

FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
CONTRACT 7/18/101

# Road Maintenance and Renewals Contract

MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2024



*Happy Valley Road*

# 1. SUMMARY

Another stunning month of weather has flown by in the Far North. March saw similar rainfall to this time last year – 27mm, great for construction activities but not so good for grading our unsealed network as we border on drought like conditions. Most of the unsealed roads are still too hard to grade, although we have one grader carrying out hit and mis grading where possible. We will begin to add more graders to the network in April, as we typically start to get rain and the pavements soften.

Our March works included a variety of work such as pre-seal repairs, sealing, maintenance, construction activities, storm recovery works and sealed & unsealed rehabs.

On the pavement rehab front, our drainage crew enjoyed a change of scenery and carried out a rehab on Paroa Bay Road in Russell. This was a great experience for them and further diversifies the skills of our crew and branch. We faced some challenges with a full moon bringing higher than normal tides, however the result should be very pleasing for the residents. Cobham Road has also had a birthday present with new asphalt and line marking running from Kerikeri township down towards inlet Road, which we expect to be completed mid-April. Our rehab on Cumber Road in Kaikohe was also finished late March.

A couple of unsealed pavements were replenished out west this month as we begin to shift our focus from sealed rehabs to unsealed rehabs through the winter months.

The footpath renewals continued around Paihia and Haruru falls in March with the team set to move to Kawakawa next.

New line marking has likely been spotted around the network, as our subcontractors Coastline began working on a full network remark which will be finished before the end of June.

Our vegetation contractors have had a tractor full time on the network cutting back any foliage encroaching into the vegetation window. In March they focused on Opuia and began working their way out Waikare Road towards Russell. The first spray run of the year was started the week following easter.

Nga Mihi

Rob Savage

Claim for the Month of March 2024



## 2. WORK PROGRAMME

A total of 2,884 individual work items were completed throughout the month of March, of which 2,224 were routine find and fix issues, 589 cyclic or annual rounds, 27 were programmed works, 36 renewals / capital projects, and 8 were callouts or emergency response works.

April 2024 forward works programme has been submitted in RAMM.

## 3. ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT

Our 3 inspectors have been working through routinely programmed inspections without any delay.

### **Sealed:**

There are currently 0 sealed inspections running overdue. 149 completed, of which 34 have been audited by the NTA team.

### **Unsealed:**

There are currently 0 un-sealed inspections running overdue. 194 were completed of which 30 have been audited by the NTA team.

### **Drainage**

There are currently 0 drainage inspections running overdue. 32 completed.

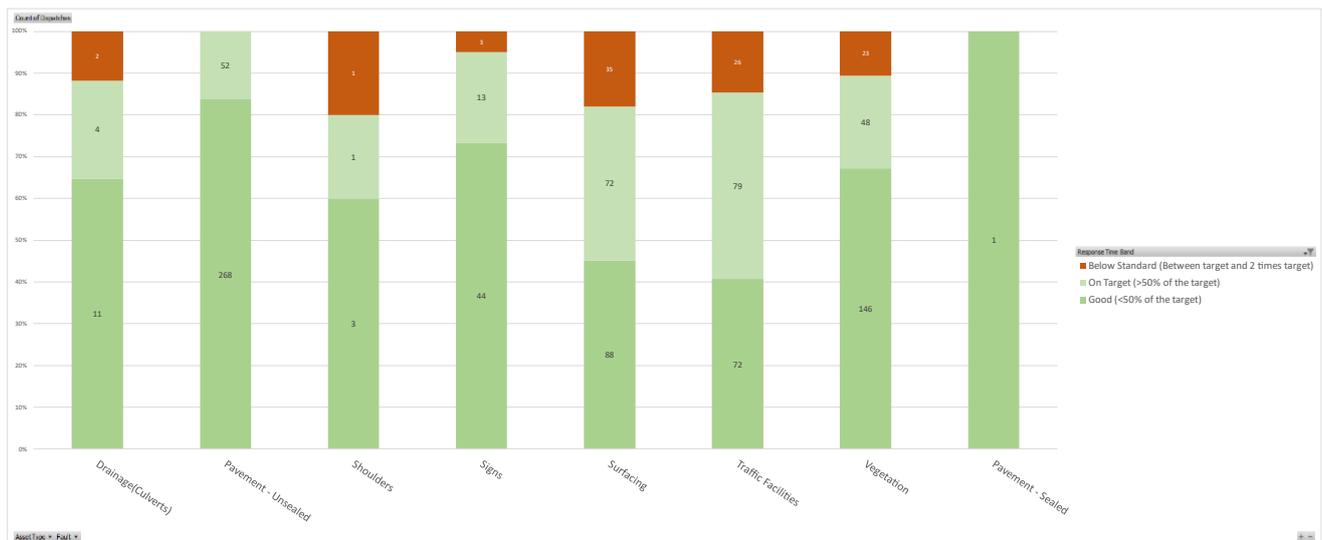
<b>Network Area Inspection</b>	
<b>South Area – March 24</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	229.6 km
<b>Week 2</b>	196.7 km
<b>Week 3</b>	274.6 km
<b>Week 4</b>	233.9 km
<b>Total KM</b>	<b>934.8 km</b>



