



The Bulletin Kaikōura earthquake update

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A safer normal at NCTIR

Following a two-week reduced capacity return to site under Alert Level 3, the Government's Level 2 announcement brought a welcome shift to a new, safer normal at NCTIR.

Our teams have continued with contact tracing, physical distancing and strict hygiene measures under this Alert Level, with cleaners and designated site safety controllers available at each work site.

We are also managing a safe, staggered return to headquarters for our office-based staff, some of whom have continued to work from home during this transition.

Crews out on site still managed to make some exciting progress while navigating the strict Level 3 work environment, with Jacob's Ladder B (just south of Ōkiwi Bay) ticked off shortly after their return.

The final formal Safe Stopping Area at Paparoa Point is also nearing completion, with plans to start sealing the parking area during the next clear stretch of weather.

During Alert Level 3 Kaikōura District Mayor Craig Mackle visited the NCTIR Village to get a better understanding of our health and safety measures. NCTIR Village Manager Sean Madden welcomed Craig at the front gate, where he underwent a health survey and temperature check.

Sean took Craig for a walking tour of the site, explaining the contactless meal system in the dining area, separate work spaces for the kitchen staff, and intensified laundering processes for work clothes. Craig says he was surprised by some of the measures.

"They were really strict. I think NCTIR's done a great job enforcing what is essentially a lockdown of its own on their workers. All the shared areas were closed, which seems harsh, but is probably necessary. They've taken it very seriously."

Since the Alert Level 2 announcement, the occupants of the NCTIR Village have returned to dining out in the community and supporting local businesses.



NCTIR Village Manager Sean Madden



Kaikōura Mayor Craig Mackle having his temperature taken at the entrance to the NCTIR Village



Physically distanced dining at the Village during Alert Level 3

Sunday returns to Kaikōura

Last month a film crew from TVNZ's Sunday programme returned to Kaikōura to film a follow-up segment on their documentary Kaikōura: A Big Year, which was filmed in 2018. Sunday reporter Tania Page spoke with SprayMarks Rail Protection Officer Bruce Barwick about his time on the NCTIR project. Bruce and his wife Karen are the former owners of beloved local ice-cream shop, Poppies, which featured in Sunday's previous documentary. Bruce's interview, as well as a segment on the Kaikōura township, will be available for viewing online at TVNZ OnDemand after airing on Sunday 7 June.



Sunday reporter Tania Page speaking with Rail Protection Officer Bruce Barwick

NCTIR Village update

As a result of the shutdown due to Covid-19 and its impact on our programme, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency will retain the Kaikōura Village for a further period. We're reviewing how the recent shutdown and reduced capacity return will impact the project's completion date, but we will provide an update when we can.



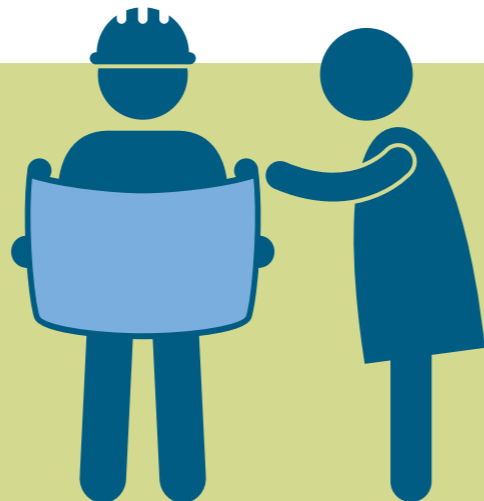
The NCTIR Village

Connect with NCTIR

NCTIR will once again be hosting fortnightly drop-in sessions on the second floor of the Kaikōura District Council building, in the room opposite the library.

These will be starting on Thursday 11 June, and continuing 25 June, 9 July etc.

Come in and have a chat between **noon and 2pm** about the work we'll be completing over the rest of the year.



Work updates

Seal tidying



Crews are continuing work to tidy up the sides of SH1 both north and south of Kaikōura, which involves sealing the gravel edges of the highway, including some driveways. This work reduces the gravel on the road that can cause safety issues for vehicles and cyclists. These will be roaming worksites with traffic management in place.

Rosy Morn Stream



Opposite Raramai Safe Stopping Area, on the inland side of SH1, work has started on a Debris Flow Interception Wall at the Rosy Morn Stream culvert. This is designed to stop debris entering and blocking the culvert under the road.



Rosy Morn Stream culvert

Waiau update



Repairs are continuing on the Waiau Bridge, with some weekend night closures. The next closures are scheduled for Saturday 20 (8pm-8am) and Sunday 21 June (6pm-6am). Further dates to be confirmed. If you would like to receive weekly email updates on this work, email us at info@nctir.com or call us on **0800 628 4737**.



Temporary piles hold up the bridge deck while crew work to replace Pier 32

Punchbowl



Repairs are underway on a small 15-metre section of seawall at the Punchbowl that was damaged during the earthquake. The existing traffic management in place around Tunnel 11 has been extended north to include the work that has started on the Punchbowl point. Temporary traffic lights will be operating overnight.



Repairs underway at the Punchbowl

Ōkiwi Bay realignment



Sealing work is set to get underway on the Ōkiwi Bay road realignment, just north of Black Miller Stream. This will be undertaken in two sections, starting with the southern end this week and the northern end the following, weather permitting. One-lane traffic management will be in place around this site, which is approximately 800 metres in length, allowing traffic to continue moving while the opposite lane is being sealed. Once sealing is complete, crews will line-mark the road and start installing guardrail.



Preparation for sealing on the Ōkiwi Bay realignment.



Chevy Allen in his new role as a Site Safety Controller

Big changes for Chevy



Former Whale Watch chief skipper Chevy Allen is one of 17 Kaikōura locals employed by NCTIR since Alert Level 3 to help teams manage under new COVID-19 health and safety measures.

As a designated Site Safety Controller, Chevy is responsible for making sure that all teams under his care understand and follow these new rules. "I've really enjoyed it so far," he says. "And I haven't had to tell anyone off."

Chevy's new work site at Peketa has a view of the sea, and he says he enjoys being able to look at the waves without checking for boats or spouts. After 27 years of working for Whale Watch with the ocean for an office, he admits that the decision to leave was a difficult one.

"Driving boats was an awesome job - but during lockdown while I was at home with my kids I did a lot of reflecting. It was time for me to leave and try something different, and this new role is a good place to start. On the boats I was Chief Skipper assisting the Operations Manager, so I spent a lot of time training our new and old crew about health and safety. That work ties in really well with what I'm doing now."

Chevy is joining two of his sons at NCTIR, who already have work in the rail and safety spaces. This is not his first stint working on the project either. Shortly after the 2016 earthquake Chevy joined the SprayMarks traffic team on night shift, working on the paddle and spotting for rail, while continuing to work on the boats during the day. "It was just something I really wanted to be involved in," he says. "Everyone wanted to help with the initial rebuild, to see this town restored."

Chevy says he has been really proud of the resilience of his town and its people. "I just think our community is amazing, especially in tough times - from the earthquake to the lockdown. When something needs to be done the whole town gets behind it."

So what's next for Chevy once NCTIR work winds down? "I'm looking into doing some study, and taking some courses around mental health and social work. It's something I've always wanted to do - I like helping and supporting people."

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