

Road Maintenance and Renewals Contract

MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2025

FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

CONTRACT 7/18/101





1. SUMMARY

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. We had a small skeleton crew running through the holiday period, carrying out basic maintenance duties. We then returned to full capacity on Monday the 13th January, a slightly longer break than normal but was appreciated and enjoyed by our staff after a huge 2024.

We returned to a bit of moisture in the first couple of weeks, with almost 150mm of rain falling. One of these rainfalls on the 21st January became an official weather event requiring the use of our new Sitrep reporting and logging system, the first time we have had to use this in a long time. Thankfully there was only a handful of items including a few fallen trees and some surface flooding. More on this in the Emergency works section of the report.

As we didn't manage to finish all our preseal repairs in Russell last year, we prioritised this as a starting point in January. Kerikeri was another area of focus with crews undertaking preseal patches and digouts, along with general maintenance patches outside of our reseal areas. We have now completed approximately 81% of our preseal repairs so far this season. We are having a big push to get these done as quickly as possible, with three of our crews currently working on patches and digouts.

The sealing crew completed reseals on Wehirua and Waiare Roads but were disrupted by the weather which made for a slightly slower month.

The Rangiahua Road Rehab is all but complete with only the linemarking remaining. Cookie and his crew made a start on the Waiare Road Rehab enabling and drainage works, and Rays crew moved in later in the month to get the culvert replacements underway. We are currently planning our next rehabs on Te Ahu Ahu Road, Wiroa/Waiare Roads intersection and Kempthorne Road in Russell.

We had two tractors full time on the network in January, cutting back 38km of Vegetation which has been received well from some local truck drivers.

Our patrol crews have been working hard covering a variety of jobs including pothole repairs, vegetation removal, sweeping and edge marker straightening.

Wishing everyone a great 2025.

Nga Mihi

Rob Savage





2. WORK PROGRAMME

A total of 1,180 individual work items were completed throughout the month of January, of which 838 were routine find and fix issues, 308 were programmed works, 6 renewals/capital projects, 3 cyclic and 25 were callouts or emergency response works.

February 2025 forward works programme has been submitted in RAMM.

3. ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT

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

Sealed:

There are currently 0 sealed inspections running overdue. 108 were completed

Unsealed:

There are 0 un-sealed inspections that were completed late. 142 were completed

Drainage

There are currently 0 drainage inspections running overdue. 34 were completed

Network Area Inspection	
South Area – January 25	
Week 1	191.7 km
Week 2	298.1 km
Week 3	335.4 km
Week 4	307.2 km
Total KM	1,132.4 km

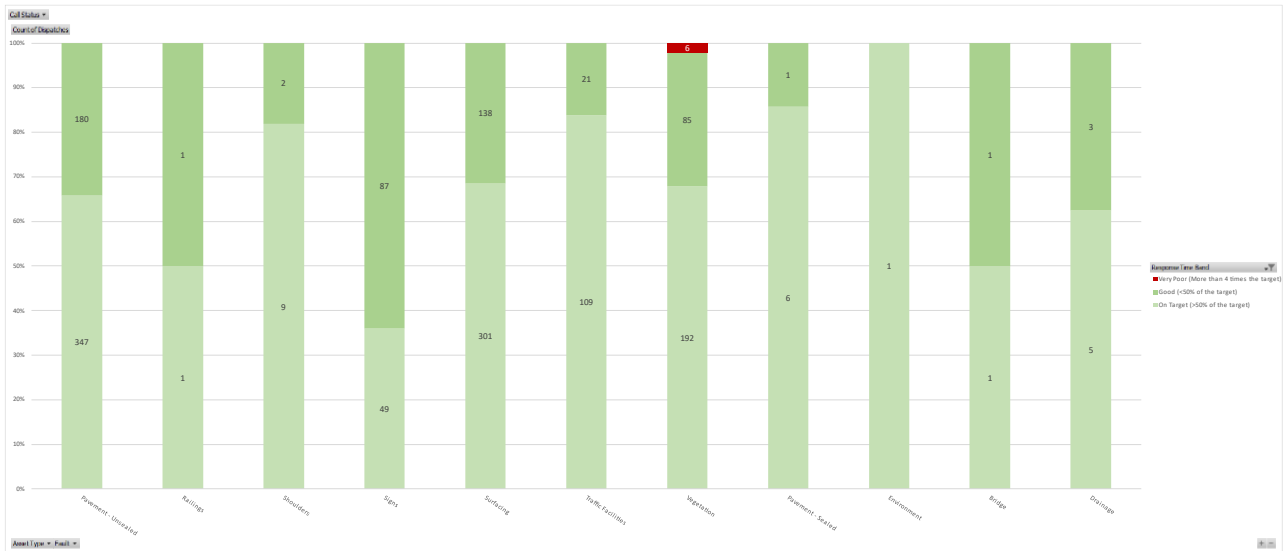
4. ROUTINE WORKS COMPLETED

Routine maintenance activities completed in January:

