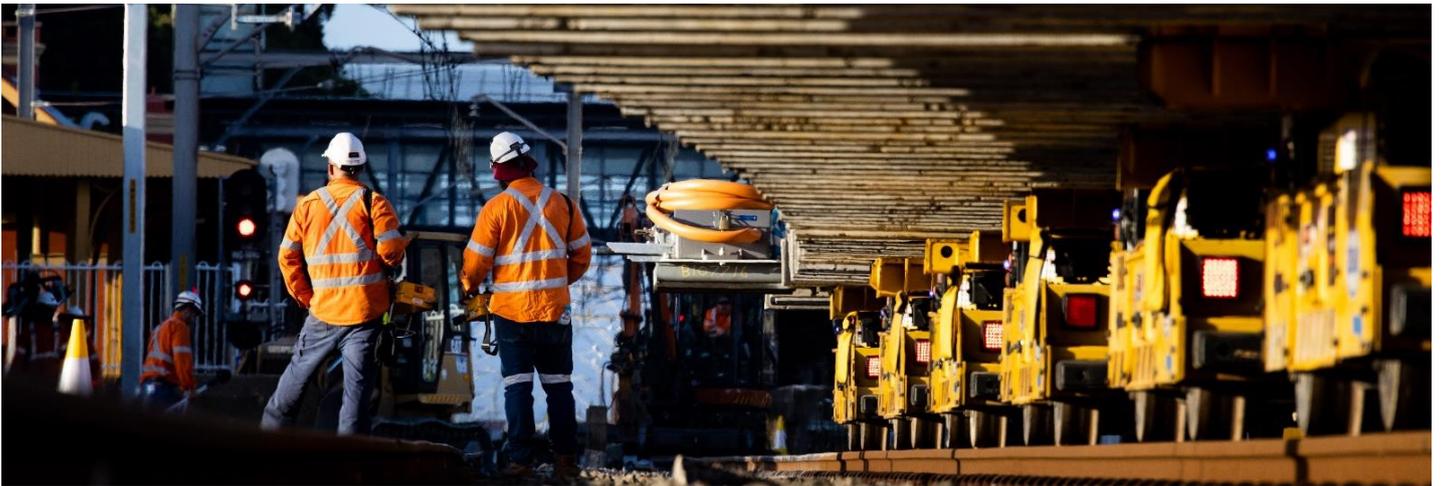


More Trains, More Services

Thirroul, Bellambi, Wollongong and Kiama



Work being completed at Wollongong Station, February 2021

What's been happening?

In order to improve train services for customers on the south coast, infrastructure improvements are being made across the network, including modifications to track, signalling, stabling facilities and station platforms.

This important work will support the introduction of new trains that will provide a new level of comfort and convenience for intercity customers.

Last month we completed some major construction activities as part of More Trains, More Services work at Wollongong, Thirroul and Bellambi.

We have also completed site investigation work at Kiama, and will be preparing to start main construction activities this month.

We would like to thank you, our closest neighbours, for your ongoing support as we work to deliver an improved rail network.

Construction across the stations in this program of work is expected to be completed by mid-next year.

Construction 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, and we will do our best to assist in locating the most appropriate agency in response to your feedback.

What's next?

This month, the majority of our construction activities will take place in the last week of March, as we prepare for some major construction milestones scheduled in early April.

To enable safe deliveries of material, we will require the temporary use of some commuter car parking spaces in Thirroul, Bellambi and Kiama. Signage will be installed in advance to advise motorists of these changes, and more information around work specific to your area is contained inside this notification.

Wollongong Stabling Yard and Platform Extension Project

Wollongong Station is being upgraded with extensions to the platforms to accommodate a new fleet of longer trains. Further improvements include changes to the track and the introduction of a new stabling yard for additional trains. These upgrades will simplify and enhance the way passenger and freight services travel through the rail network.

Last month, we completed significant track work, signalling work, overhead wiring activities, ecologist investigations and installation of structures.

From **Tuesday 16 March**, and into April you will see us:

- completing overhead wiring work
- removing construction spoil stockpiles
- installing a new overhead wiring footing structure
- receiving deliveries of materials and track segments
- completing excavation activities.

To enable the safe delivery of materials to site, we will require temporary use of approximately 40 commuter car parking spaces between **5am and 11am on Monday 8 March**.

Traffic control will reserve these spaces and signage has been installed to advise motorists of these changes.

Alternative parking will remain available in both the multi-storey car park to the west of the station and the commuter car park to the east of the station.



To enable stabling of new trains at Wollongong Station, we will begin preparing the west side of the corridor for the installation of new tracks.

As part of this upgrade, and to meet the required safety and security standards, we will be installing a security fence within the rail corridor behind the residential properties off Gladstone Avenue.

