Commuter Car Park Program | July 2023

# Emu Plains Commuter Car Park







The new Emu Plains Commuter Car Park with over 750 new parking spaces is now open for transport customers. The project has been delivered as part of the Commuter Car Park Program, providing customers with more convenient access to public transport at key interchanges and helping to ease congestion on our roads. This project is a joint initiative of the Australian and NSW Governments.

# Key features of the project include:

- 750 additional spaces with accessible parking and motorcycle parking bays
- a roundabout at the intersection of Old Bathurst Road and Smith Street to allow vehicle entry and exit into the car park
- a footbridge over Old Bathurst Road
- a 220-metre footpath between the new car park through to the Great Western Highway, improving pedestrian connection between the Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School and the station
- rain gardens and a vegetated drainage channel through the car park
- landscaping with native plant species and bush tucker
- CCTV, lighting and wayfinding signage for safety and security
- provision for future electric vehicle charging spaces

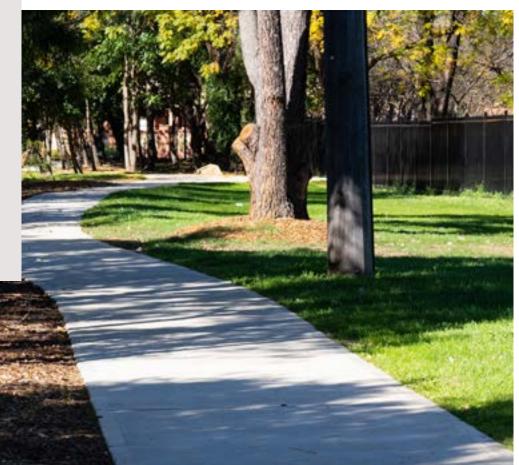
The new footpath has been dedicated to the memory of Rhys Walker, a former local school student who lost his life in 2011 whilst crossing Old Bathurst Road.

Over 1,000 workers were employed on the project and approximately 110,000 work hours were spent on the construction of the car park.

Transport Park&Ride boom gates will be installed providing up to 18 hours of free parking each day. Once installed, all you have to do is complete a public transport trip by tapping on and tapping off using an accepted Opal card, or credit/debit card linked with a Transport Connect account. For more information about Park&Ride including how to link with a Transport Connect account, visit **transportnsw.info/parkandride**.



Memorial plaque and seating dedicated to former school student Rhys Walker



New footpath providing direct pedestrian access between the Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School and Emu Plains Station

#### **Buru by Hayley Pigram**

Darug woman and artist Hayley Pigram created the artwork for the Buru, a cast bronze sculpture that overlooks the car park entrance. Buru in Darug language translates to 'kangaroo' or 'wallaby', and represents a living connection between past, present and future. The coloured pattern on the Buru signifies its connection to the rivers, the bush and life.

Transport for NSW acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners and custodians of the land in which the Buru is situated, and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We welcome all who visit this place.

Buru sculpture overlooking the car park entrance

#### About the Commuter Car Park Program

The Emu Plains Commuter Car Park has been delivered as part of the Commuter Car Park Program. This program is designed to improve customer access to the public transport network and help ease congestion on our road network. Since 2011, we have delivered more than 15,000 commuter car spaces across Sydney.

## Building with the environment in mind

The new commuter car park has been designed and built to reduce embodied carbon emissions and adapt to climate change. The project reduced overall concrete usage by using recycled materials within the concrete mixes. Native plant species have been selected from the River Flat Forest to regenerate the natural plant community which once thrived in this area.

The rain gardens and vegetated drainage channel have been designed to capture excess rainfall, minimising the impact of flooding to the car park.



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