



Shared path users at Rydalmere.

Transport for NSW

Parramatta Light Rail newsletter



# New shared path connects local communities

It is fantastic to see local residents and visitors exploring the new 5.7-kilometre shared walking and bike riding path between Carlingford and Parramatta, which has been delivered as part of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 project.

The shared path runs alongside the light rail corridor from Boundary Road in Carlingford to Tramway Avenue in Parramatta. For the first time ever, pedestrians and bike riders are able to travel over James Ruse Drive at Rosehill using the new Bidgee Bidgee Bridge, and experience never-before-seen views of Western Sydney.

Amenities along the shared path include water fountains, wayfinding signs, bike racks, accessibility ramps and seating. Public restrooms are also located nearby.

Ongoing minor light rail construction continues on Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 project, which may impact where you can access the path from time to time. Please check our website for the latest route updates before you travel.

**Scan the code to learn more.**





## Stage 1 project powers ahead

The team continues to work towards first passenger services in 2024, with the installation of all track and light rail stop overhead canopies complete.

Energisation work has commenced on several power substations and the Backup Operational Control Centre at Dundas, while an in-ground charging station has been installed at the Westmead stop (terminus) to charge the light rail vehicle batteries for operation through two key wire-free zones.



Ongoing minor construction work continues, including the fit out of light rail stops, installation of power substations, light rail overhead wiring and underground cabling.

Meanwhile, the Stabling and Maintenance Facility at Camellia continues to be transformed into a world-class facility with works underway to fit out the administration building and fleet maintenance workshop. Construction of the sand and wash facilities, stabling area and track installation is also progressing.



## Project recognised

The Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 project has been recognised in two national awards.

The project won the 'Leadership, Advocacy and Research -City and Regional Scale' title at the 2022 Australian Urban Design Awards, and was commended for setting a 'new precedent' in green track design and viability.

The Stage 1 Infrastructure Works package was also named a finalist in the prestigious 2023 Australian Construction Achievement Award, for its innovative methods in delivering vital transport infrastructure in densely populated communities.



## New light rail vehicles

The Parramatta Light Rail team was thrilled to give the local community its first glimpse of the new light rail vehicles, which will become a mainstay in Western Sydney when services commence in 2024.

The first vehicle arrived in Rydalmere last December, and more than half the fleet has been delivered. All 13 vehicles are expected to arrive in Western Sydney by the end of the year.

Measuring 45 metres long, the vehicles will be able to carry up to 400 passengers, which will take additional cars off local roads. The vehicles will also feature priority seating areas for wheelchairs, emergency help points, CCTV and storage racks for up to four bicycles.

Arrival of the first light rail vehicle last year.



## Stage 2 project update

Thank you to those who made a submission or dropped into one of our online or face-to-face information sessions during the public exhibition of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) last year.

A Response to Submissions is expected to be released later this year, which will address the feedback received.

An Amendment Report is also expected to be released later this year to address three key project amendments following the EIS consultation.

Scan the code for more information.



Meanwhile, procurement is underway for the delivery of a 320-metre new public and active transport bridge over Parramatta, connecting Wentworth Point and Melrose Park.

A highly successful expressions of interest process earlier this year saw leading local and global organisations vie for an opportunity to deliver the new bridge. The next step is the Request for Tender process, which is expected to start later this year.

### EIS in numbers



**125+** submissions received during the EIS exhibition period



**16** face-to-face information sessions held



**2500** virtual engagement room visitors



**850** conversations held



Artist impression of the new bridge from Melrose Park to Wentworth Point.

## Community pop-ups are back

The Parramatta Light Rail team was thrilled to resume its pop-up community information sessions, starting with the Parramatta Farmers Market and North Parramatta Heritage Day.

Events like these are a great way to connect with locals, share information about the Stage 1 and 2 projects, and listen to community feedback.

We'd love to see you at our next community information stall.

Visit [parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/meet-the-team](http://parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/meet-the-team) for upcoming dates, times and locations.



