



# Construction Update Christmas edition



Thank you for your support, we know it has been tough on the neighbourhood and the construction seems to be forever but there is an end in sight. As we approach the end of another year, we want to take this opportunity to give thanks and share some important updates and reflections, as well as our holiday schedule.

This newsletter is to let you know:

- What is planned for January 2025
- What we delivered in November and early December
- What is happening in December
- Room 5 St Francis School Artwork

## Traffic Management Update:

We are happy to announce that all traffic management deployed as part of the Pt Chevalier to Westmere project will be removed during the week commencing **Monday 16 December, with everything removed by Friday 20 December**. This will allow the community and businesses to experience a great holiday break and be able to enjoy moving around the community unincumbered by traffic cones and closures.

## What does this mean?

1. All traffic management plans lifted related to Point Chevalier to Westmere improvements project
2. Pt Chevalier Road open to two-way traffic - this includes all side roads and Gt North Road intersection
3. Meola Road and side roads fully open
4. Garnet Road and side roads fully open

**Please be patient with our team that are working over this time as there will be a lot of changes, it may take people time to adjust to the new road layout.**

**Coming Soon:** Please check your letterbox for the Dempsey Wood end of year update.

## January – What’s Up

Work will recommence on **Monday 6 January** to complete finishing works, such as planting, line marking, signage, street furniture and any remedial work required.

While this work will be less intrusive, there may be locations and periods where traffic management, including lane closures and Stop/Go may be required to complete this work.



## CONSTRUCTION XMAS BREAK

**Start: Monday 23 December 2024**

**Return: Monday 6 January 2025**

**Hours of work 7am-7pm**

There will be a crew watering the new planting over the Christmas break



## Key Achievements: 2024

### Innovative Approaches:

- Concurrent Work on Roundabouts: Both Garnet Road/Meola Road and Point Chevalier Road/Meola Road roundabouts built at the same time, significantly accelerating the timeline.
- Concurrent Work on Roundabouts: Both Garnet Road/Meola Road and Point Chevalier Road/Meola Road roundabouts built simultaneously, significantly reducing the project timeline.
- Point Chevalier Road Efficiency: Work carried out simultaneously on both sides of the road, completing sections ahead of schedule.

### Minimising Disruption:

**Business Coordination:** Close collaboration with local businesses to complete the most disruptive work on quieter days.

**Meola Road Closure:** Extended closure earlier in the year allowed work to accelerate, especially for roundabout construction. Meola Road Closure:

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### Quality Assurance:

No compromise on quality despite accelerated schedule. No compromise on quality despite working in multiple work fronts. Rigorous quality controls maintained throughout the project. Rigorous quality controls maintained.

## Community Notices

### Stolen plants!

Unfortunately, we have had people remove some of the new plants from the planting areas along all three roads. Please be vigilant and report to the Police if you see this happening.

### Pt Chevalier Library

The deconstruction of the Point Chevalier Library building commenced Monday 25 November and is expected to be completed before Christmas. The second stage will involve installing modular buildings, which will serve as a medium-term solution to reopen the library. This stage is estimated to begin in March 2025, with the library reopening planned for May 2025.

**This work is not part of this project. For any queries, please contact Auckland Council**

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## Local Business Spotlight

### Ambler Café and Bistro.

### Ambler Christmas Neighbourhood Party !!!! 15th December 5pm / \$25 per person

A Christmas get together and to celebrate in style!

It is a (B.Y.O) bring-your-own wine or beers gathering so don't forget to get your beverage at Pt Chev organic wine. By showing your ticket get 10% discount on your beverage of choice on Sunday 15th.

Our staff will assist with cleaning up but there won't be any formal service.

Please note that this event is non-profit - it's all about sharing and caring!

### \$100 Ambler voucher for the best outfit!!

So don't delay, put your Christmas sweater on and join us to celebrate!

