

Dec 2022 IRG – Auckland Film Studios

IRG Funding: \$30m | Total Project Spend: \$36.71m



The expansion of Auckland Film Studios (AFS) in Henderson, Auckland, an Auckland Council project managed by Tataki Auckland Unlimited, was complete in December 2022 following a fourteen-month accelerated build programme.

It will be a major catalyst for driving further growth and employment in the screen industry and cements Auckland as an international standard production base. The two 2,000 square metre stages were gifted the name of ‘Te Pūtahi’ (to join and intersect) by mana whenua Te Kawerau a Maki – as a place where people will meet to make creative works for the world stage. The new stages are the first major addition to AFS since their other large purpose-built sound stage was opened 16 years ago, and mean the studios now have five stages totalling more than 7,500 square metres which makes the studio complex attractive to international productions.

The design, development, and construction of these worldclass stages employed more than 100 people over the course of the construction project. Furthermore, the increased production capacity provided by the new stages is expected to generate more than 200 additional screen jobs during peak periods. The new stages have been widely promoted domestically and internationally and are now fully booked by international productions. AFS will continue to be a cornerstone for the local and national film industry, and a catalyst for creative sector businesses and employment.