



'Owairaka', artist design for Mt Albert Station

As the project nears completion, the visual elements of the station upgrade are becoming features in their own right. Gracing the concourse feature wall is the striking artwork titled 'Owairaka'. Designed by artists Henriata Nicholas and Marc Lenton of Moko-ia Creative House, Owairaka was developed around the concept of whenua (land) and specifically the cultural significance to the iwi of Tamaki Makaurau, location of the rail link and the transportation of people both to and from Owairaka/Mt Albert.

The design explores the connection between land and sky. The stylized poutama (stepped) patterns depict both palisades and/or a stairway to heaven. The tapatoru (triangle) pattern makes links to the maunga (mountain) of Owairaka from which the artwork takes its name.

For the artists, the project has been about the collaboration of landscape, people, future community development and artistic endeavors. What made it especially challenging for them, were the three different transport perspectives engaged - foot traffic, car and rail, and wanting to portray different shades of the main design sitting within the link footbridge.

The artists were selected through an invitational competitive process initiated by the iwi of the Tamaki Collective, managed by Auckland Council with the support and involvement of the Albert-Eden Local Board and Auckland Transport.



Front of the concourse wall



Back of the concourse wall



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Much of our remaining work will focus on the concourse and link bridge. The pedestrian lift is being installed, ceiling lights are being fitted and a balustrade is still to be placed under the stairs. The remaining bridge side panels will go up nearer to completion to minimise damage to the glass.

On the platform the passenger shelters are open for use and passenger information displays and signage will be installed in the coming weeks.

The link bridge, concourse and platform furniture will all be treated with a graffiti guard.

The project is nearing completion and the new link bridge/access from Carrington Road will reopen by the end of June.

Carrington Road closure Tuesday 28 May

We need to carry out a flow test for the fire hydrant system which will involve discharging water and monitoring the flow. Due to the pressure of water and area of works the test will be carried out at night.

One lane of Carrington Road Bridge will close from 10pm to midnight Tuesday 28 May.

Queen's Birthday (Sunday 1 to Monday 3 June) rail network closure

Our contractors will take advantage of the annual Queen's Birthday rail closure to continue work at the station. No night works are planned for this time.