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Newcastle Light Rail

## Hunter Street opens between Auckland and Merewether streets from Friday 25 May

## Worth Place temporarily closed from Monday 28 May

**The NSW Government is investing more than \$650 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 is building light rail on behalf of Transport for NSW.

Major light rail construction on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets (zone 4) started in September 2017, with light rail services set to be running in early 2019. Hunter Street will re-open to traffic between Auckland and Merewether streets from **7am Friday 25 May 2018**.

Safety barriers will remain in place around the track to allow construction of the Civic light rail stop, cabling and finishing works and testing of the signalling system and light rail vehicles. Installation of the final layer of road surface, traffic signals and line-marking will be completed at a later date.

After zone 4 is re-opened, Worth Place between Honeysuckle Drive and Hunter Street will close to traffic from **7am on Monday 28 May**. Work in this area will include footpath upgrades, landscaping, installation of traffic signals and lighting, and road work. The work is expected to take about six weeks to complete, weather permitting.

### **Work before Hunter Street is re-opened between Auckland and Merewether streets**

To ensure Hunter Street can re-open to traffic between Auckland and Merewether streets from **Friday 25 May**, we will continue to work **Sundays** from **8am to 6pm** and at night from **6pm to 7am Mondays to Fridays**, and **6pm to 8am Saturdays**, weather permitting. Work in this area will include continued light rail track installation, construction of the Civic light rail stop and important road, utility and footpath upgrades.

Work will continue from **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday** and **8am to 6pm on Saturday**, weather permitting.

### **Work to continue on Hunter Street between Merewether and Darby streets**

As part of the Newcastle Light Rail project, we have worked closely with Hunter Water to upgrade essential deep sewer infrastructure on Hunter Street, near Darby Street. This work is now complete and light rail construction is continuing in this area. Hunter Street will remain closed to traffic between Merewether and Darby streets.



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### Important changes in zones 3 and 4 from Friday 25 May 2018

Traffic and parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Hunter Street will re-open to one lane of traffic in each direction between Auckland and Merewether streets from <b>7am Friday 25 May</b>.</li> <li>› Civic Lane will remain open to local traffic only, via Hunter Street and Wright Lane.</li> <li>› Worth Place between Honeysuckle Drive and Hunter Street will temporarily close to traffic from <b>7am Monday 28 May</b> for about six weeks, weather permitting.</li> <li>› Access to TAFE from Hunter Street will be maintained.</li> <li>› Access to private driveways on Worth Place will be maintained under traffic control from Honeysuckle Drive.</li> <li>› Please follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs, and keep to speed limits. For the latest traffic updates, you can call <b>132 701</b>, visit <b>livetraffic.com</b> or download the <b>Live Traffic NSW app</b>.</li> </ul>
Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Footpath access to businesses and residences will be maintained during this work. Temporary pedestrian diversions will be in place as required.</li> <li>› Pedestrian access across Hunter Street will be available at Worth Place, to the west of Auckland Street, and near Merewether and Darby streets.</li> </ul>
Private driveway access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Local access to private driveways on the northern side of Hunter Street will be maintained. Temporary closures will be required on some nights and weekends to allow work to be carried out safely. We will notify affected properties before any closures occur.</li> </ul>
Loading zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Loading zones are located on Hunter Street near Union Street, Auckland, Merewether and Darby streets, Civic Lane, and Centenary Road.</li> </ul>

#### What equipment will be used?

Equipment will include, but is not limited to, concrete trucks, mixers and pumps, concrete and paving saws, rock and concrete hammers, loaders, generators, temporary lighting, compactors, fork lifts, welding equipment, rail grinders and saws, excavators, rollers, trucks, light vehicles, power tools and hand tools.

#### 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 ongoing 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



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