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## **City Rail Link partners with Auckland Festival of Photography to share exhibition outdoors**

Photographs taken for Auckland Photo Day in the last decade by Aucklanders will feature prominently at several City Rail Link station sites from June 2020. The project is a partnership between New Zealand's largest transport infrastructure project and the Auckland Festival of Photography. The displayed images will be curated from the festival's unique archive of 14000 photographs entered in its Nikon Auckland Photo Day competition held each June.

In June, Karangahape Station sites, followed later by Mt Eden Station will showcase some of the works of the best of previous Auckland Photo Day winners, runners up and entries. The displays fit in with the Link Alliance's core values of developing the skills and knowledge base of Tāmaki Makaurau through collaborations with the creative sector. The Link Alliance is a consortium of several companies building the main section of City Rail Link tunnels and stations for City Rail Link Ltd.

"We're delighted to be working with CRL to share images from this wonderful photography archive with Aucklanders at a time of immense opportunity for outdoors enjoyment of our city," says AFP director Julia Durkin. "It's great to share some of the best photographs in the region from our 14,000 strong archive."

"City Rail Link is not only a big infrastructure project, it will also be a huge work of art with our focus on unique station designs and outdoor spaces for people to celebrate. The festival's use of our spaces to showcase Aucklanders' photographic visions of the city while we are building for its future is a perfect combination," says City Rail Link's Chief Executive, Dr Sean Sweeney.

Dale Burtenshaw, Link Alliance's deputy project director says the partnership aligns perfectly with the Alliance's strategy of making points of interest around its work sites. "This is a great opportunity to promote local creative talent to the wider community. It's a collaboration that brings art from inside galleries and onto our site hoardings, softening the sometimes stark nature of our construction activities."

The Auckland Festival of Photography (May 27 to 15 June) encourages people to share their stories through the democratic medium of photography. Since AFP's first festival in 2004, more than 780,000 visits have been made to more than 1100 festival exhibitions, talks, and events held across the region. All AFP activities showcase photography and are free to attend, and include an invitation for the public to take photos of the Auckland region every June for Nikon Auckland Photo Day. This year's 24-hour day-in-the life competition is held on Saturday 6th June 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wr68HG61gil&app=desktop>

**More information at [cityraillink.co.nz](http://cityraillink.co.nz) and [photographyfestival.org.nz](http://photographyfestival.org.nz)**

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