

Road Works for the District – May 2017

NOTE TO DRIVERS ON UNSEALED ROADS: Unsealed roads require regular laying of maintenance aggregate. If tyres are low, road users can run the risk of punctures on freshly laid metal. The material we use is a standard product as per the maintenance contract specifications, and generally the use of heavier graded GAP 40 is applied in the winter to fix soft areas that arise due to moisture in the pavement, or in heavy build-ups to restore the structural integrity of pavement. This larger material is particularly prone to puncturing worn tyres, but is a necessary requirement during the winter months to ensure the roads are still safely negotiable. An effort will be made to roll this product where it is applied in large quantities to mitigate this issue; however, it is not practical to apply this to every instance. Please take caution when travelling on freshly laid aggregate, and check the condition of your tyres - especially if you live on the unsealed network. This is not a problem isolated to Kaipara but is an issue on all unsealed networks. Thanks for your patience.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Broadspectrum NZ Ltd, Kaipara Branch is continuing their full network round of glyphosate roadside vegetation spraying. The spraying contractor of Broadspectrum NZ Ltd is performing vegetation growth control and roadside spraying alongside sealed and unsealed roads in the Kaipara District. Please refer to program below for location of spraying which is subject to weather conditions.

Routine works planned on Council roads throughout the whole District during May include pothole repairs both on unsealed and sealed roadways as they are identified and grading of select roads pending sufficient rainfall.

Area specific works planned during May include:

- Minor bridge repairs throughout the District
- Roadside vegetation spraying – All rural roads
- Maintenance grading throughout the District when conditions are suitable
- Unsealed/ Sealed pothole repair throughout the District when conditions are suitable
- Water table restoration – Omana, Hoanga, and Cassidy Roads
- Heavy Metal Strengthening – Houto Road
- Footpath Construction – Logan Street; On-going

- Sight Improvements – Opanake and Opuna Roads
- Mechanised Tree Pruning – Paradise Road and Kirikopuni Valley Area

We may experience some delays with work programmed during the month of May if weather restricts plant movements and progress; however, the majority of works will continue.

Area specific works completed during the last month include:

- Water table restoration – Bagnal Road
- Sight Improvements – Houto, Arcadia Roads
- Slip Repairs – Bull Road

All routine work is done in cycles across the District. In endeavouring to provide good roads at the most economic cost, sometimes only spot grading and metalling is done as it is about one-quarter of the price of blanket metalling and grading that has tended to be done in the past.

Thank you for your co-operation as these projects to improve travel on your roads are being completed. Please feel free to contact the Council's Customer Service Representatives on 0800 727 059 for more information.