

# News Update

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## Sydney Olympic Park added to Parramatta Light Rail



The NSW Government has announced Stage 2 of Parramatta Light Rail will extend to Sydney Olympic Park, providing a reliable and modern public transport option for the Olympic peninsula.

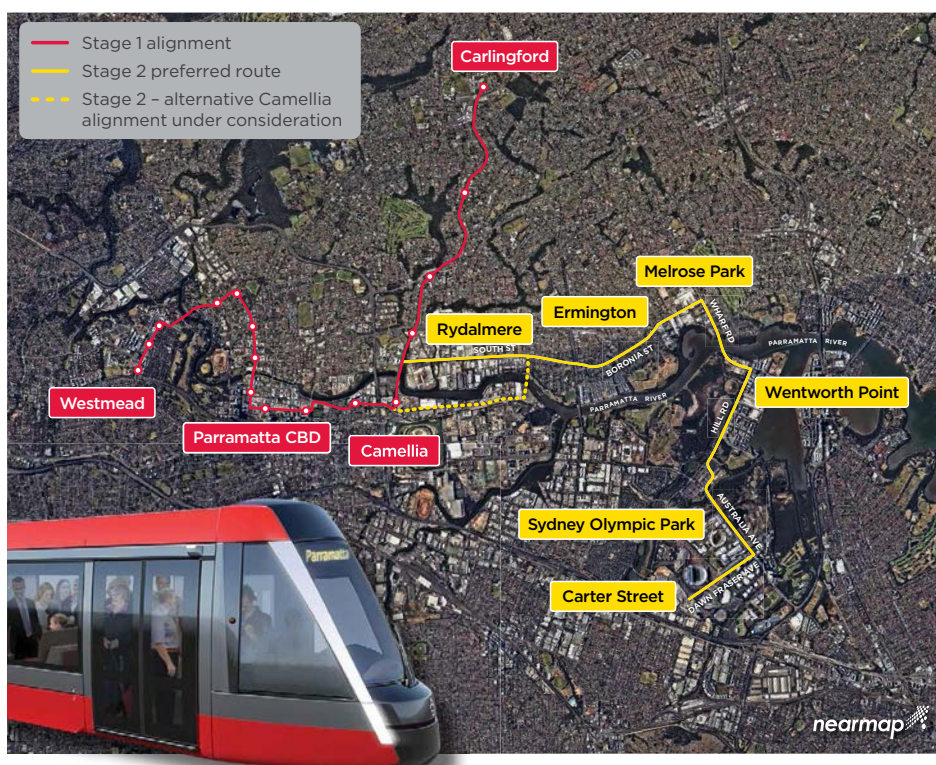
The preferred route supports new communities and the creation of public places between Camellia and Ermington and future development planned for Melrose Park.

The nine kilometre two-way track will connect to Stage 1 north of Parramatta River and run east along South Street and Boronia Street to Melrose Park, south to Wentworth Point via Wharf Road and a new Parramatta River crossing, and on to Sydney Olympic Park to Carter Street.

Stage 2 will have about 10–12 stops, with travel times of around 25 minutes from Olympic Park to Camellia, and a further eight minutes to Parramatta CBD.

It will connect to the future Sydney Metro West underground stations, which includes a stop at Sydney Olympic Park, heavy rail in Parramatta and Olympic Park, and ferry services at Rydalmere and Olympic Park.

Stage 2 will help realise Sydney Olympic Park's potential as Sydney's premier destination for cultural, entertainment, recreation and sporting events, and link businesses and residents in the area.



Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2030

It will be further developed and informed by consultation with the community and stakeholders, including a final decision on whether the route will go through Rydalmere or Camellia.

A Final Business Case for Stage 2 is expected to be completed later this year, with an investment decision and details on the timing of construction to follow.

Find out more at

[www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au)





# World's best to build Parramatta Light Rail project

Five consortia consisting of the world's best light rail builders and operators have been shortlisted for two contracts to deliver Stage 1 of Parramatta Light Rail.

The shortlisted Australian and international companies have been asked to submit formal proposals, with both contracts to be awarded later this year.



Parramatta Light Rail will create thousands of jobs for the local community, revitalise the region and provide a frequent and modern public transport option.

The shortlists for the two major contracts for Stage 1 are:

- **Infrastructure Works** (major construction, including urban design):
  - CPB Contractors and Downer EDI Works Joint Venture
  - John Holland Pty Ltd
- **Supply, Operate and Maintain** (supply vehicles, design and construct stabling and maintenance facility, systems, and operations and maintenance):
  - Connecting Parramatta Consortium: consisting of John Holland Pty Ltd, ALSTOM Transport Australia Pty Ltd, and Deutsche Bahn Pty Ltd
  - Greater Parramatta: Downer EDI Rail Pty Ltd, with Keolis Downer Pty Ltd, Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd, Ansaldo STS Australia Pty Ltd and CRRC Changchun Australia Pty Ltd
  - Great River City Light Rail: consisting of Transdev Australasia Pty Ltd, Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (CAF) and Laing O'Rourke Pty Ltd.

