

News Update

December 2019 Newsletter



Innovation leads the way for 'Eat Street' construction



An artist's impression of what the 'Eat Street' section of Church Street, Parramatta, will look like from February 2020.

Parramatta Light Rail's construction plan for the Parramatta CBD has been announced, with innovative technology and inventive engineering to minimise impacts on local businesses.

From 1 February 2020, Church Street between Macquarie and Market Streets (including 'Eat Street') will become a pedestrian-only zone.

During this time, mobile work sites and temporary hoardings will be established along Church Street. To reduce noise and impact, a micro-tunnelling machine will be used from Centenary Square to the Parramatta River to construct drainage.

Augmented reality and digital 3D technology is also being used to map underground utility services, which

will provide real-time updates to inform construction planning.

Major construction in this area will begin from June 2020, and will involve the removal of the existing road surface, deep excavations, laying of new underground utility services, construction of light rail tracks, footpath works and landscaping.

Last but certainly not least, local businesses along Parramatta's 'Eat Street' will benefit from a construction 'grace period' to ensure that business owners, diners and

shoppers do not experience constant construction works during the busy warmer months.

From November 1 to January 31 each year, construction hoardings will be removed, outdoor tables and seating will be temporarily reintroduced, and Transport for NSW will work with local businesses to deliver activities and events to attract people to the Parramatta CBD.

For more information, visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au.

Find out more at

www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au

All stops to Carlingford

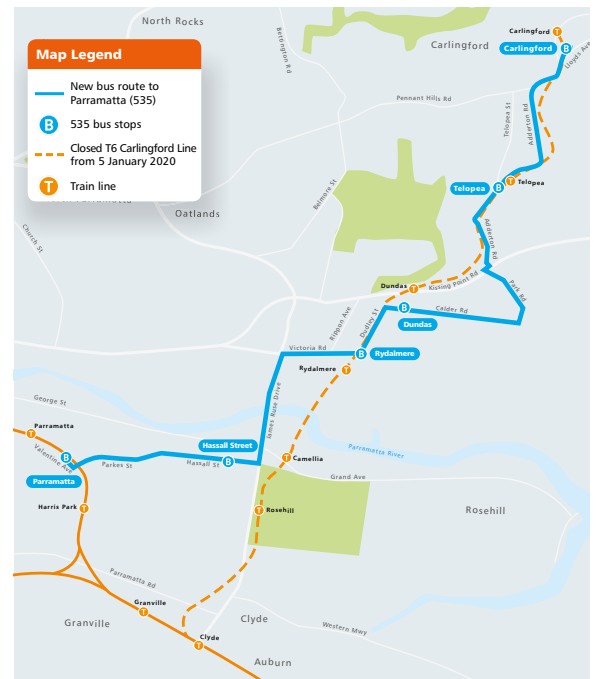
From 5 January 2020, the T6 Carlingford Line will close while it is converted to the Parramatta Light Rail. A new '535' bus service will be introduced to keep customers moving between Carlingford and the Parramatta CBD while light rail is being built.

Route 535 will run at least every 15 minutes in the busy periods of the day – a boost for customers who currently only have two train services per hour during the peak on the T6 Carlingford Line.

The bus route will operate between Carlingford, Telopea, Dundas, Rydalmere, Camellia/Rosehill and Parramatta CBD. Customers wishing to travel to Clyde will need to interchange at Parramatta for a rail service.

The upgrade from single-track heavy rail – the least-used rail line in Sydney – to dual-track light rail will deliver frequent 'turn-up-and-go' services to customers from 2023.

Find out more at mysydney.nsw.gov.au/carlingfordlineclosure



This year, minor works and site investigations on and around the Parramatta Light Rail route have been essential preparation ahead of major construction.

What's happening around town?

Investigation works for the upcoming major construction of the Parramatta Light Rail are well underway. Early planning is an important part of the project to help ensure a short-as-possible construction period.

As we prepare for the start of major construction of the Parramatta Light Rail in 2020, we have been identifying and relocating underground utilities, such as gas, water, electricity and telecommunications. This vital work will continue throughout January 2020, and aims to help us finalise our program of works and ensure we get in and out of areas as quickly as possible during construction.

Additionally, work to construct and upgrade bus stops for the new 535 bus route spanning Parramatta CBD to Carlingford is being completed this month before the T6 Carlingford Rail Line closes on 5 January 2020 for

its conversion to light rail. This involves temporary fencing and hoarding and a change of access at Carlingford, Telopea, Dundas, Rydalmere, and Camellia stations.

