

## Week of 14th May 2018

Thank you for your patience with the work over last weekend. We apologise for any Mother's Day celebrations that may have been affected by the works. Certainly some of our mothers, wives or daughters who were left at home in early hours of Sunday morning were not impressed.

Last weekend's rail shutdown was the last major one for the project. While we were thankful that the heavy forecast rain never fully eventuated, it was certainly wet enough to keep our workforce soggy for most of the time.

Over the weekend we finished the main structural works in and around

the rail corridor as we installed:

- the remaining concrete barriers and handrails to the bridge and bridge approaches; and
- the steel stormwater pipe on the northern side of the bridge.

We also completed some other smaller jobs in and around the rail corridor. This should leave us with some small tasks in the rail corridor on the last rail shutdown on Queen's Birthday weekend. This will likely include repairing the temporary holes we drilled into bridge; some sanding and clean-up of the concrete; applying anti-graffiti coatings; removal of temporary fencing; and so on.

### Road construction

Now the last large concrete barriers are in place, we can pour the last sections of kerb and channels, and lay the new driveway entrances to Nos. 5, 7 and 9 **Cowie Street**. These works are planned for this week, from Wednesday 16th to Saturday 19th. It is likely that access will be somewhat restricted during the pouring of these new concrete driveways.

Once we have the specific days and times for these driveways, we will contact the affected residents of these properties.

We have had some feedback about **noise and vibration** on Cowie Street. We understand that road construction is not a pleasant experience for those living close-by. The vibration is from the roller. This has a vibration function which helps interlock of the aggregate below the road surface. This ultimately ensures that that the new road is structurally sound.

That said, we have spoken to the operators of the roller about the concerns expressed by some residents. We will make every effort to minimise that use of the vibration function.

On (hopefully) a positive note, we are should be pretty much complete on Cowie Street by the end of May. Until then, however,



*Stormwater pipe being installed on side of bridge*

the road roller will be operating most days, for some of the time, because of the way the road is being built in short sections

We are still working with Opus and the numerous service providers to find a solution to the problem of the existing services uncovered while we were strengthening the substrate on the **new section of Laxton Terrace**. We are seeking to reach an agreement to “*lift and shift*” the services outside of the new road alignment. This work should start this week.

The installation of the last concrete road barriers near the bridge will allow further kerbing take place, and another section of footpath to be laid.

In **Laxton Terrace** this week we will remove the second half of the asphalt and prepare this section for a temporary chip seal to be done at the end of the week. We appreciate that the street is very narrow and that the works can be disruptive, but we

are doing our best to manage the traffic flows in and out of Laxton Terrace.

While the focus is on the roadway, we are also attempting to untangle the network of cables in and around the old footings of the sandstone pou.

### Stormwater

Good progress has been made on the stormwater works and in **Cowie Street**, all the new drainage lines are now in, with just one cesspit to connect.

The **swale drainage** is also almost complete, with just the outlet into the existing network to be completed.

### Failed Update delivery

It appears last week’s update may not have reached everyone in hard copy or email format. Our apologies to all those concerned. We are looking into what happened. Already we can confirm that there were no changes in the email database

which could explain why emails were not received.

We are also conscious that our weekly updates have been slipping closer to mid-week recently, which we are also trying to rectify.

### Mon 14th–Sat 19th May

Planned works include:

#### COWIE STREET

- Placing driveways;
- Installing streetlight ducting;
- Connecting to existing stormwater lines;
- Placing precast kerb and channel.

#### SARAWIA STREET & LAXON TERRACE

- Service identification;
- Concrete barrier casting;
- Kerbs, channels and footpaths
- Laying electrical ducting and streetlight cables;
- Installing Streetlights;
- Removing existing seal and pavement preparations.