## Environmental Impact Statement update

Thank you to the more than 270 people who attended one of the seven Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) information sessions and to those who lodged a submission to the Department of Planning and Environment.

The Environmental Impact Statement for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 addresses the benefits, design options and the potential environmental and social impacts arising during construction and operation of the proposed project.

The project must undergo environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*.

Approval from the NSW Minister for Planning is required following public exhibition before Transport for NSW can begin constructing the project.

The exhibition period closed on 23 October and the Department of Planning and Environment received 156 submissions from individuals and organisations on the project.

Transport for NSW is currently reviewing the submissions and a submissions report responding to issues raised will be made available to the public in the coming months.

The Environmental Impact Statement is available online at [www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au)



## Kids learn about light rail

The Parramatta Light Rail team joined the fun at the Kidtopia Festival at Parramatta Park in October.

The three-day family event featured live music, theatre, circus, and activities for kids and grown-ups alike.

Cardboard models of the light rail vehicles that will one day traverse the streets of Parramatta were a hit with the kids visiting the project's stall, as well as virtual reality goggles.

Children and parents could also have their face immortalised through a hole in a cardboard poster of a cartoon tram (see photo above).

Parramatta Light Rail staff spoke to hundreds of visitors, answering their questions about the project and providing the latest information.

Look out for the team at more events in 2018.

# WSU students help shape light rail

During 2017, five Western Sydney University students studying a Master of Urban Planning and Management undertook two week placements on Parramatta Light Rail.

Joshua Abdallah and Tongrui Liu joined the PLR team in September, and looked at the challenges experienced by Greater Parramatta's culturally and linguistically diverse communities when using public transport.

This research will inform community engagement plans and help design infrastructure that best meets the needs of future passengers.

Western Sydney University students also worked with Transport for NSW's Sydney Coordination Office in October on a Parramatta CBD traffic survey. Under the guidance of WSU School of Business Senior Lecturer Dr Prem Samaranayake, 15 students collected traffic data that will contribute to the future planning and management of Parramatta CBD.



## Mapping what lies beneath

Planning and design work were some of the key activities undertaken for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 last year.

This included geotechnical, structural and utilities investigations at key locations along the route.

The work included taking soil samples, inspecting underground pits and locating utility services, such as water, telecommunications, gas and electricity, using an electromagnetic wand and ground penetrating radar.

Mapping these utilities has enabled a detailed picture to be created of the underground landscape within the light rail corridor. This will ensure essential utilities are not damaged during construction and will assist to reduce impacts during construction.

More investigation work will continue along the Stage 1 route this year, before construction gets underway in mid-2018.

Above: Parramatta MP Geoff Lee and PLR Program Director Tim Poole inspect the investigation works

## PLR staff spread festive cheer

Parramatta Light Rail staff helped spread some festive cheer to local residents in need through the Parramatta Mission Food and Gift Appeal.

Staff donated food items and raised money for Christmas hampers as well as volunteered to distribute the hampers, wrap presents and hand out gifts to children.

This is the second year the Parramatta Light Rail team has supported the Parramatta Mission.



Above: Rev Keith Hamilton from Parramatta Mission with PLR staff

## New plans for Robin Thomas Reserve

Staff from Parramatta Light Rail joined with the City of Parramatta Council at a community barbecue in December to talk to residents about plans for Robin Thomas Reserve.

The project team has been working with the council on its draft master plan for Robin Thomas Reserve and James Ruse Reserve.

The current master plan was revised to accommodate the light rail and created an opportunity to review how the reserves are used.

The new draft master plan made recommendations for the park, including building use, condition and placement as well as the surrounding parkland, sports fields and recreation and community facilities.

The draft master plan was on exhibition from 20 November 2017 until 15 January 2018.



## Advisory group discuss Stage 2

The Parramatta Light Rail Advisory Group had its second meeting in November to discuss a range of issues and hear about the project's recent developments.

Some of the topics discussed included plans for Stage 2, submissions received on the Environmental Impact Statement, and managing impacts on businesses along Eat Street during construction.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the City of Parramatta Council, Parramatta Chamber of Commerce, Sydney Business Chamber, Western Sydney University, and government agencies.

The purpose of the group is to provide advice, local knowledge and expertise to the project team, and to ensure the needs of key stakeholders, the community and businesses along the preferred route are represented.

## Celebrating one year in Parramatta

December marked one year since the Parramatta Light Rail team moved from the Sydney CBD to Parramatta.

More than 150 staff made the move to Sydney's second CBD and this number is expected to grow significantly as construction starts on the project.

Being located in Parramatta enables project staff to have direct access to the light rail route, the community and stakeholders, and be immersed in the city they will shape.

The move is part of the NSW Government's commitment to move thousands of jobs to Western Sydney.

To apply for upcoming jobs at Parramatta Light Rail, go to [www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)



## Achievements and milestones



### Translating and Interpreting Service

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** and ask them to telephone Parramatta Light Rail on 1800 684 490.

#### Arabic

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#### Cantonese

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#### Mandarin

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#### Hindi

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