



The Sydney Metro tunnels between The Bays and Pyrmont stations are now complete.

Sydney Metro West tunnelling complete

The NSW Government is delivering Sydney Metro West – a new underground metro railway which will double rail capacity between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD, transforming Sydney for generations to come.

This once-in-a-century infrastructure investment will provide fast, reliable turn-up-and-go metro services with fully accessible stations, link new communities to rail services and support employment growth and housing supply.

Stations have been confirmed at Westmead, Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park, North Strathfield, Burwood North, Five Dock, The Bays, Pyrmont and Hunter Street in the Sydney CBD. Sydney Metro West will target an opening date of 2032.

John Holland CPB Contractors Ghella Joint Venture (JCG) has been awarded the contract to deliver 3.5 kilometres of twin metro rail tunnels between The Bays and Hunter Street and excavate the Pyrmont and Hunter Street metro stations. This work is part of the Eastern Tunnelling Package (ETP) for Sydney Metro West.

What's happening at The Bays

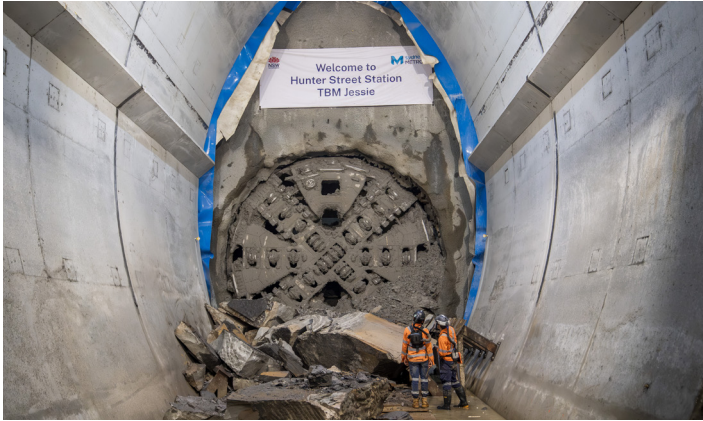
The Eastern Tunnelling Package work at The Bays is now complete. The worksite will transition to the Linewide and Station Package West where rail and station construction will start.

Sydney Metro has engaged John Holland to deliver the Linewide project, which includes delivering 60 kilometres of track across the network, installing rail systems, and constructing Sydney Metro West's 38-hectare stabling and maintenance facility in Clyde.

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The Bays tunnelling activities

Tunnel Boring Machines (TBM) Ruby and Jessie tunnelled 2.3 kilometres from The Bays Station to Hunter Street Station, via Pyrmont Station. Their journey included crossing beneath Johnston Bay and Darling Harbour, to reach their final destination. TBM Ruby arrived at Hunter Street in late 2025, followed by TBM Jessie in February 2026. These were the final two breakthroughs for the Sydney Metro West project, marking the completion of tunnelling along the 24-kilometre alignment, with Westmead now connected to the Sydney CBD via the twin metro tunnels.



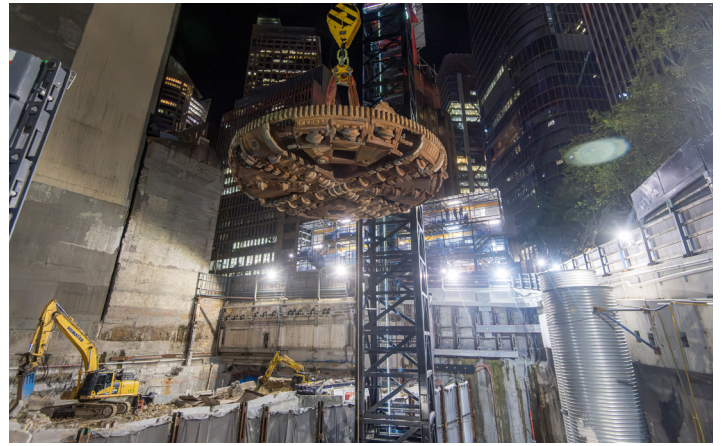
TBM Jessie arrived at Hunter Street earlier this year, marking the completion of tunnelling on the Sydney Metro West line.

