

Newsletter

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Artist impression of Tramway Avenue light rail stop.

New light rail images revealed

New artist impressions of the Parramatta Light Rail have been released, offering a glimpse of how Greater Parramatta will be revitalised by modern, frequent light rail when passenger services from Westmead to Carlingford begin in 2023.

The artist impressions highlight how the light rail will integrate into the surrounding urban landscape, including a new walking and bike-riding path, (also known as an active transport link), and transform parts of Parramatta and the broader area.

For the first time, the images showcase the future Westmead Station, where light rail will start and stop its journey, as well as the wire-free section through the Cumberland Hospital Precinct, which will also feature 'green track', where grass is grown in and around the light rail track.



Artist impression of Westmead Station light rail stop.

They also reveal the design of the alignment at Tramway Avenue where trams from the former Duck River tramway ran from 1883 to 1943; as well as new images between Carlingford and Camellia, where the former T6 Carlingford Rail Line is being converted to dual-track light rail; and visions of 'Eat Street' – the dining precinct in the heart of the Parramatta CBD.

The artist impressions reflect the level of community feedback that went into the design of the light rail ahead of construction. They tell the story of a modernised Parramatta of the future, where public transport is seamless and convenient, when the Parramatta Light Rail opens in 2023.

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

Find out more at

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Making tracks on 'Eat Street'

The revitalisation of Parramatta's 'Eat Street' is underway with the first Parramatta Light Rail tracks laid in the dining precinct.

Around 500 people per day and 300 each night worked through the summer holiday period to connect utilities and lay tracks for the new light rail network.

Major construction along 'Eat Street' on Church Street, between Market and George Streets, is being fast-tracked for completion in mid-2021, returning the street to one of Western Sydney's dining attractions.

A celebration is planned after major construction is complete, with a Transport for NSW activation known as 'Eat Street Uncovered' to take place before the commencement of network testing and commissioning.



Light rail tracks continue to be laid along Parramatta's 'Eat Street'.

Construction update: what's happening in your area?

Along Hawkesbury Road in **Westmead**, light rail tracks continue to be laid and preparation works are beginning to build the Westmead Hospital Stop.

Over in **North Parramatta**, light rail tracks continue to be laid along sections of Church and Fleet Streets.

In **Cumberland**, a temporary 60-metre-long-jetty has been built on Parramatta River to enable the construction of a new light rail and active transport bridge alongside the existing Bridge Road bridge.

Below ground in the **Parramatta CBD**, stormwater drainage is being put in place, while above ground, concrete slab and light rail tracks continue to be laid along Church and Macquarie Streets.

From **Carlingford to Camellia**, works are progressing on the new walking and bike-riding path, or active transport link, with twenty-five per cent of the path complete, and a significant amount of landscaping and tree planting is underway.

In **Rosehill**, work continues on the construction of the biggest bridge on the project, which will span six lanes of traffic over James Ruse Drive and accommodate both light rail and active transport.



Progress of the new walking and bike-riding path.



Pre-fabricated steelwork for the steel arch is assembled for the new James Ruse Drive bridge by using a 250-tonne mobile crane.

Tracking tracks laid

The Parramatta Light Rail team has laid over 1.5 kilometres of track along the alignment so far. You can keep up to date with the progress of tracks laid with our online tracker at parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au



Track slab pour along Macquarie Street, Parramatta CBD.



Track work underway along Fleet Street, North Parramatta.

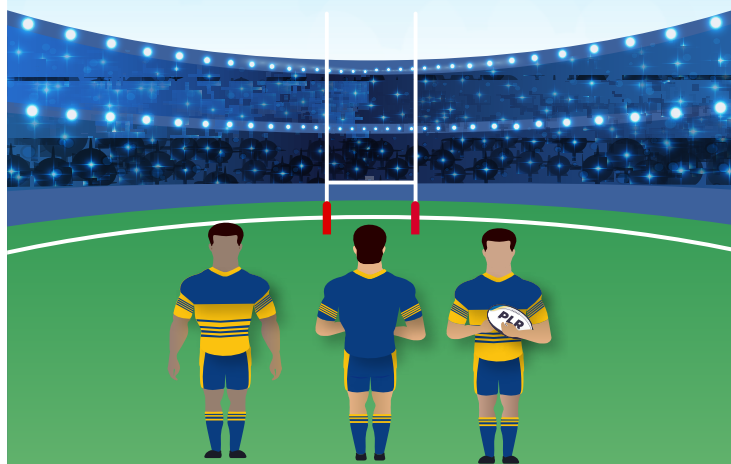
Support 'Eat Street' businesses this NRL season to win

Show your support for restaurants, cafes, bars and small food vendors along the light rail alignment this NRL season for your chance to win a \$100 dining voucher.

To celebrate the return of the NRL season to Bankwest Stadium, Transport for NSW has launched the new Enjoy Game Day on Eat Street campaign through the Activate Parramatta app.

Scan the QR code at a participating business between 11 March and 4 September and play the mini game. Each time you play you will go in the draw to win!

Find out more at activateparramatta.com.au



Download 'Activate Parramatta' from your app store today.

Football field upgrades kick off

Local sports enthusiasts, families and the community will have access to improved sporting grounds and amenities at Robin Thomas Reserve in Parramatta, as part of the Parramatta Light Rail program of works.

The improvements are the first step in a major upgrade of the Reserve, and will include a new cricket pitch, goal posts, fences, shelters, footpath, pedestrian lighting and upgraded sports lighting. In the future, the amenities building will be upgraded, and new park furniture and barbecue facilities installed.

Light rail at Robin Thomas Reserve will be wire-free and feature 'green track', where grass is grown in and around the tracks, all helping to preserve the natural beauty of the Reserve and promote the area as an important green space for everyone to enjoy.

From 2023, Robin Thomas Reserve will be a short walk away from the future light rail stop at Harris Street, Parramatta.



Artist impression of Robin Thomas Reserve.

What's next?

Early to mid 2021

- Trackwork commences along the Carlingford to Camellia corridor

Mid 2021

- Remediation works completed on the site of the Stabling and Maintenance Facility in Camellia
- Stabling and Maintenance Facility construction begins
- Light rail major construction completed on 'Eat Street'

2023

- Parramatta Light Rail commences services

The light rail route

The \$2.4 billion Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia, with the network expected to commence passenger services in 2023.



Take a seat

Keramic Café in Westmead recently received some new outdoor furniture, with support from Transport for NSW's Parramatta Light Rail team.

Previously used for Transport for NSW's summer events around the Parramatta CBD, Ceramic owner Kong and his team were excited to repurpose the pods, swings, tables and chairs as outdoor seating for their customers to enjoy.

This initiative is part of Transport for NSW's plan to bring life and vitality into the Parramatta CBD and across the wider area during light rail construction.

Visit Ceramic Café at 175 Hawkesbury Road, Westmead, to enjoy delicious coffee in convenient outdoor seating.



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