



Stop Name Recommendations

Parramatta Light Rail

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1 Introduction

Background



Artist's impression of the Parramatta CBD skyline in 2026 Courtesy of City of Parramatta Council.

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The NSW public transport system is made up of a network of metro and train stations, bus stops, ferry wharves and light rail stops. Consistent use of an agreed name for every location is fundamental to both the customer service offering and system operation.

Within TfNSW, Customer Strategy and Technology is responsible for determining names for all public transport locations, including:

- Metro stations
- Train stations
- Bus stops
- Ferry wharves
- Light rail stops

Why names matter

For customers, the name of a station, stop or wharf is the key to navigation. It is the first step in planning a trip or in understanding how they can use public transport to complete a journey.

Names help them to understand where they are when travelling on the public transport system, and to successfully plan trips and connections.

Names must always be consistent, whether a customer sees them in the built environment, on-board, in printed materials or online.

This document

This document is provided in support of the Geographical Names Board (GNB) public consultation process, and you are encouraged to provide comment directly to the GNB.

Next steps

Following public consultation by the GNB, TfNSW will seek endorsement of these recommendations through the remaining GNB process.

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2 Project summary

Project scope

Parramatta Light Rail (PLR) Project Summary

Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia with a two-way track spanning 12 kilometres, and is expected to open in 2023.

The route will link Parramatta's CBD and train station to the Westmead Health Precinct, Cumberland Hospital Precinct, the Bankwest Stadium, the Camellia Town Centre, the new science and technology museum Powerhouse Parramatta, the private and social housing redevelopment at Telopea, Rosehill Gardens Racecourse and three Western Sydney University campuses.

By 2026, around 28,000 people will use Parramatta Light Rail every day and an estimated 130,000 people will be living within walking distance of light rail stops.

Sixteen stops

This document provides name recommendations and considered options for the 16 new light rail stops being developed under this project.

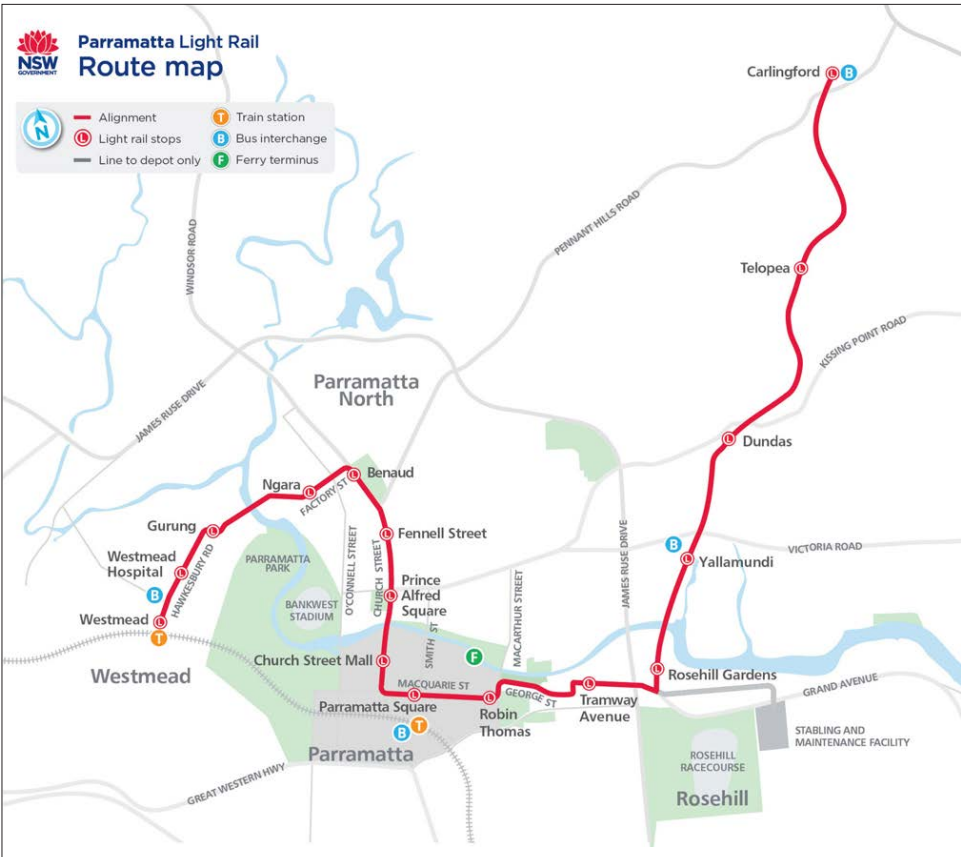
The recommended names for all the stops are shown on the map presented on this page.