TBM removal

TBM Ruby has now been fully demobilised, while final works are underway to remove TBM Jessie from site through the CBD via the Hunter Street East shaft. The removal of the TBMs is a major logistical operation. Each TBM is disassembled into 16 pieces within the Hunter Street Station cavern, before being lifted out of the Hunter Street East shaft and placed onto a truck to be transported back to the manufacturer. The works are being carried out throughout the night to ensure minimal disruption as the machines are taken through the city streets.



An underground gantry crane and self-propelled modular transporter (SPMT) is used to transport pieces of the TBM through the station cavern to the Hunter Street East shaft.



TBM Ruby's cutterhead is removed via the Hunter Street East shaft using a tower crane.



The complex removal of TBM Ruby's 90-tonne cutterhead at Hunter Street marked a significant achievement for the project.

Cross passages

Excavation has been completed for all cross passages between The Bays and Hunter Street. These cross passages are an important safety feature, located about every 150-200 metres in the metro tunnels, to allow people to move between the tunnels in the unlikely event of an emergency. Final fit out activities are underway at cross passage 5 (XP5), which is located near the Australian National Maritime Museum, and XP6, near Darling Drive.



A completed concrete lined cross passage between The Bays and Pyrmont.

Sydney Metro West Tunnel Walk

More than 1,200 community members attended a tunnel walk between The Bays Station and Pyrmont Station on Sunday 3 May. The event provided a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the scale and progress of ETP, allowing visitors to see firsthand the construction activities taking place beneath the surface. If you are interested in attending similar Sydney Metro events, please visit www.sydneymetro.info/events-community-engagement



Community members walked through the metro tunnels, experiencing the scale of the project underground.



Community members accessed the tunnel via an Alimak (construction elevator), entering and exiting through The Bays station box.



Community members walked 45 metres beneath the harbour through the metro tunnels.



Young visitors took the wheel of mini excavators at the recent Sydney Metro West open day.



Community members engaged with on-site displays and subject matter experts to learn more about the Sydney Metro network.

Station Package West works

Gamuda has been awarded the contract to design and construct the five new metro stations at Westmead, North Strathfield, Burwood North, Five Dock, and The Bays.

Gamuda has started work at The Bays Station which will continue until 2032. Works over the next few months will include site establishment, survey work, site and utility investigations and upgrades, shotcreting within the station box and delivery of machinery and equipment.



The Bays Station artist impression.

Six-month construction lookahead

Activity (subject to change)	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Tunnel support activities	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●
Delivery and removal of materials, plant, equipment and machinery	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●
Site establishment work activities	●	●	●	●	●	●
Site and utility investigations and upgrades within and around site	●	●	●	●	●	●
Rail movement through Tunnels and Station Box			●●	●●	●●	●

Construction activity ● Some out-of-hours work required ●

Linewise works

The Linewise project will deliver all end-to-end rail systems and infrastructure required for the safe, reliable and efficient operation of Sydney Metro West. This includes the complete fit-out of tunnels, cross passages, caverns and stations, as well as the delivery of key operational facilities and rail systems across the alignment.

The project will use access points along the entire Sydney Metro West alignment at various stages, depending on construction needs. Four primary access sites will be utilised throughout construction at Clyde, Sydney Olympic Park, Burwood North and The Bays.



The Bays station box ready for linewise site establishment activities.

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What's happening on the ground and underground

60km of track

laid across two tunnels and the Clyde facility, featuring four crossovers, one junction, and one turnback

65.5km of overhead wiring

will be installed to supply power to the metro fleet

900km

of mechanical and electrical power cabling will be installed – equivalent to the driving distance between Melbourne and Sydney

A staggering **77,000m³** of concrete will be installed across the Clyde facility and tunnels

92 cross passages

within the tunnels will be fitted out with equipment to ensure safe operations and provide emergency access

filling **30** Olympic-sized swimming pools!

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