



REMINDER: PUHINUI RAIL WORKS - 24/7 CONSTRUCTION

December 2024

Dear Neighbour,

We will be undertaking major remedial formation and drainage works in the rail corridor from south of Puhinui Station to Tavern Lane over the planned Christmas rail closure. Machinery and trucks will access the rail corridor via Clendon Avenue. Please see overleaf for details of the work in your area.

Work will take place from Friday 27 December through to Monday 27 January. Work will take place 24/7 throughout this period.

We understand this will be disruptive and teams will complete the job as quickly and quietly as possible. Wherever possible the noisier works are planned for the daytime.

What we are doing:

We are completing major track works in your area. This work can generally only be done during extended periods when no or reduced commuter trains are running.

From Friday 27 December teams will start to prepare the areas around the construction sites. This phase and reconnecting the tracks at the end are usually the noisiest parts of the job. Once the track disconnection work is complete the main works can start. Teams will then reconnect the rails over the last few days of the network shutdown.

How this affects you:

There will be noise from machinery and heavy vehicles moving around as well as bright lights and KiwiRail teams in the area. Materials will generally be stored on rail land. Due to the narrow long nature of the rail network, teams will need access to the track and will travel from Clendon Avenue (please see overleaf for details).

Our staff are mindful of our rail neighbours and will work hard to minimise any disturbance. Wherever possible staff will aim to carry out noisier works during the day. However, despite their efforts this work may cause you some disturbance and we apologise in advance for this.

There will also be increased vehicle movements near Puhinui Station so please take extra caution when in the area.

Upcoming Dates

**24/7 works from Friday 27
December – Monday 27
January**

Find out more

If you have any queries about our work, contact our Community Engagement Team via contactus@kiwirail.co.nz or **0800 801 070 ext 43042**



What are we doing?

Teams are installing a complex new track structure. To do this they need to rebuild the track foundations, improve the drainage and reconfiguring the overhead lines and signals to accommodate it. See below image of the worksite step up. This work will be completed in phases and much of it can only be done safely when no trains are running. The work will be done in stages:

1. Set up site
2. Cut and remove the existing track, sleepers on one set of tracks
3. Remove existing foundations
4. Rebuild and compact foundations
5. Reinstall track structure
6. Repeat steps 2-5
7. Install new complex track structure
8. Connect, re-align and balance new track
9. Connect signals ready for train services