- 74 sealed potholes repaired
- 706 unsealed potholes repaired
- 45.9km of unsealed roads graded equating to 5.8% of the total unsealed network



- 289 Catchpit entrances cleared
- 1.06km of (hand) roadside vegetation cut back
- 38.3km of tractor vegetation control

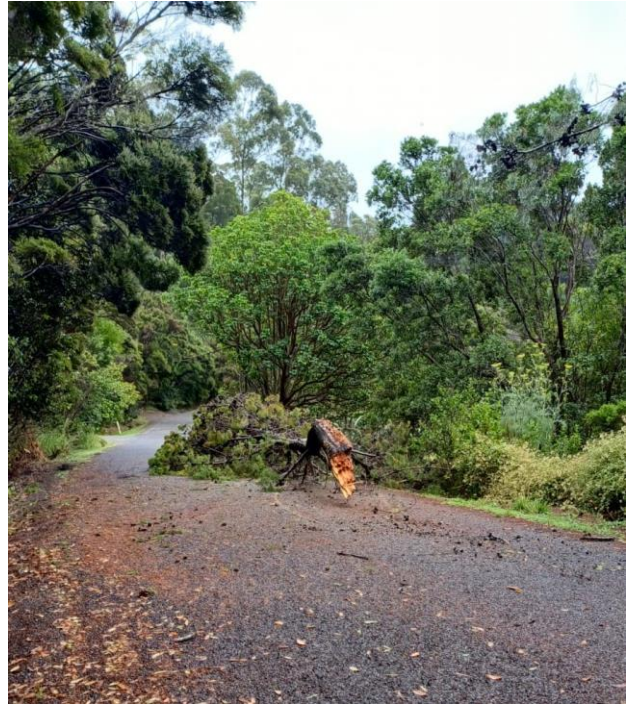


*Routine Response Time tracking (for month of January,
Green on track, red-orange below standard*



5. EMERGENCY WORKS

January saw a decent amount of rainfall and one notable weather event. We experienced flooding on Monument and Tapuhi Roads, and had fallen trees on Bentzen, Cookson, Rakauwahia, Horahora and Range Roads.



Monument Road / Bentzen Drive

6. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & RENEWALS

Drainage maintenance activities completed in January:

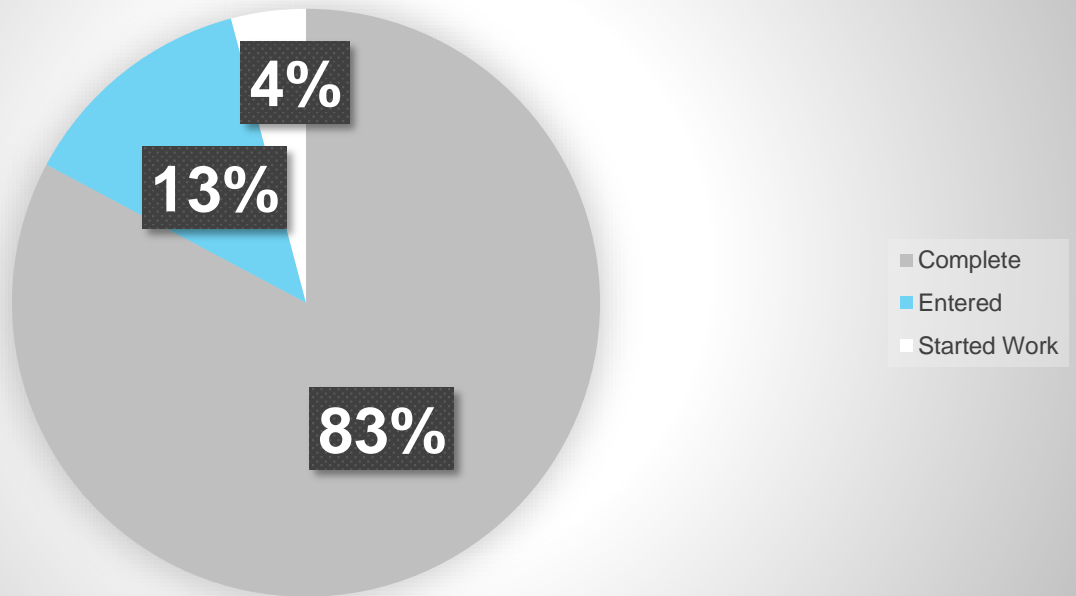
- 11.2km of water tabling
- 2.5m of Culvert pipes replaced/new
- 79 Culvert inlet/outlets cleared
- 46 Culverts flushed
- 2 Headwalls constructed

