

News Update

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Construction rolls in!

Remediation works are underway at the future Parramatta Light Rail depot in Camellia, signalling the start of construction for the project.

Specialist teams have been on the ground, ensuring the land is made fit for purpose before the future stabling yard takes shape.

These 'early works' for the project help to ensure the safe and sustainable management of contamination from the site's industrial history, which dates back to the 1930s.

Until the mid-1990s, the site was involved in the manufacture and storage of chemicals including chromium-based products and chlorofluorocarbons.

It was also home to an army stores facility during the Second World War. Find out more at www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/news

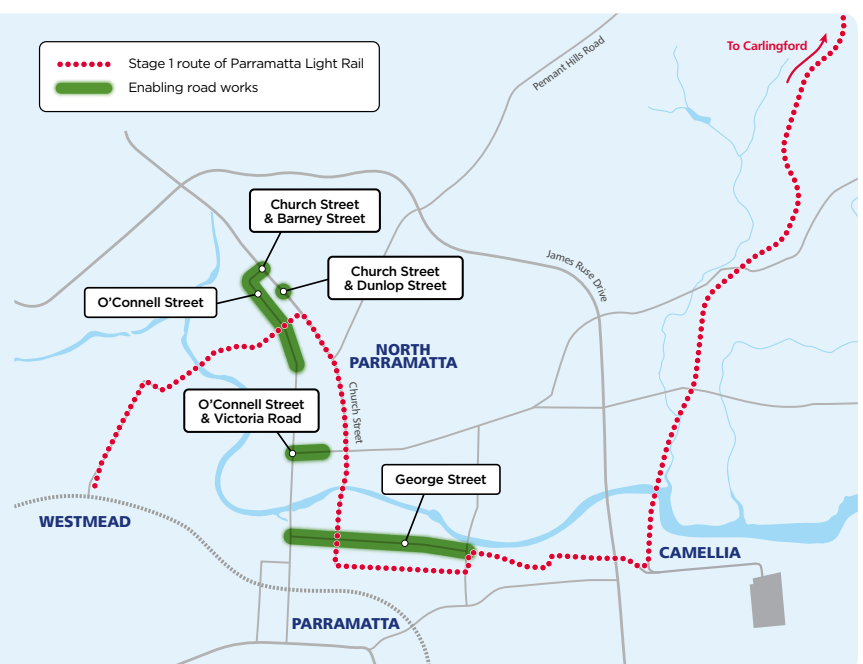
Left: Parramatta Light Rail staff inspect the remediation works at Camellia

Ready for light rail

We're making some changes in North Parramatta and Parramatta's CBD to increase road capacity and ensure traffic can move in and around Parramatta during construction and operation of the light rail.

You will see our contractors out and about undertaking site investigations to test ground conditions and identify underground utilities.

Residents and local businesses affected by these works will be notified in advance – you can also find this information by calling our project hotline on 1800 139 389 or visiting the Parramatta Light Rail website at www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/library/notifications



Find out more at

www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au



Community reps know the area best

Local community and business representatives proved to be enthusiastic contributors at the inaugural meeting of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 Community and Stakeholder Reference Group in October.

Parramatta Light Rail program director Tim Poole said the group's first meeting showcased a range of views from the people who know the local area best.

"Our members are passionate about their communities in Camellia, Rydalmere, Ermington, Melrose Park, Wentworth Point and Sydney Olympic Park, which form the fabric of the Stage 2 Parramatta Light Rail route," said Mr Poole.

Members represent a broad cross-section of the community from teachers, to business people and include a member of the Sydney BMX Club.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 will connect Parramatta CBD to Sydney Olympic Park through Ermington, Melrose Park and Wentworth Point.



Above: members of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 Community and Stakeholder Reference Group discuss the project.



‘Activate Parramatta’ to boost business

Street installations, entertainment and pop-up parks are just some of the activities that will provide a boost for local businesses before and during construction.

