



Canopy lift at the Westmead Hospital stop.

Transport for NSW



Parramatta Light Rail newsletter

Next phase of delivery

The Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 project has entered a new phase of delivery with significant progress being made on the construction of the 16 light rail stops between Westmead and Carlingford, following the completion of major infrastructure works.

Canopies for weather protection have been lifted into place at a number of stops along the 12-kilometre alignment, with fit-out underway. This includes the installation of wayfinding, handrails, seating, and passenger information displays. Several stops will feature longer canopies spanning 34.3 metres wide (instead of the standard 23 metres) to accommodate large groups of people during major events.

The team is also focused on the construction of the back-up operational control centre in Dundas and seven traction power substations, which will convert and supply electricity to run the light rail vehicles.

From Carlingford to Camellia, the installation of overhead wiring and underground cabling is underway, while the Stabling and Maintenance Facility is taking shape to house the light rail's 13-vehicle fleet.

Light rail vehicle testing and commissioning will soon follow, with passenger services expected to commence in 2024. **Scan the QR code to watch the timelapse of light rail construction.**





It is fantastic to see Parramatta in the spotlight of the NSW Government's transport focus, with vital infrastructure being delivered to support western Sydney's growing population.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 will support better connectivity across Greater Parramatta, linking people to some of the best schools, universities, health care, retail and entertainment the region has to offer. Delivery of the project is progressing, with construction of the light rail stops taking shape, as well as light rail vehicle testing and commissioning to start in 2023.

Stage 2 will extend Stage 1 to the Olympic Peninsula and provide a vital connection for communities north and south of the Parramatta River. I'm pleased to see planning and consultation on Stage 2 continuing, with the Environmental Impact Statement released for public comment and I encourage you to have your say.

Minister for Transport, Veterans and Western Sydney
David Elliott MP

Major milestone for Stage 2

The Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) went on public exhibition on 9 November, inviting the community to help shape the final design for this once-in-a-generation transport project.

The exhibition of the EIS is a vital part of the planning process and provides an important opportunity for the community, residents and stakeholders to learn more about the project and have its say.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 will link Stage 1 and the Parramatta CBD to Sydney Olympic Park, delivering a much-needed public transport solution to connect Greater Parramatta to the Olympic Peninsula.

Stage 2 will have 14 stops over a 10-kilometre two-way track, with travel times of around 31 minutes from Camellia to the Carter Street Precinct via Sydney Olympic Park, and a further 7 minutes to the Parramatta CBD.

It will also connect to the future Sydney Metro West and heavy rail in Parramatta and Sydney Olympic Park, and ferry services at Rydalmere and Sydney Olympic Park.

The community is encouraged to visit the virtual engagement room (scan QR code) to find out more and make a submission by **16 December 2022**.



Stage 2 Virtual Engagement Room.

Greening the city

The Parramatta Light Rail project is planting more than 5500 trees along the alignment, as well as in nearby streets, parks and reserves to create greener places to live, work and play.

Working closely with City of Parramatta Council and the project's contractors, the team is working hard to achieve positive and sustainable outcomes for the environment and the community.

A tree planting partnership with City of Parramatta Council will see at least 2500 new trees planted. Transport for NSW is planting a further 3000 trees as part of the light rail project, bringing the total to 5500 new native and non-native trees to be planted.

To date, more than 1600 trees have been planted in the Parramatta local government area. By 2024, there will be more trees in Parramatta than before due to the light rail tree planting program.

Find out more, visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/trees.



Tree-planting in North Parramatta.



First Nations recognised

Parramatta Light Rail workers are acknowledging and celebrating their connection to Country by wearing hi-vis shirts featuring cultural 'yarning circles'.

First Nations artist Luke Penrith created the culturally significant design, which represents the importance of collaboration, and communicating respectfully and without judgement.

Penrith's ancestry is connected through the Wiradjuri, Wotjobaluk, the Yuin and the Gumbaynggirr nations. His designs have been previously worn on the project.

