

May Road Booster Pump Station

Strengthening Auckland's western water supply

What is happening

Watercare is delivering the May Road Booster Pump Station to strengthen Auckland's western water supply network and improve the resilience of the wider water network. The booster pump station will provide an additional supply route into the Titirangi reservoirs, supporting the network during planned maintenance, shutdowns, or when alternative supply routes are required.

Why this project matters

A large amount of the North Shore and part of West Auckland's drinking water currently relies on a single pump station and watermain supplied from the Waitākere Ranges. This limits when essential maintenance or upgrades can be undertaken.

The May Road Booster Pump Station establishes an additional supply route into the Titirangi reservoirs, enabling water to be supported from southern sources when required. This helps improve reliability of drinking water supply as Auckland continues to grow.

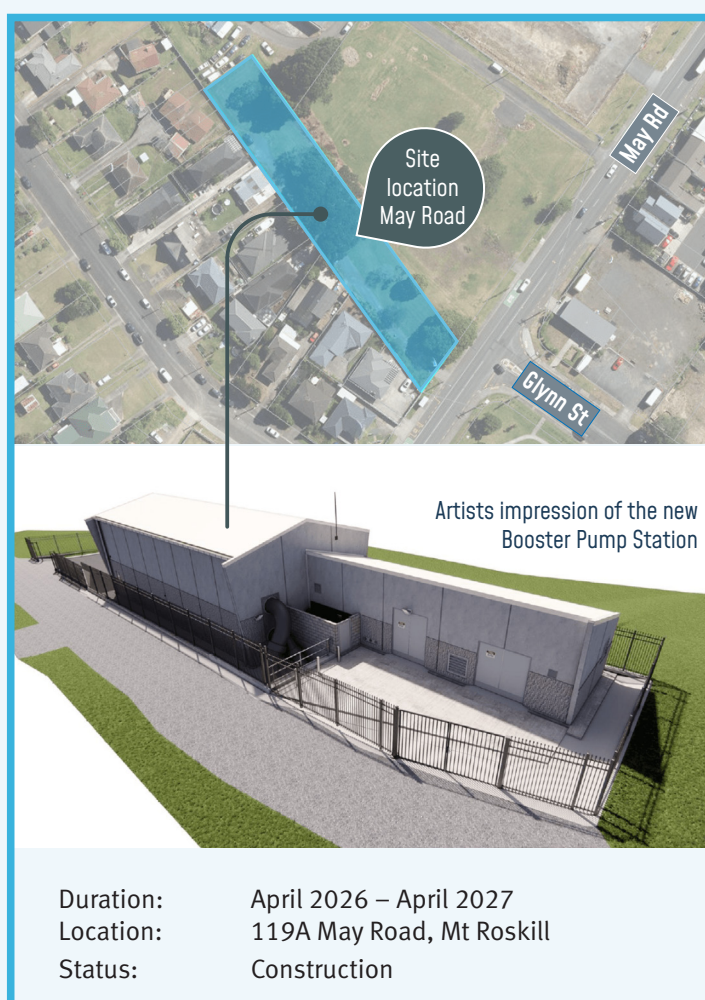
What this means for the community

Once complete, the May Road Booster Pump Station will help provide a more resilient, reliable and secure water supply. The project will reduce the risk of unplanned water outages and support essential services during maintenance or unexpected events. It will also help future proof the water network as Auckland continues to grow, ensuring households, schools and businesses can continue to rely on a safe and consistent supply of drinking water.

What to expect during construction

Construction will begin late April 2026 and will take approximately 12 months. During this time, works will be visible from May Road and nearby residents may notice construction activity, vehicle movements and noise during standard working hours.

At certain stages, works will take place within the road corridor and traffic management will be in place when required. Screening and landscaping will be undertaken once the main structure is complete to reduce visual and acoustic effects.



How will the pump station operate?

- The station will operate intermittently and only when needed to support the wider network.
- Noise will comply with Auckland Unitary Plan limits.
- The facility handles treated drinking water only, with no odour or emissions expected.
- No vibration is expected to be felt at neighbouring properties.
- Once operational, the site will be unmanned, with around one to two light vehicle visits per week.
- Low-level security lighting will be used to minimise light spill.
- At approximately 7.9 metres high, the building is below Auckland Unitary Plan permitted height limits and impacts on neighbours will be low.

Part of the Western Water Supply Programme

May Road is the first project to begin construction as part of Watercare’s Western Water Supply Programme. As the starting point, it helps set expectations for how Watercare works with mana whenua and communities, starting early, listening well, and respecting the values, stories and significance of place.

The project supports Te Mana o te Wai by prioritising the care of wai while ensuring people have access to safe, reliable drinking water. What we learn through this project will help shape future projects across the programme.

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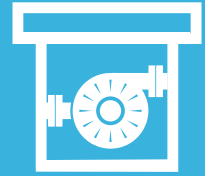
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Benefits of the project

Providing critical backup supply to support maintenance with less disruption



Strengthening the resilience of Auckland’s western water network



Supporting future growth by meeting increasing water demand



Thank you for your patience while we complete this important work