This document provides a summary of:

- Project names
- Recommended names
- Alternative options considered
- Details regarding recommended names and alternative options
- Stop locations
- Artist's impressions

Recommended names

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Westmead | 9. Parramatta Square |
| 2. Westmead Hospital | 10. Robin Thomas |
| 3. Gurung | 11. Tramway Avenue |
| 4. Ngara | 12. Rosehill Gardens |
| 5. Benaud | 13. Yallamundi |
| 6. Fennell Street | 14. Dundas |
| 7. Prince Alfred Square | 15. Telopea |
| 8. Church Street Mall | 16. Carlingford |



3 Stop Names

Stop 1

Project name

Westmead Station

Recommended option

Name	Westmead
Type	Transport interchange
Length	8 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

The new light rail stop forms part of the transport interchange at Westmead, providing easy and convenient connections for customers interchanging between train and light rail services. This stop will also provide a future interchange for customers wishing to use Sydney Metro services.

Stop location

This stop is located on the corner of Hawkesbury Road and Railway Parade.



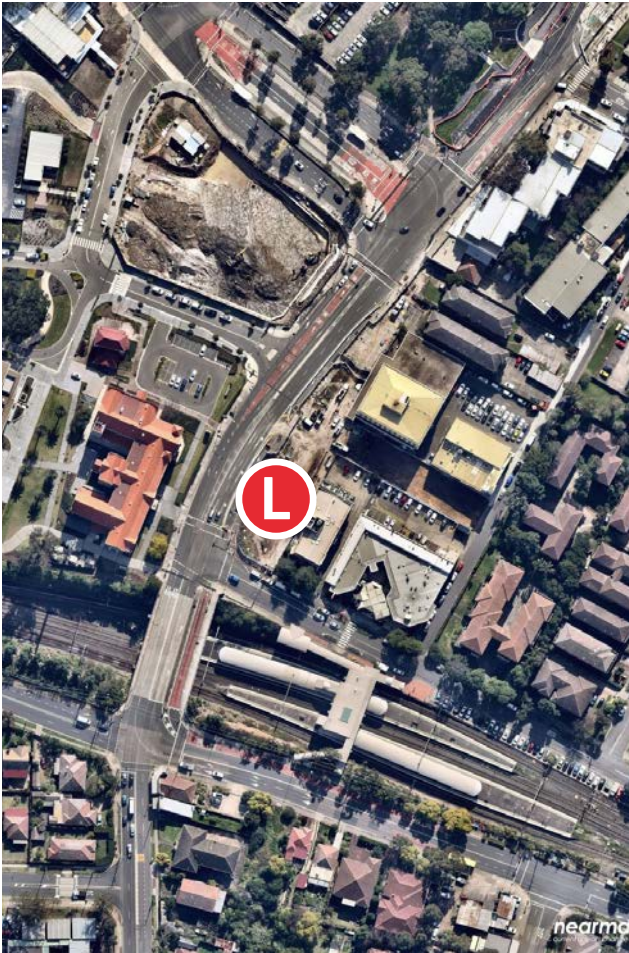
Artists' impression of Westmead light rail stop



Entrance to Westmead train station

Westmead Station - Westmead

Transport interchange



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 2

Westmead Hospital - **Westmead Hospital**

Landmark

Project name

Westmead Hospital

Recommended option

Name	Westmead Hospital
Type	Landmark
Length	17 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

The Westmead Hospital light rail stop is located on Hawkesbury Road, adjacent to the entrance of Westmead Hospital (landmark).

This stop enables customers to alight for Westmead Hospital and therefore TfNSW propose to keep the existing project name.

To avoid duplicating use of the word 'Hospital', consideration was given to which stop on Hawkesbury Road should be prioritised. This light rail stop was chosen as it will be located directly across from the Central Acute Services Building, which will house the emergency departments of both the Westmead Hospital and the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Stop location

This stop is located on the corner of Hawkesbury Road and Caroline Street.



The Westmead Hospital stop will connect patients and visitors to the broader Westmead Health and Education Precinct, including the Central Acute Services Building



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 3

Children's Hospital at Westmead - Gurung

Aboriginal reference

Project name

Children's Hospital at Westmead

Recommended option

Name	Gurung
Type	Aboriginal reference
Length	6 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Development of stop names for the Parramatta Light rail identified that three consecutive stop names starting with the word Westmead and/or finishing with the word 'Hospital' could confuse both public transport customers and the wider community.

