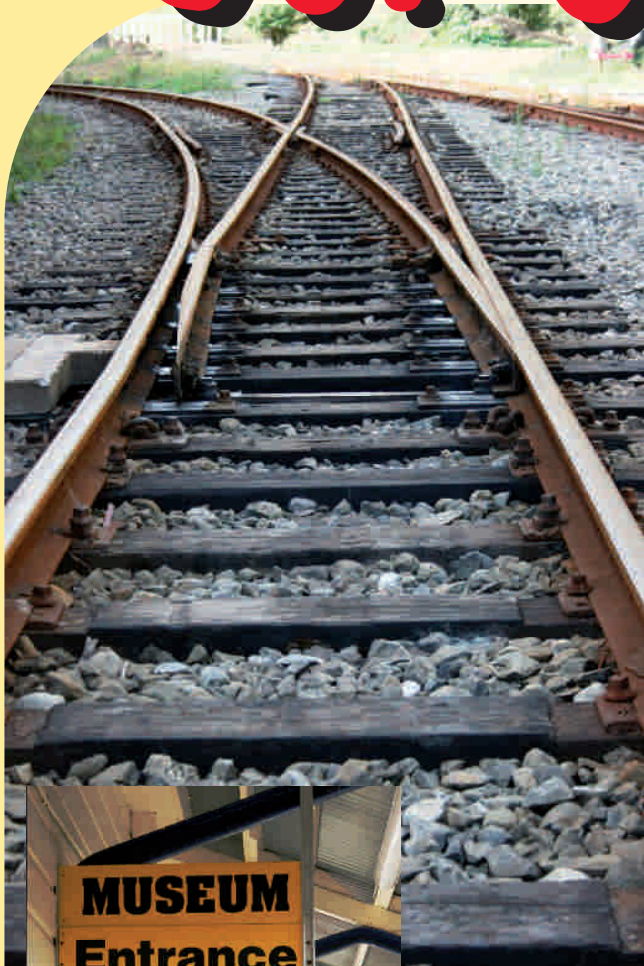


# Caring For Our Community



Paekakariki "village" is known for its beach, café and creative life. But what about its rich rail history, past and present? Steam Inc has a beauty of a steam engine, the Rail Museum has some treasures, the locals are renovating the historic signal box, and you can now get a cuppa tea and a scone just like the good old days.

## Rail nostalgia is back on track

Paekakariki station was the first stop from Wellington for the old steam trains. Some steam enthusiasts, guards and drivers from those days still live in Paekakariki, and gather on Thursday's at Steam Inc to restore old beauties like this one. 100 metres from the station, Steam Inc is open Thursdays and Saturdays.



Chairperson of the Paekakariki Station precinct trust, Carol Reihana, says money is needed to finish restoring this signal box, so it can be put back on its original site at the southern end of the platform. "It's appropriate because rail will be 100 years old next year. We want to be part of the celebration," says Carol.



The Paekakariki Rail Museum is open 11am-3pm, weekends and public holidays, and other times by appointment. You can stop for a cuppa and a scone in the café too.

This tauihui (war canoe prow) greets you as you enter the museum. It was carved as it would have been seen in Te Rauparaha's fleet.

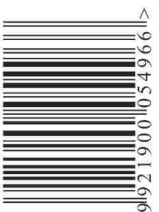
# Paekakariki Rail

Carol Reihana says things like Anzac Day, and now the old train world, are becoming more popular. "Young people are taking notice. It's how it should be." Phone 04 9058079 or 04 9058275 for more info on the Museum; 04 2928818 for the café; and 0800 783264 for Steam Inc.

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