



DRURY RAIL STATIONS UPDATE

August 2026

Drury and Paerātā Railway Stations now open

On Saturday 1 August, Minister for Rail Rt Hon Winston Peters and Hon Simon Watts, on behalf of the Minister of Transport, officially opened the new Drury and Paerātā Railway Stations. The event marked the first new station openings in Auckland in almost a decade and the return of a railway station to the Drury community since 1972.

We were joined by valued guests to celebrate this major milestone, made possible thanks to significant Government investment. The event began at Drury with speeches and a formal opening ceremony. Guests then travelled on a special service train to Paerātā to experience the second new station, which was bustling with people attending Auckland Transport's community information day.

Auckland Transport services commenced on Sunday 2 August and have already been enjoyed by many locals. These new stations will provide current and future residents with improved access to public transport, greater travel choice, and a more sustainable way to get around for years to come.

The new stations are connected directly to Auckland's rail network, with Southern Line trains running from early morning until late evening, seven days a week. When City Rail Link opens on Sunday 13 September, South City Line trains will serve Drury and Paerātā stations and also stop at the new Karanga-a-Hape and Te Waihorotiu stations, making it easier to access more of the city centre by public transport.

New and improved bus services provide a quick and convenient way to access Drury and Paerātā stations, including the new 42 from Paerātā Rise and 384 from Ramarama.

We would also like to recognise and thank the many people who worked over several years to make this possible.

A special mention goes to John Holland, HEB Construction, and John Fillmore Contracting, our main contractors across the two stations, as well as Aurecon, stations designer. Lastly but by no means least, our KiwiRail teams, who worked tirelessly to deliver these new stations for the growing South Auckland region.

Finally, we cannot thank the wider community enough for your continued patience, support, and encouragement throughout this journey. We hope you are enjoying making the most of these new stations and the additional bus services now on offer.







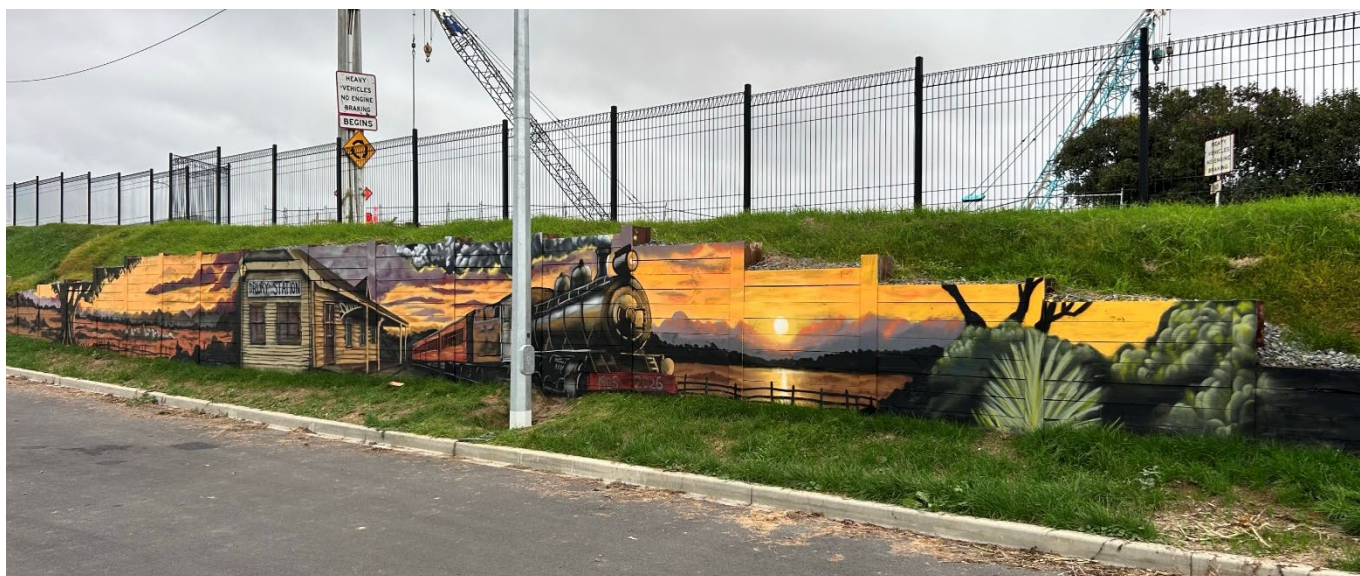
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If you're catching the train from Drury, be sure to check out the new mural in the bus interchange. The artwork pays tribute to Drury's rail heritage, featuring the original Drury Station, built in 1875, along with steam locomotives that would have travelled through and stopped there at the time. The colour palette is also a clever reference to the soil found on site when excavation began in 2023.

The mural was created by artist John Apelu Crouch, who has called South Auckland home since he was 12 years old. As John describes it, South Auckland is "a home away from home and a place where diverse cultures live, thrive and contribute to a vibrant community."

If you're travelling from Paerātā in the coming weeks, you might even be lucky enough to spot John at work painting rural-inspired murals near the station entrance. If you see him, be sure to say hello and have a chat.

A huge thank you to John for helping bring colour to the Auckland rail network, creating artwork for communities and passengers to enjoy on their journeys, now and into the future.



Progress at Ngākōroa Railway Station

Progress at Ngākōroa continues to track well, with teams regularly delivering key milestones across both the civil and station sites. Recent achievements include:

- Installation of two lift shafts which are constructed from steel beams. Each lift shaft is 13m tall and weighs approximately 21 tonnes.
- Frame for the lift glass and facade is in progress.
- Four 1.5-meter height end-platform staircases complete.
- Approximately 1200m² of topsoil and 150 tonnes of rip rap rocks are being placed in the wetland.
- Construction of the 250 carpark road layers and kerbs are in progress.
- Ongoing earthing and bonding works for the platform and pedestrian bridge.

NZTA have completed construction on an interim upgrade at the intersection of SH22 Karaka Road and Jesmond Road, installing traffic lights and adding a fourth 'leg' for a new access road that will connect people to the new Ngākōroa Railway Station when completed. The new traffic lights at the intersection are now operational.

As Ngākōroa station remains an active construction site, with heavy traffic and large vehicles regularly entering and exiting the worksite accessway just west of the new traffic lights, KiwiRail have a Traffic Management Plan in place that includes a temporary speed limit of 50 km/h in the immediate vicinity. This is essential to ensure the safety of all road users, as well as our construction teams.

Please follow all speed restrictions and signage when travelling through the area.



We continue to work closely with NZTA who are delivering major road improvements for the community. Our teams attend quarterly community days hosted by NZTA at Drury School Hall, where residents can ask questions and learn more about the ongoing works in their area. If you have any questions, we encourage you to join the next session on Saturday 22 August, between 10AM and 1PM.

Main construction works on the Waihoehoe Road upgrade project are now well underway, and the new bridge is taking shape with the bridge beams lifted in over the Matariki rail closure. For more information, email waihoehoeroad@nzta.govt.nz or visit www.nzta.govt.nz/waihoehoe-road-upgrade

Construction on the SH1 Papakura to Drury project is ongoing and may cause additional noise and traffic in the Drury area. For more information on this project, expected to be completed in August 2030, email p2b@nzta.govt.nz or visit www.nzta.govt.nz/p2b

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