

# Road Maintenance and Renewals Contract

**MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2025**

**FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
CONTRACT 7/18/101**



# 1. SUMMARY

August 2025 was the second wettest August in the past decade, with nearly 300mm of rainfall. As a result, the network experienced a number of weather-related impacts, including scours, washouts, slips, and flooding across multiple areas. However, toward the end of the month, temperatures began to rise, signalling the onset of spring and the easing of winter conditions. We are pleased to see the end of what has been a prolonged, cold, and wet winter, marked by multiple severe weather events.

Preparations for the sealing season are well underway, with pre-seal repair works progressing steadily. Most shoulder works have been completed, along with a substantial amount of water tabling. Patching and digout operations are scheduled to commence in early September, beginning in Russell, then progressing through Ōpua and onto Kerikeri. As the operation moves through the network, non-reseal-related patches will also be completed.

Culvert renewal works continued in the western part of the network, with 11 new culverts installed. Ray's crew also completed extensive water tabling and headwall installation. Once western works are concluded, focus will shift to the upcoming heavy metal and wearing course sites to ensure adequate drainage is in place prior to pavement construction.

The concrete crew undertook further footpath renewal work during August. A notably damaged section on Fairway Drive in Kerikeri—uplifted by adjacent trees—was remediated following tree removal and the laying of new concrete. The project has been well received by the local community, with significant positive feedback from footpath users.

The initial round of wearing course and heavy metalling for the season is now largely complete, with activities scheduled to resume in April 2026. Eight roads received 100mm thick wearing courses, comprising approximately 7,090m<sup>3</sup> of GAP30 aggregate.

The previously problematic pedestrian crossing outside Hunting & Fishing in Kerikeri has been renewed. Thicker, more robust plates have replaced the former setup, which had become a safety concern due to frequent damage by traffic. New bollards were also installed to further enhance pedestrian safety.



Finally, our patrol crews are welcoming the arrival of spring following a challenging winter dominated by pothole repairs. The "find and fix" strategy continues to prove effective, enabling early intervention and minimising the need for larger-scale repairs.

Nga Mihi

Rob Savage

## 2. WORK PROGRAMME

A total of 1,871 individual work items were completed throughout the month of August, of which 1,523 were routine find and fix issues, 251 were programmed works, 5 renewals/capital projects, 4 cyclic and 93 were callouts or emergency response works.

September 2025 forward works programme has been submitted in AWM.

## 3. ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT

A total of 742 Inspections (patrolled roads) have been completed routinely for August.

### **Sealed – Maintenance Patrol:**

There was 1 sealed inspection completed outside of target frequency. 454 were completed

### **Unsealed Inspections:**

There were 3 un-sealed inspections completed outside of target frequency. 276 were completed

### **Drainage – Annual Inspections**

There are currently 0 drainage inspections running overdue. 12 were completed

Network Area Inspection	
South Area – August 25	
Week 1	204.8km
Week 2	317.9km
Week 3	480.9km
Week 4	113.5km
Total KM	1,117.27km

## 4. ROUTINE WORKS COMPLETED

Routine maintenance activities completed in August:

- 353 sealed potholes repaired
- 1,512 unsealed potholes repaired
- 1,290.3m<sup>3</sup> of running course applied
- 166.4km of unsealed roads graded equating to 21% of the total unsealed network
- 254 Catchpit entrances cleared
- 0.46km of (hand) roadside vegetation cut back
- 33.13km of tractor vegetation control

## 5. EMERGENCY WORKS

In August, the district experienced a total of 280mm of rainfall, making it the second-wettest August in the past decade. This significant rainfall resulted in multiple weather-related impacts across the network, including scours, washouts, flooding, and slips.

The most notable event was an underslip on Russell-Whakapara Road. While the slip itself did not initially appear severe, a substantial crack had developed adjacent to the carriageway, requiring urgent remedial action. The affected material was excavated and replaced using rock spalls, geofabric, and a subsoil drainage system to stabilise and reinforce the road shoulder.

The second set of photographs below illustrates a washout on Russek Road. Remedial works at this site included water tabling, replacement of the existing culvert, and a metal overlay to restore road integrity and improve drainage.



