Transport for NSW



Redfern Station Upgrade

Project completion newsletter

October 2023



Acknowledgement of Country

Transport for NSW respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which the Redfern Station is situated, the Gadigal of the Eora Nation, and recognises the importance of this place to all Aboriginal people.

Transport for NSW pays its respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

We recognise the cultural, economic, sporting, social and political significance that Redfern represents to Aboriginal people who have cared for this land over countless generations. 'Always Was, Always Will Be Aboriginal Land' recognising that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.



The upgrade of Redfern Station is now complete!

The opening of the new Southern Concourse makes it easier for people with a disability, limited mobility, parents / carers with prams, and customers with luggage to access Platforms 1–10 and connect to key destinations in the local area.

Redfern Station Upgrade was delivered as part of the Transport Access Program, an initiative to provide a better experience for public transport customers by delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure across the state.



Key project benefits

The facilities and improved accessibility now available to the community include:

- A new concourse between Little Eveleigh and Marian streets, including two new station entrances
- Six new stairs and lifts which provide accessibility from the new concourse to Platforms 1–10
- Improved local connectivity including an additional link across the rail corridor
- Improved customer amenities, passenger information and signage
- New and enhanced shared zones on Little Eveleigh and Marian streets, which feature improved landscaping and streetscapes
- Improved safety on nearby roads including improved pedestrian and cycling routes
- Resurfaced station platforms with tactile warning tiles to assist people with impaired visibility
- Footpath upgrades surrounding the station

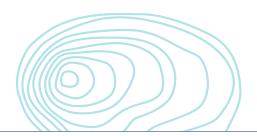
A new cross-corridor connection

For members of the public wishing to cross from one side of Redfern Station to the other, the new southern concourse features barrier-free community access points at the Marian Street and Little Eveleigh Street entrances.

The community access points will remain open during the station's operational times (approx. 4.30am to 1.30am each day) to allow pedestrians and cyclists (dismounted) to cross the new concourse without the need to tap on and off with an Opal or credit card.

When the station is closed, pedestrians and cyclists should use the Lawson Street bridge to cross the rail corridor.

For train customers using the new concourse to access or exit the station's platforms, standard Opal and wide gates are in place at both entrances.



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Thank you

We would like to thank the community for their understanding and express our gratitude to those affected during the project's delivery.

We understand that construction work – particularly activities involving the rail corridor, where work is regularly scheduled on weekends and late at night-can be disruptive and inconvenient.

We would like to thank the community and nearby stakeholders for their patience and understanding while we delivered this

important work.

Facts and figures



2,653

square metres of paving laid*



404

tonnes of structural steel



201

metres of new stormwater pipes laid



180

trees planted as part of the offset strategy



4,596

people employed for the project



802,834

hours worked



61

trackwork weekends

*1573 square metres in the Little Eveleigh Street shared zone and driveways

*1080 square metres in the Marian Street shared zone and plaza

Facts and figures are approximate



\$2.5m+

spent on Indigenous businesses (Supply Nation accredited)



Heritage and station art

A range of public art and heritage interpretations have been incorporated into the design of the Redfern Station Upgrade to recognise the area's rich Aboriginal and industrial heritage.

Our team worked extensively with Indigenous artists and suppliers on key design elements, including two yarning circles, Aboriginal wall art, and bollards featuring the art of local indigenous children.

Given Redfern's significant role in social activism, the design also features in-ground brass inlays which are drawn from placards and signs used to communicate the struggles fought by many in the community including Aboriginal people, unions, feminists and students.

The installation of art is part of the project's Heritage Interpretation Strategy, and includes themes of Aboriginal Heartland, Resistance and Activism, Working Life and the Industrial Revolution, and the Changing Face of Redfern Station.

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Heritage protection of Redfern Station

In addition to the station art and heritage interpretations included in the project's final design, existing heritage features of Redfern Station were also preserved and protected during construction using sensitive techniques in consultation with heritage experts. This included:

- Safely relocating the Platform 1 heritage station building
- Redesigning the Little Eveleigh Street car park to avoid impacts to a heritage retaining wall uncovered during early work
- Adaptive re-use of the heritage building at 125-127 Little Eveleigh Street as one of the new station entrances.







