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NEW STOP NAMES CONFIRMED FOR PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL STAGE ONE

The NSW Government can reveal the official names of the 16 light rail stops along Stage 1 of the \$2.4 billion Parramatta Light Rail following extensive consultation with the community.

The final segment of track has now been laid across the 12-kilometre alignment of Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 with preliminary work on the first light rail stop now underway.

Minister for Transport and Veterans David Elliott said finalising the light rail stop names was a significant milestone in the delivery of the NSW Government's \$2.4 billion light rail project.

"This official naming of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 stops and the completion of the tracks laid means commuters, families and small businesses will soon experience the benefits of a world class light rail system," Mr Elliott said.

"The chosen Parramatta Light Rail stop names reflect the rich culture of the area, as well as a strong connection to the Traditional Owners, and sporting and broadcast legend, Richie Benaud."

A list of proposed names had been submitted to the Geographical Names Board in 2020. The Geographical Names Board undertook extensive community consultation and reviewed the name options based on feedback received.

The official Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 stop names are:

- Westmead
- Westmead Hospital
- Childrens Hospital
- Ngara
- Benaud Oval
- Fennell Street
- Prince Alfred Square
- Church Street
- Parramatta Square
- Robin Thomas
- Tramway Avenue

- Rosehill Gardens
- Yallamundi
- Dundas
- Telopea
- Carlingford.

By 2026, it is estimated 28,000 people will use Parramatta Light Rail every day and 130,000 people will be living within walking distance of light rail stops.

Stage 1 of the Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and is expected to commence passenger services in 2023.

More information about the project is available <u>here</u>

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