*Before / After Russell-Whakapara Road*



*Before / After Russek Road*

## 6. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & RENEWALS

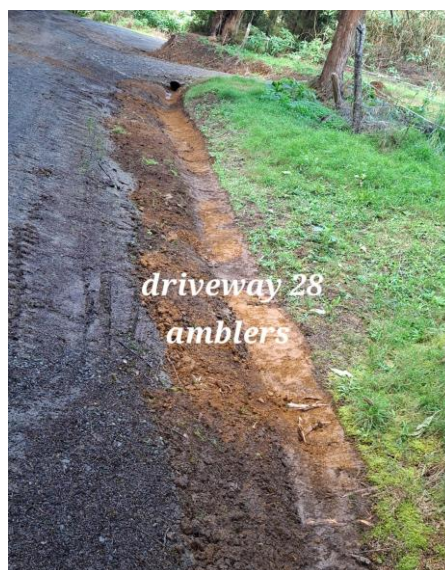
Drainage maintenance activities completed in August:

- 3.64km of water tabling
- 90m of Culvert pipes replaced/new (11 new lines)
- 104 Culvert inlet/outlets cleared
- 13 Culverts flushed
- 2 Headwalls constructed

Ray's crew successfully completed the replacement of 11 culverts across four roads, including Amblers Road, Russek Road, Opara Road, and Rangihoua Road, as well as Vujcich Road. In addition to the scheduled works, the team also responded to emergency events and undertook culvert clearing and water tabling as required.



Vujcich Road / Amblers Road



Amblers Road

## 7. FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE/RENEWALS

Mike's team completed footpath renewals on Fairway Drive and Park Road. The remainder of the month was spent on emergency works and a bridge deck replacement on Davis Road. Towards the end of the month, they assisted with kerb realignment and installation on the Waimate North/Wiroa crossroads rehabilitation.



*Fairway Drive Road / Park Road / Davis Road*

## 8. ROAD FURNITURE ACTIVITY

- 27 new signs installed or replaced (damaged or missing)
- 14 signposts replaced/new
- 36 signs re-erected or straightened
- 7 signs/posts cleaned
- 5 posts re-painted
- 24 Edge marker/delineators replaced or straightened
- 54.5m of railing renewal/replacement

## 9. ORDERED WORKS

Ordered works carried out:

- 0.36km of channel hand clearing
- 1.3m<sup>2</sup> temp pavement failure repairs
- 208m<sup>2</sup> Footpath renewal
- 25.6m of edgebreak repairs (>1m)
- 5.03km of high & low shoulder treatments



*Puketotara Road / Waimate North Road*

## 10. UNSEALED NETWORK

Maintenance metal was applied to 29 roads across the network in August. This treatment aims to improve traction and extend the lifespan of the pavement throughout the winter season. Roads included:

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|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| ➤ Callaghans Road | ➤ Classen Road         | ➤ Davis Road            |
| ➤ Hansen Road     | ➤ Hooks and Halls Road | ➤ Horahora Road         |
| ➤ Karaka Road     | ➤ Mihi Road            | ➤ Monument Road         |
| ➤ Motukiore Road  | ➤ Oihi Road            | ➤ Opara Road            |
| ➤ Orakau Road     | ➤ Pembroke Street      | ➤ Pokas Road            |
| ➤ Pukepoto Road   | ➤ Ramsey Road          | ➤ Renwick Road          |
| ➤ Rodger Road     | ➤ Ruapekapeka Road     | ➤ Taheke Road           |
| ➤ Tipene Road     | ➤ Toia Road            | ➤ Wahamiti Lane         |
| ➤ Waikare Road    | ➤ Waikare Valley Road  | ➤ Whaakauru Valley Road |
| ➤ Whangae Road    | ➤ Wharekawa Road       |                         |



*Ruapekapeka Road / Davis Road*

Brian and Dennis' crews carried on with our Heavy Metalling in August with 100mm gap 30 Wearing Courses put on 8 Roads across the network:

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|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| ➤ Amblers Road | ➤ Doonside Road | ➤ Hooks and Halls Road |
| ➤ Imms Road    | ➤ Purerua Road  | ➤ Russek Road          |
| ➤ Waikare Road | ➤ Wekaweka Road |                        |

These sections of pavement are expected to consolidate effectively over the coming months, with the aggregate providing additional material to support ongoing maintenance and shape retention by our graders in the years ahead. This phase of work is now largely complete and is scheduled to resume around April 2026.



