

Highways South



“One team, connecting Southland”

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Safety message

Watch out for black ice—it is virtually invisible and often forms in shady areas and bridge decks. Slowing down and a longer following distance behind other drivers gives you more time to react if you hit a patch of black ice.



Huraki Creek Bridge repairs

Journeys along SH99 at Colac Bay will be improved with the repair of the approach to the Huraki Creek bridge recently. The repairs were significant enough that the bridge was closed to traffic while these were completed. A big thanks to the community and road users for your patience while these repairs were made, and thanks to those who communicated with us that closing the bridge on particular days may affect their business. Knowing this, we delayed repairs to cause less impact. The two images below show just how big a job this was, and after six weeks of planning the team were able to complete the job in just two days, meaning as little impact as possible on the Colac Bay community and road users.



SH99—Huraki Creek Bridge repair in progress



SH99—Huraki Creek Bridge repair completed

Thank you to everyone for your patience while we worked on this bridge – the result is a highway which is now much safer for all road users.

'Ultra Mender' trial

Bad cracking and depressions on SH6 allowed Highways South the opportunity to trial a new pavement product called Ultra Mender. A thin layer of this was applied to the pavement and once this was dry, a mixture of Ultra Mender and grade 6 chip was applied over the cracking. The beauty of this product is that it can be applied in moist conditions and dries quickly to form a waterproof layer.



SH6 - Cracking



SH1 - Edendale culvert fix

Edendale Culvert

Due to private work undertaken upstream, a culvert at the bottom of Edendale Hill was not coping with the new flow of water and a neighbouring landowner was experiencing flooding on his property. Highways South worked with the landowner to provide a temporary solution while determining the best long-term fix. The problem was fixed by making sure there were no blockages and installing an overflow pipe in the culvert.

People Profile



Name: Quinn Stewart

Organisation: SouthRoads

Service: 5 1/2 years

Role/ Function: Quinn is responsible for assisting the Asset Manager with annual and long term asset plans for the network.

Personal Statement: Quinn is about to be responsible for a whole lot more than his duties at Highways South. Quinn and Samantha are expecting their first child in the next few weeks! Quinn has been working hard to attain his New Zealand Diploma in Engineering (Civil) and has just one semester to go.