

Newsletter

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On Parramatta's Church Street, mobile worksites have been set up for utility works.

Major construction underway on light rail

The first sod has been turned, marking the start of major construction on the Parramatta Light Rail project, which will transform the way people connect and move around Greater Parramatta from 2023.

Major works on the Parramatta Light Rail began in early January with the permanent closure of the T6 Carlingford Line. Decommissioning works have been completed along the rail line, with overhead wires, tracks and sleepers removed, clearing the corridor for its conversion to light rail.

Parramatta's Church Street has also permanently closed to general car traffic between Macquarie and Market Streets. The 'Eat Street' dining strip is still open for business. Smaller mobile worksites have been set up between each of the intersections on Church Street for preparation works.

Major construction means you will continue to see works ramping up, with fencing and hoardings installed along the future light rail route.

Some of the works will include the removal of existing road surface, deep excavations, and the laying of new or relocation of underground utilities.

While some disruption is unavoidable, Transport for NSW is working hard to minimise the impacts of construction. We are working closely with the local community, residents and businesses to ensure they have the information and support they need during construction of the light rail.



Removal of electrical components for reuse.

Recycling for railway

As part of the decommissioning works along the closed T6 Carlingford Line, some signalling, transformers and other electrical components were carefully salvaged and taken to the Blue Mountains, where the rail infrastructure had been severely damaged during the recent bushfires.

The team was more than happy to respond to a request for help from Sydney Trains to assist with the Blue Mountains train line restoration.

Find out more at

www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au

Church Street is open for business!



Businesses on Parramatta's Church Street, including the 'Eat Street' dining strip, are operating as usual following the road closure to car traffic.

In this bustling part of the CBD, Church Street continues to be open to pedestrians while smaller work zones are set up for utility relocation work.

There is plenty of action nearby at Bankwest Stadium with concerts and sporting events, including the current A-League season and upcoming 2020 NRL season. Cafes, bars and restaurants on 'Eat Street' are offering special discounts and deals on Game Days.

Part of Transport for NSW's Activate Parramatta campaign to support local businesses during light rail construction, game-goers can take advantage of

deals at more than 40 restaurants in this vibrant part of Parramatta's CBD. To see the list of participating businesses, visit activateparramatta.com.au.



Shop local and WIN with our new app!

Parramatta Light Rail's new *Activate Parramatta Shop Local Carlingford to Camellia* campaign gives you the opportunity to win weekly at local retailers, cafes and restaurants.

All you need to do is shop at local participating businesses from 26 February to 24 April 2020, scan the in-store QR code and enter the draw to win fantastic prizes.

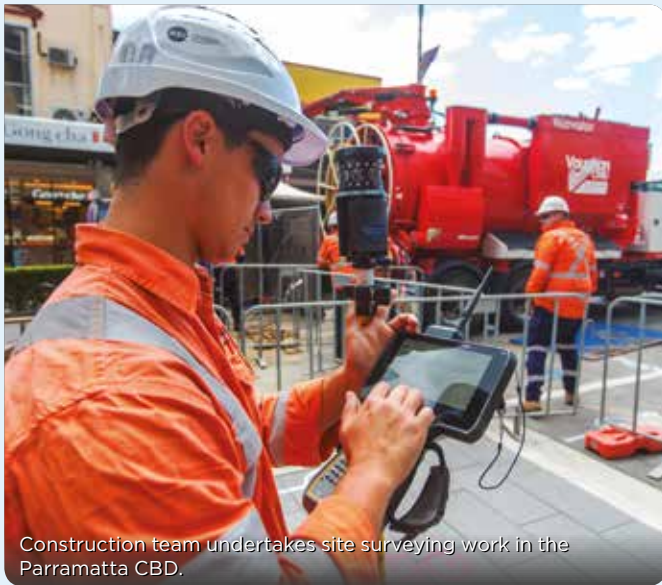
Hover your phone camera over the QR code (right) to launch the web app, check out the participating businesses and start shopping. The more times you shop, the more chances you have to win!



What's happening?

As part of the Parramatta Light Rail program, the **level crossing** on Parramatta Road at Granville has been removed. This means drivers are no longer held up by trains crossing one of Sydney's busiest roads, particularly during peak hours. Around 70,000 vehicles travel in both directions each weekday on this stretch of Parramatta Road, so removing the level crossing now keeps this busy arterial road moving.

In **North Parramatta**, road works to upgrade the local traffic network to make it easier for traffic to move in and around the Parramatta area are continuing. O'Connell Street, between Barney and Albert Streets, is being widened to four lanes to increase traffic capacity and will be completed later this year.



Construction team undertakes site surveying work in the Parramatta CBD.



The widening of Hawkesbury Road, Westmead, will finish later this year.

In the **Parramatta CBD**, a state-of-the-art micro-tunnelling boring machine will be set up at Centenary Square to construct drainage to the Parramatta River. Using the tunnelling machine results in lower levels of noise and impact compared to digging at street level. On Macquarie Street, construction works such as traffic and lane changes will be implemented to accommodate construction work zones as they are set up on the road.

In **Westmead**, Hawkesbury Road widening works are continuing to allow space for the construction of the light rail and will be completed later this year.

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

One last train ride on the Carlingford Line

More than 1,000 community members gathered to commemorate the T6 Carlingford Line before it ran its last passenger services in the early hours of Sunday, 5 January. Transport Heritage NSW brought in an historic Red F1 vintage electric train for the occasion in a fitting farewell to the 132-year-old line. The rail line has permanently closed for the construction and conversion to the new Parramatta Light Rail.



Parramatta Light Rail Program Director Anand Thomas (left) is joined by Chief Operations Officer, TfNSW, Howard Collins onboard the Red F1.



Members of the Carlingford Rotary Club joined in with the community to say farewell to the T6 Carlingford Line.

Come and meet us!

As we build the Parramatta Light Rail, it's important to us that you are aware of what is happening and any changes that may impact you. That is why we hold regular pop-up information sessions so that you have the chance to find out more about the project and ask any questions you may have in person.

For details on where we will be next, check out parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/get-involved.



What's next?

Early 2020

- Enabling road works in North Parramatta
 - Road widening works on Hawkesbury Road, Westmead
 - Utility works on Church and Macquarie Streets, Parramatta CBD
- Construction works Carlingford to Camellia

Mid-2020

- June 2020 - major construction to begin on Church Street between Macquarie and Market Streets

2023

- Light rail commences operations

Where will Parramatta Light Rail go?

The \$2.4 billion Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia with a two-way track spanning 12 kilometres with 16 stops, and is expected to open in 2023.

For more maps, visit parramattalightrail.com.au/maps.



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Arabic

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