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Published by Andrew Strugnell

12 March at 09:23 · 🌐



UPDATE 10:45am:

Good news. Power is back on again, so our roadworks will continue today instead. Wahoo! 🌞

ORIGINAL 10:20am:

Hey Whitby. What a morning hey? 🌞

Our road resealing programme has unfortunately been disrupted by this morning's Wellington region power cut.

That means we will not be able to complete work planned for Whitby today: a second seal of Albatross Close, and chipsealing of Barque Cres, Bowsprit Way and Spinnaker Drive.

These works will be postponed until tomorrow. 👍



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👍 Denzell Wiese Christian and 3 others



Ed Tissink

Now I'm no qualified roading engineer so can someone please explain how a powecut 15 km away prevents resealing of roads in Whitby?



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Good question!
The asphalt plant is based in the area. ⚡

Andrew.

Commented on by **Andrew Strugnell**

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Geoff Mowday

Porirua City Council Hey Andrew. Dont get our hopes up up. We would all love asphalt on all our roads. Sadly asphalt is different from chip seal, which is a seriously lesser quality coating. I guess they all come out of the same depot? Or is just albatross getting asphalt?



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Trevor Cook

Are thay comming back to re sweep staysail place ? It's a mess. 👍 1

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Mōrena **Trevor**, when you can, please give our contact centre a quick call to ask. Our number is 04 237 5089.

Andrew.



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Shantelle Green

They seem to think 1 half assed sweep is ok  2

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Trevor Cook

Have rang and hopefully it get sorted. Little kids slipping over on footpath where stones were flicked up on.health n safety first.

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Janice King

Barque Cres has been done.



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Good news everyone.

Power has returned, so we will continue with the roadworks in the areas mentioned above today.

Andrew.

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Aggie Robertson

Yep you right Trevor

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Frank Toop

Quick turn the power off again , then we can save some money on crap roading .

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Published by Andrew Strugnell

11 March at 13:44 · 🌐

Earlier this week we let you know about the next planned stages of work on Albatross Close now that the road is stable.

- The second seal of Albatross Close is now planned to go ahead tomorrow (weather permitting)
- We brought this work forward to make sure it was done without the risk of potential bad weather stopping us getting it done
- Residents on Albatross Close are being advised today through door knocks and letter box drop
- Access on Albatross Close will be managed via a Stop Go control while the work is carried out.



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9 March at 12:47 · 🌐

What's been happening to Albatross Close since it was repaired last year? Well, now that it is stable, we're moving to the next planned stages of works which include:

- 1) Smoothing the joint between the old road and the new road. This is happening now.
- 2) Adding a second coat seal. This is planned for later this month.
- 3) Replacing the sewer pipe and repairing the footpath at base of the wall.
- 4) Reinstating the temporary road by the [Western Suburbs FC](#) to its original state. These last works are planned for later this year.



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21 May 2019 at 10:05 · 📍



Mōrena Whitby. 🌞

We've installed a section of temporary aggregate path along Endeavour Walkway between Endeavour Park and James Cook Drive. The temporary path will be in place until the stormwater and wastewater services are modified below Albatross Close.



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Tibor Incze

Great news. Thanks Andrew. Any ETA on when the path will be fully repaired?

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Andrew Strugnell

Good morning **Tibor**.

It is estimated that the path may be in place for between six to twelve months. 😞¹

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Tibor Incze

Andrew Strugnell Shame it will be so long. I thought it would be a couple months max.

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Andrew Strugnell

You're right, it will be while until the temporary pathway is replaced. The reason for the delay is because we need to give the groundwork near Albatross Close some time to settle properly. 🍷¹

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3 May 2019 at 15:30 · 🌐



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Lauren Joyce
Is the walkway also open?

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Cameron Russell
no it's still thrashed last time I looked

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Lyn Lloyd
About f..king time

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Tracey Steel
Lyn Lloyd well it was a massive job so I say well done.

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Ry Charles
Could part of the temporary road become a cycle lane as it is already there and child cyclists etc. can almost hit dogs and people on the narrow existing uneven path? It would be progressive and practically assist people cutting across to the shops etc. Just a thought.

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Holly Lawrence
Cary Charles you're joking right? Every other street manages

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Holly Lawrence
Cary Charles a cycle lane for 150m of road... the amount of people that use it would be 1 or so every hour. The cost of that would far outweigh the benefits and is a step backwards. That money could be spent elsewhere for something actually worthwhile and productive.

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Ry Charles

Holly Lawrence Thanks but other roads don't actually address the issue of people, children especially, hurtling down that particular narrow blind-bend path and risking crashing into people

walking up, with elderly dogs etc., limited mobility etc.

Also, where is the reference for the figures you quote and their application to an *existing* structure which could be reduced from a road to a widened pathway, and whether the reduced amount being removed would actually require less work hours and prevent council being sued if an accident does happen there etc. A widened path or additional cycle lane is basically what a third of the temporary road *already* is.

