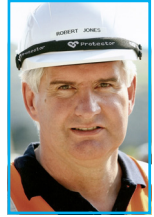


Hidden treasure taking shape



We have enjoyed watching one of our most spectacular – but hidden – viaducts take shape over the last few months.

While it's currently out of view for much of the public, Arawhiti Pua Ngahere is sure to be a favourite feature of future road users.

The 75 metre long viaduct passes through a mature kauri forest and was designed to minimise impact on this forest and its inhabitants as much as possible. By choosing the path of least impact, we were able to avoid eight of the largest kauri trees which are estimated to be between 350-500 years old.

The forest has posed some unique challenges for our structures team.

Using a 450 tonne mobile crane (the largest in New Zealand) they need to lift 39 beams, working from both the north and the south and carefully manoeuvring the beams to avoid the nearby trees.

You'll have to wait a little longer to see this stunning viaduct in person. However, those who attend our upcoming Open Day on 20 February will be treated to a close-up view of the larger viaducts at the southern end of our project, Arawhiti ki Ōkahu and Arawhiti ki Pūhoi.

Tickets will be available from midday tomorrow (4 February) for the Open Day. Spaces are limited and we're expecting high demand. For more information see our website, Facebook page or give us a call (details below).

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ngā mihi,

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