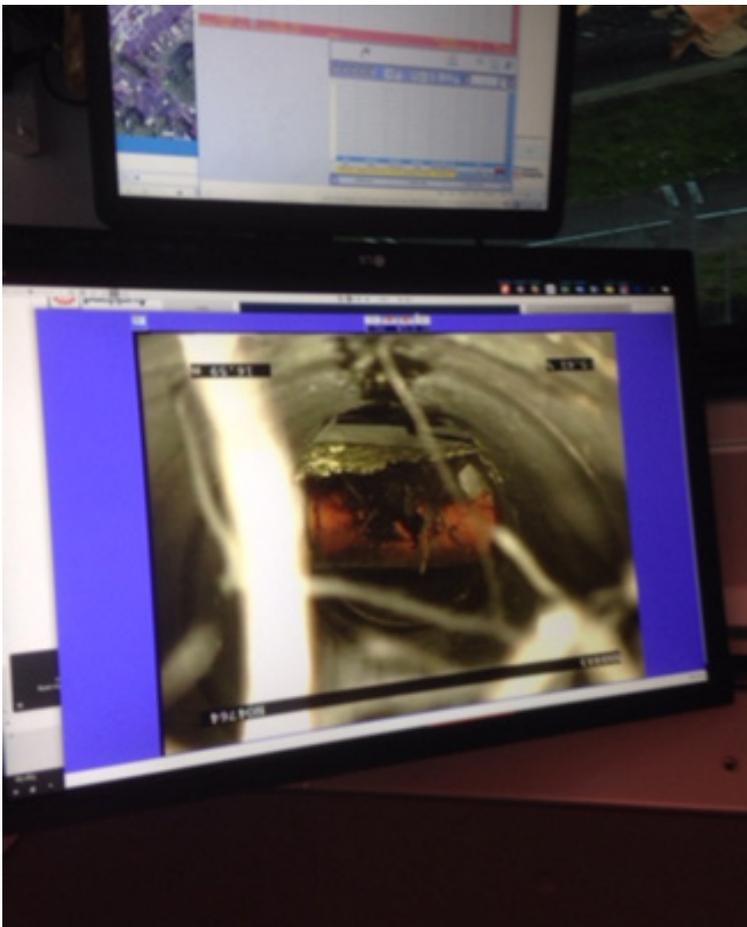


# Power outage at Franklin Road

Residents and businesses along Franklin Road had an unpleasant surprise when power was cut in the afternoon for some residences along Franklin and Ponsonby Rd last Wednesday, 6 September.

The power outage occurred while our crew was cleaning the existing stormwater drain in the median. A power cable was found to be within the existing drainage line.



CCTV footage of power duct in existing stormwater line

If you are medically dependent on your power supply or have special needs we need to be aware of, please call or email Sheila Herrick at [sheila.herrick@downer.co.nz](mailto:sheila.herrick@downer.co.nz) or call 0508 Franklin so that we can better cater to your needs if such an incident were to occur again.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused to you. The incident was beyond Downer's control and we worked to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

## PROGRESS TO DATE

Working in Franklin Road poses many challenges for our team and we have had to be innovative in our approach to installing new stormwater pipes in the middle of the road.



New HDPE stormwater pipe as it is being pulled in the trench.

Wherever possible, we are bursting the existing stormwater pipe and pulling through the new pipeline so there is less excavation which significantly reduces site traffic, noise and dust. This method will also significantly reduce the duration of the southbound lane closure.

**We are currently expecting to open access to Franklin Rd from Victoria St in early November.**



The Bursting head used to burst the existing pipe attached to the new HDPE pipe.

## How we are working



Work on the berm, including the new cyclelane, is scheduled to commence on 18 September

### Berm Works (footpaths, vehicle crossings, parking bays and new cyclelane)

Work on the berm is scheduled to commence on 18 September and pedestrian detours will come into play at the bottom of Franklin Rd.

These works will be completed in 50m sections and access to your property may be restricted while we construct your new vehicle crossing. Before we begin any works in front of your property that may restrict access, we will be in touch to let you know prior. We apologise for any inconvenience our works cause.

### Drainage

Our efforts are presently focused on installing new stormwater drainage in the median and we are pleased to announce that the first 100m length of new 450mm HDPE has been pulled into place between Wilkins St and Victoria St.

We will continue to work up the street from the Victoria St end of Franklin Rd. The remaining 400mm HDPE pipe will be installed in two more sections.

One section will be installed between Napier St and Wilkins St and the last section will go in between Wellington St and Napier St.

We are also progressing the installation of new manholes and catchpits on the eastern side.

Stay up-to-date on all our works, sign up to our email updates by emailing [sheila.herrick@downer.co.nz](mailto:sheila.herrick@downer.co.nz)

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