Father-daughter dynamic duo

Here at the Parramatta Light Rail, we value our diverse and inclusive workforce with more than 5000 people playing a part in delivering the Stage 1 project.

Meet John and his daughter Tori, who have worked together on the project since 2021. John manages the project's survey requirements, while Tori coordinates the on-site delivery of work, materials, and equipment.

'Working with my dad has been a wonderful experience,' says Tori.

'It's a special feeling to be able to work with family, and we just have such a great relationship. He often helps me out with all things survey-related,' she says.

For John, their working relationship reflects their special connection—even getting to share lunch breaks, despite working in different teams.

'It's great to be able to work with my daughter,' he says. 'I'm so proud to see her progress in experience and knowledge on the project.'



John and Tori.



Meet the team

The team continues to seize opportunities to meet with the community, share information about stages 1 and 2 the Parramatta Light Rail, and listen to feedback.

Parramatta's ever-popular Let's Go Greek Festival in September provided a fantastic opportunity to meet locals and chat about all things light rail related. Meanwhile, the green track at Robin Thomas Reserve provided the perfect backdrop for the event.

To find out where the team will be next, visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/meet-the-team.

Meeting the locals at Parramatta's Let's Go Greek Festival.

WSABE showcases sustainability efforts

The Parramatta Light Rail team was thrilled to share the project's key sustainability initiatives with around 650 attendees at the 32nd annual Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence (WSABE).

As the event's sustainability sponsor for the fifth consecutive year, the team showcased the project's state-of-the-art green track, use of recycled materials, and reduced carbon emissions to improve community and environmental outcomes.

Congratulations to Parramatta Square, Walker Group Holdings for winning the Excellence in Sustainability award, as well as to all winners and finalists.



Light rail recognised

The Parramatta Light Rail team was delighted to end 2022 with three national and two state achievements reflecting the project's sustainable and community-focused initiatives.

Infrastructure Sustainability (IS) Council

The project's infrastructure works package achieved the highest ever 'As-Built' rating with a record-breaking 'Leading' score of 104.35 points for its commitment to achieving social, economic and environmental outcomes.

The IS rating scheme is Australia and New Zealand's only comprehensive rating system for evaluating sustainability across the design, construction, and operation of infrastructure assets.



Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA)

The project's research study 'Green tracks for Parramatta Light Rail' won in the Infrastructure category of the 2022 National Landscape Architecture Awards for 'setting a benchmark for Australian light rail'. The recognition highlighted the project's positive impacts in delivering thoughtful research, design and infrastructure within built and natural environments.

In June, the study also won two state categories for 'Infrastructure' and 'Research, Policy and Communications'. AILA is the national industry body for landscape architects, and aims to create great places to support healthy communities and a sustainable planet.



Australasian Rail Association (ARA)

The project's infrastructure works package won an Infrastructure Project Excellence Award for using innovative approaches during construction, such as accelerating works during periods of reduced traffic, to improve community outcomes.

ARA is the peak body for the rail sector in Australia and New Zealand, and aims to support vibrant, sustainable and connected communities.





SUMMER

in Parramatta



Get set to enjoy family-friendly activities on Church Street
Grab some delicious food, take a seat and relax, or watch the kids
explore the playland near Lennox Bridge. With vibrant art, music and
activities planned, there is plenty to discover.

For activity dates and times, visit activateparramatta.com.au

Brought to you by Transport for NSW as part of 'Activate Parramatta', an initiative to support local businesses during Parramatta Light Rail construction.



What's next?

2023-2024

- Light rail stop construction complete
- Stabling and Maintenance Facility complete
- All 13 light rail vehicles arrive in Parramatta
- Power substations and back-up operation control centre built
- Light rail vehicle and systems testing and commissioning

2024

- Commencement of passenger services



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Arabic

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Traditional Chinese

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Simplified Chinese

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Hindi

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Korean

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