



Artist's impression of Bella Vista Station

# Improving local access to Bella Vista Station

The \$8.3 billion Sydney Metro Northwest project is currently under construction and on track to open to customers in the first half of 2019.

It will deliver eight new railway stations, 4000 commuter car parking spaces and a train every four minutes in the peak.

Sydney Metro Northwest - formerly known as the North West Rail Link - is the first stage of Sydney Metro and will be the first fully-automated metro rail system in Australia.

The new Bella Vista Station is under construction off Celebration Drive and will service the Norwest Business Park as well as local residential areas.

The station concourse will be at street level with the entry plaza facing Lexington Drive and its intersection with Celebration Drive.

The station will have north and south entry points to tie into the surrounding streets, interchange facilities and easy walking access to the future multi-storey car park.

As part of the works, Transport for NSW will build a footbridge to allow pedestrians and cyclists to safely and conveniently cross Old Windsor Road.

The footbridge will be located about 100m north of the Celebration Drive and Old Windsor Road intersection, providing a direct connection between the southern station entrance and the western side of Old Windsor Road, adjacent to the Anglican Technical College and Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Transport for NSW is reviewing options to further improve pedestrian and cyclist access to and from the new Bella Vista Station.

A proposal is under consideration to provide an additional pedestrian pathway from Old Windsor Road to the Glenwood area to allow more direct access to the new footbridge and station for residents.

The pedestrian pathway would mean that 700 Glenwood households - and two local schools - would be within a 15 minute walk of the new station. An even greater number of households would be within cycling distance.

The pathway would have significant benefits in terms of improved pedestrian and cyclist safety and accessibility, giving more residents the option to leave their car at home and walk or cycle to the station.

**We would like your feedback on this proposal.**

## Bella Vista Station

The Bella Vista Station entry and concourse will be at street level with the platform located approximately six metres below.

Key features of the new Bella Vista Station include:

- ▶ modern platform screen doors
- ▶ the latest security, air-conditioning and customer communication systems
- ▶ parking and storage for 30 bicycles
- ▶ six bus bays
- ▶ four taxi spaces
- ▶ 16 kiss-and-ride spaces
- ▶ 800 commuter parking spaces.

## Improving access to the new station

A pedestrian and cyclist footbridge across Old Windsor Road was proposed in Sydney Metro Northwest's second Environmental Impact Statement (EIS 2), which was approved by the NSW Government in May 2013.

This bridge will be open 24 hours/7 days and will have lifts to make it easier to use for people with mobility impairments, including parents with strollers, disabled and older people.

Glenwood residents currently have pedestrian access points to Old Windsor Road from Arnold Place, Emmanuel Terrace and Miami Street.

Apart from these points, pedestrian access is currently blocked by 1km of continuous property fences and noise barriers along Old Windsor Road - restricting the number of residents able to walk to the new Bella Vista Station, despite living in such close proximity. Transport for NSW has reviewed future pedestrian access between Glenwood and Bella Vista Station.

Constructing a new pedestrian pathway in conjunction with the pedestrian bridge would result in reduced walking times for local people. Residents who currently have a 25-30 minute walk would be able to walk to the station in less than 15 minutes.



Artist's impression of proposed pathway and 'green' link (indicative only)

## Examples of walking time improvements\*

Origin	Average current walk time to station	Average walk time with proposed pathway & bridge
Forman Ave Reserve	30 minutes	15 minutes
Parklea Public School	25 minutes	15 minutes
Sharrock Ave	25 minutes	5 - 10 minutes

\*Indicative times only

Glenwood High School and Parklea Public School would be within a 15 minute walk of the station.

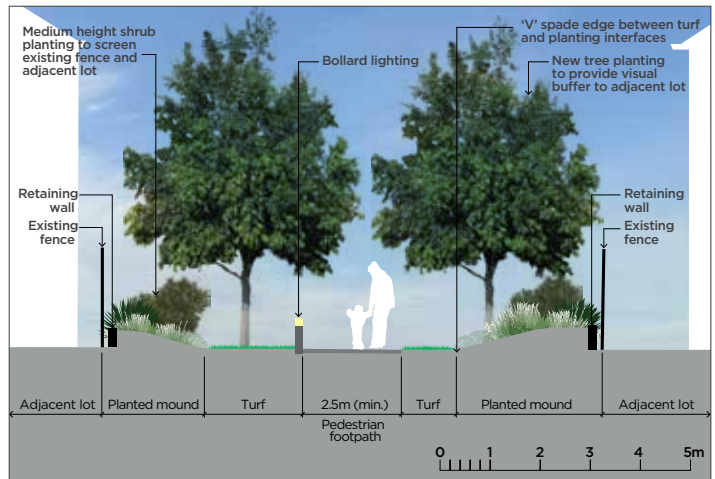
As a result, Transport for NSW believes access to the new station would be significantly improved by delivering a short pathway to the bridge.

