

## **City & Southwest**



Hi-rail truck being delivered into the tunnel to continue fit out work.

# **Project update - Blues Point site**

## Upcoming work for shed removal and park reinstatement

In December 2020, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment approved a modification to use the Blues Point site for an additional 12 months, to enable fit-out of the under harbour tunnels between Barangaroo and Victoria Cross Stations. Under this approved modification, the Blues Point acoustic shed must be removed prior to Christmas 2021.

As you may know, construction in Greater Sydney paused from 12:01am Monday 19 July in line with Public Health Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the Blues Point site was closed until Friday 30 July, with minimal staff onsite for permitted safety and security activities.

The construction pause has impacted the schedule of works at Blues Point. Sydney Metro reviewed the Blues Point construction schedule to assess what changes were needed to ensure the acoustic shed is removed before Christmas 2021. Sydney Metro will continue to review the schedule and keep the community updated of any further changes needed.

There will be some changes over the coming months, including:

 the closure of the end of Blues Point Road at Henry Lawson Ave

- the crane inside the acoustic shed will operate up to midnight, 7 days per week
- extended truck deliveries (until 10pm, 7 days per week).

The following pages detail the new work activities and hours, and outline the upcoming works at the Blues Point site for the remainder of the year and into 2022.

#### Park design update

We are currently working on the designs for the restored Henry Lawson Reserve.

The park will be returned primarily as it was before construction started, with some enhancements such as heritage interpretation, new footpaths and lighting and additional seating.

As the next step of the design development, we will be engaging with the local community and North Sydney Council on the proposed designs. More information on the consultation process will be provided by Sydney Metro in the near future.

The park will be reinstated in early 2022 following the tunnel shaft backfill, with ongoing park enhancements in small areas of the park throughout Q2 and Q3 2022.

### Blues Point tunnel access site - upcoming work overview\*

August - September	October - mid-November	Mid-November - late December	Mid-November - March 2022	End Q1 2022
Tunnel fit out	Closing off tunnel	Acoustic shed removal	Shaft backfill	Park reopened
Closure of Blues Point Road at Henry Lawson Avenue (footpath will remain open) and removal of parking outside the site  Deliveries between 7am and 10pm  Crane within acoustic shed will operate up to midnight  Materials, equipment and site sheds along Blues Point Road  See updated August construction notification for detail.	<ul> <li>Large steel pieces are delivered to site and craned into the shaft to make a frame on top of the tunnel</li> <li>Concrete poured on top of the steelwork, to seal off top of tunnel</li> <li>Deliveries will reduce compared to the previous months</li> <li>Crane operating hours will go back to normal (7am-6pm only)</li> <li>At the end of the work, the mobile crane will be removed from the site.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A scaffold will be put up around the edges of the acoustic shed</li> <li>Cranes and elevated work platforms will separate and remove the pieces, of the shed (starting with the top)</li> <li>This activity will be noisy at times (standard working hours)</li> <li>The removal is planned to take between 3 and 4 weeks</li> <li>Some backfilling of the shaft will take place while the shed is being dismantled</li> <li>Truck numbers will vary as the shed removal progresses.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hoarding still up to keep the site safe and secure, but views will be improved</li> <li>Heavy vehicle numbers will increase as backfill material is delivered to site</li> <li>There will be some loud work to remove the concrete on site (standard working hours)</li> <li>Once the shaft is backfilled, a cover will seal it off. More fill will then be placed on top of this to restore the previous contours of the reserve.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Construction hoarding removed</li> <li>A layer of topsoil and grass will go over the site</li> <li>Full access to the beach will be restored and the temporary walkway removed</li> <li>Some small areas will still be fenced off for future enhancement works.</li> </ul>

 $<sup>^{</sup>st}$  Subject to change. Sydney Metro will update the community if there are any further changes.

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