## 4. ROUTINE WORKS COMPLETED

Routine maintenance activities completed in March:

- 148 sealed potholes repaired.
- 4,938 unsealed potholes repaired.
- 22.2km of unsealed roads graded equating to 2.84% of the total unsealed network.
- 122 or 4.3% of dispatches for March have been audited by the NTA team. \*as of 27/3/24
  - 104 Routine
  - 18 Ordered / Renewals / Emergency
- 180 Catchpit entrances cleared.



Routine Response Time



## 5. EMERGENCY WORKS

Our signs crew carried out some emergency repairs on Wallis Road bridge after significant damage was caused to the bridge structure.



*Wallis Road Bridge Repair*

Our concrete crew made repairs on the Rawene Seawall on Clendon Esplanade, after storms last year caused erosion and undermining. After multiple temporary repairs, we were finally able to time the tides and the concrete pump to complete the job.



*Rawene Seawall Repair*



## 6. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & RENEWALS

Drainage maintenance activities completed in March:

- 204m of heavy water tabling (Storm recovery packages & scheduled work).
- 109m of water table reconstruct/scouring. (Storm recovery packages & scheduled work).
- 15m of Culvert pipes replaced/new.
- 6 Culverts flushed.

## 7. PREVIOUS WEATHER EVENTS

Darroch Contracting completed a large drainage project on Waimate North Road, and our Renewals team completed an under slip on Kaka Road. Northland Tree works completed a large job on Florence Ave in Russell, one of the gifts left behind from Gabrielle.



*Kaka Road Before /After*



*Florence Ave*



*Waimate North Road*



## 8. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE/RENEWALS

The concrete crew have completed footpath renewals on Tahuna Rd, Joyces Rd and Williams Road in Paihia. They are currently working on Hawke Drive in Haruru Falls and then will jump over to Whiteman's Road in Kawakawa.



*Yorke Road /Joyces*

## 9. ROAD FURNITURE ACTIVITY

- 25 new signs installed or replaced (damaged or missing)
- 6 signposts replaced/new.
- 51 signs re-erected or straightened.
- 35 signs/posts cleaned.
- 47 posts painted.
- 12 metres of railing replaced. *\*routine & ordered*
- 215 edge marker / delineators replaced & straightened.



## 10. ORDERED WORKS

Ordered works were carried out:

- 184m<sup>2</sup> of Digout & Stabilized patch repairs

## 11. UNSEALED NETWORK

Unsealed rehabs were carried out on:

- *Happy Valley Road – RP25-1951*. Road received approximately 1120m<sup>3</sup> of new wearing course. This followed on from sections of build up that were carried out last year after cyclone Gabrielle.
- *Orira Road – RP 1191-3800*. Build up and wearing course on multiple sections of road totalling approximately 1800m<sup>3</sup> aggregate.



*Happy Valley Road*



## 12. PAVEMENT REHABILITATIONS

### 1. *Cumber Road 0-421m*

This Rehab has been completed. Alexs' team were then split up on a few different jobs after they finished the Cumber Road Rehab, and will regather back together for some Bridge approach work on Orakau Road shortly after easter.