*Amblers Road*



*Waikare Road*

# 11. VEGETATION

In August, a total of 33 kilometres of roadside vegetation was successfully trimmed as part of our ongoing vegetation envelope programme. This proactive maintenance work plays a key role in ensuring road user safety, with the latest efforts delivering significantly improved sight lines along the affected routes. Enhanced visibility is particularly important on rural and high-speed corridors, where overgrown vegetation can obstruct views around corners and intersections. The southern area of the network was the focus for August and will be for September also.

Roads Completed include:

- Calaghans Road
- Maromaku-Towai Road
- Tipene Road
- Horahora Road
- Masons Road
- Inkster Road
- Rata-Tipene Road



*Before / After Maromaku Towai Road*



*Before / After Inkster Road*

## 12. REHABILITATIONS

### ***Waimate North/Wiroa Intersection***

Improvement works have commenced at the Waimate North / Wiroa intersection, a location that has been very problematic over the last couple of years. The intersection has been widened, with the installation of new culverts, a manhole, and a scruffy dome. Over the coming week, new kerb and channel will be laid.

The project is scheduled for completion by late September and will include an asphalt (AC) pavement finish along with the installation of new traffic islands.

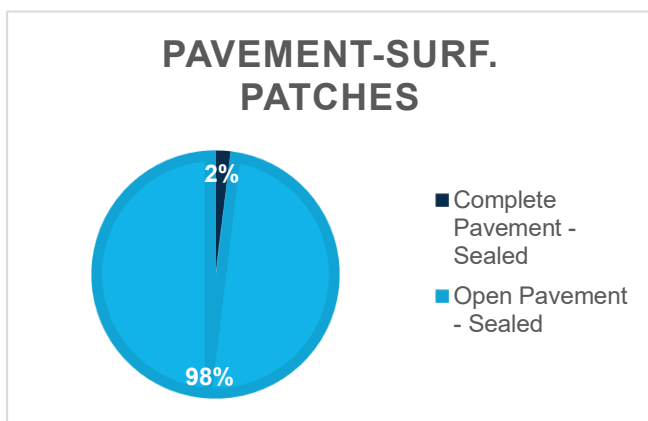
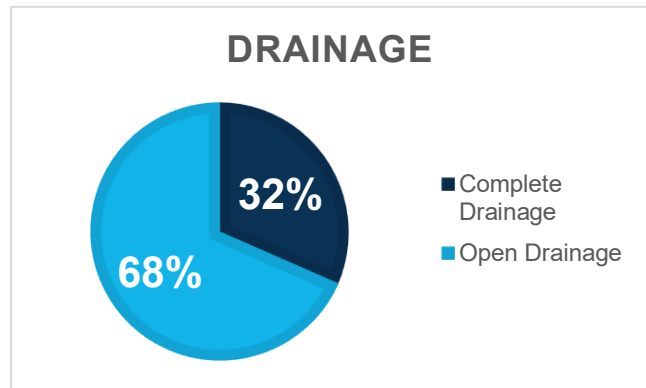
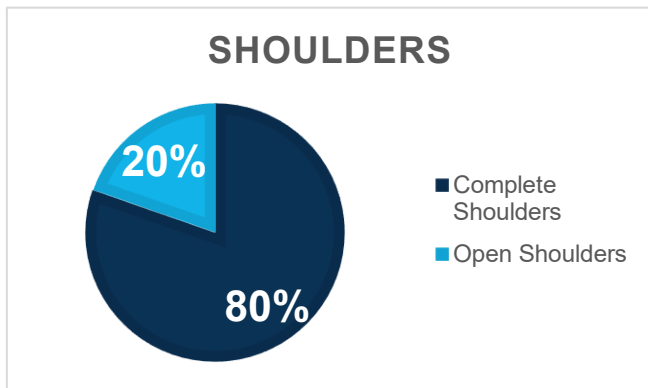


Other rehabs on this season's rehab list include:

- Kempthorne Road
- Te Ahu Ahu Road
- Pataka Lane
- Ngapipito Road
- Marlow Road
- Augusta place
- Homestead Road Service Lane 2

## 13. PRE-RESEAL REPAIRS

Pre sealing repairs for the 2025/2026 season are underway. Throughout August, our teams have focused on water tabling and shoulder repair work. In September, we will commence our patching and dig-out programme, beginning in Russell and continuing through to Ōpua and Kerikeri.