North Parramatta Heritage Day.

## First Nations artwork

Later this year, the community will see the work of JS Koori Designs installed on the windbreak at the Prince Alfred Square light rail stop in Parramatta.

As a proud Kamilaroi and Jerrinja woman, artist Jasmine Sarin says the design illustrates the use of the Parramatta River and 'tells the story of coming together, of sharing stories along the river'.

'It's a tribute to the eel stories and local flora of banksias, eucalyptus and wattles. The blue lines are the water channels of the Parramatta River.'

The artwork is part of the Parramatta Light Rail project's art strategy, which will see the installation of public art on light rail stop service cabinets, windscreens and surrounding areas.

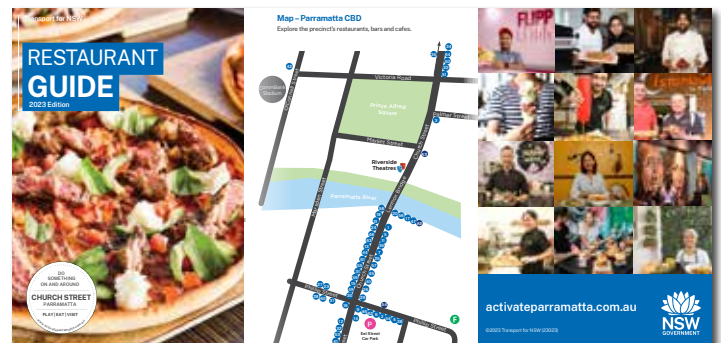


First Nations artist Jasmine Sarin.

## Free Restaurant Guide

Be sure to download our 2023 Restaurant Guide, which is packed with more than 60 dining options in and around Church Street, Parramatta. Alternatively, pick up a free copy at one of our upcoming pop-up community information stalls.

Transport for NSW continues to support local businesses during light rail construction. Visit [activateparramatta.com.au](https://activateparramatta.com.au) to find out more.



## Moving towards the testing phase

The Stage 1 project is gearing up to commence on-site testing and commissioning of light rail vehicles and systems later this year. Here's what you need to know.

### What is testing and commissioning?

Testing and commissioning is a vital step to prepare for light rail operations. It involves the comprehensive factory and on-site testing of light rail vehicles, components, systems and networks, communications, and electronics to support the safe operation of light rail vehicles on the newly built system.

### Why is it important?

Testing and commissioning enables issues to be identified and addressed for safe operations. It is also required before approval can be gained from relevant authorities to commence passenger services.

### Where will testing take place?

With factory testing successfully completed, the project is preparing to commence on-site testing later this year.

This will take place in various locations along the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 alignment between Westmead and Carlingford, as well as at the Stabling and Maintenance Facility at Camellia.

### Will there be impacts?

Testing and commissioning will involve light rail vehicle movements and on-site work, which may at times impact some residents, roads and businesses. The project will work closely with those impacted and will notify the community of any upcoming works.

### What do I need to know?

Transport for NSW will run a comprehensive public safety and awareness campaign prior to testing and commissioning to inform and educate the community. This will include community notifications, signage, social media updates, and on-site personnel.

### How can I stay informed?

Check our website regularly or follow our Facebook page for updates.



Parramatta Light Rail vehicles will undergo testing prior to passenger services.





