

Balmain East Wharf upgrade

Community update 3

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This update provides important information about the temporary wharf closure and upcoming night and early morning work required for the construction of the new Balmain East Wharf.

The NSW Government is upgrading the Balmain East Wharf as part of the Transport Access Program. Balmain East Wharf will be closed from **Wednesday 14 January 2015** for about five months, weather and maritime conditions permitting. All efforts will be made by the project team to reopen the wharf as soon as possible.

Background

The NSW Government is progressively upgrading ferry wharves across Sydney Harbour to improve Sydney's ferry service for customers. The new wharf is being delivered as part of the NSW Government's Transport Access Program – an initiative to deliver modern, safe and accessible transport infrastructure.

The upgraded wharf will provide:

- Better protection from the wind, rain and sun
- Improved access for mobility impaired customers and customers with prams
- Improved safety for customers
- Quicker and more efficient boarding and disembarking
- Future capacity for two ferries to berth at the wharf at the same time.



Artist's impression of the new Balmain East Wharf viewed from the water.

What to expect during the upgrade

Activities will include:

- Setting up the site – installing fencing, site hoardings and site sheds
- Removing the existing wharf
- Installation of new jetty and pontoon piles – some of this work will be noisy
- Delivery and installation of pontoon and gangway
- Wharf fit out.

Equipment will include barges, cranes and service boats. Construction workers and equipment will usually be transported to and from the site by water to minimise impacts on local traffic.

The standard **work hours** for the project are 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturday.

Some work is required outside of standard hours when water is at its calmest. Some work, including the installation of piles, requires very still water for safety and accuracy.

Notification of early morning and night work

Work to demolish the existing wharf and install piles for the new wharf will be carried out soon after the closure of the wharf. This will require some early morning and night work over a number of days between **Wednesday 14 January and Friday 20 March 2015** as this work requires calm water conditions.

Demolition work will be carried out between **14 January and 6 February** and some early morning and night work **may** be required.

Piling work, including drilling and hammering piles into rock, will be carried out between **23 January and 20 March** and some early morning and night work **will** be required. This work will be noisy. The hammering will be carried out intermittently, with multiple one minute periods of hammering.

Early morning and night work can be carried out between **11pm and 7am seven days a week**. Hammering of piles is restricted between 5am and 7am.

We thank you for your patience during this work and apologise for any inconvenience.



Passengers await boarding at the existing Balmain East Wharf.

Alternative transport during construction

Bus services

Customers can catch a **442** bus service from Balmain East Wharf to the Queen Victoria Building where they can connect with services to Circular Quay and other destinations. Customers can also connect to train services from Town Hall Station near the Queen Victoria Building.

Customers can also catch a **444/445** or **442** bus service from Balmain East Wharf to Victoria Road to connect with a **501** bus service to Pyrmont or continue on the **442** bus service to Sussex Street and walk across Pyrmont Bridge.

