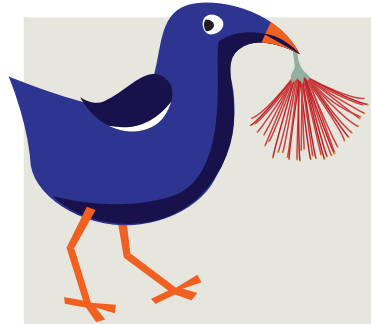




The Causeway Alliance is raising and widening 4.8km of Auckland's Northwestern motorway and cycleway, between Great North Road and the Whau River bridge. The Causeway Upgrade Project is to prevent flooding and provide additional capacity for when the Waterview Tunnels open in early 2017.



Stay in Lane

You may have noticed the changes to the Patiki Road exit citybound which now starts 500m closer to Te Atatu and the off ramp is longer and further to the north.

This is the first of many lane shifts which will take place over the next few years as traffic is moved to new sections in stages. The lane shifts will allow the team to gain safe access to different areas and continue to raise the motorway and add more lanes.

To navigate your way safely through we recommend you get in to the correct lane well ahead of time. That way you won't miss your exit and your journey will be smoother and safer. 'Pick and Stick' is an easy way to remember what to do - pick your lane and stick with it.

Follow the yellow 'rail' trail

The bright yellow railings on the westbound side of the motorway are hard to miss. They mark the Oakley Creek boardwalk, a new section of the cycleway which will open in January 2015. The yellow colour ties in with the Northwestern Upgrade urban design plans and a concrete barrier will be installed between the motorway and cycleway.



All those bags

The white bags on the side of the motorway are not filled with Christmas shopping. They are one tonne pumice sand filled bags used to retain the built up soil while the sides of the motorway and cycleway are raised. When we are ready to start work on building up the next section of road, some of the bags will remain while others will be cut open and more soil and rock will be added on top of the sand.



Forest and Bird clean up on Pollen Island

On a fine Sunday in November, a group of Forest and Bird volunteers and their guests walked out to the Pollen Island Scientific Reserve at low tide to examine the natural features and bag up some of the shoreline rubbish. Pollen Island lies to the north of the State Highway 16 causeway and is situated within the Motu Manawa - Pollen Island Marine Reserve.

Guided visits to Pollen Island are a Forest and Bird tradition that the Causeway Alliance actively supports. The Forest and Bird organisers conveyed their appreciation of safer access under the Whau River bridge that was created by the Causeway Alliance for maintenance purposes.



Photo courtesy of Forest and Bird

12 DAYS OF CAUSEWAY CHRISTMAS 2014



1 beaut job on SH16



2 herons resting



3 lads a-working



4 blokes a-munching



5 limbs a-paddling



6 project partners



7 kids with hats on



8 and zero speed, max



9 traffic gurus



10 safety steel caps

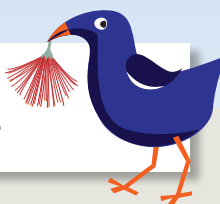


11 (thousand plus) wick drains



12 timber piles

The Causeway Alliance thanks you for your support during 2014 and wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.



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