

More Trains, More Services

Thirroul, Bellambi, Kiama and Wollongong

Construction work inside the rail corridor at Thirroul – February 2021



What's been happening?

Work has been continuing along the south coast rail line as part of the More Trains, More Services program.

At Thirroul, Bellambi, Kiama and Wollongong stations, we are extending platforms and improving infrastructure to support the introduction of new trains, which will provide a new level of comfort and convenience for intercity customers. To contribute to an improved rail network, the stabling yard at Wollongong will also be upgraded to accommodate this new fleet of longer trains.

In April, we completed some major construction milestones across all our sites, including:

- removal of approximately 250 metres of concrete walkways from within the Wollongong stabling yard
- installation of 250 metres of underground combined service routes for water, electricity and signalling at Wollongong

- excavation of 800 tonnes of material and installation of 53 metres of culverts at Bellambi station to enable platform extension work.

The project team understands our work can be disruptive at times and we would like to thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we completed a considerable amount of construction last month, especially over the April long weekend.

Last month, we asked Wollongong residents to provide feedback on our proposal to work across consecutive evenings during a scheduled Sydney Trains track work period, where trains were going to be excluded from the stabling yard. 71% of respondents indicated support for these activities to go ahead. We would like to thank those who provided feedback on this proposal.

We have been working closely with Sydney Trains on rail corridor access arrangements and as a result, we will reschedule these activities to be completed during standard construction hours.

What's happening next?

As a result of achieving major construction milestones at Bellambi and Thirroul, only minor activities are scheduled to take place in May.

Some night work and temporary parking changes will be required across our sites in the coming weeks. Signage will be installed in advance to advise motorists of parking changes and mitigation measures will be implemented to reduce impacts associated with construction activities.

Wollongong Stabling Yard and Platform Extension Project

At Wollongong, you will see an increased presence of workers on site as we construct two new train driver walkways, install new track and upgrade overhead wiring and signalling infrastructure.

Temporary parking changes at Wollongong Station

From **6pm Sunday 30 May until 4am Monday 7 June**, we will require use of approximately 20 spaces in the commuter car park south of Wollongong station to enable piling activities for the platform extension to be completed safely. Our traffic controllers will install signage to reserve these spaces to advise motorists of these changes.

The remainder of this car park will be available for use, and alternate parking will also be available in the both the multi-storey car park to the west of the station and the commuter car park to the east of the station.



Wollongong Commuter Car Park

Kiama Platform Extension Project

Last month we started piling activities and drainage work to enable the eight metre platform extension at Kiama Station. In May, piling work will continue for the platform extension and overhead wiring upgrades will start.

Temporary parking changes at Kiama Station

From **midday Monday 24 May until 5am Thursday 27 May**, we will require the use of 32 commuter car parking spaces during a scheduled Sydney Trains track work period, while passenger services are not running.

We will temporarily reserve 17 spaces south of the station and 15 spaces north of the station, as indicated in the images below.



Kiama Commuter Car Parks



Night work at Kiama

From **6pm Tuesday 25 May until 7am Thursday 27 May** we will be working outside of standard construction hours at Kiama.

This work will occur during a scheduled 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.

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

Thirroul Platform Extension Project

The More Trains, More Services project team have completed approximately 60% of activities at Thirroul Station. Over the April long weekend, we:

- installed 150 metres of new track at the southern end of the platform
- upgraded overhead wiring structures
- installed new signalling structures
- realigned 50 metres of existing track.

In May, we will complete some minor signalling activities on the northern end of the station platforms.

Bellambi Platform Extension Project

In April we completed a substantial amount of work at Bellambi Station, including:

- excavation of 800 tonnes of material to enable the installation of culverts
- installation of 41 culverts at the southern end of the platform which will provide the structure for the platform extension
- backfilled culverts with 250 tonnes of excavated material for stability purposes
- removal and installation a new overhead wiring structure

In May we will complete the excavation, installation and backfilling of the remaining culverts in preparation for the platform extension in June.

These activities are not expected to impact the local community.

Standard construction hours

To support the construction industry through Coronavirus, the NSW Government have extended an amendment to the legislation regarding standard construction hours. This amendment enables activities across all our sites to be carried out between **7am and 6pm on weekdays, weekends and public holidays.**

We will always consider the community when planning construction activities that may occur over weekends and public holidays.



Construction taking place inside the rail corridor at Bellambi, taken in February 2021

Who is responding to your enquiries?

In March we welcomed Tegan as a new member of the Community Engagement team. Tegan will be involved in developing our communication activities to ensure you are aware of our progress in your area and help answer any questions you have about our work on More Trains, More Services.

Tegan is currently completing her Bachelor of Communications and is a proud Aboriginal woman who has recently moved to the South Coast.

Our Community Engagement team often visit local residents to discuss our construction activities, so say hi if you see Tegan in your neighbourhood!



Tegan (left) with our new Social Inclusion Advisor, Shaney (right) – Welcome to the team!

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An interpreter will assist you with translation.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated in Australia each year between **27 May and 3 June**. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for us to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort to share culture, connect with community and celebrate Indigenous success at every opportunity.

The 2021 National Reconciliation Week theme is ***More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.***

This theme encourages Australia to take this awareness and knowledge, and use it towards braver, more impactful action.

Our project teams will celebrate National Reconciliation Week through attending workplace events where we will hear from Aboriginal Australians to learn about our contribution towards reconciliation, and what we can do to build stronger futures for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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.