In North Parramatta, works are ongoing to upgrade roads and traffic intersections in readiness for Parramatta Light Rail construction. These works, while not along the future light rail route, will make it easier for traffic to move in and around the Parramatta area.

Find out more about where we will be each week at www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/weekly-works



Enjoy Game Day on Eat Street!

Bankwest Stadium is the place to be this summer, with a number of Western Sydney Wanderers FC football games planned.

If you're heading to the games, Parramatta Light Rail's 'Enjoy Game Day on Eat Street' campaign is in full swing, with fantastic discounts and deals on offer at local restaurants, cafés and bars along Parramatta's 'Eat Street' dining district on Church Street. Make sure you check it out!

Visit www.activateparramatta.com.au for the latest deals at participating businesses.

Did you know...

The Parramatta Light Rail program has a strong focus on the environment and sustainability? Here are some of our commitments to help the environment while we build light rail for Parramatta.



100% re-use of usable spoil (crushed rock)



At least **90%** construction and demolition waste diverted from landfill



15% reduction in total water use



60% of office waste diverted from landfill

George Street heads in another direction

Parramatta's George Street, between O'Connell and the intersection of Harris and Macarthur Streets, has become a two-way road.

This change - while not directly on the future light rail route - is part of the Parramatta Light Rail program of works to upgrade roads and make it easier for traffic to move efficiently in and around Parramatta.

We thank the community for taking extra care while these changes are made - please remember to look both ways before crossing George Street or, if driving, slow down to the newly introduced 40km/h speed limit!

**LOOK LEFT
LOOK RIGHT
BEFORE YOU STEP OUT**

Bike building for Parramatta Mission

The Parramatta Light Rail team recently lent their support to Parramatta Mission, a local not-for-profit organisation that supports individuals in need with accommodation and hospitality, mental health and community services.

The team constructed 16 children's bikes to donate to the Mission's 175 One Hotel and Apartments in Westmead for families in need of support; bringing the joy of riding bikes to kids.



Parramatta Light Rail staff volunteered to build bikes for Parramatta Mission. The bikes will be donated to kids in need.

Parramatta's history unearthed

Site investigations for the Parramatta Light Rail can sometimes result in interesting discoveries from the past, such as these archaeological remains of the old Parramatta Gas Works Retort House found recently. It is our policy to carefully examine and record any findings, under the guidance of heritage experts.

We recently discovered these archaeological remnants of the Parramatta Gas Works Retort House (a facility for converting coal into gas) and associated retaining wall during Parramatta Light Rail test excavations at Queen's Wharf Reserve in Parramatta.

The Parramatta Gas Company began the construction of the brick retort house in 1872. When completed in 1873, it supplied gas to Parramatta for the first time, used for street lights, shops, churches and public buildings.

These found remnants have been carefully examined and recorded by heritage and archaeological specialists. Where unavoidable, sections impacted by our works were safely salvaged, with the remainder left in situ.