Carey Road

## 14. ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT

No accidents to report in August.

## 15. AWM ISSUES



No issues in August 25 – Any operational events of note are being recorded to provide feedback to Thinkproject.

## 16. CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES / COMPLAINTS

### Ventia Customer Service Request Comparison, June to August 2025

Number of RFS's

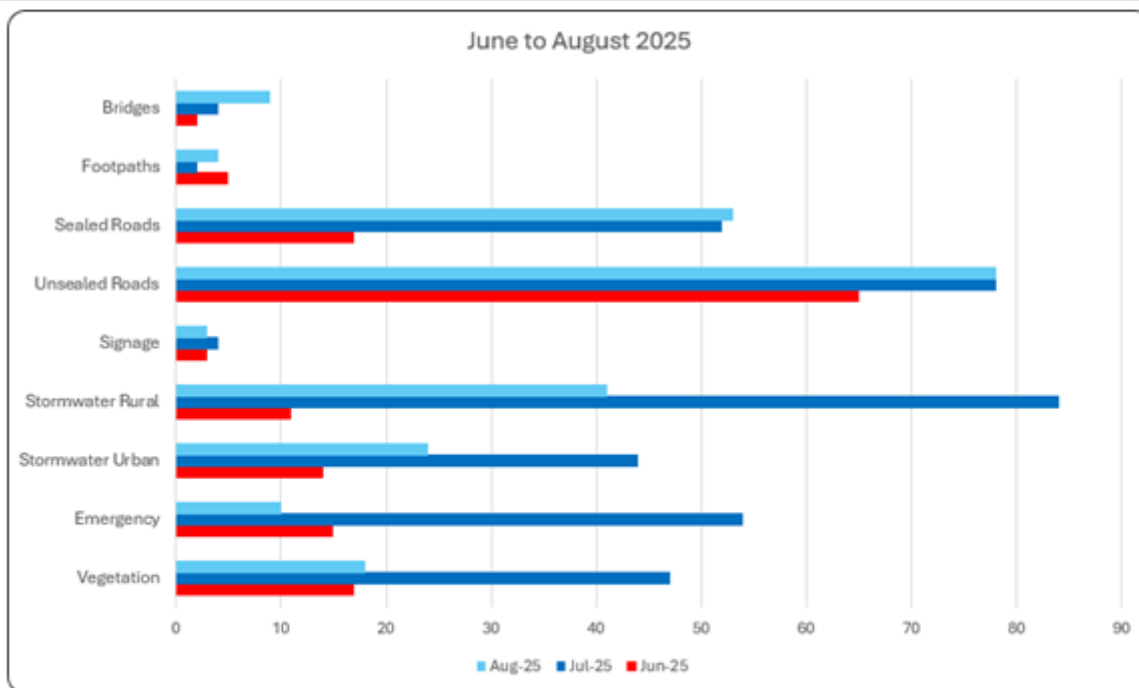
Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Total
Jun-25	17	15	14	11	3	65	17	5	2	149
Jul-25	47	54	44	84	4	78	52	2	4	369
Aug-25	18	10	24	41	3	78	53	4	9	240

TBC

Percentage of RFS's

Month	Vegetation	Emergency	Stormwater Urban	Stormwater Rural	Signage	Unsealed Roads	Sealed Roads	Footpaths	Bridges	Total
Jun-25	11.4%	10.1%	9.4%	7.4%	2.0%	43.6%	11.4%	3.4%	1.3%	100%
Jul-25	12.7%	14.6%	11.9%	22.8%	1.1%	21.1%	14.1%	0.5%	1.1%	100%
Aug-25	7.5%	4.2%	10.0%	17.1%	1.3%	32.5%	22.1%	1.7%	3.8%	100%

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## 17. COMPLIMENTS

We received four compliments for the month of August:

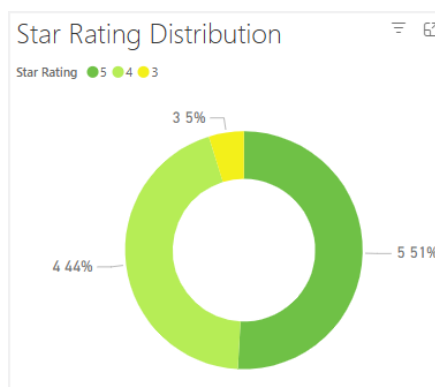
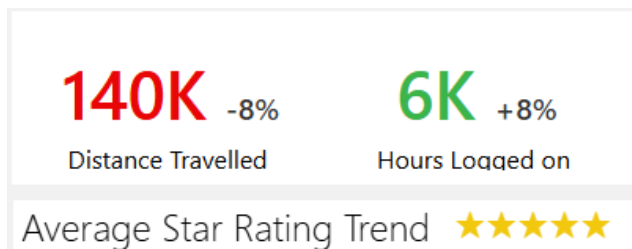
Marjorie Anderson wrote – *“Wanted to express our thanks for the significant improvements made to our gravel road to improve water control during heavy rain. Worked perfectly in recent rainfall events. Team did an amazing job.”* – Waikaramu Road

Ray Wibin wrote – *“Thanks for your confirmation of completion of the above. I am sure there will be a lot of happy folk as a result.”* – Kerikeri Road (Hunting and Fishing Crossing Plates).

Greg wrote – *“Greg has phoned back advising that the job has been completed and would like to acknowledge FNDC contractors for the work they've done.”* – Selwyn Road.

Nisha wrote – *“Thank you very very very much!!! We appreciate the mahi that has been done on the culvert twice through the floods, as well as the roads.... THANK YOU ALL :)”* – Waiomio Road.

## 18. HEALTH & SAFETY & WELLBEING



As of 31st August, the Branch has experienced a 9% decrease in 5-star rated drivers, alongside a 4% increase in 4-star ratings and a 5% rise in 3-star ratings. While this shift is not ideal, it reflects the naturally fluctuating nature of driving performance throughout the month. It is worth noting that the Branch consistently maintained 4 to 5-star ratings for most of the reporting period.

To provide further insight into these figures, I have included supporting data on total distance and hours travelled, as well as the average driver rating for the month.

Ventia conducts annual health checks for all staff. These checks are designed to support employee wellbeing, identify any health-related concerns early, and offer appropriate assistance where necessary. This initiative plays a key role in fostering and maintaining a healthy and supportive work environment.

## 19. TRAINING

In August, five team members who participated in the Frontline Leaders Training Course, delivered in-house by the Australian Institute of Management Education & Training (AIM), successfully completed their second round of training. This initiative reflects our continued commitment to empowering and upskilling key field personnel and managers, equipping them with the tools necessary to develop as effective leaders for the future.

In mid-August 18 staff members attended the NZIHT Bitumen Safety Training. This session provided a valuable opportunity for experienced sealing staff to refresh their knowledge, while also supporting the development of newer team members entering the industry. Participation extended beyond those directly handling bitumen to include key personnel such as TTM workers and managers. This inclusive approach ensures that all relevant staff are well-informed on incident prevention procedures and are prepared to respond appropriately in the event of an emergency.

All remaining staff requiring First Aid refresher training completed this, ensuring all team members meet the necessary safety and certification requirements.

## 20. ENVIRONMENT

In August we had no notifiable incidents to report.

## 21. ANNUAL ROUTINE ACTIVITY ACHIEVEMENT

Routine and cyclic rounds start at the financial year (July 2025/26):

<b>Biennial Painting of All Rails</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete
<b>Biennial Parapet Painting of Bridges</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete
<b>Annual Cleaning of EMP's</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete
<b>Annual Sucking of All Sumps</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete
<b>Biannual sweeping</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete (round 1)
<b>Urban Vegetation Spraying</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete (round 1)
<b>Rural Vegetation Spraying</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete (round 1)
<b>Line marking Network Remark</b>	<b>0%</b>	complete

## 22. OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS

### ***Kawakawa Wastewater Treatment Plant – Stream Diversion***

The Kawakawa WWTP project has been completed with the team finishing up the cattle race, fencing and the final site clean-up last week. Asbuilts for the project have been drawn up and submitted with the final Practical Completion cert to be signed.

A separate contractor is being brought in to do the riparian planting along the matted areas. This will help tie the new work into the existing site and improve the overall aesthetic.

