So long, farewell, poroporoaki and tofu soifua

This our last project update. We have completed the upgrade of the Kirkbride Road interchange and local road intersection and we are laying the final coat of the black stuff. All that remains is to complete the new intersection at Landing Drive and we plan to have this finished late in August 2018.

We thank you all for being great neighbours while we’ve been in your community – and for your patience.
**SHARED PATH OPENING**

In August 2016 we opened a short section of the new shared path from Williams Park to Kirkbride Road interchange. On Friday 22 June the Associate Minister of Transport, Julie Anne Genter cut the ribbon opening approximately 3km of new shared cycling and pedestrian path alongside SH20A from the Kirkbride Road interchange to Landing Drive.

The Associate Minister was joined by members of the local community and other guests who took the opportunity to ride the length of the new shared path before enjoying a traditional construction style BBQ breakfast.

The 3km of new shared path makes it easier for people living and working near the airport to get around and will also make it safer for children from the local primary school to cross Kirkbride Road.

**DONATED BIKES TO MR T**

As part of the formal opening of the shared path, the NZ Transport Agency, the Auckland International Airport Limited and the MHX Kirkbride Alliance donated 10 ladies bikes complete with helmets to Mr T’s charity Time to Thrive – To Stay Alive.

Mr T (Teau Aiturau) runs a charity which aims to equip members of the local community, particularly kids, with bikes and bike skills and everything else they need to stay healthy.

The bikes will go to local women keen to learn to ride.
DEMOBILISATION

Many of the 250 plus team have left to go to other projects as the various major milestones for the project have been reached and completed. We have now started on breaking down the offices and outbuildings that have been used throughout the project. The buildings and material will be sold. Eventually all that will be left on site is the new wetland where once there were rows of construction related vehicles, which is as it should be.