Ray's team have had a varied month helping out with pre-seal repairs, water tabling and installing culverts on the Waiare Road rehab.



Waiare Road

P1 Critical Culverts & P1 SWC clearing





7. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE/RENEWALS

No footpath repairs were carried out in January. The concrete crew focused on pre seal repairs again. We hope to get into more footpath repairs once budgets are confirmed.



Kerikeri Inlet Road

8. ROAD FURNITURE ACTIVITY

- 26 new signs installed or replaced (damaged or missing)
- 7 signposts replaced/new
- 32 signs re-erected or straightened
- 29 signs/posts cleaned
- 15 posts re-painted
- 77 Edge marker/delineators replaced or straightened

9. ORDERED WORKS

Ordered works carried out:

- 815m of footpath vegetation cutback
- 1226m² of sealed pavement digout's
- 336m² of stabilised patches



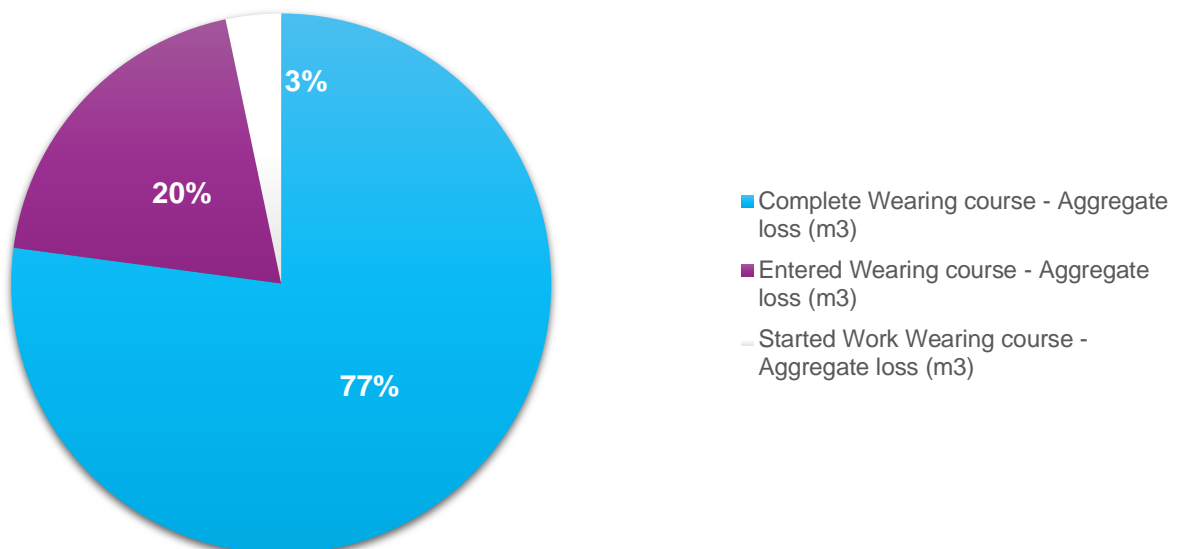
10. UNSEALED NETWORK



Forrest Road

The unsealed network took a bit of a hit in January with rain causing scouring and damage across the network. Grading conditions were great for a couple of days after the rain, however the roads quickly get baked by the sun again, returning them to a concrete like state. Roads that have vegetation canopy are good targets for this time of year as the moisture is retained.

