwestern Motorway and cycleway between Great North Road and the Whau River Bridge, near Te Atatu. The work is being done to prevent flooding and provide additional lanes for when the Waterview Tunnels open in early 2017.

Meet the fernbird

A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE MOTU MANAWA POLLEN ISLAND MARINE RESERVE

Matata or fernbirds live in dense wetland vegetation and are more often heard than seen because of their excellent camouflage and limited ability to fly. They tend to scramble through dense vegetation searching for insects.

Fernbird numbers have declined considerably due to the increasing number of wetlands being drained, so it is heartening to see their continued presence in the Causeway's wetlands area.

Thanks to photographer Jeremy Painting for the matata image taken near Te Atatu.



Patiki Road overbridge

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

The Patiki Road cycleway and pedestrian overbridge disappeared (with the help of our construction team) overnight during September and the difference can be seen in the photographs below.

Cyclists and pedestrians are being detoured around these works and onto

the new permanent cycleway west of the Whau River Bridge with one cyclist commenting enthusiastically, 'feel the quality'.

At the completion of the project, cyclists will be able to ride the length of the causeway and beyond on a new, purpose built route.



New man at the wheel



The Causeway Alliance has welcomed Mike Booth as its new Alliance Project Manager.

Mike is former Project Alliance Board member and is familiar with the project and the team. Far from his native Scotland, Mike has lead construction projects in Asia and Australia as well as the completion of the award-winning Newmarket Viaduct Replacement project in 2012.

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GEM AWARDS

The Causeway Alliance was a finalist in two categories of the NZ Transport Agency's recent GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Awards: Customer Care and Protecting the Environment. The GEM Awards are how the Transport Agency recognises and celebrates its contractors and suppliers who go the extra mile for customer service and safety, and who show their commitment to its priorities and quality standards.

A record number of nominations were received this year from construction projects around the country, and we're proud to have been finalists twice over. While we didn't bring home the winner's glassware, our competition was strong and the winner's awards were well deserved.

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Tread lightly and leave only footprints

This photo shows part of the narrow sections on either side of State Highway 16 where the Causeway Alliance team works alongside fast-moving traffic. All of the effects of the construction process must be contained within this long ribbon that passes through the Motu Manawa-Pollen Island marine reserve. Either side of this work the environment continues to flourish with rare and endangered species continuing to go about their business untouched by the work going on around them.



The stitch went without a hitch

The Whau River Bridge stitch of its newly constructed southern side and the existing bridge went without a hitch during an overnight closure on 19 September.

The stitch used 58 cubic metres of concrete which is equal to 58,000 litres. Imagine this as single litre bottles of milk lined up on a supermarket shelf and you begin to get a feel for how much concrete was needed.

The concrete reached its required strength at 7am on the Sunday morning and we were able to open two westbound lanes ahead of schedule.