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Platforms 11 and 12

The NSW Government is investigating development options for the land to the east of Redfern Station to improve access to Platforms 11 and 12.

As these platforms are underground, it makes the options and any future works more complex.

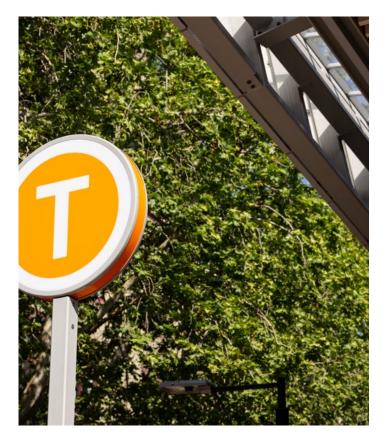
Improved access to the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra Line will make Redfern Station fully accessible and Disability Discrimination Act compliant. It will also improve connections to the bus interchange on Gibbons Street and the new Southern Concourse.

When a preferred accessibility design for Platforms 11 and 12 is determined, Transport for NSW will consult with the community, stakeholders, and station users on the proposal. The new concourse delivered as part of the Redfern Station Upgrade, services the ten above-ground platforms, which are separate to the two Eastern Suburbs platforms. Rather than wait for the underground platforms, it was decided that greater accessibility through the new concourse should be delivered as an earlier, and separate piece of work.















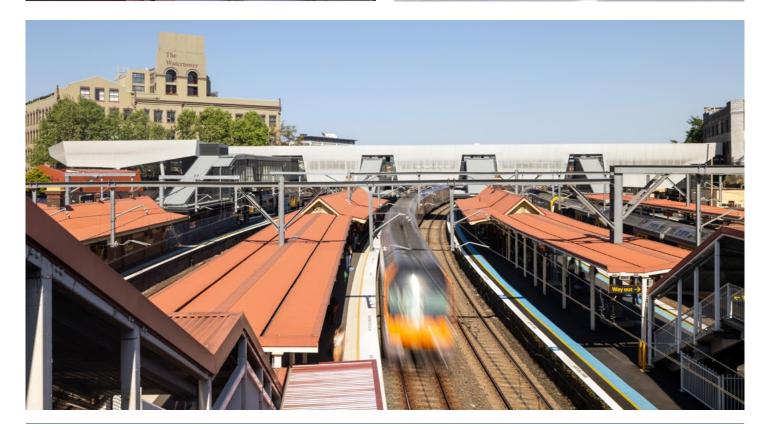


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Project sustainability

The delivery of the Redfern Station Upgrade included a number of key sustainability measures, including:

Reducing carbon emissions in operations

 31kW solar panels on the new Marian Street entrance canopy will generate approximately 1,100 MWh of energy over 25 years of operation.

Reducing carbon emissions during construction, through use of:

- Biodiesel generators with battery storage to power the site office
- Hybrid solar/diesel lighting towers
- Solar panels to recharge power tools
- Green House Gas emission offsets purchased through GreenFleet

Reducing carbon emission intense building materials, through use of:

- Reconophalt pavement mix in the new carpark
- Reduced amounts of reinforcing steel across the project
- Cement with a high percentage of supplementary cementitious material and recycled content

Reducing water use in operations

- A new 27000L rain water tank under the Marian Street entrance will collect rainwater for reuse in the station bathrooms
- Water efficient fixtures and fittings used in the new accessible toilet facilities

Reducing water used during construction

 A 5kL rainwater tank at the site office reduced water use during construction.

Ongoing finishing work

You may continue to see our construction staff around Redfern Station through to the end of the year while the team finishes some minor work including landscaping, rectification, and electrical work.

We will also work in conjunction with City of Sydney council, to deliver road safety and traffic measures on local roads around the station including the Little Eveleigh Street shared zone.



Stay in touch

For enquiries, complaints or feedback, our team will remain available via the contact details below.



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