



Rallying together and moving forward



Just as life on the project was returning to normal, we saw the reintroduction of COVID-19 Alert Level 3 requirements to the Auckland region.

Like other construction projects we have been able to continue to operate in Alert Level 3, under strict health and safety protocols.

As I write this, we are looking forward to having Alert Level 3 behind us and being well underway with our planning for the new earthworks season and busy times ahead.

I have mentioned in previous columns the extent of the diverse international team involved in managing and supervising this project, and I'm sure you will appreciate the difficult and stressful times many of our overseas staff are facing being so far away from family and friends.

For many, the effects of COVID-19 in their home countries have been devastating. I am extremely proud of their resilience and commitment to remain here, and the support of the rest of the team.

It's times like this we must rally together and look after one another, and it's important we also acknowledge the efforts of our local suppliers and subcontractors who support the project.

It is also important that we reciprocate that support. It's interesting to note that the project has already injected over \$40 million into the local Mahurangi economy through our supply chain, not to mention our expenditure at local restaurants, coffee shops and supermarkets. We also employ a significant number of people who live in the local and surrounding areas.

As we move into the next construction season, we look forward to continuing our strong business relationships with the local community.

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