

**December 2017**

Kia ora koutou, Welcome to our update on progress  
from the Ruakura Inland Port development.



### **Message from Blair Morris - GM Ruakura**

Kia ora,

It's been a year of pleasing progress for Ruakura as we take aim on a 2019 opening for the inland port. We had the site blessing in March, earthworks underway in April, announced a joint venture with LINX Cargo Care Group Ltd in June, more industrial resource consents in October, worked closely with KiwiRail on rail design through the latter part of the year. Most exciting are the deep discussions with a wide range of prospective tenants and port users – enabling us to fine tune port design and the surrounding precinct to meet emerging needs. We look forward to further leaps forward next year. We thank you for your continued support and interest in Ruakura and wish you all the best for the holiday season and New Year.

Ngaa mihi,

Blair

## Recent progress

Pre-loading of the first six hectares of the hardstand for the inland port is now complete. Our site contractor Fulton Hogan has finished off the first stage of earthworks by removing bunds and spreading topsoil on the site. A lot of credit goes to Fulton Hogan who have completed this stage of the project on time and to a high professional and safety standard.

Demolition of existing buildings has continued with every effort taken to recycle materials. Steel and wood from the demolished buildings has been recycled for other purposes and the concrete has been crushed and recycled, with minimal waste going to landfill.



## New industrial consents



We recently received resource consent for 48 hectares of industrial zoned land, south of the soon-to-be realigned Ruakura Road. The Silverdale land is set to be transformed into an industrial precinct to complement the logistics and inland port, with sites expected to be opened in 2020.

The consented area begins near the Hillcrest and Silverdale roads intersection, spans east to the incoming Waikato Expressway and south to the suburb of Silverdale. As part of the development we are designing a wetland to provide a habitat for native species, and walkways for workers and public to use. In the New Year we are likely to seek consent for a service centre, including a fuel station and eateries, providing amenities for local residents and passing motorists.

## Detailed design consultants on board



Detailed design works are underway for the port, connecting roads and the wetland area. Responsible for these design works are five specialist organisations who are leaders in their field: BBO (design co-ordination, road, pavement, earthworks and utilities), Boffa Miskell (planning and ecology), WSP (rail and port), Harrison Grierson (three waters) and Tonkin Taylor (geotech). Each organisation has their own area of design expertise within the inland port, but are also working collaboratively on the overall project.

We are also collaborating with NZTA on the design of realigned Ruakura Road.