

Newcastle Light Rail Construction notification

8 August 2017

Site investigations at Market Street Lawn

The NSW Government is investing over \$500 million through the Revitalising Newcastle program to transform Newcastle's city centre.

Light rail is an important part of the Revitalising Newcastle program and will deliver frequent and reliable connections to key activity precincts in the city centre. Downer EDI has been engaged as the managing contractor to build light rail in Newcastle. Major construction is due to start on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby Street in September, and services are set to commence in early 2019.

In preparation for on-street construction, site investigations commenced this week at Market Street Lawn, east of Wolfe Street. Work will involve digging trenches to uncover a sandstone seawall. Once the seawall has been assessed, it is anticipated that a portion of it will need to be removed to enable the future construction of Newcastle Light Rail. All removed sections will be preserved for future re-use. Unaffected sections will be left in place.

Date

From Monday 7 August 2017

Works to be carried out

- Excavation work
- Archaeological documentation of the seawall, including photographs and survey

From Monday 14 August 2017

- Removal of part of the seawall to enable future construction of underground services for Newcastle Light Rail
- Relocation of removed items to a secure location for future reuse

Traffic will not be impacted and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during this work.

How long will it take?

Work in this area is expected to take two weeks, weather permitting. Work will take place during standard construction hours from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 1pm on Saturday.

What equipment will be used?

Equipment to be used includes, but is not limited to, excavators, skid steer loader, vacuum truck, trucks, light vehicles and hand tools.

What you may notice

We recognise noisy or dust generating work is inconvenient for the community. We apologise for the disruption and assure you we are committed to minimising noise and dust from our work wherever we can.

Thank you for your support

We are committed to keeping you updated and will continue to work with you as Newcastle Light Rail construction progresses. Thank you for your patience during this important work. We are looking forward to the long-term benefits Newcastle Light Rail is set to deliver to you and our city once in operation.

The Newcastle Light Rail project team