

More Trains, More Services

Thirroul, Bellambi and Kiama



What's been happening?

Work has continued along the south coast as part of the More Trains, More Services program.

At Thirroul, Bellambi and Kiama, we are extending the platforms and improving infrastructure to support the introduction of long trains, which will provide a new level of comfort and convenience for intercity customers.

In March, our activities at each station were centred around preparing for significant construction milestones in April. This work required the use of commuter car spaces for the safe delivery of materials, and enabled us to pre-build track for installation in the coming weeks.

We acknowledge some construction activities can be disruptive at times, and would like to thank you for your ongoing support as we work hard to deliver an improved rail network.

Working over the April long weekend

Throughout April, we will be completing substantial construction activities in your area, kicking off with work over the long weekend.

From **Thursday 1 April until Tuesday 6 April**, we will be working outside of our standard construction hours at Thirroul and Bellambi stations. This work will occur during a Sydney Trains track work period, while passenger services are not running.

Scheduling our work to coincide with Sydney Trains track work periods minimises disruptions to commuter services and improves the safety of our construction team.

Changes to parking

To enable the safe completion of these activities, we require the temporary use of some commuter car parking spaces. Signage will be installed in advance to advise motorists of these changes and more information specific to your area is contained within this notification.

Thirroul Platform Extension Project

During March we completed preparation activities ahead of upcoming work in April, which will include:

- installing and commissioning a new rail track at the southern end of the platform
- upgrading some of the overhead wiring structures and installing new signal structures
- installing new combined service routes to protect and carry cabling underground

In order to complete this work safely, we will require the temporary use of approximately **40 car spaces from 10pm Thursday 1 April until 6am Tuesday 6 April**.

Sydney Trains will also be reserving some commuter car spaces over the long weekend, between Friday 2 April and Monday 5 April.

Alternate car parking around Thirroul Station will remain available off Railway Parade, Station Street and in the Club Thirroul car park.

We have been working closely with Wollongong City Council to reserve **approximately 20 spaces in the southern car park off Station Street, beside Thomas Gibson Park**, while minimising impacts and maintaining pedestrian access to the local sporting fields and recreational facilities.



A further **six parking spaces will be reserved off Railway Parade** on the western side of Thirroul Station.

We will also require an additional **11 spaces in the commuter car park off Station Street**, adjacent to approximately 20 car spaces being used by Sydney Trains over the long weekend.



Alternate access arrangements between Thursday 1 April and Tuesday 6 April

- Wollongong City Council have recently installed a pop-up cycleway and a temporary detour will be in place to maintain cyclist access during this time
- The public bathrooms in the car park beside Thomas Gibson Park remain accessible for use during this time
- Pedestrian access through to Thomas Gibson Park and the tennis courts will be maintained
- Traffic control will be in place to assist motorists and pedestrians with these changes
- Signage will be installed in advance to advise motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and commuters of these temporary changes.

Work outside standard construction hours

From **10pm Thursday 1 April to 6am Tuesday 6 April**, we will be working outside of our standard construction hours

We are committed to minimising disruption on local residents and businesses and will contact you directly if your property is impacted.

Bellambi Platform Extension project

Last month at Bellambi Station we completed minor activities including delivery of plant, materials and equipment to site in preparation for work being completed during April.

Over the long weekend in April we will be completing the main construction activities to support the platform extension. This work will involve:

- installing culverts at the southern end of the platform
- pouring concrete to create the new platform deck to the south of the current platform
- overhead wiring work
- removal and installation of overhead wiring structures

In order to complete this work safely, we will be operating a large crane and require temporary use of the commuter car park, excluding the dedicated accessible car spaces, from **12pm Thursday 1 April to 5am Tuesday 6th April**.

This work will be completed during scheduled Sydney Trains track work period when trains are not operating and signage will be installed in advance to advise motorists of these changes.



Work outside standard construction hours

From **5am Friday 21 April to 4am Tuesday 6 April**, we will be working outside of our standard construction hours

We are committed to minimising disruption on local residents and businesses and will contact you directly if your property is impacted.

Kiama Platform Extension project

In March we started our main construction activities at Kiama Station, including:

- installation of combined services routes to protect and carry cabling underground
- overhead wiring and cabling work
- installation of support structures
- signalling modifications.

During April, we will be carrying out earthworks to enable piling for the platform extension and installation of piping for ongoing signalling work.

Work outside standard construction hours

Some of our work inside the rail corridor will take place outside of standard construction hours, during a scheduled Sydney Trains track work period when no trains will be running. These activities will be carried out from **7am Monday 26 April to 6pm Thursday 29 April**.

We are committed to minimising disruption on local residents and businesses and will contact you directly if your property is impacted.

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.

Car parking impacts at Kiama

To ensure the safety of our construction team and the community, we require the **use of eight commuter car parking spaces off Railway Parade from 3pm Monday 26 April to 6am Saturday 1 May.**

These spaces required



Minimising Impacts

We will advise you in advance of any work outside of standard construction hours and minimise impacts where possible, including:

- turning off machinery when not in use
- using non-tonal reversing beepers
- Environmental Managers on-site during all work outside of standard construction hours to monitor and manage noise levels

Other activities in your area

Currently there are multiple project teams, transport agencies and contractors working in each of these locations. We encourage you to contact us on **1800 684 490** with any questions or concerns around construction activities in the area. We will then do our best to assist in locating the most appropriate agency in response to your feedback.

Changes to standard construction hours

To support the construction industry through coronavirus, in March 2020 the NSW Government introduced an amendment to the legislation regarding standard construction hours which enabled activities to be carried out between 7am and 6pm on weekdays, weekends and public holidays.

This amendment came to an end on 25 March 2021 and standard construction hours across all of our construction sites have now reverted back to 7am until 6pm Monday through Friday, and 7am until 1pm on Saturdays.

Contact us

For more information or to subscribe for project updates:

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Translation



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An interpreter will assist you with translation.