

December 2020 / January 2021

# **More Trains, More Services**

Waterfall Stabling Yard and Platform Extension project



#### What's the latest news?

As we approach the end of 2020, we are continuing to work hard on completing some major construction components at Waterfall Station.

Since construction started in February 2020, we have:

- installed 500 metres of retaining wall
- relocated over two kilometres of underground utility services
- established two ancillary sites in Waterfall and two ancillary sites in Heathcote

To support work on the Waterfall Stabling Yard and Platform Extension Project, we have established a number of site compounds between Waterfall and Heathcote to enable storage of project materials and equipment, conduct pre-start meetings, induction training, and safely facilitate plant movement to and from site.

The site at Heathcote will enable us to store and reuse of material excavated from around Mortdale Station. Re-using spoil is one way in which we are implementing a sustainable approach to construction and will prevent excavated materials from going to landfill.

### What's coming next?

During December, we will be using a crane, core drills, girnders, hand tools and construction vehicles to carry out:

- major excavation work
- overhead wiring work
- underground service removal and relocation
- installation of new track and drainage

Standard construction hours on this project are 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, weekends and public holidays.

# What you need to know about construction hours

During December and January, construction at Waterfall Station will continue in standard hours, excluding public holidays.

For the safety of the construction crew and to minimise disruption to customers, some corridor work is required to be completed outside standard construction hours while passenger trains are not running.

# **Night work**

Night work will take place over two weekends in December and January. Scheduling our night work to coincide with Sydney Trains' trackwork periods improves the safety of our construction team and minimises disruption to customers.

This work will take place from:

- 8pm Friday 11 December until 2am
   Monday 14 December
- 8pm Friday 8 January until 2am Monday
   11 January

For up to date information about services during these times please visit transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

We acknowledge the disruptive nature of construction work and understand some of our activities may impact the community.

Over the next six months, we will be completing significant construction activities at Waterall and would like to thank you for your patience as we work to improve services on the network.

Our noise moelling has indicated that some properties will be impacted by this work. We are committed to minimising disruption on local residents and businesses and will contact you directly if your property is impacted.

#### Changes to parking

To enable construction activities to be undertaken safely, we will require temporary use of approximately **30 commuter car spaces from:** 

 11pm Tuesday 8 December until 6pm Wednesday 16 December

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



#### In the new year

In January, work will include:

- delivery of rail components to Waterfall
   Station and transportation of materials to
   and from ancillary sites between Heathcote
   and Waterfall
- ongoing excavation activities, service relocation and overhead wiring work
- track installation and signalling modifications

In an effort to minimise impacts on the environment, we have included information around our December and January work in this notification. Frequent updates are also published on the project webpage yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/mtms-waterfall

#### Minimising impacts at your property

We have been working with our closest neighbours on ways to minimise impacts of construction activities and would like to thank those who provided their feedback which indicated support for our approach.

We will make every effort to minimise impacts where possible and ensure strict environmental conditions relating to noise, vibration and dust management are adhered to.

Some of the ways we will be minimising impacts include:

- 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
- stopping work at regular intervals to allow for respite periods
- directing lighting away from residents
- installing noise barriers to shield residents from high impact noise activities
- noise monitoring to ensure our activities do not exceed predicted levels

#### **Traffic changes**

A speed reduction remains in place on the Princes Highway between Bundarra Street and Eckersley Road from 100 kilometres an hour to 80 kilometres an hour. Signage, including variable message signs and a speed radar is in place to assist motorists and pedestrians during this time.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience while we complete this important work.

# **Meet your Station Managers**

With a combined 55 years of rail industry experience collated from working across a suite of greater Sydney stations, including Redfern, Town Hall, Wynyard, Central, Sutherland, Blacktown and Cronulla (to name only a handful), Con and David have made their way south to Waterfall Station where they are both Duty Managers.

David has committed 38 years to managing operations at Waterfall and has spent the past three months passing his local knowledge on to Con, who will take full responsibility for station management early next year.

With retirement just a couple of months away, David is looking forward to restoring routine and being able to spend more time with his two sons.



Con (left) and David (right) working together at Waterfall Station

# Would you prefer digital updates?

We are always exploring ways to connect with the communities where we work while minimising impacts on the environment. To help us reduce paper waste, please visit the project webpage yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/mtms-waterfall and complete our survey at the bottom of the page to let us know if you would prefer receive our updates to your inbox instead of your mailbox.

# We are listening

In response to feedback received by the community, we have been working closely with Sutherland Shire Council to identify opportunities to enhance visual amenity and contribute to improving the local environment.

We are continuing conversations around revegetation initiatives and looking for opportunities to get the community involved.

If you would like to register to get involved in restoration activities in 2021, please register your interest on the project webpage.

### Contact us

For more information or to subscribe for project updates:



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# Simplified rail network

to improve reliability and reduce customer impacts from incidents



## More services

that will reduce wait times and ease crowding for longer distance customers



### **Better connections**

and integration with other modes of transport



#### **Faster travel time**

for customers through digital train control technology and upgraded rail infrastructure, creating more opportunities for express trains