With the Children's Hospital at Westmead main entrance also due to move closer to the Westmead Hospital stop, an opportunity was identified to instead propose a unique and Aboriginal name which would still speak to the current location of the Children's Hospital.

The proposed name, Gurung, is a Darug word for a baby or small child, and this recommendation therefore provides a practical solution to the navigation issue while still relating the stop to the Children's Hospital at Westmead, which will continue to provide specialist paediatric medical care into the future.

Alternative options previously considered

Examples of alternative names previously considered, but subsequently discounted by TfNSW, are shown overleaf.

Stop location

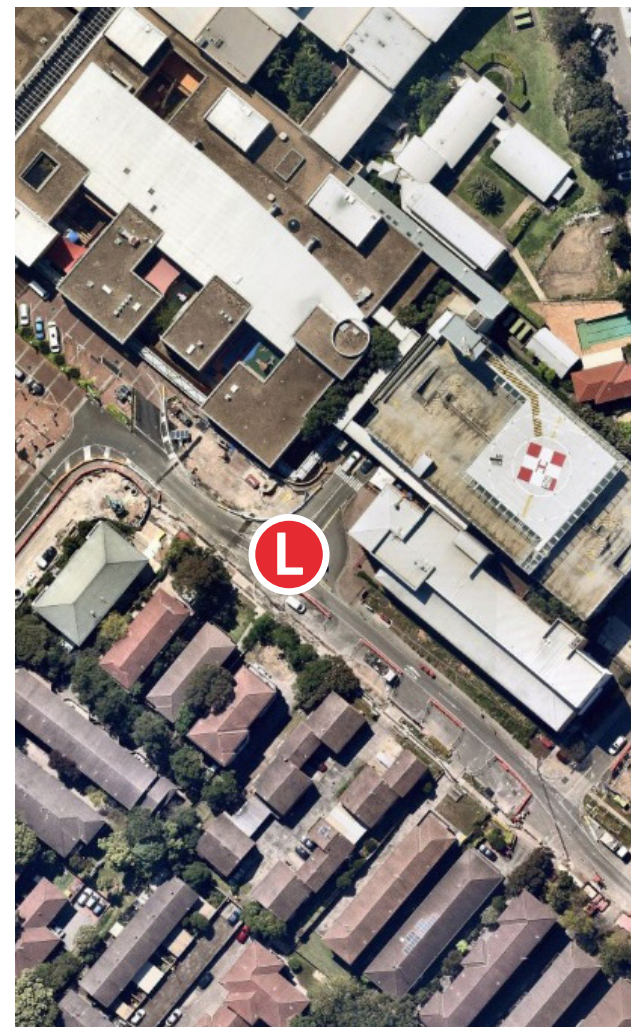
This stop is located on Hainsworth Street near the intersection with Hawkesbury Road.



Artist impression of Gurung light rail stop



The current entrance to the Children's Hospital at Westmead



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 3

Children's Hospital at Westmead - Gurung

Aboriginal reference

Alternative option

Name	Royal Alexandra
Type	Historical reference
Length	15 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

The Children's Hospital at Westmead was originally named the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, however this name has not been commonly used since the hospital moved in 1995. Furthermore, the original hospital building at Camperdown is still referred to as the Royal Alexandra Hospital.



Photograph of the original Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children in Camperdown.

Alternative option

Name	Bandaged Bear
Type	Colloquial reference
Length	13 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Bandaged Bear refers to the 30 year history of the Bandaged Bear Appeal and fundraising efforts supporting the Children's Hospital at Westmead and Bear Cottage.



Screen grab from the start of the Bandaged Bear Appeal – Courtesy of Channel 7.



The Bandaged Bear has been the mascot for fundraising for the Children's Hospital at Westmead and Bear Cottage

3 Stop Names

Stop 4

Cumberland Hospital - Ngara

Aboriginal reference

Project name

Cumberland Hospital

Recommended option

Name	Ngara
Type	Aboriginal reference
Length	5 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Clinical operations are due to be moved from the Hospital's East Campus before the light rail starts to carry customers. The Western Sydney Start-up Hub will use parts of the campus while higher educational facilities are also proposed for the site.

The name Ngara is a Darug word, meaning 'to listen, hear, think'. This name therefore recognises and reflects the location's significant Aboriginal heritage, of which numerous artefacts have been discovered, while also speaking to the future.

