



Artist's impression of the future light rail stop and terminus at Carlingford.



Transport for NSW



Parramatta Light Rail Newsletter

New light rail stop images unveiled

New artist impressions of the Parramatta Light Rail have been released, offering a sneak peak of the 16 stops that will transform how people in the Greater Parramatta will move from Westmead to Carlingford via Parramatta's CBD when passenger services commence in 2023.

The images showcase the carefully designed light rail stops and its features, and how it will integrate into the surrounding urban landscape, including new roads, pathways, and walking and bike-riding paths.

Informed by extensive research, independent design review and prototyping, the stop designs have been refined to reflect community feedback, and to ensure the stops are fully accessible and user friendly.

Major construction of the first of 16 light rail stops will commence imminently, bringing delivery of the project one step closer to completion.

Take a look at the images by visiting parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/gallery.

It's exciting to see the progress being made on the Parramatta Light Rail, one of the NSW Government's major infrastructure projects, with 99 per cent of track installed across the alignment.

Having recently visited Parramatta, it is fantastic to see the area re-emerge as an exciting place of residence, entertainment and community.

Fencing is coming down as major construction and surrounding work is complete and shortly, the team will commence building the 16 stops.

My commitment to investigate Australian manufacturing opportunities for Stage 2 of the project will ensure we continue to lift local economies and create jobs onshore.

I encourage you to visit the area, explore the activation on Church Street, and pop into the project's new exhibition showcasing local artefacts uncovered during construction.

Minister for Transport and Veterans
David Elliott



Major track work complete from Carlingford to Camellia

Along the Carlingford to Camellia corridor, the team continues to carry out landscaping and minor works following the completion of new dual-track light rail installed along the former single-track heavy rail line.

The team worked hard to ensure the heritage-listed Dundas Station building, which first opened in 1896, was protected and preserved during construction, and was seamlessly integrated into the new stop design for the Parramatta Light Rail.

While track installation is complete, the next phase of work along the corridor will commence shortly. This includes the installation of the light rail stop canopies and infrastructure, substations, overhead wiring and underground cabling, as well as testing and commissioning the new light rail system.

To ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety, the walking and bike-riding path (Active Transport Link) will be opened when work is complete and the path is safe to use.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 planning progresses

Planning and development work for Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail continues with recent community feedback, the team exploring local manufacturing opportunities and the start of site investigations in coming months.

More than 800 participants responded to a survey on the social impacts and benefits of the project. The survey highlighted factors such as accessibility, health and wellbeing, as well as the surrounding impacts of construction and operation.

The project team has commenced investigations with experienced local manufacturers to understand their

capacity and capability to provide rolling stock and associated equipment in Australia.

In the coming months, local communities will soon see utilities and geotechnical investigations underway along the alignment, which will be vital to support further planning work, including the project's design and risks.

Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail will connect with Stage 1 and the Parramatta CBD to Ermington, Melrose Park, Wentworth Point and Sydney Olympic Park.

Find out more, visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/parramatta-olympic-park.



Diversity celebrated

The Parramatta Light Rail project is committed to supporting inclusion and diversity, and supports employment opportunities for cultural and linguistically diverse communities.

Working with social enterprises such as TQN Personnel, the project supports refugees to find work in the Australian construction industry.

'I feel really proud to be a part of a project that is going to help develop and connect our community,' said Murtaza, who arrived last year in Australia from Afghanistan, and is a site administrator on the project.

The team also celebrated Harmony Week in March by wearing culturally inspired workwear (pictured) designed by Aboriginal artist Luke Penrith, who is connected through the Wiradjuri, Wotjobaluk, Yuin and Gumbaynggirr Nations.



Project engineers Karthik and Aadel supporting diversity on site.

Come visit Parramatta CBD

The Parramatta Light Rail team continues to support local businesses along the alignment with fun and vibrant activations, including new seating and activities, taking over Parramatta's Church Street.

Campaigns promoting local businesses have also been attracting visitors to the area, including 'Eat Street Uncovered', Sydney Festival's 'The Construct' event, as well as free giveaways to celebrate NSW Small Business Month, and a new Parramatta CBD restaurant guide.

Meanwhile, more than 200 businesses across the light rail alignment have received free one-on-one advice and support from Realise Business, Transport for NSW's business advisory partner.

Check out the latest campaigns and activations. Find out more, visit activateparramatta.com.au.



CBD activation in action on Church Street.