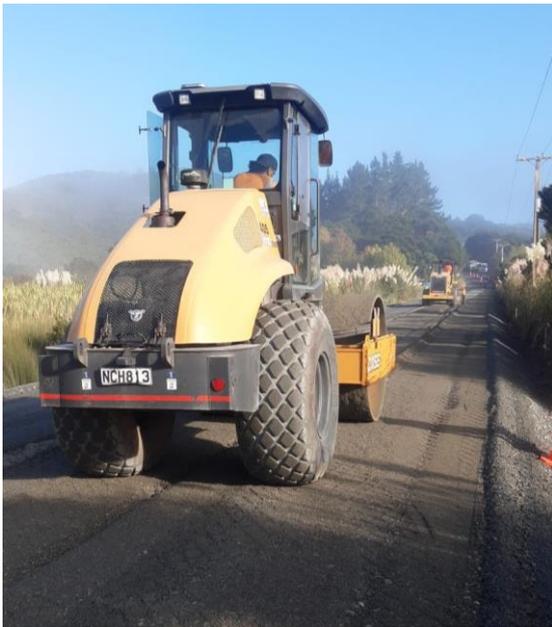


*Cumber Road Rehab*



## 2. Paroa Bay Road

The culvert crew switched things up this month and have been working on a rehab on Paroa Bay Road, Russell. The team completed shoulder and pavement strengthening in March and the site was cement stabilised before easter. Sealing will tie in with the remaining reseal sites in Russell which will complete our 23/24 reseals programme.



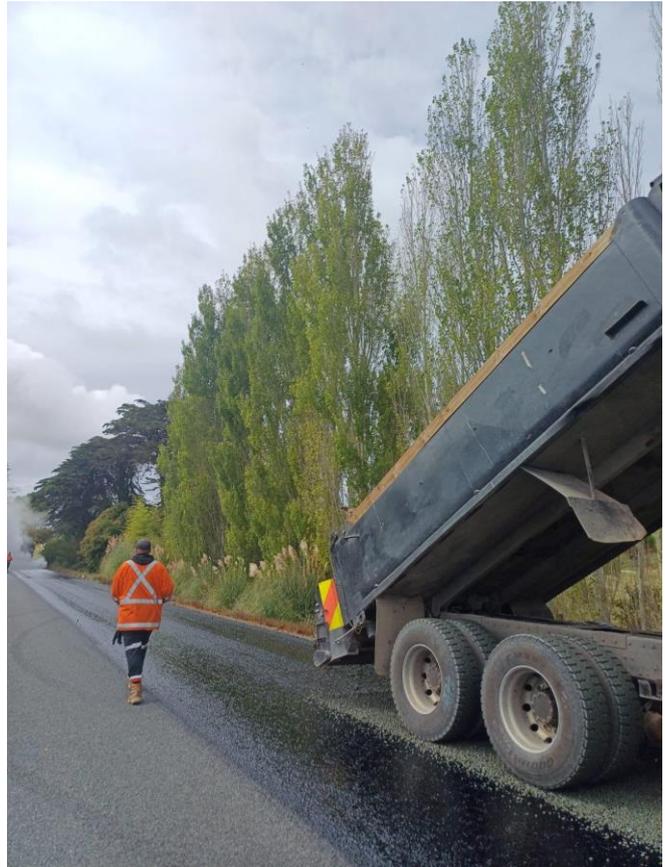
*Paroa Bay Road - Russell*

## 13. RESURFACING

The focus in March has been KDC reseals with 8km (54465.42 m<sup>2</sup>) completed in the area. The plan for the sealing team is to return to complete all possible FNDC reseals early April focussing on Russell, where the remaining sites are. It looks like there may possibly be some additional sites added to the programme which we will aim to pursue while the weather continues to allow resealing activities.