Alternative options previously considered

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Stop location

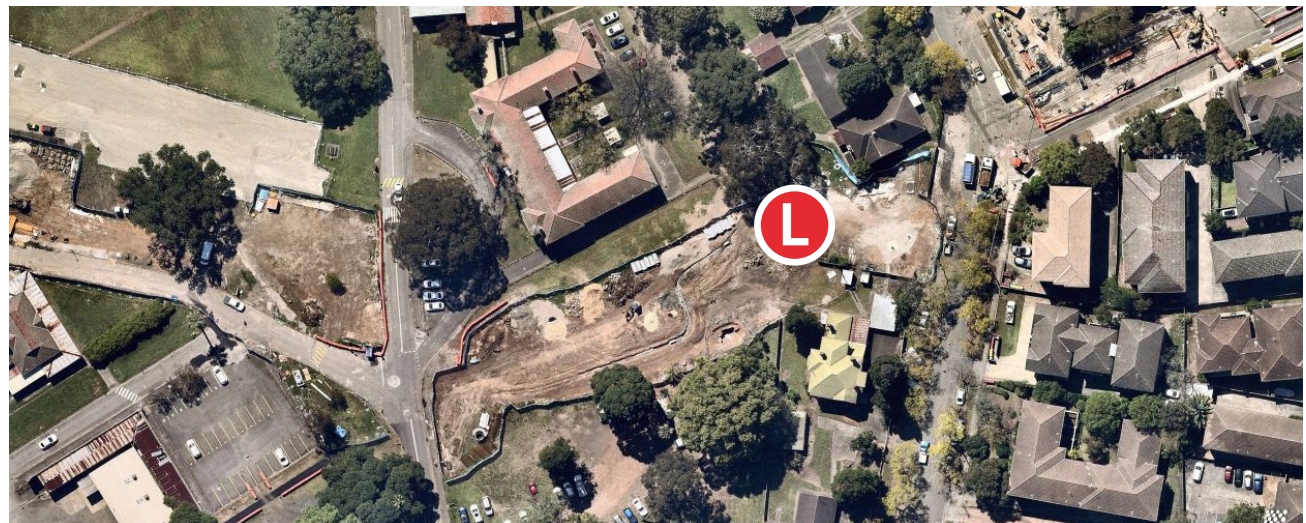
This stop is located in the current Cumberland Hospital East Campus adjacent to the intersection.



Artist impression of green track approaching Ngara stop



Artist's impression of the Western Sydney Start-up Hub



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 4

Cumberland Hospital - Ngara

Aboriginal reference

Alternative option

Name	Female Factory
Type	Historical reference
Length	14 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

The historical Female Factory site is close to the new light rail stop, however this name was not ultimately considered appropriate for a light rail stop.



Photo of the Female Factory



Early drawing of the Female Factory

3 Stop Names

Stop 4

Cumberland Hospital - **Ngara**

Aboriginal reference

Alternative option

Name	Factory Street
Type	Street name
Length	14 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Factory Street is an adjacent well-known street, with an association to the Female Factory National Heritage Listed buildings nearby and all of the associated significant history.

However, there are also Factory Streets in nearby Granville and Clyde, both of which fall within the City of Parramatta Local Government Area.



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 5

Factory Street - **Benaud**

Landmark

Project name

Factory Street

Recommended option

Name	Benaud
Type	Landmark
Length	6 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

This name commemorates 'Parramatta boy' Richie Benaud, who grew up in North Parramatta. Richie Benaud Oval, named in 1961 following Benaud's receipt of an OBE, is within short walking distance of the stop and is proposed by City of Parramatta Council to in due course host Sydney Grade Cricket matches.

Benaud has long been claimed as one of Parramatta's great sons. He captained Parramatta High School's cricket team and made his first-grade debut with the Cumberland District Cricket Club at age 16. In 2015 Parramatta City Council supported a unanimous motion for the creation of a Richie Benaud Museum in North Parramatta.

