



☑ Murphys Creek in Springlands, an important spring-fed waterway

Springlands stormwater work about to start

Work is about to start on the first stage of the Murphys Creek stormwater upgrade, meaning possible disruption for residents.

Murphys Creek is an environmentally important, spring-fed waterway running through Springlands. Increased development to the northwest and concerns over the impact this would have on the quality and capacity of Murphys Creek have led to a stormwater master plan to alleviate these impacts. After consultation with locals and stakeholders, a concept design known as Option G was agreed. This design will treat and divert a significant amount of stormwater flow from Murphys Creek to the Taylor River through a new pipeline.

A smaller amount of stormwater will also be diverted into an upgraded pipeline from Aston Street. Findlater Construction have been awarded the contract for the Aston Street works, which includes installation of a new treatment device and upsizing the stormwater pipe from Murphys Creek, through McKendry Park, Aston Street and across Murphys Road. Works are scheduled to start in late July and expected to run for three months. During that time there will be restricted vehicle access to Aston Street for residents and no access for non-residents or pedestrians.

SH6 detours for airport roundabout

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi is building a new roundabout to improve safety at the intersection of SH6/Middle Renwick Road and Tancred Crescent, the entrance to Marlborough Airport.



☑ Work has begun on a new roundabout at Marlborough Airport

Work is expected to wrap up in December but until then drivers can expect to see shoulder closures, lane shifts and stop/go traffic management. Airport users can expect delays when travelling to and from the airport, as well as a new temporary airport exit while construction is underway. From 15 July, there will be a one direction (eastbound) lane closure on SH6. Detours will be in place for people travelling to or from the airport, or into Blenheim. For up-to-date information, visit the SH6 Middle Renwick Road/Tancred Crescent Roundabout project page at: nzta.govt.nz

Aviation pocket park makes landfall



☑ The Avro 504K takes centre stage in Liz Davidson Place

Blenheim CBD's Marlborough Mile – a walking circuit linking places of interest around the town – has reached another milestone.

The aviation-themed site in Liz Davidson Place is now complete with storyboards in place telling the region's aviation history. In August 1920, Captain Euan Dickson made history by being the first person to fly across Cook Strait and a scaled replica of the Avro 504K plane takes pride of place in the aviation pocket park. The Marlborough Mile project, instigated by the Blenheim Business Association, consists of six key sites including Riverside Park, Stadium 2000 and Bythell Place, said Blenheim Business Association chair Lynette Rayner. Each site celebrates a key element of activities in Marlborough including

aviation, farming, aquaculture and wine making. "The Marlborough Mile project was conceived to provide an opportunity for locals to engage with their town centre and increase the visibility of the history, industries and cultural influences that make the province what it is today," Ms Rayner said. One of the most popular sites is the shepherd and sheep bronze sculpture in Market Place Forum, made from copper by Havelock artist Tony Matthews, celebrating Marlborough's agricultural history. Other sites completed include the historic Echo masts at The Quays and the Tama-nui-te-rā/Sun, Earth and Moon sculpture in Adams Place.

McLauchlan Street water renewal works to finish early

McLauchlan Street's \$1.7M water main upgrade is nearly complete.

This month sees the last of the big jobs completed, Council's 3 Waters Project Engineer Graeme Jackson said. "A lot of work was scheduled to be done during the July school holidays with most of McLauchlan Street under traffic management and diversions during that time," he said. The work was carried out during holidays to minimise disruption for Marlborough Girls' College

and Bohally Intermediate students, parents and teachers. In early July, Fulton Hogan connected the large pipeline to McLauchlan Street at the Nelson Street junction and a big shutdown this week saw properties connected to the new water mains. Work is now focussed on preparation for the next, and hopefully last, water shutdown next week.

"Apart from the clean-up and reinstatement works, which will be sorted by the end of July, we should be done," Mr Jackson said. The work, which began in January, is to replace the existing old and undersized water mains that run the full length of McLauchlan Street from Nelson Street to Old Renwick Road, and extend 800 metres along Old Renwick Road to the west and 200m to the east.