



Through running trains at Sydenham Station.

Southwest Metro project update

September 2026

Metro moves closer to opening

Southwest Metro testing has reached a major milestone recently with the successful completion of Trial Running on 31 August 2026.

Over a period of five weeks, this phase of work saw more than 130 operational scenarios simulated to test everyday operations and unexpected incidents.

The intensive program rigorously tested trains, systems and teams, helping to ensure the network is ready to provide safe and reliable services when the line opens.

With Trial Running now complete, the project has moved into its final operational readiness phase. Throughout this process, operator Metro Trains Sydney (MTS) will continue testing and refining the network to ensure it is ready to provide customers with a safe, reliable and efficient service.

Ahead of opening, testing will ramp up with the fleet of driverless trains completing full-line journeys between Tallawong and Bankstown, known as through running.

As this work continues, Sydney Metro and MTS will finalise documentation required for the independent regulatory assessment ahead of the formal accreditation process.

Southwest Metro is on track to welcome passengers later this year, with the official opening date to be announced once all regulatory approvals have been granted.



Emergency evacuation scenario at Canterbury Station with Fire and Rescue NSW.

Construction progress update

The Southwest Metro stations are almost ready to welcome customers, with crews now completing the final touches including landscaping, cleaning and precinct enhancements.



Dulwich Hill Station.



Bankstown Station.



Opal gates at Bankstown Station.



Campsie plaza.



Wiley Park Station.



Belmore Station.

New public plaza enhances connections at Punchbowl

A vibrant new public space has opened in Punchbowl, transforming how the community connects in and around the future metro station.

Spanning around 700 square metres, the new plaza links Urunga Parade, Breust Place and Punchbowl Road via an upgraded pedestrian underpass.

The renewed underpass has undergone significant improvements to better connect the station to local bus services, businesses and schools. Upgrades include widening of the path, enhanced lighting and CCTV, which will improve visibility, accessibility and safety for pedestrians.

The plaza also features paving, timber seating and landscaping as well as nine double bike hoops and a water fountain.



Punchbowl's new plaza – a welcoming hub for commuters and community.



Train testing continues between Tallawong and Bankstown.

What is coming up

As we move closer to welcoming passenger services, train testing will continue over the coming weeks as part of our 24-hour testing program.

This important phase helps ensure the railway is safe, reliable and ready for future customers. During testing, you may notice an increase in train activity both during the day and overnight.

What you might see and hear?

- Trains arriving at and departing from stations
- Train horns being used when required
- Brighter-than-usual train lights
- Announcements at stations and onboard trains including door chimes
- Increased train movements across the network.

What can you expect when we open?

Turn up and go



Catch a train every **4 minutes** in the **morning and afternoon peak**

The Southwest line will operate as part of the M1 Metro North West & Bankstown Line, where services operate each day beginning at around 4am through to around 1:30am the following day.

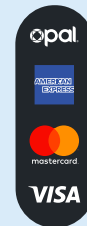
Help points



Video help points on all platforms

All 10 converted stations are now equipped with 58 new help points at stations to provide guidance on your journey.

Tapping on and tapping off



Tap your Opal card, credit or debit card, or linked device to pay for your travel

Remember to always tap on and tap off at the beginning and end of each trip to ensure you are charged the correct fare.



Gleebooks' Renee Fittler entertaining children.



Visitors enjoying the upgraded station.



Children enjoying arts and crafts.



Dulwich Hill Station.

Packed platforms at Dulwich Hill Station open day

The Dulwich Hill community has been given a first glimpse of its future station during the Dulwich Hill Station Community Open Day.

More than 1000 locals visited the station on Sunday 9 August to experience the upgraded precinct ahead of services commencing later this year.

The open day featured a range of free, family-friendly activities and entertainment, including live cultural performances, sustainable arts and crafts, storytime sessions and complimentary bicycle tune-ups. Visitors also enjoyed a special storytime session with local author Tom Jellett.

Community members explored key station features, including the platform screen doors, customer information displays, bicycle parking spaces, two lifts providing accessibility throughout the station, and a range of interactive displays. Visitors also had the opportunity to learn more about upcoming metro services and speak directly with project team members.

The new Dulwich Hill Station Plaza, which opened in February 2026, has already become a popular community meeting place.

The 1200-square-metre plaza features drinking fountains, accessible pathways connecting Wardell Road with the station lifts and light rail stop, additional bicycle parking, and landscaping designed to reflect the area's history and natural environment.

When metro services begin later this year, customers travelling from Dulwich Hill to Victoria Cross will be able to complete the journey in approximately 21 minutes, helping unlock faster and more convenient connections across Sydney's southwest.

Have your say

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