Drury Rail Stations project FAQs

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

The Drury Rail Stations project is part of the $2.4 billion investment to improve the resilience and efficiency of rail in Auckland for passengers and freight and prepare the network for more frequent trains when the City Rail Link opens.

Over the next 30 years, an extra 130,000 people are expected to call South Auckland home. In preparation for this future growth, the Government has provided funding to build three new stations between Papakura and Pukekohe.

We are working with partner agencies Auckland Transport and New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) to create a cohesive transport network in South Auckland. Encouraging people to use public transport, rather than private vehicles, reduces carbon emissions and congestion making a positive contribution to the environment and quality of life.

Combined with the extension of electrification from Papakura to Pukekohe, the three new stations located at Drury Central, Drury West and Paerata, will make travelling by train more accessible and appealing to those living in the area.

Drury and Paerātā Railway Stations were officially opened in August 2026, and Ngākōroa Railway Station is due to open in 2027.

WHAT ARE THE PROJECT BENEFITS?

The stations:

- provide the community with transport options that support and enable the future growth expected in South Auckland
- create easier access to the rail network for people travelling in and out of Drury and Paerata
- support environmentally friendly and sustainable public transport choices
- reduce congestion and the reliance on low occupancy vehicles, and
- improve the connectivity and accessibility for the future urban areas of Auckland.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT TIMELINE?

Work started at Drury Railway Station in late 2024, and at Paerātā Railway Station in early 2025.

On 2 August 2026, both stations were officially opened to the public, with Auckland Transport train services and new and improved bus routes on offer.

A legal challenge in the early stages of the Ngākōroa Railway Station project delayed design and building. The civil works contract has since been awarded to HEB Construction Ltd, with the station build contract awarded to John Holland Group. Both teams began establishing their work sites in late 2025, and works are now well underway.

We are on track to complete construction works in the first quarter of 2027. Following this, Auckland Transport will carry out final onboarding of station systems and operational readiness activities with Auckland One Rail to prepare the station for passenger services.

HOW DID YOU NAME THE THREE STATIONS?

Through our Mana Whenua forum, Iwi gifted the following names to KiwiRail and Auckland Transport.

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- (Te) Maketuu Station (Drury Central)
- Ngaakooroa Station (Drury West)
- Paeraataa Station (Paerata)

Under a joint submission with Auckland Transport, we submitted the gifted names to the New Zealand Geographic Board (NZGB) for consideration. NZGB is the authority responsible for naming railway stations.

The NZGB considered our proposal along with feedback provided through the NZGB public consultation process, and has confirmed the following names for the stations:

- Drury Railway Station (Drury Central)
- Ngākōroa Railway Station (Drury West)
- Paerātā Railway Station (Paerata)

ARE WE WORKING WITH MANA WHENUA?

We continue to work closely with our Mana Whenua partners ensuring the design and construction of the station buildings reflects the narrative of the area.

A NEW BUS NETWORK FROM AUCKLAND TRANSPORT (AT)

New and improved bus services provide a quick and convenient way to access Drury and Paerātā Railway Stations, including the new frequent 42 from Paerata Rise, the 376 from Auranga, and the 384 from Ramarama.

When Ngākōroa Railway Station opens in 2027, AT will deliver additional bus services to help get the public to and from the new station.

NGĀKŌROA RAILWAY STATION AND SH22

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 has 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.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS BETWEEN ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE AND NGĀKŌROA RAILWAY STATION

A dedicated pedestrian pathway connecting St Ignatius College to Ngākōroa Railway Station is currently not included in KiwiRail’s scope of work or budget for this site.

KiwiRail is supportive of a direct and safe walking route for students accessing the college via public transport and is open to working with Auckland Transport and St Ignatius College to explore options for a pathway, should they wish to pursue this.

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Drury Railway Station







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