Alternative options previously considered

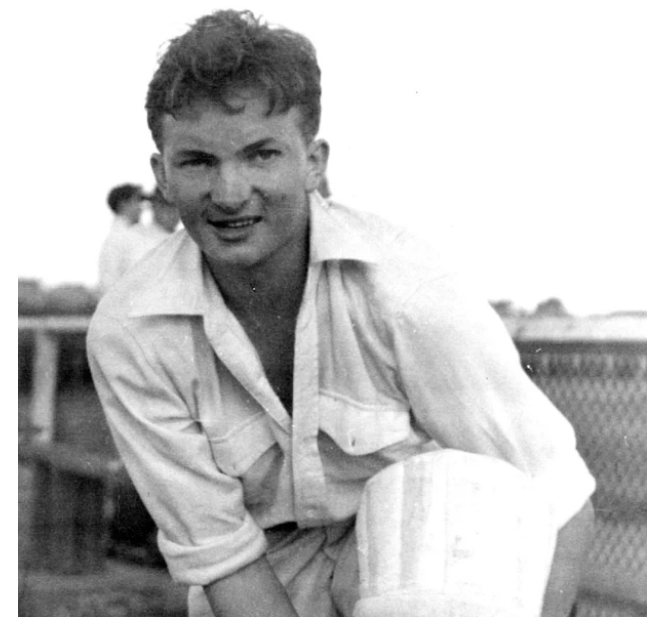
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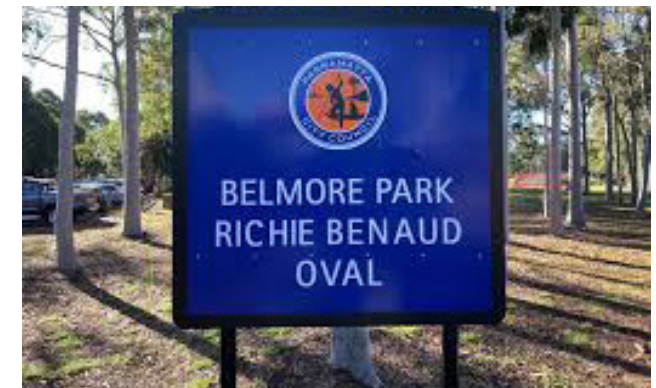
This stop is located on Church Street after its intersection with Factory Street.



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale



Richie Benaud on debut for the Parramatta District Cricket Club



Signage from the Richie Benaud Oval

3 Stop Names

Stop 5

Factory Street - **Benaud**

Landmark

Alternative option

Name	Factory Street
Type	Street name
Length	14 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Factory Street is also a well-known street, with an association to the Female Factory National Heritage Listed buildings nearby and all of the associated significant history.

However, there are also Factory Streets in nearby Granville and Clyde, both of which fall within the City of Parramatta Local Government Area.



Artist impression of the stop

3 Stop Names

Stop 5

Factory Street - **Benaud**

Landmark

Alternative option

Name	St Patricks Cemetery
Type	Street name
Length	20 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Dating from the early 1820s, St Patrick's Cemetery is one of Australia's most significant burial grounds and contains the oldest mortuary chapel in Australia, however was closed in 1975.



St Patrick's Cemetery

3 Stop Names

Stop 6

Fennell Street - **Fennell Street**
Street name

Project name

Fennell Street

Recommended option

Name	Fennell Street
Type	Street name
Length	14 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Fennell Street was one of the area's first streets and named in 1823 after Captain John Fennell, who would go on to become the Commandant at Bathurst.

Alternative options previously considered

An example alternative name previously considered, but subsequently discounted by TfNSW, is shown overleaf.

Stop location

This stop is located on Church Street near its intersection with Fennell Street.



Looking north towards Pennant Hills Road



Artist impression of the light rail stop



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 6

Fennell Street - **Fennell Street**
Street name

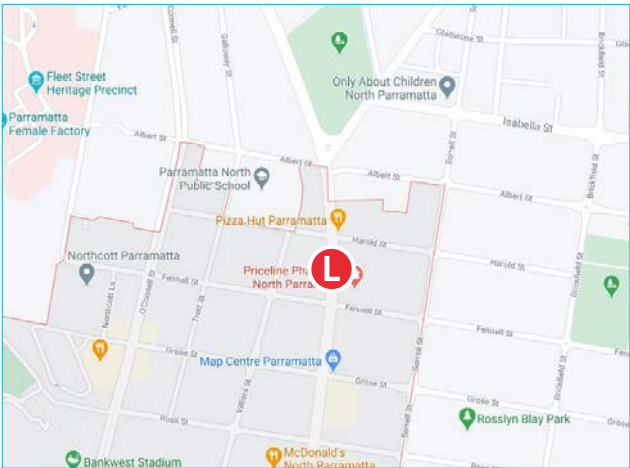
Alternative option

Name	North Parramatta
Type	Business precinct
Length	16 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

This stop name reflects the area's designation as a future business precinct, consistent with the City of Parramatta Council's Precinct Plans for the whole local government area, which seek to enhance and differentiate this area from the Parramatta CBD.

