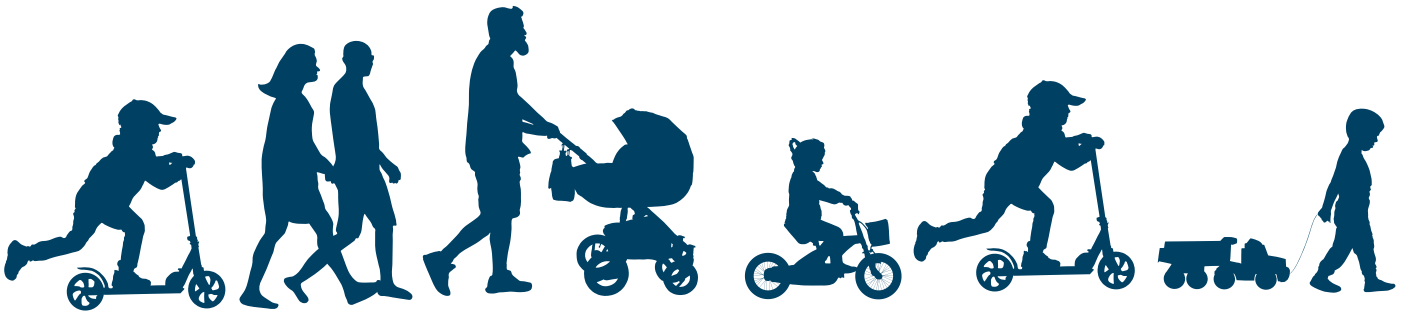




# Whirokino Trestle and Manawatū River Bridge replacement

PROJECT UPDATE

December 2019



## COME JOIN THE COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

As the official completion date for the Whirokino Trestle and Manawatū River Bridge gets ever closer, you are invited to attend an on-site community open day on Saturday 14 December.

It's a chance for us to say thank you to all those people and communities who have been involved in this important project, and it's your opportunity to get an up-close look before it's fully opened to traffic in early 2020. You'll have the chance to check out the impressive engineering techniques, get an up-close look at the pātiki (flounder) designs on the bridge barriers, or simply enjoy the stunning views of the Moutoa floodplain and Tararua Ranges.

The day will be starting with a welcome by iwi from 9:30am, followed by speeches. The event will run until 2:30pm, so there'll be plenty of time to walk, cycle or scooter about the structure.

The Levin and Foxton Rotary Clubs will be collecting gold coin donations on the day and holding a community fundraising barbecue, and classic vehicles from local car clubs will be on display.

Entrance to the event will be on the northern side of the new Manawatū River Bridge (see map on back). Access will be via Matarakapa Road from the south or Whirokino Road from the north. Parking will be available on site, and visitors will be directed to the nearest parking area by signage and staff.

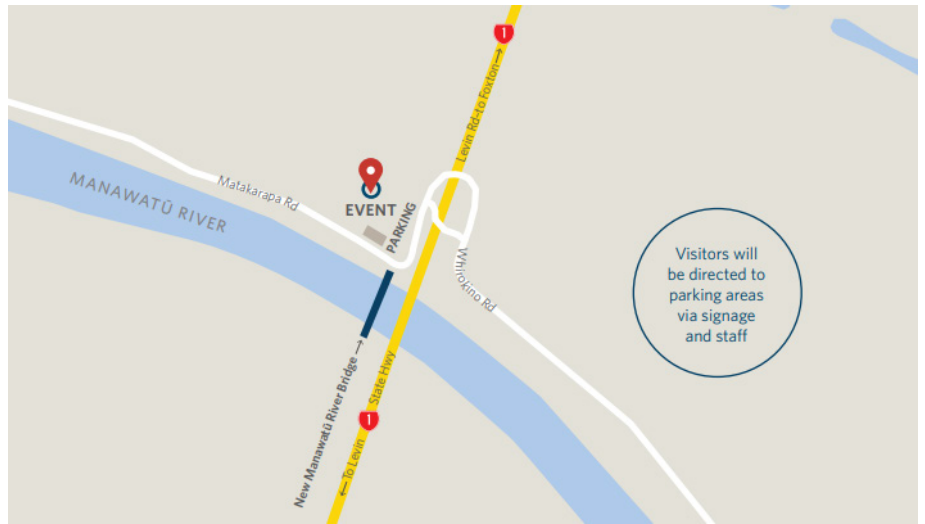
Foxton Rotary Club will be operating a shuttle bus from outside the Dutch Oven in Foxton to the event, in return for a gold coin donation.



## PROJECT BENEFITS

This project will deliver a number of benefits, including:

- the Whirokino Trestle and Manawatū River Bridge will be able to carry high productivity motor vehicle (HPMV) loads, meaning HPMV vehicles will no longer have to take 14km detour routes
- improved route security with stronger bridges
- safer bridges, with wider traffic lanes and shoulders
- improved walking and cycling facilities
- reduced maintenance costs
- reduced delays as a result of closures for overweight/width vehicles, and from maintenance and minor repairs.



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