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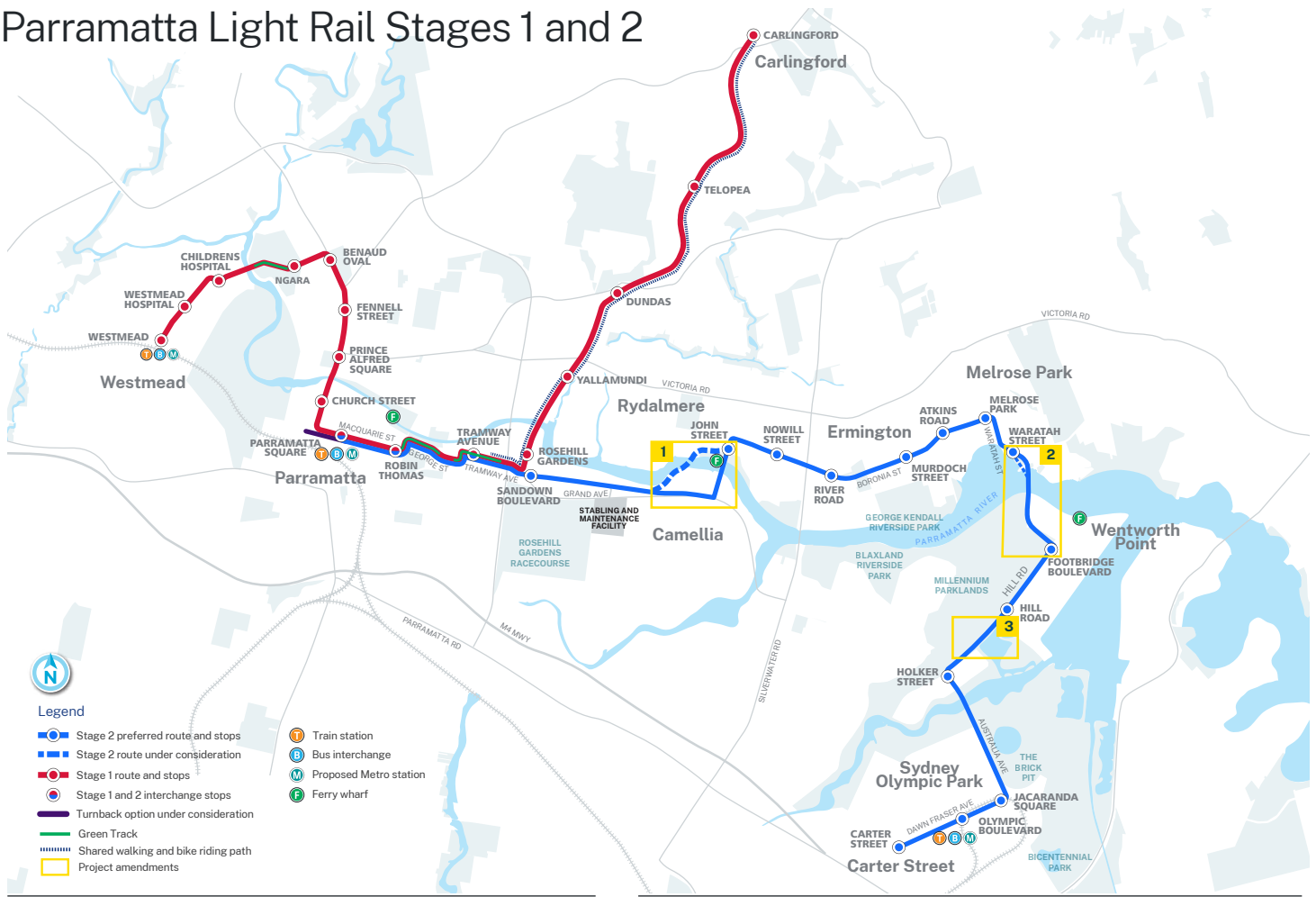


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# Parramatta Light Rail Stages 1 and 2



## What's next?

### 2023

- Light rail stop major construction complete
- Delivery of all 13 light rail vehicles
- Light rail vehicle driver recruitment and training
- On-site testing and commissioning commences

### 2024

- First passenger services (Stage 1 project)
- Construction commences on new bridge over Parramatta River between Wentworth Point and Melrose Park, subject to planning approval (Stage 2 project)

## Full STEM ahead

Students from Our Lady of Mercy College (OLMC) in Parramatta had a unique and exciting opportunity to ask questions about pursuing a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), when Parramatta Light Rail representatives visited the all-girls high school earlier this year. Thanks to OLMC for the opportunity to encourage future careers for females in construction.



Transport for NSW with OLMC students.



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