

CENTRAL INTERCEPTOR BULLETIN

May Road site, 54 Roma Road and 105 May Road

May Road site construction now well underway

The main site area is taking shape with site offices and a hard surface created. Our contractor is busy preparing the platforms for the large cranes and drilling equipment that will be used to construct the primary shafts.

From next year, we will develop a one-way traffic loop in and out of the site, to help make traffic movements that much safer. All vehicles will enter the site from Roma Road and exit on to May Road from the existing driveway at 105 May Road.

To create the access from Roma Road, we are building a new bridge over Oakley Creek. This is a complex operation, with five large concrete box culverts placed in the stream (see below), strong enough for trucks to drive over without affecting stream flows.



Installing the culvert in November

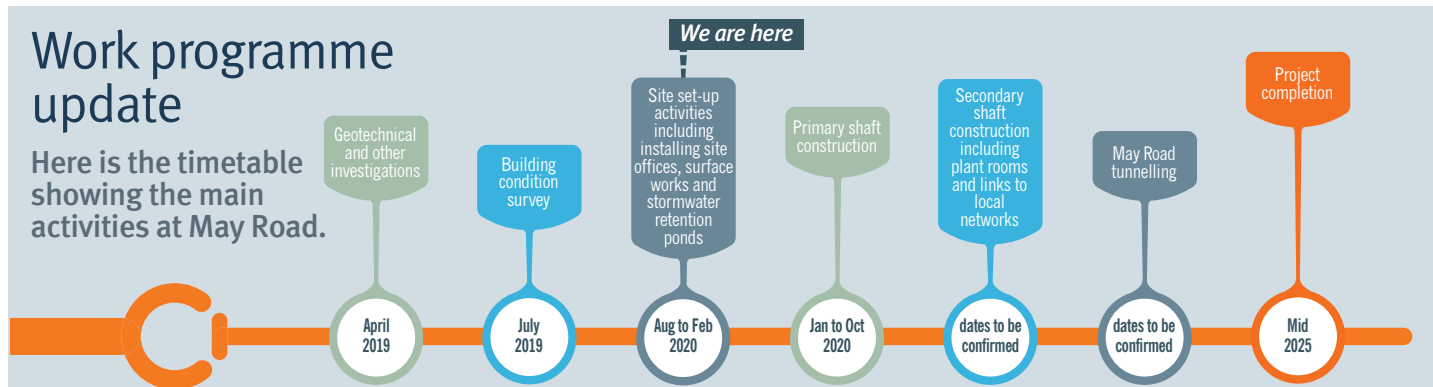


Central Interceptor teams commemorate St Barbara's Day

On 4 December, Watercare staff were invited to Māngere construction site to join our contractor, Ghella Abergeldie Joint Venture (GAJV), to recognise the patron saint of tunnellers and miners. The team dedicated statuettes of St Barbara which will now be on view at three project sites, including May Rd. Pictured at the commemoration ceremony are (right) Francesco Saibene, Project Director for GAJV, and Michael Fahey, GAJV Senior Project Engineer for May Rd.

Work programme update

Here is the timetable showing the main activities at May Road.



Protecting the environment



Preserving Oakley Creek's eel habitat

Before we started work on the bridge over the stream, we collected 114 eels (tuna) living in this section of Oakley Creek. To keep them safe, we temporarily released them downstream. With the culverts installed, we reinstated the original water flows; the eels can now swim back upstream to return to their local hiding spots and feeding grounds.

Eel rescue and relocation

Safeguarding the smallest locals

Prior to the earthworks starting, a number of ecologists joined our contractor's staff to set traps for native copper skinks living within the vegetation. Relocating these skinks to habitats that resemble their current homes is important, so our team hunted out suitable locations nearby.

So far, we have rescued some 75 copper skinks and trapping will continue through December. A big thanks to May Road Primary School for rehoming two skinks on their grounds. We know they will be in safe hands.



Collecting one of the native copper skinks

Quieter for the Festive Season

From 23 December until 6 January 2020, you may notice less activity on site as many of our staff take a much-needed break.

We wish you all a joyful Christmas and happy New Year.