Once we have received the relevant design for the security fence, we will visit properties to inform them about any changes and obtain feedback, especially where the visual amenity will be altered as a result of the new infrastructure.

Kiama Platform Extension Project

We are also making the platforms longer at Kiama Station to make it easier for customers to board and alight the New Intercity Fleet.

This month we will start main construction activities, including upgrading tracks, installing combined service routes to protect and carry cabling underground, overhead wiring and cabling work, installation of support structures and signalling modifications.

To enable construction activities to be undertaken safely, we will require temporary use of eight car parking spaces off Railway Parade from **6am Monday 22 March until midday Sunday 28 March**.



Sydney Trains are working at Kiama

From **Friday 26 until Monday 29 March**, Sydney Trains will be completing work at Kiama Station during both the day and night.

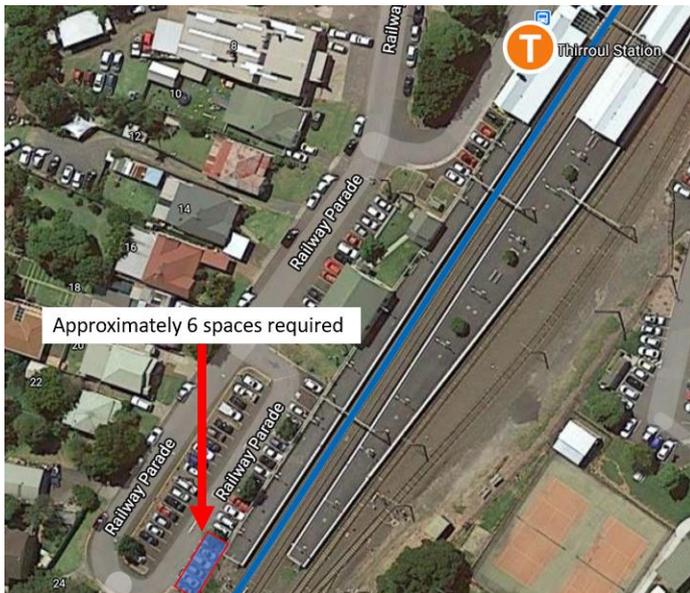
For more information on this work please call 131 500 or email sydneytrainsfeedback@transport.nsw.gov.au

Thirroul Platform Extension Project

Last month we completed some major construction milestones within the rail corridor at Thirroul, including installation of new track, overhead wiring footings and signalling equipment.

This month we will be completing some minor activities in preparation for another busy period in April.

We will require the temporary use of approximately six car spaces in the carpark on Railway Parade from **5pm Sunday 14 until 5pm Tuesday 16 March**.



We will also require use of approximately 20 spaces in the southern commuter carpark off Station Street, beside Thomas Gibson Park, for receiving delivery of materials between **5pm Sunday 21 until 6pm Wednesday 24 March**. Traffic control will reserve these spaces and signage will be installed to advise motorists of these changes.



Protecting wildlife on our construction sites

Protecting wildlife and the local environment during our construction activities is a priority across all our construction sites.

Recently at Thirroul, our environment team discovered a Plover (also known as a Masked Lapwing) had laid her eggs in the middle of the railway tracks. Once identified, our environment team installed signage to separate the area and ensure that no one was impacting the bird or nest. A WIRES representative attended site to relocate the eggs to a safe location. The eggs were protected for the remainder of construction activities. Following completion of our work, neither the eggs nor parents were seen during an inspection. It is assumed the family moved to a safer place away from live trains.



A Plover and her nest of eggs being protected by signage on the rail tracks during recent work at Thirroul Station

Bellambi Platform Extension Project

Last month we completed some major excavation work within the rail corridor at Bellambi Station in preparation for platform extension work in April.

This month we will be completing some minor activities, including deliveries to site and plant movement to transport material and equipment within the corridor.

We will require use of the commuter car park, excluding the dedicated accessible car spaces, from **5pm Sunday 28 March until 6pm Tuesday 6 April** to enable the safe delivery of materials to site.

Traffic control will be in place to reserve these spaces and signage will be installed in advance to notify motorists of these changes.



How we are keeping our sites safe

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.

Help us reduce paper waste

We are always exploring the best ways to connect with the communities where we work while minimising impacts on the environment. To help us reduce paper waste, please visit yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/mtms and click through to the project in your area to let us know if you would prefer to receive our updates to your inbox instead of your mailbox.

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.

Contact us

For more information or to subscribe for project updates:

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 **projects@transport.nsw.gov.au**

 **www.transport.nsw.gov.au/mtms**

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If you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask them to contact Transport for NSW on **1800 684 490**.

An interpreter will assist you with translation.