Game on at CommBank

Congratulations to Chris who 'scored' 10 VIP tickets to the Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC A-League derby at CommBank Stadium in March as the major prize winner of our Shop and Win campaign.

Shop and Win was an initiative of 'Activate Parramatta': Transport for NSW's plan to support local businesses before and during light rail construction.

Thank you to those who entered the draw by shopping locally, and enjoyed our free giveaways.

Stay tuned for more activities, campaigns and events to support local businesses across the light rail alignment.



Major prize winner Chris (front and centre) at the game.

Exhibition – OPEN NOW

A journey through time

Discover Parramatta's rich history and learn about the remarkable artefacts that were uncovered and preserved during construction of the Parramatta Light Rail

Explore Parramatta's rich cultural history

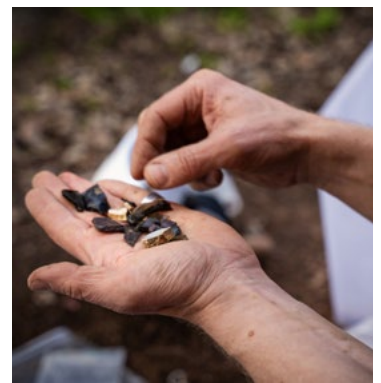
A new and exciting exhibition featuring local stories and hidden artefacts unearthed and preserved during construction of the Parramatta Light Rail has opened to the community.

The exhibition titled *A Journey Through Time* provides historical insights about Parramatta, including the Traditional Owners of Parramatta identified as the Burramattagal or Boromedegal, the treasures buried beneath the Parramatta 'Sand Sheet'—an ancient geological formation formed more than 70,000 years ago, and the City's colonial European heritage.

It showcases Parramatta's many culturally significant and sensitive heritage sites along the alignment, including the former Rum Corps Barracks at Robin Thomas Reserve and the World War II air raid shelter uncovered at Camellia.

The exhibition is open at the Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre until 11 June 2022.

Find out more, visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/exhibition.



New bridge named Bidgee Bidgee Bridge

The light rail and active transport bridge over James Ruse Drive in Rosehill has been officially named after local Aboriginal leader, Bidgee Bidgee.

For 20 years, Bidgee Bidgee led the Burrumattagal clan of the Darug people, bringing all people together to help shape the region's history. He was a city-shaping Elder who was engaged as a tracker by Governor Macquarie and rewarded by being appointed 'Chief of the Kissing Point tribe'.

A Bridge Naming Consultation Panel assessed more than 500 community suggestions in line with naming guidelines and conventions. Bidgee Bidgee was selected following a shortlisting process, with support from all parties highlighting its connection to Country.



The steel arch bridge was installed following a meticulous overnight engineering operation in May 2021. From 2023, it will connect future light rail passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists from the Parramatta CBD to Carlingford.

An official naming ceremony will be held this year.

Green track leads sustainable design

The Parramatta Light Rail project is delighted to roll out the first green track on a NSW light rail project. This follows 12 months of prototype testing to determine the most appropriate native species suitable for Parramatta's weather and climate conditions.

A total of 1.3 kilometres of green track, which consists of grass or groundcover between and beside the tracks, will be installed in three sections across the alignment: the Cumberland Precinct, as well as Robin Thomas Reserve and Tramway Avenue in Parramatta.

Using 81 per cent less concrete in its construction than traditional track, the green track will deliver environmental and health benefits for the community.



Find out more, visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/what-is-green-track or scan the QR code to watch the timelapse video.

Parramatta Light Rail celebrates women in construction

The project team celebrated the significant contributions of women in all roles working to deliver the major Western Sydney project as part of NSW Women's Week 2022. These women in non-traditional roles such as engineering, metals and electrical trades shared why they enjoy working on the Parramatta Light Rail.



'It is satisfying to see Parramatta Light Rail come to life and know the benefits this completed infrastructure will bring to the wider community.'

Sinead
Project Engineer



'The health and wellbeing of our workers and members of the public is my top priority, and I love being able to provide support in any way I can.'

Natalie
Safety Administrator



'It's really rewarding to plan the work, put it into action, and see the final product come to life when finished.'

