

More Trains, More Services

Wollongong Stabling Yard and Platform Extension Project



Wollongong, we're almost done!

On the 29 June 2020, we started early work on the Wollongong Stabling Yard and Platform Extension Project.

Over the past 15 months, we have been working along a 1km stretch in the rail corridor to prepare Wollongong Station for the introduction of the Mariyung fleet.

Since construction started, we have:

- extended both platforms by approximately nine metres at the southern end to accommodate the new fleet of longer trains
- reconfigured the railway tracks between the station and stabling yard to support additional services
- upgraded overhead wiring, underground utilities and signals to improve the network capacity
- constructed new walkways dedicated to the train drivers, cleaners and maintenance crews for Sydney Trains
- improved safety for the platforms and yard by upgrading lighting, closed circuit televisions, the passenger announcement system, tactile paving and line marking.

What's left to complete?

In the coming months, we'll start:

- removing stockpiles and site sheds from inside the rail corridor
- finishing work on the walkways for rail staff
- installation of a swale drain and security fence behind properties on Gladstone Avenue.

Revised construction hours due to COVID-19

The NSW Government has introduced new rules to support industry and continue the delivery of critical infrastructure during COVID-19. In accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Infrastructure Construction Work Days No.2) Order 2020*, standard construction hours are 7am to 6pm Monday to Sunday, including public holidays.

We do not anticipate any remaining work outside of standard construction hours or impacts to commuter parking as a result of our remaining activities.

Sydney Trains will start work in the commuter car park south of Wollongong Station in mid-October, and any enquiries about this activity can be directed to 131 500.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our closest neighbours, for your patience and understanding throughout construction on the Wollongong Stabling Yard and Platform Extension Project.

This is your last paper notification, but you can still access updates online

As we approach the end of construction on the Wollongong Stabling Yard and Platform Extension Project, we don't anticipate any remaining activities to require distribution of a paper notification.

All work will be carried out in line with current NSW Government Public Health Orders and Restrictions, which are subject to change.

If work is postponed and expected to impact your residence, we will contact you directly to advise of any changes.

The project webpage will remain accessible, including all community notifications distributed to date.

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Introduction of the Mariyung fleet

The More Trains, More Services program is delivering platform extensions and asset upgrades to accommodate a new, state-of-the-art fleet of intercity trains called the Mariyung.

Mariyung is the Darug word for Emu, in acknowledgement of local Aboriginal culture. The Mariyung fleet will run through many Aboriginal Countries such as Darug country, as well as at final destinations in Wiradjuri Country in the west at Lithgow; Awabakal Country to the north at Newcastle and Dharawal Country to the south at Kiama.

The 55-train fleet with 554 new carriages will offer improved safety, accessibility, comfort and modern features for customers who make almost 45 million journeys a year on the electrified intercity network.

When will the new trains start servicing Wollongong Station?

Testing of the new fleet is in its final intensive stages.

There is still some work to be completed before the train enters passenger service. This includes familiarising staff with the new train through education and training exercises, finalising consultation with stakeholders, and other operational readiness activities.

A date for the train to enter service on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line will be determined once these activities have been completed, which is expected to be in the next couple of months.

A timeline for when the trains will start operating on the Blue Mountains and South Coast lines will be determined after more trains are delivered and further testing completed.

Keep in touch

Although we are on our way out of Wollongong, our project teams still have a lot of other stations to upgrade as part of the More Trains, More Services program.

You can still contact us through the formal avenues listed below.

Contact us

For more information or to subscribe for project updates:

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Translation



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An interpreter will assist you with translation.