



Traffic management update

DATE	ROAD	CLOSURE PROGRAMME
November 2013	State Highway 1 and Glen Murray Road. Stop/Go closures will be deployed at night to allow for street light relocations, barrier moves, pavement construction and line marking to be completed.	Discreet closures will be deployed to allow for State Highway traffic to be realigned on to the new section of carriageway. A temporary realignment of Glen Murray Road will also be undertaken during this work. This is under way until Wednesday 11 December. In the advent of bad weather these closure dates may alter.
December/January 2014	SH1 Southbound - Te Kauwhata to Rangiriri	Installation of barriers adjacent to the carriageway and a reduction in the lane width. This is to allow for the start of construction on the new interchange.

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Update on progress

It's been a busy few months for all involved with the Rangiriri section of the Waikato Expressway.

Fletcher has started work to shift State Highway 1 traffic on to a new temporary road alignment between Te Wheoro Road to the north and Rangiriri Road (adjacent to the Rangiriri Hotel) to the south.

Also included in the works will be a new temporary layout of the Glen Murray Road and SH1 intersection which will be relocated approximately 200 metres north of the current location.

The new temporary road alignment will allow space for construction of the new Glen Murray Road - Rangiriri Interchange.

This temporary layout is expected to be fully operational by mid-December and remain in

place for approximately two years. The temporary alignment is shown in red on the map on page four.

Odd as it may seem, we need to build a temporary road just to be able to build the permanent one.

The main focus of the project to date has been the enabling works to form the temporary diversion but it's no longer just the Rangiriri stakeholders who are noticing the presence of Fletcher Construction, as the work footprint has extended north to Plantation Road and as a result is being felt by a larger stakeholder pool.

Piling works to the new Te Kauwhata bridge will start this month and building of the bridge substructure will continue.

A good start has been made to the project earthworks now that all the environmental

controls have been placed and service relocations have been completed to ensure works are unimpeded through the summer months.

Boat ramp

Just a reminder that the boat ramp access to the Waikato River at the Glen Murray Bridge remains open to the public and part of the new access road leading to it is now in place and operational.



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Moving ahead: Bulk fill earthworks have been under way lately

Remembering the battle



A 200-strong group provided drama and theatre at the Battle of Rangiriri commemorations. Photos: Amy Hodge, rmheritagedestcr@historical.org.nz

They came from far and wide to mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Rangiriri

More than one thousand people gathered on Wednesday 20 November to mark 150 years since the Battle of Rangiriri.

The commemoration was a huge undertaking from a wide group of people, led by Waikato Tainui but with input from many quarters, including the NZ Transport Agency which was tasked with traffic management on the day, and ensuring the safe passage of attendees across State Highway 1 to the battle site.

Two 6-metre high carved totara pou whenua appeared with the dawn during a special 7am ceremony (the pou being unveiled by the rising of the sun, having been erected at night).

The main event was the official ceremony and speeches from 10am, with a moving performance from about 200 Tainui-affiliated Maori.

On November 20, 1863 General Duncan Cameron led a force of 861 soldiers against the second Maori King Tawhiao. There were 74 casualties – 36 Maori and 38 colonial troops were killed – 183 Maori were taken prisoner and 92 British were wounded.

A key outcome of the Rangiriri expressway project will be the recreation of the Rangiriri battle site, with the new road being built on the western side and well away from the redoubt.



The Battle of Rangiriri (1863) Honouring Our Past

Last month the Transport Agency teamed up with the NZ Historic Places Trust and Waikato archaeologist Warren Gumbley to highlight the history of Rangiriri through a public presentation: The Battle of Rangiriri (1863) – Honouring Our Past.

A full house packed Waikato Museum's lecture theatre to hear about the history of Rangiriri and what was uncovered during the archaeological dig which took place prior to the Expressway starting construction.

"Rangiriri is one of the most important historical landscapes of the 19th century in New Zealand. It was the site of the battle which ultimately determined the outcome of the Waikato invasion which has had long-reaching implications for New Zealand's political and social history," Mr Gumbley said.