Unsealed Rehabs - Programme (m3)





11. PRE-SEAL REPAIRS

We have completed approximately 78% of our preseal repair programme so far. This equates 19,760m² of repairs. We mainly focused on Digouts and Stabilised patches in January in a bid to get these finished within the resealing season. Areas of focus were Russell and Kerikeri. Other works carried out include:

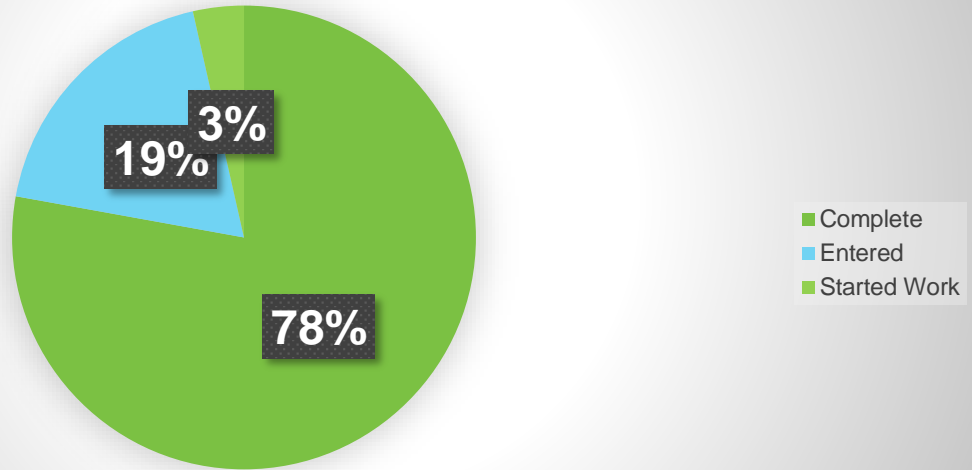
- Water tabling
- Culvert flushing





Kerikeri Inlet Road / Rawhiti Road

Pre-Reseal repairs programme (m2)



12. VEGETATION

We have had a tractor full time on the network completing roadside vegetation mowing, and road envelope clearing. In December we bought a third tractor onto the network, however in January we dropped down to two due to availability. The area of focus in January was still around the Kerikeri area and out West where we mowed 38km of roadside vegetation. The next area we will target is the southern part of the Network.





Puha Road

13. REHABILITATIONS

Rangiahua Road

This Rehab has been successfully completed. We are awaiting linemarking which was delayed due to the weather in January, however this should be complete early February.

Waiare Road

The Waiare Road Rehab was started in January. So far this has consisted of enabling and drainage works including water tables and culvert replacement. Shoulder checkouts and pavement works are programmed for mid-February.



We are currently working on the surveying and design work for our other Rehabs this season:

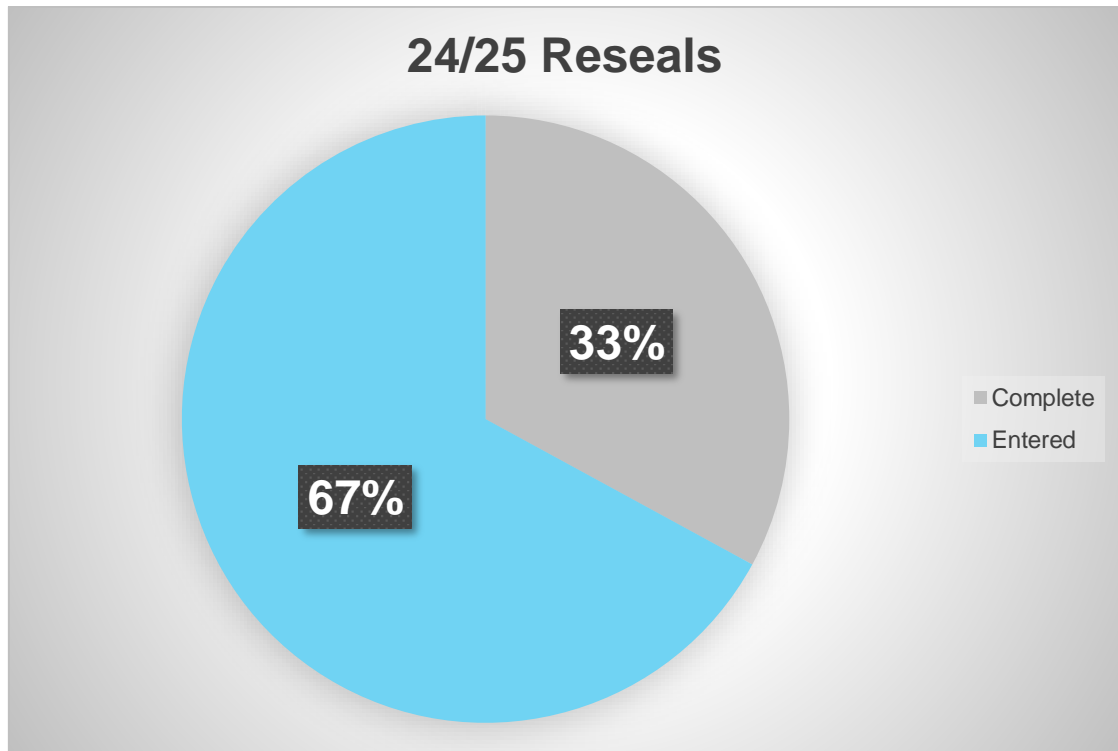
- Te Ahu Ahu Road
- Wiroa/Waimate North intersection
- Kempthorne Road (Russell)