Book on site or online 😊

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO OUR  
**NEIGHBOUR  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**  
SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER | 5 pm  
**GRAZING TABLE**  
(OYSTERS /CHARCUTERIE/  
FRENCH CHEESES/VEGAN OPTIONS)  
**AND B.Y.O\***  
(WINES AND BEERS)  
\$100 VOUCHER FOR THE BEST OUTFIT  
10% OFF IF YOU PURCHASE YOUR  
BEVERAGE FROM POINT CHEV  
ORGANIC WINE THIS NIGHT  
Non-Profit event organised  
by Ambler Café and Bistro  
with the support of our suppliers:  
"L'Authentique", "Te Matuku Oysters",  
"Daily Bread", "Point Chev Organic Wines"  
and much more  
Bookings are essential, limited seats  
Purchase your ticket on site or on  
our website [www.amblerptchev.co.nz](http://www.amblerptchev.co.nz)

## Community Highlight

Pt Chevalier Air Scouts leader Nick Quail ran an epic bike ride with the scouts on Monday 2 November. They tried the new cycle paths around Point Chevalier which got a big thumbs up, as did the re-purposed bike rack donated by Auckland Transport.

Some lovely photos below courtesy of Nick!



## Congestion During Construction

We appreciate that traffic congestion is a result quite often of road works being carried out in the area along with other factors (private developers, emergency works, school traffic etc).

We work with our contractor and traffic management team to manage this and make changes to the traffic management as much as possible, our contractor also regularly undertakes reviews of the current traffic management in place and makes changes where needed.

Congestion notably occurs when traffic demand exceeds road capacity, when an incident such as a crash or a vehicle breakdown occurs or when roadworks take place, all temporarily reducing capacity and disrupting the traffic flow. The circumstances causing congestion may be permanent (for example at a lane drop on a motorway section or two motorways merging) or incidental (such as following a crash or broken-down vehicle).

While we recognise that roadworks can cause inconvenience, it is crucial that we all remain respectful to the teams who are doing their best to keep traffic moving safely. **Abuse of any kind whether verbal or physical will not be tolerated at any time.**

Our workers are doing their job with care, and your patience and respect make a positive difference.

## Dempsey Wood Sustainability Achievements

We are pleased to share a significant achievement in sustainability: the introduction of low carbon concrete. By replacing traditional Portland cement with low carbon blends, we were able to reduce overall carbon emissions by approximately 10 to 15%.

Additionally, further carbon reductions were achieved by recycling aggregates from the excavated road, using them as a substitute material in the project.

## FAQs

### Are you finishing all the work earlier or just lifting the Traffic management and then putting it back again?

We are lifting the current traffic management earlier than expected as we are ahead of the current staging diagram delivery plan. This is because we have made significant gains in progress due to using innovative delivery methodology and full use of the extended closure on Meola Road early in the year.

While there will be no traffic management devices from 16 December related to PtC2W, we will still need to complete finishing works and any remedial work from January 2025. There will be a requirement to implement traffic management during this work.

### What do you mean by remedial work?

With all civil construction works an audit is undertaken at the completion to ensure work meets the required standards. There is likely to be some work that needs to be redone done, either minor adjustments or a re-work of some locations. This is completely normal in the process of delivering any civil construction project.

## Does the early lift of the traffic management in our community mean the project is completely finished?

No, there is still work to be completed from early January 2025. This work includes street furniture, signage, line marking and remedial work.

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## What have we done in November?

Huge progress has been made during November and early December.

### Meola Road:

- Work between Kiwi Road and the roundabout completed, and the road opened
- Round about work completed ahead of schedule

### Pt Chevalier Road:

- Paving works completed along Point Chevalier Road, Meola Road roundabout to Great North Road intersection.
- Cycle lanes and footpaths completed
- Roundabout work completed and opened ahead of schedule

### Garnet Road:

- Roundabout work completed ahead of schedule
- New manhole installed



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## Project Support Through Christmas

For general AT or project enquiries over the Christmas period, email [projects@at.govt.nz](mailto:projects@at.govt.nz) or phone 09 930 5090.

Visit AT's website to learn more about the [project](#).

**Holiday Schedule:** Our office will be closed for the Christmas break from close of business **Friday, December 20th**, and we will reopen on **Monday, January 6th, 2025**. We hope you all enjoy this time to relax and celebrate with loved ones.

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If you have received this update from a friend and would like to receive it directly to your mailbox each month, please email [projects@at.govt.nz](mailto:projects@at.govt.nz) to sign up.

We thank you for your continued patience and support – it has been and is appreciated by our team. We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas!

**Meri Kirihimete**

**The Pt Chevalier to Westmere Improvements Project Team**



# Most Excellent Artwork by Sienna and Nina Room 5 St Francis School