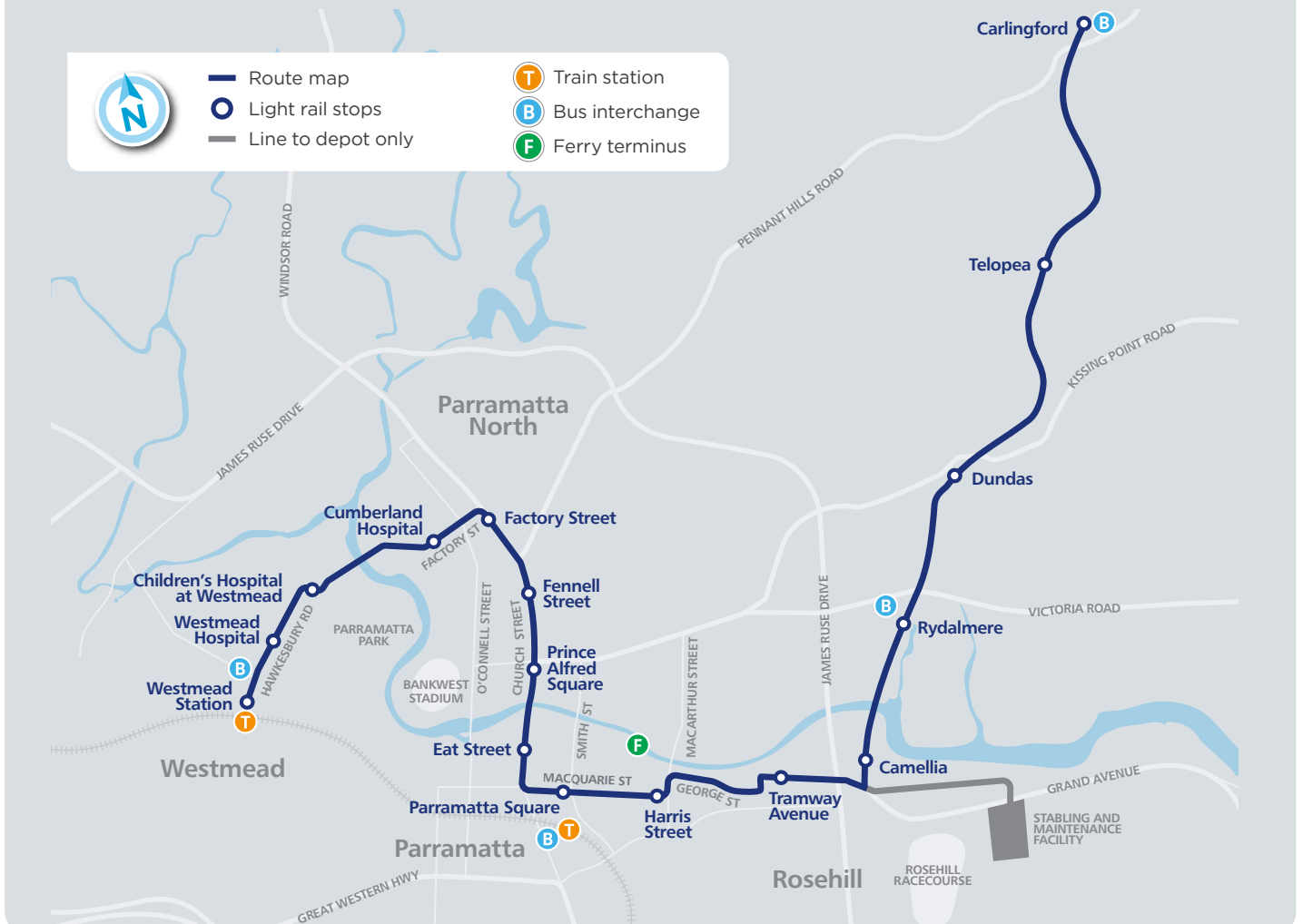
We are exploring opportunities to incorporate these finds into heritage interpretation on site to tell the story of the site, as well as working with the City of Parramatta Council and Aboriginal Land Council to repurpose any salvaged finds where we can.



Remains of the Parramatta Gas Works Retort House, a facility for converting coal into gas, found during test excavations.

Where will the Parramatta Light Rail go?

The Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia, and is expected to open in 2023.



'TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP LOCAL



Parramatta CBD

Shopping locally this Christmas can save you time and money. So what are you waiting for? Check out our Christmas tree on the right for some special deals waiting for you this festive season in the heart of Parramatta. Don't forget to mention this page to claim your special offer!

Offers valid till 24 December 2019
(mentioned stores only).





Check dates and times at www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au

Local students learn safety matters

Parramatta Light Rail's Safety team recently organised a site visit and walk along the light rail route for students from Harris Park's Maronite College of the Holy Family.

It was a fantastic chance for the students to go on site in a controlled environment, put on some personal protective equipment (PPE), and hear from people working on the light rail project about the importance of safety in construction as well as career opportunities.



Students from Harris Park's Maronite College of the Holy Family learn about site safety with Parramatta Light Rail.

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What's next?

2019

- Site investigation works underway
- Enabling road works underway
- Remediation works continue at future light rail depot
- Road widening works continue along Hawkesbury Road in Westmead

2020

- T6 Carlingford Line closes for its conversion to light rail
- Major construction on the Parramatta Light Rail will begin across the light rail route
- February 2020 - Church Street between Macquarie and Market Streets pedestrian-only
- June 2020 - major construction to begin along Church Street between Macquarie and Market Streets

2023

- Light rail commences operations

Thank you and see you in 2020

In recent months, you would have seen Parramatta Light Rail work ramping up across the region as we undertake enabling works to upgrade local roads and traffic intersections, and site investigations to identify underground utilities such as telecommunications, electricity, gas and water. We thank you for your understanding during this important work.

In 2020, there will be a great deal happening as major construction continues. It isn't going to be easy and there will be some disruptions and impacts, and we appreciate your patience in advance. We will continue to engage with you and keep you updated on the project.

Thanks again and we will see you in 2020!



Translating and Interpreting Services

If you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 and ask them to telephone Parramatta Light Rail on 1800 139 389.

Arabic

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Traditional Chinese

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Hindi

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