14. RESURFACING

Our sealing team were straight into sealing in the new year. We completed reseals on Wehirua Road and Waiare Roads working around the weather. To date we have completed 33% of our reseals for FY24/25 and we are well on track to complete all the sites before the season finishes. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be resealing Ngapipito Road and the Western parts of our Network.



Kerikeri Inlet Road



15. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT

No accidents to report.

16. RAMM ISSUES



No issues in January 24 – Any development & minor operational events of note are being recorded to provide feedback to Thinkproject each month.



17. CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES / COMPLAINTS

Ventia Customer Service Request Comparison, November to January 2025

Number of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Flooding	Total
Nov-24	16	1	4	8	10	35	17	9	1	0	101
Dec-24	8	2	4	5	5	27	13	3	0	0	67
Jan-25	22	6	8	13	8	105	18	5	0	2	187

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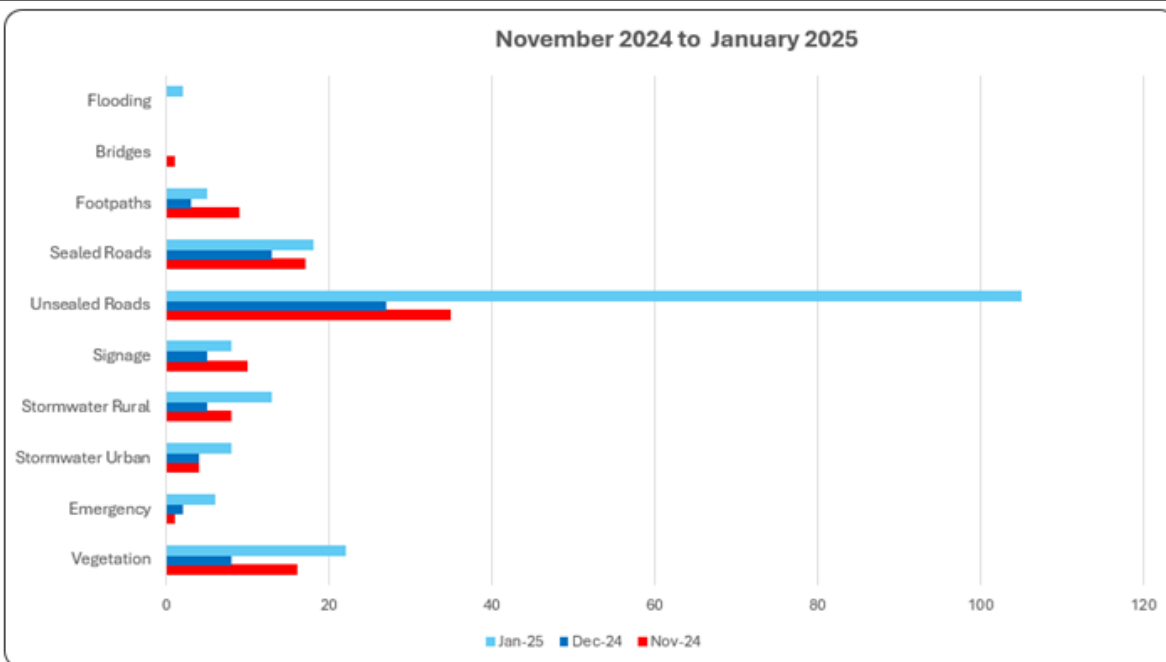
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Percentage of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Flooding	Total
Nov-24	15.8%	1.0%	4.0%	7.9%	9.9%	34.7%	16.8%	8.9%	1.0%	0.0%	100%
Dec-24	11.9%	3.0%	6.0%	7.5%	7.5%	40.3%	19.4%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	100%
Jan-25	11.8%	3.2%	4.3%	7.0%	4.3%	56.1%	9.6%	2.7%	0.0%	1.1%	100%

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18. COMPLIMENTS

We received three compliments for the month of January:

Roger Lowe wrote – *“What a great job, metaling road, spread even with a consistent thickness.”* – Otaere Road.