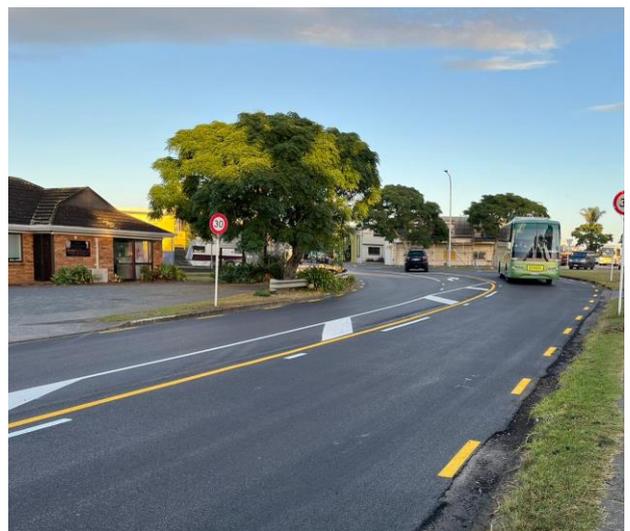
### ***Year-to-Date Reseal Figures:***

Approximately 51.07 km's of roads within the FNDC network and 18.9 km's of roads in the KDC area had been resealed by the end of March 2024.



*Kerikeri Rugby Club / Cumber Road*

In late March we started the Asphalt resurfacing of Cobham Rd in Kerikeri. This work was carried out under night shifts and will continue until mid-April. This project involves approximately 10,000m<sup>2</sup> of surfacing works along with some additional drainage and shoulder works down towards Kerikeri Inlet Road. A big thank you to the residents who have been very patient with the late night noise and disruption for the last couple of weeks.



Cobham Road Kerikeri



## 14. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT

No accidents to report.

## 15. RAMM ISSUES



No major issues in March 24 – Any development & minor operational issues encountered in the system are being recorded to provide feedback to Think project each month.

## 16. CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES / COMPLAINTS

### Ventia Customer Service Request Comparison, January to March 2024

Number of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Tree Down /Slip	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Flooding	Total
Jan-24	25	8	10	7	7	29	9	10	1	0	106
Feb-24	36	2	6	1	10	70	12	11	2	0	150
Mar-24	20	3	14	10	2	44	15	7	0	0	115

TBC

Percentage of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Tree Down /Slip	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Flooding	Total
Jan-24	23.6%	7.5%	9.4%	6.6%	6.6%	27.4%	8.5%	9.4%	0.9%	0.0%	100%
Feb-24	24.0%	1.3%	4.0%	0.7%	6.7%	46.7%	8.0%	7.3%	1.3%	0.0%	100%
Mar-24	17.4%	2.6%	12.2%	8.7%	1.7%	38.3%	13.0%	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

TBC

## 17. COMPLIMENTS

We received one compliment for the month of March.

Opua School emailed saying – “ A big THANK YOU to you guys for organising the mowing of the elephant grass and overgrowth along Kellet Street in Opua. We have just seen a contractor doing this and we are soooo happy.”



## 18. HEALTH & SAFETY & WELLBEING

See attached to this report email for the SHEQ stats for the month.

We have had a Focus on one of our Main Critical Risk Protocols this month, **CRP#2 Working Around & Operating Mobile Plant**. This has seen the Managers and Supervisors heading out into the field to have Leader Lead Conversations with our teams about how we work safely around Mobile Plant and what good looks like, the below *Safe For Life* questions were used as prompts for these conversations



**Stay safe for the life you love**

**CRITICAL RISK**

**02 / WORKING AROUND & OPERATING MOBILE PLANT**



- Never enter an exclusion zone without authorisation
- Operate plant within defined safety limits
- Position yourself to avoid interaction with moving vehicles and plant
- Treat all services as live and maintain the safe approach distance
- Protect yourself against a fall and prevent dropped objects

Are you asking the right safety questions?  
Have you seen the latest CRP best practices?



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- Have I been verified as competent to operate the plant on this site?
- Am I in a fit state to operate the equipment?
- Have I checked that plant is approved for use on site?
- Have I checked if any safety items are missing or defective?
- Have I checked that suitable barricades and exclusion zones are in place within my work area?
- Do I have a spotter with me when working around structures, powerlines and people?
- Have I parked my mobile plant in a safe way to prevent “run-away”?
- Have I ensured that all loads are secure and properly restrained?