As there is NO permanent road taking that path, to compare with other permanent roads on other routes is a false equivalency. It's like saying other women eat snails so you do. It wrecks more of hating cycle lanes or short pathways widened with them, or just not considering other people's rights to be at all significant. I didn't say I totally wanted it. I posed the question as an idea before work begins removing even the possibility.

Also, it would be useful to substantiate your opinion by giving details the source document featuring the estimate for how many people use that pathway, and how many use bikes etc. I eagerly await this.

Obviously budgeting has to be taken into account. They could put up a sign saying no cycles, but it would need to be bigger than the postage stamp sized one at the field everyone ignores - the one saying all dogs should be on a lead. Clearly that isn't working.

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Hayley Harding

Laura Treeby phew!! 1

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Laura Treeby

Hayley Harding I know finally 1

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Top fan

Allan Middleton

Typical Porirua City Council, professional and thoughtful to the public you serve

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Mike Evans

Great news, well done team

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Lauren Birse

Sera Huse yaaaay

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Sera Huse

Exciting ae!!!!

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Quentin Setu

Cat Rondon this streets done 😊😄 1

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Cat Rondon

Quentin Setu I see what you're doing 1

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Quentin Setu

Cat Rondon shuuuu for the community ❤️ 1

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Geoff Carter

Hi there.

Appreciate the update and understand what temporary means, but I'm a bit surprised by the decision to "remove" the temporary road. Hence these questions:

1. What's the removal of the temporary road entail?
2. How was the decision to remove the road arrived at?
3. Is there a cost benefit to ratepayers of removing the temporary road?
4. If so, what is it, and what is the cost?
5. Any other relevant information?

Thanks in advance.



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Mōrena **Geoff!**

When it was necessary to close Albatross Close in 2017 due to the road slumping, the other solution available to council to allow residents to access their properties was to create a temporary road over part of Endeavour Park up to Samwell Drive.

The temporary road was built on the basis that it would be removed once Albatross Close was repaired.

With Albatross Close now open the temporary road will be removed but not until after the winter sports season as to cause minimal inconvenience. No cost for the removal of the temporary road has been obtained yet.

Commented on by [Andrew Strugnell](#)



Kirsty Mos

Porirua City Council what about retaining the temporary road, installing removable barriers at either end, and keeping it as a pathway. Then it is also there should the need arise to utilise it again

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Geoff Carter

Kirsty Mos Absolutely. A bit of forward thinking and money saving.

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Geoff Carter

Porirua City Council

Hi there.

Thanks for the reply and making it public. Here's a few follow up questions:

1. When will the cost be known?
2. Will the Council be prepared to look at the advantages of keeping the temp road?
3. Shouldn't the cost be weighed against the advantages for retaining the road before the work is commissioned?
3. How does the road cause inconvenience to the football club?

Thanks
Geoff

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Kia ora Geoff, We'll be getting costs next financial year (post July) for the removal of the temporary road. The temporary road was built quickly to minimum standards (not to NZTA standards) as it was only ever intended as a temporary way for residents and visitors to access properties on Albatross Close when road access wasn't possible. It was further modified/widened for safety reasons.

While the road is in place, there's extra traffic going past clubrooms, which creates potential health and safety issues, and the need for traffic management on open days/ larger tournament days.

If the road temporary road was to be retained, it would need to be brought up to NZTA standard (and then maintained) and the intersection with Samwell Drive would require significant work. Traffic management would need to be put in place during heavy use periods. The Council plans to remove the temporary road.

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Geoff Carter

Porirua City Council Ok but the road is not inconveniencing the football club because the road is now blocked/unusable.

And I'm not suggesting opening it but rather keeping it for a just in case scenario.
Please see Kirsty Mos' message above.
Why throw good money at something that doesn't need fixing?
There are umpteen local things that are better use of ratepayers' money.
Cheers
Geoff

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Erin Jones

Laura Mahler Boyd. 🎉🎉🎉🎉 😮 1

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3 May 2019 at 15:31 · 🌐



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Chris Wallis

Glad we have a four wheel drive, the temporary road we've been driving in for the last 8 months is smoother.

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Danny Fearon

PCC..ignore the whingeing. On behalf of most of us, thank you 5

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Margaret Pine

Residents of Albatross Close, you rock for the patience you have had to show, may good karma come your way 😊 xoxoxo 1

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Geoff Palmer

Wish Discovery Drive resealing disgrace could have had the same care. Another good road ruined! 1

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Eddie Allison

Geoff Palmer could hav the same response let me no I 3 years until then will neva no

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Henare Donaghy

nice one guys

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Nick Walmsley

A long time but a good outcome. Still the lower path to finish.

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Burnouts on 1

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