Another resident wrote – *“Drainage upgrade has improved the road, roadside puddle gone and road firm again.”*

Stock truck driver – *“The vegetation corridor clearance work has been great, keep it up.”*



Thank you to these people who have made compliments. It makes the teams day when they receive positive feedback.

19. HEALTH & SAFETY & WELLBEING

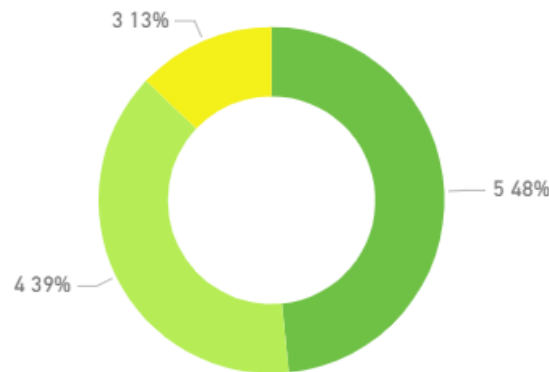
We spent the first day back in a Safety Focused Start Back Program. This involved the whole branch coming together and participating in a variety of interactive presentations and training scenarios. There was Spotter training and VOC (Verification of Competency), time spent identifying the Blind Spots on various Plant & Machinery and a practical Roller operation test to highlight how different types of roller steer. This involved a curved path of cones to represent the road shoulder which operators had to navigate without hitting.





Star Rating Distribution

Star Rating ● 5 ● 4 ● 3



The Branch has had a 5% decrease in 5-star drivers, 5% decrease in 4-star drivers and 10% increase in 3-star drivers so far in January. There has been a 30% decrease in overspeed events, 8% increase in Harsh acceleration & a 44% decrease in Harsh braking. Those who drop into the 3-star rating are spoken to by the relevant manager and via e-roads we can identify where they can improve and hopefully retain a minimum 4-star rating. We do have several drivers that are regularly in the top 20 drivers for the entire NZ Transport business.

20. TRAINING

As noted in the Start back comments we covered a range of in-house trainings on 13th January, including a refresher on our Induction and CRPs,(critical risk protocols), spotter training and Roller operations and the Regional Council Water Take rules and requirements for roading operations.



21. ENVIRONMENT

In January we had no notifiable incidents to report.

22. ANNUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITY ACHIEVEMENT

Routine and cyclic rounds start at the financial year (July 2024/25):

Biennial Painting of All Rails	0%	complete
Biennial Parapet Painting of Bridges	0%	complete
Annual Cleaning of EMP's	15%	complete
Annual Sucking of All Sumps	0%	complete
Biannual sweeping	100%	complete round 1
Urban Vegetation Spraying	100%	complete round 1
Rural Vegetation Spraying	100%	complete round 1
Line marking Network Remark	5%	complete

23. SMALL TO MEDIUM ENTERPRISE (SME) BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

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

Measurement	Qty
Local Contractor component of work	38%



24. OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS

SH11 Haruru Falls – New Footpath

The SH11 footpath project was completed at the end of last year. All teams involved did an excellent job and the public response has been extremely positive. There are only a few snag items left to complete which will be finalized this week.

This has been a major improvement to the community and extends the safety for pedestrians.





Panguru Slip Remedial Work

The team at Panguru are nearing the carriageway height with the backfill. A drainage mattress with cloth and drainage metal has been installed at the base and up the face of the slip to help shed water. There are two sets of culverts to be installed with both having flexing pipe outlets which will help direct water down the batter and disperse into a reno-mattress at the base.

Once the accepted height is reached, the pavement crew will be mobilized to finish up and prep for seal.

Some sporadic wet weather has caused a few issues. These have been addressed and has allowed the team to progress with their work.



