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December 2025

Kia ora koutou,

As the year draws to a close, we're excited to share our final downtown update for 2025:

- [Downtown Markets](#)
- [Waitematā Station Plaza centerpiece Skylid art](#) now installed and open
- [Works happening](#) in the area over the holiday period
- [Downtown electric ferry charging project](#) update

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue preparing the downtown area for the opening of the City Rail Link.

We wish you a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to delivering more progress in 2026.

Questions? Contact us



Kirihimete / Christmas in Te Komititanga

Christmas is almost here! Decorations and installations across Downtown and the city centre are now completed, bringing festive colour and energy into our public spaces.

Downtown Christmas Markets

These free, family-friendly markets happening tomorrow brings together Auckland's finest artisans, makers and retailers with curated stalls perfect for holiday gifting. Soak up the festive atmosphere, browse handcrafted goods, grab a bite to eat and soak up the Christmas cheer.

Takutai Square — 13 December - 8.00am–3.00pm

Te Komititanga — 13 December - 10.00am–3.00pm

Please note: For the Te Komititanga market, pack-down runs until 8pm on Saturday 13 December. You may notice increased vehicle access and low-level background music during market hours.

Read about the success of Te Komititanga in recent The Spinoff article



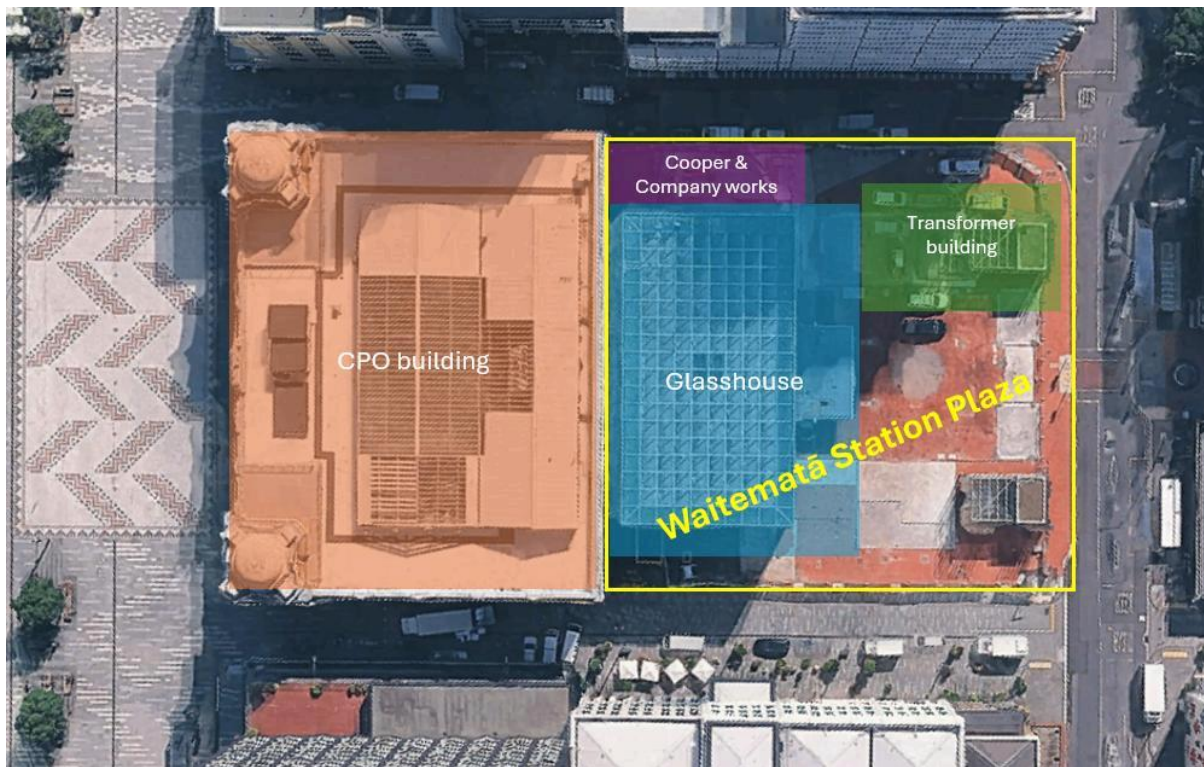
Waitematā Station Plaza centerpiece Skylid now completed

Last week we joined Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and mana whenua representatives, City Rail Link Ltd, Auckland Transport, contractors and partners to acknowledge the completion of the Waitematā Station Plaza Skylid artwork and the partial reopening of the space, marked with a whakawātea ceremony led by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

Designed in partnership between City Rail Link and mana whenua, the eight-metre skylid features a sand-blasted artwork by Graham Tipene (Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Hauā, Ngāti Manu) mapping the meeting of historical waterways and reflecting the movement, life and navigation associated with Waihorotiu and the harbour.

We look forward to welcoming visitors, residents and the wider public back to this refreshed space as we prepare for the full reopening of the Waitematā Station Plaza and glass atrium in the new year - watch this space!

[Read more about the skylid artwork here.](#)



Waitematā Station – Summer Works Update

Auckland Transport are doing key works around Waitematā Station this summer to support next year's CRL opening.

See the Waitematā Station Plaza [summer works notification](#) for full details.

What's happening and when:

Transformer building works (Dec): Stainless-steel shrouds replaced; low-level noise expected.

Glasshouse wash & signage (Dec–Jan): Building wash, scaffolding and new canopy signage installed.

Summer rail closure (27 Dec-28 Jan):

- Station upgrades: Jet fan replacement, acoustic panel fixes, gate line refurbishment, air-conditioning and plumbing upgrades.
- Rail Network Rebuild (near Spark Arena) by KiwiRail with low-level noise expected.
- Station CPO building and shops within it remains open, but access to platforms closed.

Escalator replacement (Dec–May): Eastern escalators replaced; lifts and stairs remain open.

Cooper and Company works (until March): Fit-outs plus new bike shelter and rubbish facility.

The full Waitematā Station Plaza is expected to open for public by February 2026.

For questions, contact cityraillink@at.govt.nz

Other works happening

Water leak repairs

Repair of an underground water leak will take place on Galway St next week. A small area of paving will be opened to expose the leak on the Plaza side of Galway St on **Monday 15 December**. The leak will be repaired and the concrete and paving reinstated.

This is expected to be completed by **Friday 19 December**. The small fenced area near Daily Bread will also be reinstated at the same time. There will be some noise while the paving and concrete are broken out on Monday. Sound mats will be used to minimise the noise and noisy work will not be carried out over the busy lunch period.

Water supply to surrounding properties will not be affected.

If you have any questions, please contact sally.logan@jfcltd.co.nz or call 021 420 794.



Downtown electric ferry charging project

This month, Auckland Transport's contractor, Brian Perry Civil, has been installing scaffolding beneath Queens Wharf in preparation for the new power cables. These cables will provide electricity to the charging building and Piers 2, 4 and 5.

In early 2026, the team will expand the work area at the northern end of Queens Wharf to begin construction of the charging building, which will house the electrical equipment.

What to expect

Above-wharf works will be more visible in the new year as the team builds the new charging building.

Auckland Transport and Brian Perry Civil are working closely with Queens Wharf stakeholders to ensure the wharf and ferry services continue to operate as normal during the construction phase.

The project is expected to be completed in mid-2027.

Who to contact

For enquiries, please contact 09 366 6400 or email info@at.govt.nz

Stay in touch!

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we work to create more vibrant and attractive spaces in our city centre.

How to get in touch

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For general questions or concerns, email us at citycentre@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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