

West Tamworth Railway Station and Tamworth Station Master's Residence

This information has been developed to provide more detail about consultation for the West Tamworth Railway Station and Tamworth Station Master's Residence and to provide answers to frequently asked questions from stakeholders and the community.

Transport for NSW is seeking feedback on the future of the West Tamworth Railway Station and Tamworth Station Master's Residence.

During our first round of consultation, we will be exploring the community's values and attitudes towards these unused rail assets. A second round of consultation will be carried out later in the year to test options and gather additional feedback.

[Why is Transport consulting on this project?](#)

Transport is carrying out extensive consultation to understand community and stakeholder priorities for the current and future use of West Tamworth Railway Station and the Tamworth Station Master's Residence.

[Who owns the assets?](#)

The West Tamworth Railway Station and Tamworth Station Master's Residence are Transport Asset Holding Entity of NSW owned assets, managed by Transport and located within an operational rail corridor.

[Where are the assets located?](#)

The West Tamworth Railway Station is located two kilometres from the centre of Tamworth, on the corner of In Street and Out Street in West Tamworth.

Tamworth Station Master's Residence is located on Bourke Street in Tamworth.

Both buildings are currently closed to the public due to being deemed unsafe.

[Why is this project needed?](#)

Outcomes from this consultation will be used to guide current and future use of these assets.

[Will my feedback be considered when deciding on the future of the site?](#)

Transport will consider all feedback received during our consultation with community and stakeholders.

It is important to note that the West Tamworth Railway Station and Tamworth Station Master's Residence are next to an operational rail line and therefore certain uses may not be possible to ensure safety of the community.

[How can I provide feedback?](#)

You can provide your feedback by completing our short survey or visiting us at a pop-up. More information is available here: yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/tamworthassets

[What will guide the consultation on this project?](#)

Our consultation will use the strategic lens of Transport's Movement and Place Framework to explore issues and opportunities with the community and stakeholders.

The Movement and Place Framework recognises that transport solutions need to consider how they best service communities to support successful places.

Does Transport have existing plans for these assets?

At this stage, there are no plans for the West Tamworth Railway Station and Tamworth Station Master's Residence.

Consulting with the community is the first step in the process.

Is there funding allocated to this project?

Currently, there is no funding allocated to the future use of the West Tamworth Railway Station and Tamworth Station Master's Residence.

What is the history of the Railway Station and Station Master's Residence?

West Tamworth Railway Station was built in 1878 as the first railway station in Tamworth.

It played a significant role in the overland transport of goods (primary wool) and the boost it gave to the local economy (together with Tamworth Station).

Tamworth Station Master's Residence was constructed in 1877 as the manse for the nearby Wesleyan Church and was separated from the church by the construction of the railway when it extended from Tamworth in 1881.

Tamworth Station Master's Residence was purchased after its construction and does not conform to typical railway structures from this period.

What is the current state of the assets?

A Statement of Heritage Impact has deemed the current condition of the West Tamworth Railway Station as poor. It is not considered rare and is 1 of 28 known examples of ordinary, Victorian Type 3 Second Class Station Building located in NSW.

West Tamworth Railway Station has been vacant since 1982.

Tamworth Station Master's Residence has been vacant for more than 10 years and its current condition is considered adequate.

Are the assets deemed to be significant?

West Tamworth Railway Station is not deemed to be state significant and instead has been given local historical significance under Tamworth Regional Council's Local Environment Plan.

From its conception, West Tamworth Railway Station was temporary. This is reflected in its construction and detailing, a single-story symmetrical cottage with verandah rooms at each end.

Tamworth Station Master's Residence was purchased after its construction, and therefore does not conform to the typical railway structures from this period. Tamworth Station Master's Residence is currently listed as part of the Tamworth Railway Station yard group and moveable relics on the State Heritage Register.

When will work begin on the project?

The outcomes from this consultation will be consolidated into a report, providing recommendations for the future use of the site. No remediation or construction work is planned as part of this project.

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