Ōparara Upgrade Project Update

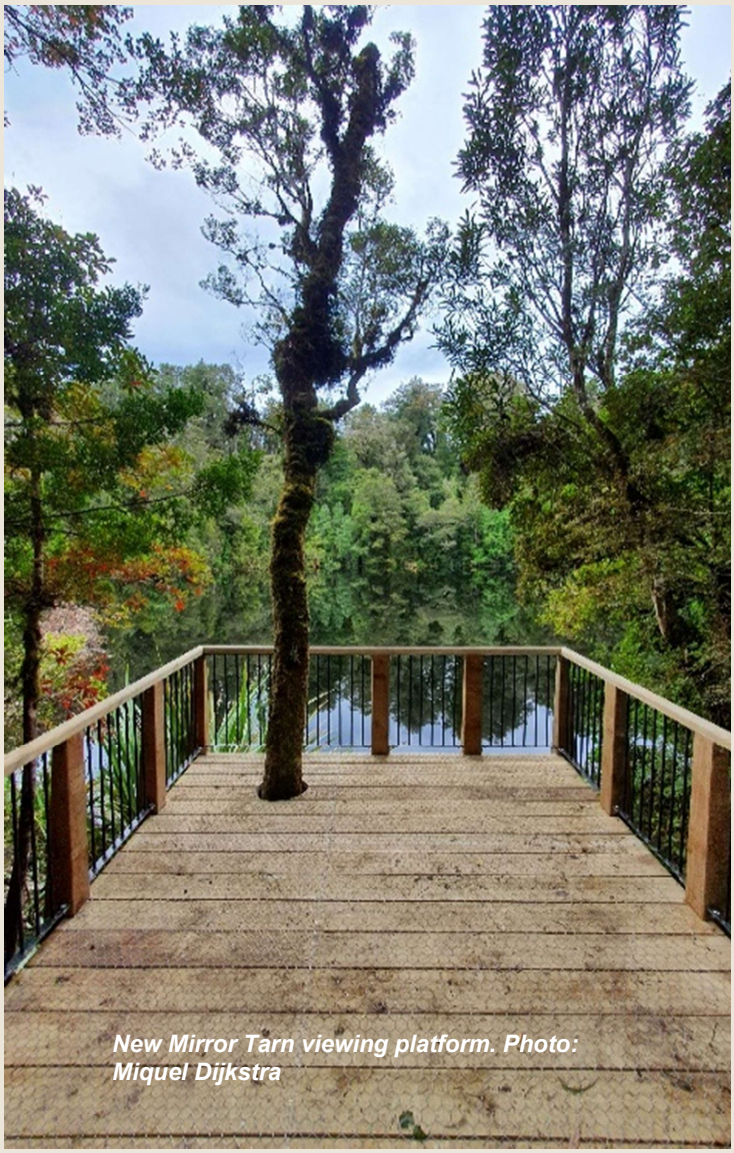
November 2021

Tēnā koutou, welcome to the November update of the Ōparara Upgrade Project.

Track upgrades

The WestReef track construction team and Helicharter Karamea have now completed work on the Ōparara Arch track near the arch itself. The bridge coming up to this realignment has been strengthened and widened with new steel infill panels installed. The final section of the Ōparara Arch track upgrade is due to start in early 2022.

The Mirror Tarn Viewing Platform has been completed and is open for use. The project issued a media release about the platform with the photo at right with both The Westport News and Greymouth Star running the story and picture, as did several online news sites.



New Mirror Tarn viewing platform. Photo: Miquel Dijkstra

Ōparara Access Road upgrade

The final road specifications are being worked through for the upgrade of the access road. The construction tender is due to go out before the end of the year. Work on the viewing area near the main carpark is underway to clear the footprint for the final site.

Ōparara Upgrade community information session

The project team will host a community information session on 6 December at the Karamea RSA at 10am. Please RSVP to pfreeman@doc.govt.nz if you are interested in joining us.

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