



Hillside Redevelopment Project Newsletter

Hillside workshops update

The first phase of demolition at KiwiRail's historic Hillside workshops site is now well underway, in preparation for redevelopment there.

Just like cars and trucks, locomotives, rail wagons and carriages must be maintained and it's workshops like the one at Hillside that make that possible. With Government support, we will also be assembling at least 1,500 new wagons at the site – creating skilled jobs.

Hillside has long played an important role in Dunedin's engineering sector. Once the revitalisation project is complete, Hillside will once again be bustling place with more than 100 KiwiRail people working on site.



Progress update

Demolition and construction work at Hillside will support around 250 construction jobs and create business for local material supply companies.

We're using South Island based company Taggart to complete the demolition and we are making solid progress.

Phase one of the demolition is more than half-way through. We've leveled the buildings which will be replaced by a new

mechanical workshop. The team will move into crushing concrete slabs, demolishing foundations and excavation of contaminated soils.

Phase two of the demolition is currently being negotiated. The remainder of the buildings that need to come down will be demolished and we expect most of this work to be complete by the end of the year.

Demolition milestone

99%

of the superstructure
(above foundations) of phase 1
demolition complete.

When will construction begin?

In February the team prepared the new building footprints for piling. Construction will begin in a few months' time alongside demolition to shorten timelines.

The final design of the buildings is underway and the main contractor works is out for tender. The tender consists of three new buildings for the new mechanical workshop, networks and office/amenities.



Meet Arnold Storm

His Hillside journey will be full circle.

“I began in the Foundry/Pattern-shop at Hillside in 1978 when it was a bustling place to be. I was there until the workshop closed in 2012 when I moved into the Track Infrastructure team, so it’s great to now be on the steering committee having some say in the revitalisation – it’s a thrilling project to be a part of”

Arnold is a KiwiRail Asset Engineer and will be based at Hillside when the project is complete.



What can our neighbours expect over the next three months?

While we’ll do our best to minimise noise, vibrations and dust, some can be expected. Noise will be mitigated where possible with controlled demolition activities happening during the day time. Dust suppression cannons and sprinklers will be used to minimise the spread of dust.

Traffic management on Hillside Road will be in place as

required and you can expect the footpath and road to be affected more from February 2022.

Wherever we can we aim to do as much work as possible during the day. However due to the nature and scale of these works, at times we may need to work overnight or on the weekend.

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Thank you for your patience while we carry out this important work which will rejuvenate this site.