

# Newcastle Light Rail

## Testing and commissioning

### Week commencing Monday 3 December 2018

Testing and commissioning of the light rail system and vehicles is underway to ensure the system is ready to carry passengers from early 2019.

**Light rail will now be a regular sight in Newcastle with testing and driver training in progress day and night.** Pedestrians and road users should be aware of light rail vehicles at all times.

Traffic lights are now set and working to ensure the safety of light rail, motorists, pedestrians and other road users. **Please obey all traffic lights and road signs.**

For information about light rail safety, please visit [revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au/safety/light-rail-safety](http://revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au/safety/light-rail-safety).

#### This week's activities

- On **Saturday 1 December** light rail driver training will occur **between 6am and 12pm, and between 1pm and 8pm.**
- Delivery of the second light rail vehicle to Hunter Street near Worth Place, has been **rescheduled to Tuesday 4 December between 3am and 7am.** To prepare for the delivery, a ramp will be placed on the tramway on Hunter Street, near Worth Place, the night before delivery and road plates will also be installed on Hunter Street across Cottage Creek Bridge. The third light rail vehicle will be delivered under the same conditions on **Thursday 6 December between 3am and 7am.** Please see the [notification](#) for detailed information on traffic arrangements in the lead up to, and during, the delivery.
- Vehicle testing and driver training will continue between Newcastle Interchange and the Newcastle Beach stop from **Monday to Saturday between 4am and 10am and between 2pm and 8pm.**
- Testing will also continue at night between 8pm and 4am. Noise, vibration and electrical testing will be carried out near Steel Street and the Queens Wharf light rail stop. This will involve placing monitoring devices along the alignment and running the light rail vehicle through the area several times.

#### Upcoming activities

In the coming weeks, testing along the network with multiple vehicles will start and may involve the use of the unimog. Pedestrians and road users should be aware of light rail vehicles at all times. For more information about light rail safety, please visit [revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au/safety/light-rail-safety/](http://revitalisingnewcastle.nsw.gov.au/safety/light-rail-safety/).

#### Traffic and pedestrian changes

Traffic lights along the alignment are now set and working to stop traffic and pedestrians when light rail vehicles are travelling across intersections. **Please obey all traffic lights and road signs and wait for the walk signal before crossing the tracks.**

Traffic control will be in place at Stewart Avenue to ensure vehicles do not queue across the tracks.

**Temporary lane closures, road closures and pedestrian diversions will be in place on Hunter Street and Worth Place** in the lead up to, and during, delivery of the next two light rail vehicles on **Tuesday 4 December and Thursday 6 December.** Access to private driveways on Steel Lane and Civic Lane will be maintained. **Please see the [notification](#) for detailed information.**

**Scott Street, between Darby and Newcomen streets, will be temporarily closed for two nights between Tuesday and Friday** for noise, vibration and electrical testing. Traffic diversions will be in place and access to private driveways will be maintained. We will provide more information to residents before this closure takes place.

#### What to expect

There may be some noise associated with this work. We understand our work may be disruptive at times and we apologise for any inconvenience.

#### Be aware, there's a tram there:

Traffic lights are now operating to stop traffic and pedestrians when light rail vehicles are travelling across intersections across the route. Please pay attention to and obey all traffic lights and road signs.

Pedestrians should cross at designated crossings and wait for the walk signal before crossing.



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