



Excavation is underway for the new underground metro platforms at Central Station

CENTRAL STATION

Transforming the Northern Concourse

Sydney Metro is Australia's biggest public transport project. Services start in 2019 in the city's North West with a train every four minutes in the peak. Metro rail will be extended into the CBD and beyond to Bankstown in 2024. There will be new CBD metro railway stations at Martin Place, Pitt Street and Barangaroo and new metro platforms at Central.

In 2024, Sydney will have 31 metro railway stations and a 66 km standalone metro railway system – the biggest urban rail project in Australian history. There will be ultimate capacity for a metro train every two minutes in each direction under the Sydney city centre.

Laing O'Rourke is delivering the new Sydney Metro platforms under Central Station as well as the landmark Central Walk - a new underground pedestrian concourse to help customers get around Sydney's busiest railway station.

Work is now underway in the Northern Concourse (located near the Eddy Avenue station entrance), preparing for the new feature canopy roof which will also preserve and enhance the heritage aesthetics of Central Station.

Once complete in 2022, this upgrade to the Northern Concourse will transform the existing pedestrian

Underground metro takes shape

Work on the underground metro is starting within the area of the former Platforms 13 to 15. Piling and major excavation is underway and will be closely followed by the construction of a traffic deck. This traffic deck will allow construction vehicles and machinery to safely access the site while excavation continues up to 27 metres below.

thoroughfares by installing new escalators to the reinstated Platforms 12 to 14 and creating new transport interchanges and entrances from Eddy Avenue, the Grand Concourse and intercity and regional train services. The work will also emphasise the historic features of the Central Electric Building (located at the Eddy Avenue station entrance and constructed in the 1920's) through the installation of the new feature roof.

During construction, work will be staged to ensure ongoing access for customers, with temporary routes created between platforms and concourses.

Platforms 9 to 11 are being extended at the southern end, which will allow space to be created at the northern end of these platforms for the upgraded concourse.



Artists impression of the new Central Walk

Construction underway to deliver the future Central Walk

Changes across the suburban Platforms 16 to 23 continue to show the progress being made to build Central Walk - a new underground concourse at Central Station that will better connect passengers to trains, light rail and the new Sydney Metro underground platforms.

Central Walk includes:

- ▶ A 19-metre-wide tunnel from Chalmers Street linking to new Sydney Metro platforms under Central
- ▶ Escalators directly to suburban platforms (Platforms 16 to 23) for the first time.

Central Walk will help boost capacity at Central to cater for the expected 66 per cent increase in daily customer demand. More than 270,000 people use Central every day with that number expected to rise to 450,000 in the next two decades.

New stairs were recently opened to customers on Platforms 20 - 21 and 22 - 23 so customers can continue to access the Suburban Tunnel, through to the Grand Concourse, while Central Walk is being constructed.



New stairs constructed on Platforms 20 - 21 and 22 - 23 to improve customer access

With these stairs now complete, further work continues on Platforms 16 to 23 to relocate and build Customer Service Attendant rooms for staff, supporting future works for Central Walk.

Work will be staged across the different platforms. Hoarding will be installed to minimise impacts for customers on the platform and to ensure work is completed safely.



Three-month lookahead

Activity (subject to change)	April	May	June
1 Excavating and piling within former Platforms 13 - 15	●	●	●
2 Extending and infilling Platforms 9 - 11	●	●	●
3 Demolishing 20-28 Chalmers Street	●	●	●
4 Relocating Customer Service Attendant and stand-by guard rooms on Platforms 18 - 19 and 20 - 21	●	●	●
5 Constructing concrete edge beams Platforms 18 - 19		●	●
6 Demolishing back of house area behind hoardings in Eastern Suburbs Railway Concourse	●	●	
7 Constructing new plant rooms in Eastern Suburbs Railway Concourse		●	●
8 Installing the first stage of hoarding in Northern Concourse	●	●	
9 Investigative works and piling within Northern Concourse	●	●	●
10 Installing new power and communication cables			●



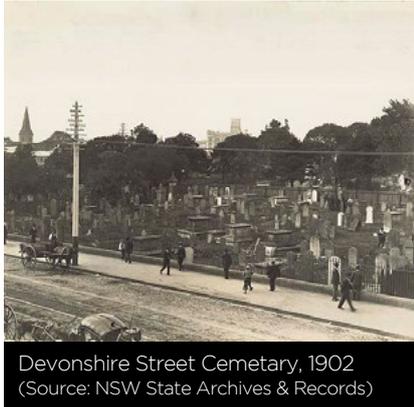
On a daily basis, there are around 200 staff, construction workers and visitors at the Central Station Metro site in Sydney Yard.



The iconic Clocktower at Central Station is 85.6m tall and first began use at 10.22am, 3 March 1921.

A look at Central's past

In the 1800's, the area where Central Station now stands was the Devonshire Street Cemetery. In December 1900, the area was chosen to be the site of the new Central Railway Station.



Devonshire Street Cemetery, 1902
(Source: NSW State Archives & Records)

Notices were issued to relatives of the deceased in 1901, requesting them to remove their relatives' remains and monuments within two months. Remains were transported to the new Bunnerong Cemetery at Botany (today known as the Pioneer Memorial Park within the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park).

Despite most of the graves being removed prior to the construction of Central Station, a small number of items of heritage significance have been uncovered during Central Station Metro construction.

Project archaeologists supervise excavation activities on site and are involved to assess, hand excavate and sift through any areas identified during construction. When any items of potential heritage significance are uncovered, work stops in that area to allow assessment to take place.

Making a difference in our local area

Clean Up Australia inspires and empowers communities and businesses to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment.

A team of 25 Central Station Metro volunteers took part in Business Clean Up Australia Day in February, removing 20 large bags of rubbish from around Central Station. Our team is proud to be working at Central Station through to 2022 and is committed to being a good neighbour and making a difference to the local community.



The team collected rubbish and recyclables from the perimeter of Central Station

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