

More Trains, More Services

Thirroul, Bellambi, Kiama and Port Kembla Platform Extensions



Section of platform extension including new asphalt, paint and tactiles at Kiama Station – August 2021

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The More Trains, More Services program is delivering platform extensions and rail asset upgrades between Sydney's CBD and the South Coast to support the introduction of the Mariyung fleet.

What's been happening?

In July 2020, we started platform extension and asset upgrade work at Thirroul, Bellambi, Kiama and Port Kembla stations to improve train services for customers on the south coast.

At Thirroul Station, we have:

- installed concrete structures to support the platform extensions
- realigned and installed new rail track, overhead wiring and signalling equipment to facilitate an increased capacity on the network
- installed track drainage and combined service routes for improved rail operations.

At Bellambi Station, we have:

- poured the concrete slabs for the 55 metre platform extensions on Platforms 1 and 2
- installed underground cables for improved electrical supply to platform lights, closed circuit television and public announcement systems
- realigned and installed new overhead wiring and signalling equipment so the new fleet of trains can operate safely and efficiently
- undertaken tamping, i.e. compacted the rocks under the rail to provide a stable foundation for rail track.

At Kiama Station, we have:

- extended both ends of Platforms 1 and 2 by about eight metres to accommodate the longer fleet of longer trains
- realigned and installed new overhead wiring and signalling equipment so that the new trains can operate safely and efficiently
- upgraded lighting, closed circuit television, passenger announcement systems, tactile paving and line marking on the platforms.

What's next at Port Kembla?

We have been preparing Port Kembla Station for the platform extension work, which is scheduled to take place in the coming months.

At Port Kembla Station, we will spend the remainder of this year working on:

- platform extension activities including the installation of concrete supports and slabs
- removing redundant track and infrastructure from the rail corridor to remove unnecessary maintenance costs
- constructing new driver walkways inside the rail corridor for improved staff access to train carriages
- relocating underground drainage routes for improved rail operations.

Our activities at Port Kembla are scheduled for completion in January 2022.

What's left to complete at Kiama?

Our platform extension work at will be completed this week, with remaining activities including relocation of the platform fences, stairs, and gates to the end of the newly extended platforms.

Some minor cosmetic activities to comply with rail safety standards will be completed in October 2021.

We are now moving south-west towards Barney Street where we are upgrading the rail track siding to accommodate the new fleet of longer trains.

This work involves upgrading the existing track and laying approximately 30 metres of new track in the corridor behind Kiama Smash Mechanical Repairs to enable longer trains to pull in before turning back towards the city.

We will also be upgrading the existing retaining wall, drainage, signalling systems, lighting and overhead wiring.

What's left to complete at Thirroul and Bellambi?

With the completion of platform extensions at Thirroul and Bellambi on the horizon, we will start demobilising at Thirroul and Bellambi in the coming months. Our remaining work at these stations includes finishing the platform extensions, upgrading signalling infrastructure and minor cosmetic activities to comply with rail safety standards.

Construction hours

The NSW Government has introduced new rules to support industry and continue the delivery of critical infrastructure during COVID-19. In accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Infrastructure Construction Work Days No.2) Order 2020*, standard construction hours are 7am to 6pm Monday to Sunday, including public holidays.

Although the majority of our work is scheduled to be carried out during standard construction hours (**7am until 6pm**), some activity is required to take place outside of these hours.

Upcoming night work

- **6pm Friday 12 November until 7am Monday 15 November**
at Thirroul and Port Kembla
- **6pm Friday 3 December until 7am Monday 6 December**
at Port Kembla
- **6pm - 10pm on Friday 10, Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December**
at Kiama

This work has been scheduled to take place during Sydney Trains trackwork periods when no trains are running, minimising disruptions to commuter services and improving the safety of our construction team and customers.



Car parking changes at Thirroul

To enable construction activities to be undertaken safely, we will be temporarily reserving 30 car spaces off King Street, Thirroul between **6pm Friday 12 and 7am Monday 15 November**.

Traffic control will reserve these spaces and signage will be installed to advise motorists about these temporary changes.



Car parking changes at Port Kembla

Between **7am Tuesday 5 October and 6pm Friday 8 October** we will be temporarily reserving approximately 15 commuter car spaces at Port Kembla for the safe delivery of construction plant and material.



There is a car park approximately 500 metres from the station off Darcy Road which will remain accessible during this time.

Traffic control will reserve these spaces and signage will be installed to advise motorists about these temporary changes.

Car parking changes at Kiama

Approximately ten commuter car spaces may be required inside the Park & Ride facility at Kiama between **Friday 10 and Monday 13 December**.

Traffic control will reserve these spaces and signage will be installed to advise motorists about these temporary changes.



Minimising community impacts

We understand that construction activities may cause disruption to the community and every effort will be made to minimise impacts where possible, including:

- turning off equipment when not in use and using non-tonal reversing alarms to reduce potential noise impacts to the surrounding community
- locating equipment as far away from residents and businesses as possible
- directing lighting away from residents
- installing noise barriers to shield residents from high impact noise activities
- conducting on-site monitoring to ensure compliance with strict environmental conditions relating to noise vibration and dust management.

New Mariyung Fleet

Platform extensions at Thirroul, Bellambi and Kiama stations will support the introduction of a new 55-train fleet with 554 new carriages for improved customer safety, accessibility and comfort.

This fleet has been called 'Mariyung', the Durug word for Emu, in acknowledgement of the local Aboriginal culture.

The Mariyung Fleet will run through many Aboriginal countries such as Darug country, as well as at final destinations in Wiradjuri Country in the west at Lithgow, Awabakal Country to the north at Newcastle and Dharawal Country to the south at Kiama.

Testing of the new fleet is in its final intensive stages.

There is still some work to be completed before the train enters passenger service. This includes familiarising staff with the new train through education and training exercises, finalising consultation with stakeholders and other operational readiness activities.

No more paper notifications this year

In an effort to reduce our environmental impact, we are minimising our paper production on this project.

Unless our activities are required to be rescheduled or new impacts are identified, we don't anticipate delivery of another paper notification this year.

The project webpage will remain accessible, including all community notifications distributed to date. To access this content, please scan the QR code or visit

yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/mtms-southcoast

If work is postponed and expected to impact your residence, we will contact you directly to advise of any changes.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our closest neighbours, for your patience and understanding throughout construction on the Kiama, Bellambi and Thirroul platform extension projects.

Keeping our sites safe

To ensure that we are able to keep the community and staff safe, we have implemented strict COVID-safe plans and practices on the construction site.

All work will be carried out in line with current NSW Government Public Health Orders and Restrictions, which are subject to change

About More Trains, More Services

Over the next ten years the More Trains, More Services program will simplify and modernise the rail network so that customers can expect more frequent train services, with less wait times, less crowding and more seats on a simpler, more reliable network.

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