

# **More Trains, More Services**

Wollongong Stabling Yard and Platform Extension Project

Over the next ten years the More Trains, More Services (MTMS) program will simplify and modernise the rail network. The program aims to improve capacity throughout the network to provide more frequent train services with less wait times and a more comfortable journey.

## **Project update**

In order to accommodate the new fleet and improve train services, we are working to upgrade Wollongong Station. The new fleet will be introduced progressively starting with the Central Coast and Newcastle Line, followed by the Blue Mountains Line and the South Coast Line.

Site investigations and enabling work is underway in preparation for the start of main construction activities, which will include changes to the stabling yard for additional trains and track work within the corridor to improve passenger and freight services.

This work is expected to take two years to complete and we are committed to working closely with our customers, local residents, businesses and station staff during construction.

## Work we are doing to improve the station for customers and our staff

- extending the platforms by about 9 metres at the southern end to accommodate the longer fleet of intercity trains and provide access for customers to all carriages of the train
- rearranging railway tracks between the station and stabling yard to support additional services and accommodate longer passenger and freight trains
- realigning and installing new overhead wiring and signalling equipment so the new trains can operate safely and efficiently
- improving safety on the platforms by upgrading lighting, closed circuit television, the passenger announcement system, tactile paving and line marking

# What you will notice

We are continuing to deliver projects across NSW while ensuring the safety of all staff and the community. In line with current Australian Government guidelines around slowing the spread of Coronavirus and social distancing, all work will be carried out at a safe physical distance where possible and necessary hygiene practices will be observed.

Activities being undertaken in August include:

- clearing of the stabling yard in preparation for upgrade work
- geotech and utility investigations
- site survey work.

#### **Construction hours**

This month, work will be undertaken during standard construction hours, between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am and 1pm Saturday.

On Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August construction will be carried out between 7am and 6pm during a scheduled Sydney Trains track-work period, where no passenger trains will be running. Completing work during scheduled track-work periods enables the construction team to safely carry out essential activities inside the rail corridor.

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

## **Temporary parking changes**

Between Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 July, NSW TrainLink will be temporarily positioning a New Intercity Fleet staff training simulator within the Sydney Trains staff car park. The simulator will be on site for staff training which will run between the hours of 7am and 5pm.

To ensure the safe transportation of the simulator to and from the site, approximately 8 commuter car spaces will be unavailable during this time and traffic management will be available to assist customers and motorists with these temporary changes.

## **Minimising impacts**

The project team understands some construction activities may cause disruption for the community and the team on-site are committed to minimising impacts where possible, including turning off machinery when not in use, directing lighting away from residents and ensuring strict environmental conditions relating to noise, vibration and dust management are adhered to.

## **Meet the General Manager**

David is the General Manager on the MTMS south package, covering stations between Mortdale and Kiama.

Having worked in construction for 26 years, David has lead rail projects both nationally and internationally.

When he is not on a construction site, you will find David by the ocean fishing, attempting to teach his 1 year old grandson how to fish, or volunteering for Marine Rescue NSW.

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