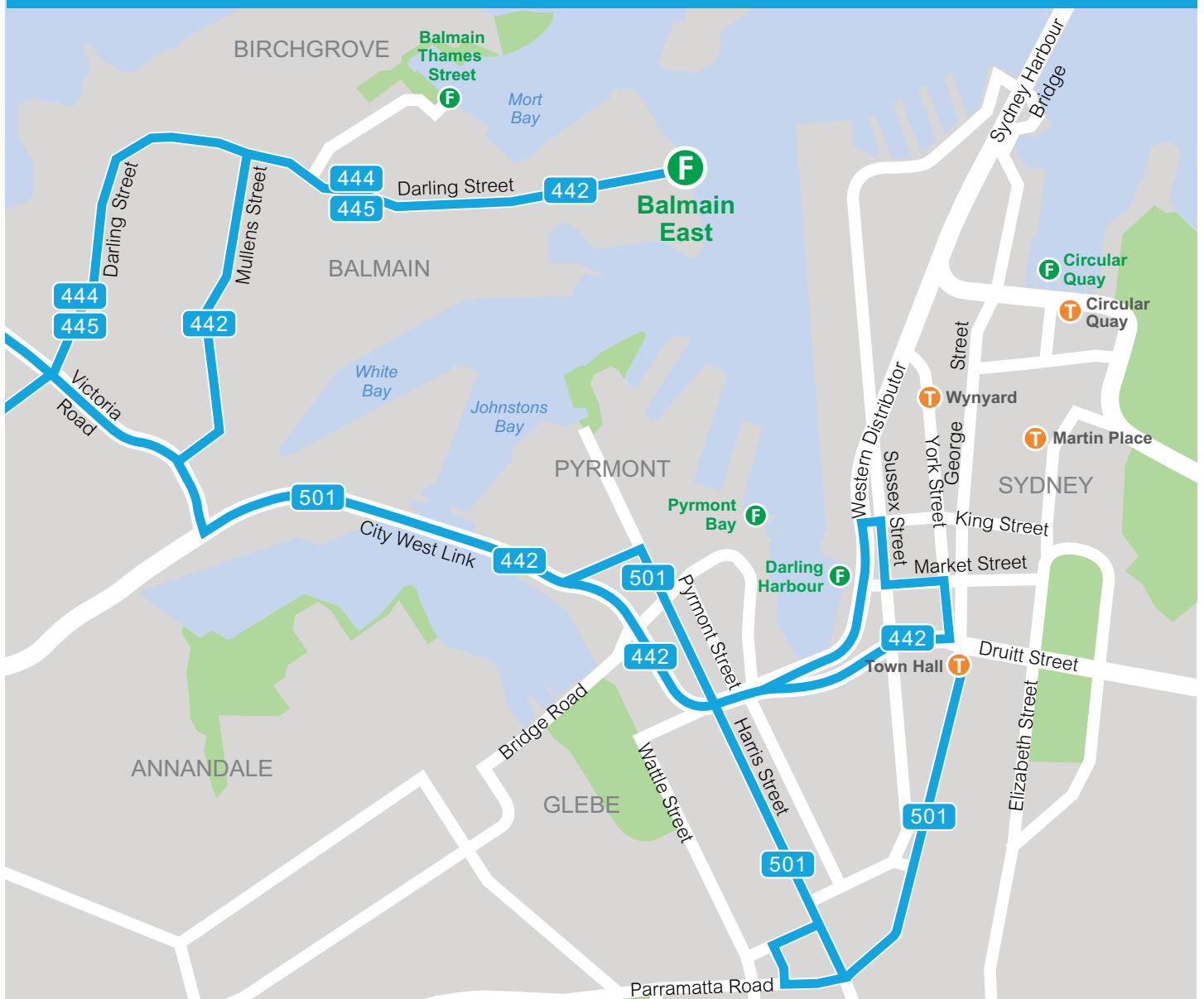
During peak periods additional **442** services will operate between Balmain East Wharf and the Queen Victoria Building to meet increased demand during the wharf upgrade.

Ferry services

The **F4 Darling Harbour Ferry Service** will continue to operate to the existing timetable at all remaining wharves on the service.

During construction the **F4 Darling Harbour Ferry Service** will make an additional stop at Balmain (Thames Street) Wharf between 7.30pm and midnight to provide connections for customers normally transferring between **F4 Darling Harbour services** and **F3 Parramatta River services** at Balmain East Wharf.

Plan your trip by calling **Transport Info** on **131 500** or by visiting **transportnsw.info** to use the trip planner to choose the most suitable alternative transport option for your journey. Please allow extra time for your journey.





The new Balmain East Wharf viewed from the land – artist's impression for illustrative purposes.

More information

For information about the Balmain East Wharf upgrade you can:

Phone: **1800 770 973**

Email: **WharfUpgradeProgram@rms.nsw.gov.au**

Visit: **Roads and Maritime Services website: rms.nsw.gov.au/wharfupgrades**



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