Parramatta Light Rail's 'Activate Parramatta' business plan outlines ways to maintain foot traffic, create activity around construction zones and host unique experiences that will encourage people to keep visiting Parramatta during construction works.

'Activate Parramatta' will extend across five key precincts including 'Eat Street' and Parramatta CBD,

Westmead, Parramatta North, and Camellia to Carlingford.

Transport for NSW will work closely with all businesses along the route to ensure they are aware of the wide range of support and services on offer.

To read the plan, visit www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/businesses

Above: Example of business activation for Sydney Light Rail

Winner shows sustainable flair

The use of innovative and sustainable materials were at the forefront of the winning entry in Transport for NSW's Sustainable Design Competition.

Christopher Zeng-Allen from the University of Sydney wowed judges with his 'A Node to Health' design (pictured).

Earlier this year, students were invited to put on their thinking caps and come up with imaginative solutions for a mock Parramatta Light Rail interchange at Westmead Hospital, including:

- An imagined light rail terminus
- An open space, park or plaza
- Integrated station development

Below: the winning entry* in Transport for NSW's Sustainable Design Competition.



*Competition design entries are purely conceptual and not intended for use by the project.

Come and meet the project team



The Parramatta Light Rail team has been attending community events and listening to feedback from locals about the Parramatta Light Rail project.

Highlights from the last couple of months include a joint community information session at Parramatta Library in association with the Department of Education, as well as Foundation Day in North Parramatta.

The Parramatta Light Rail team can often be found at the Parramatta Farmer's Markets in Centenary Square.

To see where the team will be next, visit www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au



Parramatta People

Your friendly local pharmacist, Jalal Chami of Pharmacy 4 Less on Church Street, Parramatta, believes in service with a smile. We asked him what he loves most about Parramatta and how he has built his loyal customer following.

You're known in Parramatta for going 'above and beyond'. What's the secret to your success?

I'm a strong believer in 'customer experience', as opposed to simple 'customer service'. We made the pharmacy open, with wide aisles, soft background music and a coffee counter with the best coffee in Parramatta – I know that's a contentious call! We have friendly, knowledgeable, and quick staff. Above all, we genuinely care.

Why did you open a pharmacy in the heart of Parramatta?

A lot of interesting people with great stories and backgrounds live or work here. I love hearing their stories and have made great friendships over the years. It is far more than a business transaction for me. I am interested in making people healthier, happier and more informed about their health and wellbeing.

What does the future hold for Parramatta?

Parramatta is growing and the next 5-10 years will see it transform into a major central business district. This requires state and local government efforts with parking, integrated transport, providing green space and cultural and sporting events. Light rail construction will be disruptive, that's a given, but I'm all for progress. I lived in Ireland, where the Luas [light rail system] shares the road with cars and there is no timetable, you just turn up – in four years, I never missed my car.



Check dates and times at

www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au

Looking back...

We spoke to Ken Smith OAM of the Parramatta and District Historical Society, who told us of tram staff who went the extra mile to keep customers smiling in 19th-century Parramatta:

“The old Parramatta Park to Redbank Wharf tramway [which operated from 1883-1943] ran down George Street through the Camellia district. People living along the route used to give their weekly grocery orders to the tram conductor!”



Grand Avenue, Camellia, c. 1930: a steam tram with one passenger car and four goods wagons headed for Parramatta, loaded with bagged linseed for Meggitt's Linseed Oil Factory, established in Parramatta in 1908.
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What's next?

Late 2018

Stage 1 early works underway
Stage 1 enabling works begin
Stage 1 main works contracts awarded
Final business case for Stage 2 complete

2019

Stage 1 main works begin

2020

Eat Street main works begin

2023

Commence Stage 1 operations

“It's Facebook official!”



It's official: Parramatta Light Rail has its very own Facebook page.

Join our online social media community to find out the latest project news and details of our upcoming community information sessions.

Jump on board and 'like' Parramatta Light Rail at www.facebook.com/ParramattaLightRail



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Arabic

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Traditional Chinese

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Hindi

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