We have had some good engagement and feedback from the crews, some initiating immediate changes/improvements in process and traffic management.

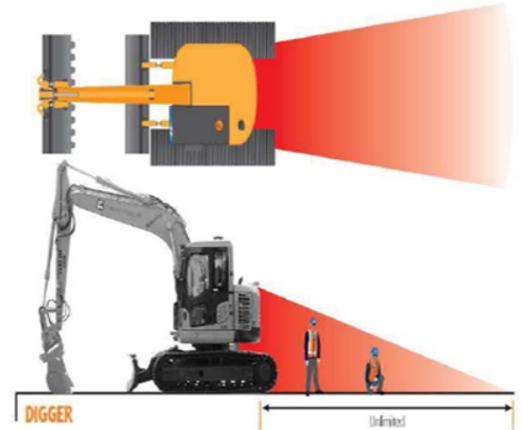
In our Branch Toolbox held on 12th of March, at the Kerikeri Sports Complex we covered off multiple external industry events from around the country including:

- Heavy Trailer drawbar hinge pin failure
- Lifting Anchor Failure – in Concrete pipes and Mass Blocks
- Spotter Training Refresher during the toolbox to raise awareness of the importance of using Spotters around plant and Services with an emphasis on the Spotter being trained and competent in their task, focused solely on the role of Spotter.



## PURPOSE OF A SPOTTER

- ❖ To ensure the safety of workers and the public
- ❖ To stop the job if there is any danger (although anyone can stop the job)
- ❖ To safely direct plant operations on a worksite, minimising risk
- ❖ Provides another set of eyes for the driver or operator and managing their blind spots
- ❖ To safely direct delivery vehicles on site
- ❖ Keeping tip areas 'free from unauthorised personnel'
- ❖ To ensure no services are struck or damaged
- ❖ To ensure no plant or vehicles or property are damaged.



Our SHEQ Team (Safety Health Environment & Quality), have been reviewing our Safe Work Method Statements, SWMS, our Local SHWQ Advisor Viki Hurring covered of the key changes to these documents most of which have arisen from recent events within Ventia and the wider industry.

### *Healthy Minds Champions 2024 Recruitment Campaign*

This award-winning program is dedicated to destigmatising mental illness and supporting employees.

Our Healthy Minds Champions help build work places where people feel trusted, safe and comfortable seeking support if they need it. They connect people to Ventia's Healthy Minds program resources and promote mental health and wellbeing initiatives.

If you are facing challenges at work or at home and would like to talk to someone, Ventia's Healthy Minds Champions are here to help.

As we recognise people do come and go from the business we are currently recruiting new people who volunteer to be there in support of their colleagues just to listen, or to guide them to an array of resources and contacts to help with most issue we face both at work and in our personal lives.



## 19. TRAINING

In March, we completed *Move Smart Think Smart* training for just over half the staff at Puketona, Quarries, & Roding. This is a more holistic approach to the traditional manual handling training and went down very positively with the staff.

## 20. ENVIRONMENT

In March we had no notifiable incidents to report.

## 21. ANNUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITY ACHIEVEMENT

Routine and cyclic rounds start at the financial year (July 2023/24):

<b>Biennial Painting of All Rails</b>	<b>0%</b>	- on hold due to funding.
<b>Biennial Parapet Painting of Bridges</b>	<b>0%</b>	- on hold due to funding.
<b>Annual Cleaning of EMP's</b>	<b>0%</b>	- on hold due to funding.
<b>Annual Sucking of All Sumps</b>	<b>21%</b>	complete
<b>Biannual sweeping</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete
<b>Urban Vegetation Spraying</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete *2 <sup>nd</sup> round to start March-24
<b>Rural Vegetation Spraying</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete *2 <sup>nd</sup> round to start March-24
<b>Line marking Network Remark</b>	<b>14%</b>	complete

## 22. SMALL TO MEDIUM ENTERPRISE (SME) BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

Summary of SME engagement through the last financial year - 1<sup>st</sup> July 23 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 24.

