

What to expect during construction

Information about construction

Notifications with detailed information about upcoming work will be delivered to residents and businesses throughout construction.

Information will also be available at revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au.

Work hours

Most work will be carried out during standard construction hours from 7am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm, weather permitting.

We will notify nearby residents and businesses if we need to work outside these times.

Noise

Work may be noisy at times. We will aim to minimise noise by:

- › Turning off machinery when not in use
- › Scheduling the noisiest activities during the day, where possible
- › Positioning noisy equipment as far away as possible from residents and businesses
- › Using non-tonal reversing beepers on all machinery.

Dust

We will aim to minimise airborne dust particles by:

- › Using water carts
- › Installing hoarding mesh
- › Avoiding dust generating work on windy days.

Equipment

Equipment to be used includes drilling rigs, excavators, vacuum truck, compactor, concrete saw, trucks, light vehicles, front end loaders, crane and hand tools.

Vibration

Construction activities may generate vibration, including:

- › General earthworks
- › Site clearing and demolition
- › Bulldozers and excavators
- › Concrete breaking and removal
- › Ground compaction.

People are capable of detecting vibration at levels well below those causing risk of damage to a building.

Vibration monitoring will be carried out during construction and at the start of vibration intensive activities.

What else you may notice

It is not unusual to find contaminated material in the urban environment. If found, strict measures will protect the health and wellbeing of workers and the public at all times.

Personal protective equipment (PPE), including the use of protective suits and respiratory masks, may be required, as well as air monitoring, signage, fencing and other measures as directed by our independent occupational hygienist.

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Newcastle Light Rail Newcastle West

The NSW Government is committed to Revitalising Newcastle and will soon start work on Newcastle Light Rail in your area.

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 program and will deliver frequent, reliable connections to key activity precincts and reinvigorate Newcastle's once thriving main streets.

Downer EDI has been engaged as the managing contractor to build light rail in Newcastle.

Work in Newcastle West will start in May and light rail services will start in early 2019.

Key features of light rail

- › 2.7 kilometres of light rail track running from Newcastle Interchange to Pacific Park, just 200 metres from Newcastle beach
- › The route will follow the old rail corridor for about one kilometre before moving onto Hunter and Scott streets
- › Light rail will run in a dedicated lane on Hunter and Scott streets, and then share a lane with road users from Newcomen Street through to Pacific Park
- › There will be light rail stops at Newcastle Interchange, Honeysuckle (near Hunter Street TAFE), Civic, Crown Street, Market Street and Pacific Park.

Upcoming work in Newcastle West

From **Monday 15 May**, preparation work will start for the new light rail stabling and maintenance facility in Newcastle West.

Work will include:

- › Salvage and storage of heritage items
- › Demolition of the former Wickham Station including the removal of all existing buildings, station platforms, street furniture, and footbridge including foundations, ramp and stair accesses, and supporting columns
- › Removal of some shrubs and trees in the immediate vicinity
- › Installation of fencing and establishment of a site compound.

How can I find out more?

For more information call **1800 684 490**, email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au

For urgent enquiries or complaints about construction activities, call our 24-hour construction response line on **1800 775 465**.

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Light rail early work Newcastle West



Legend

- Construction zone - no access
- Footpath
- Parking
- Footbridge closed
- Road closed
- Bus stop: Stewart Avenue

Traffic changes

Changed traffic conditions may cause some delays and we encourage people to take this into account when planning their trip.

Traffic control and pedestrian diversions will be in place during the work.

Temporary lane closures will be in place at Stewart Avenue and Beresford Street. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction at all times.

Station Street will be permanently closed to provide access for construction vehicles and demolition.

Pedestrian changes

The project includes removal of the footbridge at the former Wickham Station.

Pedestrian access between Beresford Street and Honeysuckle Drive will be via Stewart Avenue.

Parking changes

During and after construction, there will be changes to parking around the former Wickham Station.

Informal parking on the northern side of Beresford Street and parking on Station Street will be removed.

Parking will be available on the southern side of Beresford Street and on Bellevue

Street throughout May. All day parking is available at the Throsby parking station on Honeysuckle Drive.

Keeping Newcastle open

Revitalising Newcastle will bring people back into the city centre to live, work and play in vibrant surroundings.

Events and activities will commence later in the year to draw people into the city and help generate excitement as Newcastle goes through an unprecedented period of revitalisation.

Dedicated precinct managers will be on the ground throughout construction to provide personalised advice to businesses along the light rail alignment.

We are committed to keeping Newcastle open for business during construction and minimising inconvenience caused by construction activities.

Hoarding and construction signage will help ensure customers can still find their favourite businesses and pedestrians can easily navigate around construction zones.



Image: Artist's impression of the light rail stabling facilities.