The location of this pathway is yet to be determined, however Transport for NSW is investigating connections to streets adjacent to Old Windsor Road.

## Key features

The proposed Glenwood pedestrian pathway would include:

- ▶ Landscaping and low lighting to improve privacy and reduce impacts on neighbouring properties
- ▶ Lighting to provide safe access from the station to residential areas at night
- ▶ Landscaping and new tree planting to improve local amenity
- ▶ Footpaths with minimum widths of 2.5m, suitable for pedestrian, cycle and wheelchair accessibility
- ▶ Screens and public art to reduce noise and visual impacts of Old Windsor Road.



Artist's impression showing proposed pathway cross-section (indicative only)

Transport for NSW is keen to hear your views on the construction of a pedestrian pathway linking Glenwood residents to the new station, including whether you think it's a good idea, where you think the best location would be and what it should look like.

### Benefits

In conjunction with the new footbridge, construction of this new pedestrian/cyclist path from the Glenwood residential area to Old Windsor Road would:

- ▶ provide quicker, safer and more direct access to Bella Vista Station and Norwest Business Park for pedestrians and cyclists
- ▶ place nearly 2500 residents and two local schools within walking distance of the station, and an even greater number of residents within cycling distance
- ▶ better connect Glenwood residents to the existing shared paths provided along Old Windsor Road.

### Improving access between Glenwood and Bella Vista



Without proposed pedestrian path

With proposed pedestrian path

Note: These diagrams are indicative only

#### Legend

- Existing pedestrian access
- Sydney Metro Northwest alignment (tunnel)
- Lake and drainage channel
- Schools
- Sydney Metro Northwest alignment (above ground)
- Open space
- New footbridge





Artist's impression of metro trains under Sydney Harbour

## Two community information sessions will be held in Glenwood in October 2015.

These will be informal, drop-in style sessions allowing residents to meet members of the Sydney Metro Northwest project team. We'll be available to discuss the new station and the pathway proposal.

Two community information sessions will be held as follows:

DATE/TIME	VENUE/ADDRESS
<b>Thursday 29 October</b> 4pm-8pm	<b>Glenwood Village Shopping Centre</b> 60 Glenwood Park Drive
<b>Saturday 31 October</b> 10am-2pm	<b>Glenwood Village Shopping Centre</b> 60 Glenwood Park Drive

### About Sydney Metro

Sydney Metro is Australia's largest public transport infrastructure project. Sydney Metro will transform Sydney, delivering more trains and faster services for all of the city.

A new stand alone railway network, Sydney Metro is the solution to clearing the city's bottlenecks and will deliver a quality of rail service never seen before in Australia.

Sydney Metro Northwest – formerly known as the North West Rail Link – is the first stage of Sydney Metro. Sydney Metro City & Southwest is the second stage.

The second stage will extend metro rail from the end of Sydney Metro Northwest at Chatswood to include a new crossing beneath Sydney Harbour, through new stations in the Sydney CBD and west to Bankstown.

Sydney Metro will deliver the capacity to increase the number of trains entering the CBD across the entire Sydney railway system from 120 to about 200 in the busiest hour of the day.

This means the railway network across greater Sydney will have room for an extra 100,000 train customers an hour in the peak.

**Sydney Metro City & Southwest proposes to build at least six metro stations:**

- ▶ Central
- ▶ Pitt Street
- ▶ Martin Place
- ▶ Barangaroo
- ▶ Victoria Cross (North Sydney)
- ▶ St Leonards/Crows Nest area.

Additional stations are being investigated including Artarmon Industrial Area, and at either Sydney University or Waterloo.

It is also proposed to upgrade the Bankstown line to metro standards. For more information about Sydney Metro visit [sydneymetro.info/northwest](http://sydneymetro.info/northwest)

### Have your say

Transport for NSW is keen to hear your views on the proposed pedestrian path linking Glenwood residents to the new station.

Community members are invited to submit their feedback on the proposal to Transport for NSW by emailing [info@metronorthwest.com.au](mailto:info@metronorthwest.com.au) or writing to:

Sydney Metro Northwest - Access to Bella Vista Station  
PO Box 588, North Ryde BC NSW 1670

Your feedback should reach Transport for NSW by close of business on Monday 16 November and include:

- ▶ your name and address
- ▶ subject heading 'Access to Bella Vista Station'
- ▶ a brief statement on whether you support or object to the proposal, where you think it could be located, comments on design aspects, plus any other feedback.

### Contact us

For further information please contact us at:

**P:** 1800 019 989

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#### Sydney Metro Northwest Community Information Centre

Shop 490, Castle Towers Shopping Centre  
(entry off Old Castle Hill Road)  
(Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm)

### Next steps

Following this consultation, Transport for NSW will consider community feedback and will continue to engage with Blacktown City Council while the proposal is further refined. Further information will be provided to the community once the proposal is finalised.