Measurement	Qty
Local Contractor component of work	41%



## 23. OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS

The Construction team progression on projects as per below:

### ***Windermere Roundabout***

The crew was asked to add a concrete footpath to the interior of the roundabout at the cul de sac down Windermere. This was to add more stability and protection to the kerb from heavy vehicles.



*Windermere Roundabout*



## **Waipapa Sports Complex**

A push on the sports complex saw the membrane and then asphalt laid. The site is nearing completion with a set of raised ramps and line marking to finish off. There will be other works to follow including bollard installation and more footpath work on the outside perimeter leading to the sports fields.

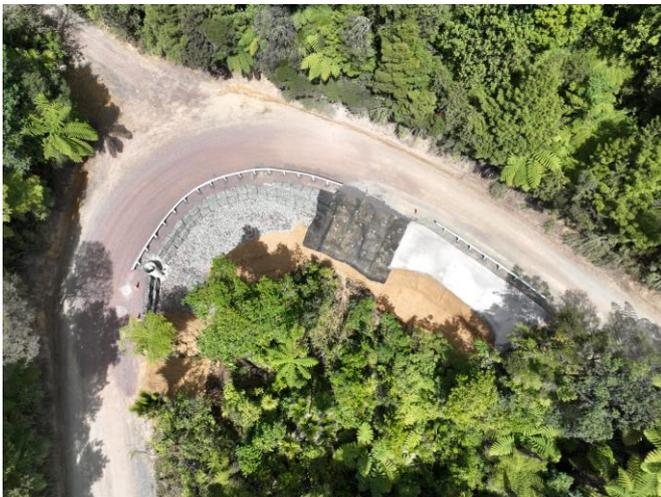




*Waipapa Sports Complex*

### ***Waikare Slip Repair***

The Waikare slip repair was completed on time and the finished product looks great. The result creates a much wider safer road for the community. The site was left in a tidy state with little disruption to the local community, and everyone involved should be proud of what has been achieved.





*Waikare Slip Repair*

Future work for the construction team will include slip repair on Ngapipito, kerb and footpath upgrades in the Hokianga and Bay of Islands/Whangaroa wards, and the boat ramp/car park upgrade in Russell.

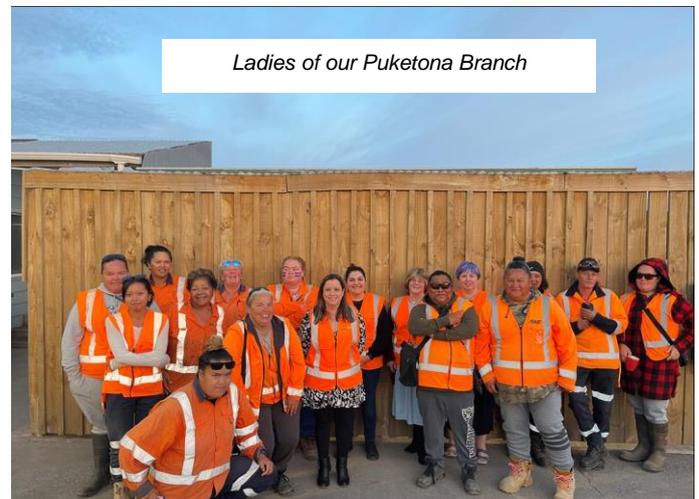
## 24. AROUND VENTIA

Every year, Ventia celebrates International Women's Day (IWD). We come together to educate, highlight challenges, drive awareness, seek feedback and also celebrate success.

In March we celebrated and acknowledged our women across Australia and New Zealand through local onsite events, to activities with our clients, and external events, profiling the many talented women of Ventia.

As we recognise this week, I'm proud to celebrate some of our recent achievements including:

- Achieving our HESTA 40:40 target in our Executive Leadership team
- Increasing the overall number of women in our workforce, including in senior management roles
- Delivering women-focused training and development through our Women Leading program
- Establishing our first Women@Ventia Community of Practice
- Being recognised as a 2022-23 Inclusive Employer by the Diversity Council of Australia; and achieving our New Zealand Rainbow Tick re-accreditation.



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