Tori
Site Engineer

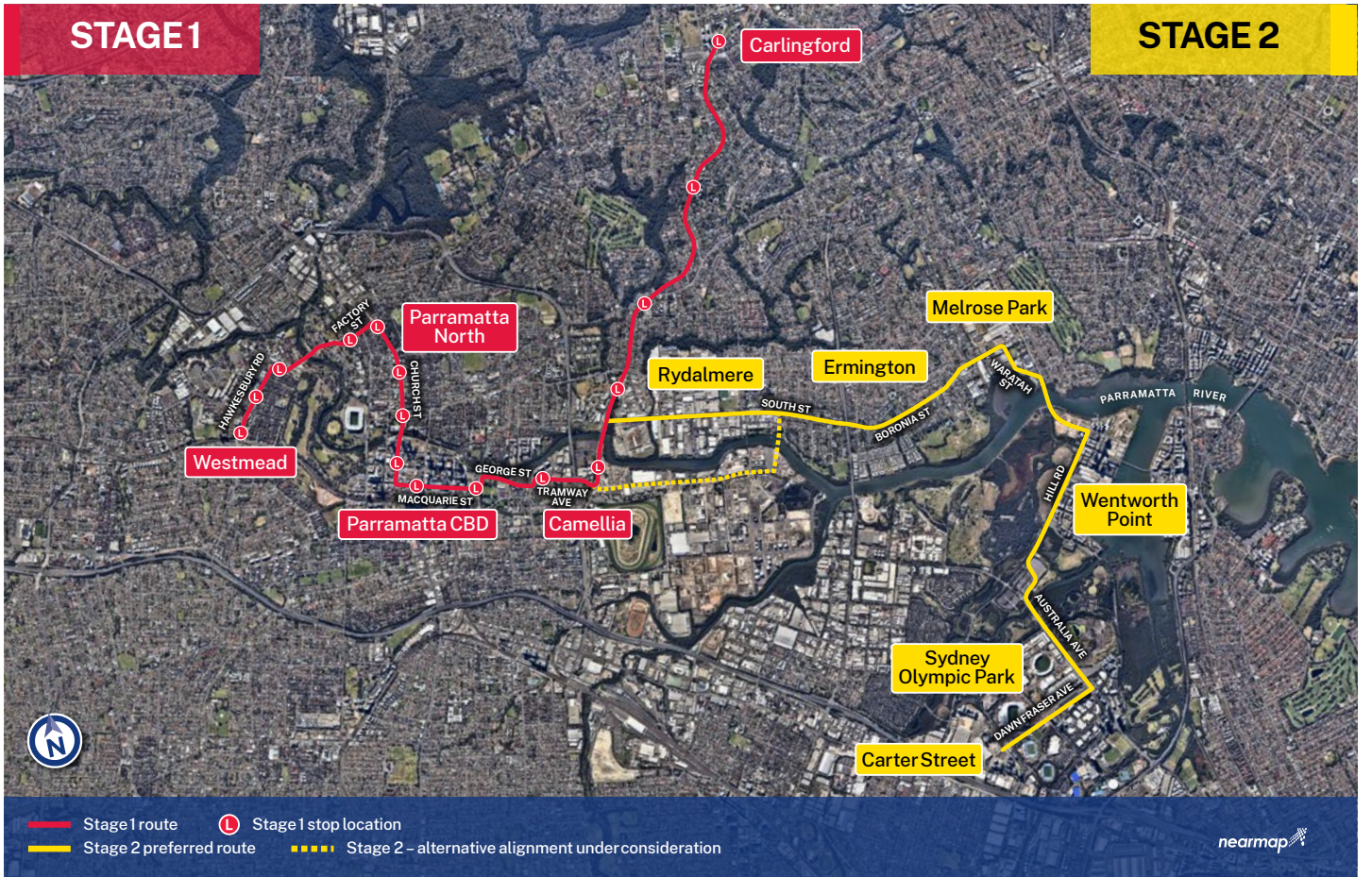


'It's great to be a part of something that will improve the community.'

Natasha
Traffic Forewoman

STAGE 1

STAGE 2



What's next?

2022

- Construction of the 16 light rail stops
- Completion of track installation along 12-kilometre alignment
- Ongoing footpath, gutter, kerbing, paving, landscaping and road works
- Construction of Stabling and Maintenance Facility continues

2023

- Vehicle and systems testing and commissioning
- Light rail services commence



Macquarie Street now open

Parramatta's Macquarie Street between O'Connell Street and Horwood Place, and between Smith and Harris streets, is permanently one-way eastbound following the completion of major construction work.

Temporary fencing in these sections along the alignment has been removed. Pedestrians, cyclists and motorists are reminded to be aware of the changed traffic conditions when in the area.



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