The stop lies approximately 200m outside the North Parramatta suburb boundary.



Boundary of Parramatta and North Parramatta suburbs



Artist impression of the light rail stop



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 7

Prince Alfred Square - **Prince Alfred Square**

Landmark

Project name

Prince Alfred Square

Recommended option

Name	Prince Alfred Square
Type	Landmark
Length	20 characters
Abbreviation	Prince Alfred Sq

Rationale

Prince Alfred Square is a local, highly recognisable landmark. The square is well known as it also houses the Parramatta Cenotaph and is the site of the ANZAC dawn services in Parramatta.

Stop location

This stop is located on Church Street between Victoria Road and Palmer Street.



Artist impression of the Prince Alfred Square light rail stop

3 Stop Names

Stop 8

Eat Street - Church Street Mall

Local precinct

Project name

Eat Street

Recommended option

Name	Church Street Mall
Type	Local precinct
Length	18 characters
Abbreviation	Church St Mall

Rationale

This light rail stop is located in a vibrant, popular area of the Parramatta CBD, however “Eat Street” is not a geographical street name and does not reflect the wide variety of businesses in the area.

This stretch of Church Street, from Lennox Bridge to Macquarie Street is also due to be developed into an activated pedestrianised zone as part of the light rail works.

Stop location

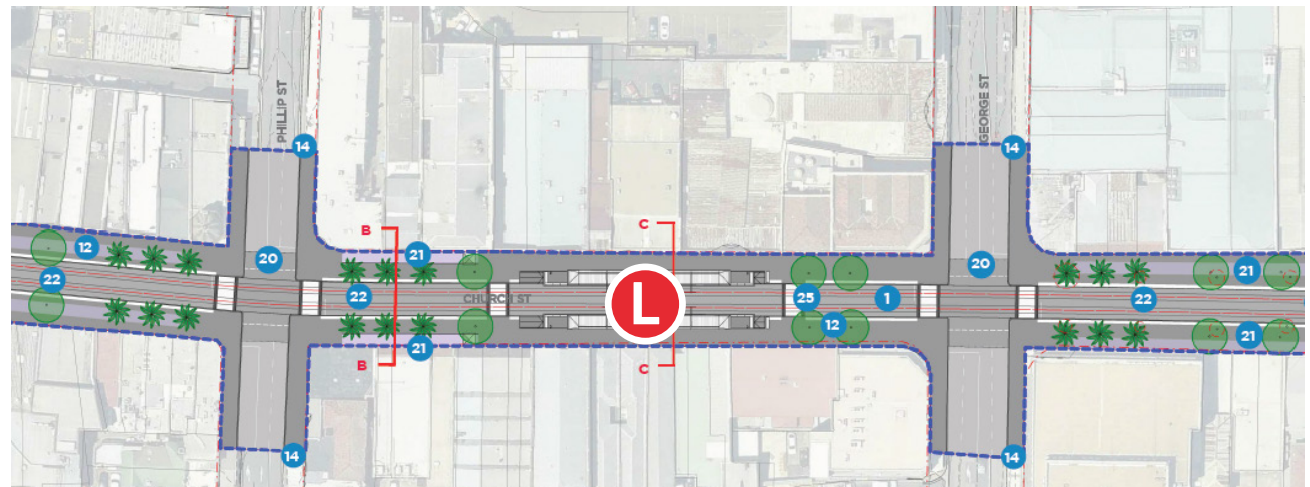
This stop is located on Church Street between George and Phillip Streets.



Artist impression south across the Lennox Bridge



Artist impression of the Church Street Mall light rail stop



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 9

Parramatta Square - **Parramatta Square**

Landmark

Project name

Parramatta Square

Recommended option

Name	Parramatta Square
Type	Landmark
Length	17 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

This stop will adjoin the Parramatta Square (PSQ) development, a retail, commercial, and public space in the heart of Parramatta. The stop will be close to the future home of the City of Parramatta Civic Centre which will include its new state of the art library.

Parramatta Square will also be the closest point to connect with rail and bus services through the Parramatta Interchange and future Sydney Metro services.

Alternative options previously considered

An example alternative name previously considered, but subsequently discounted by TfNSW, is shown overleaf.

Stop location

This stop is located on Macquarie Street before Smith Street.



Artist impression looking eastbound



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale



Artist impression of the Parramatta Light Rail on Macquarie Street overlooking Parramatta Square – courtesy of the Walker Corporation

3 Stop Names

Stop 9

Parramatta Square - **Parramatta Square**

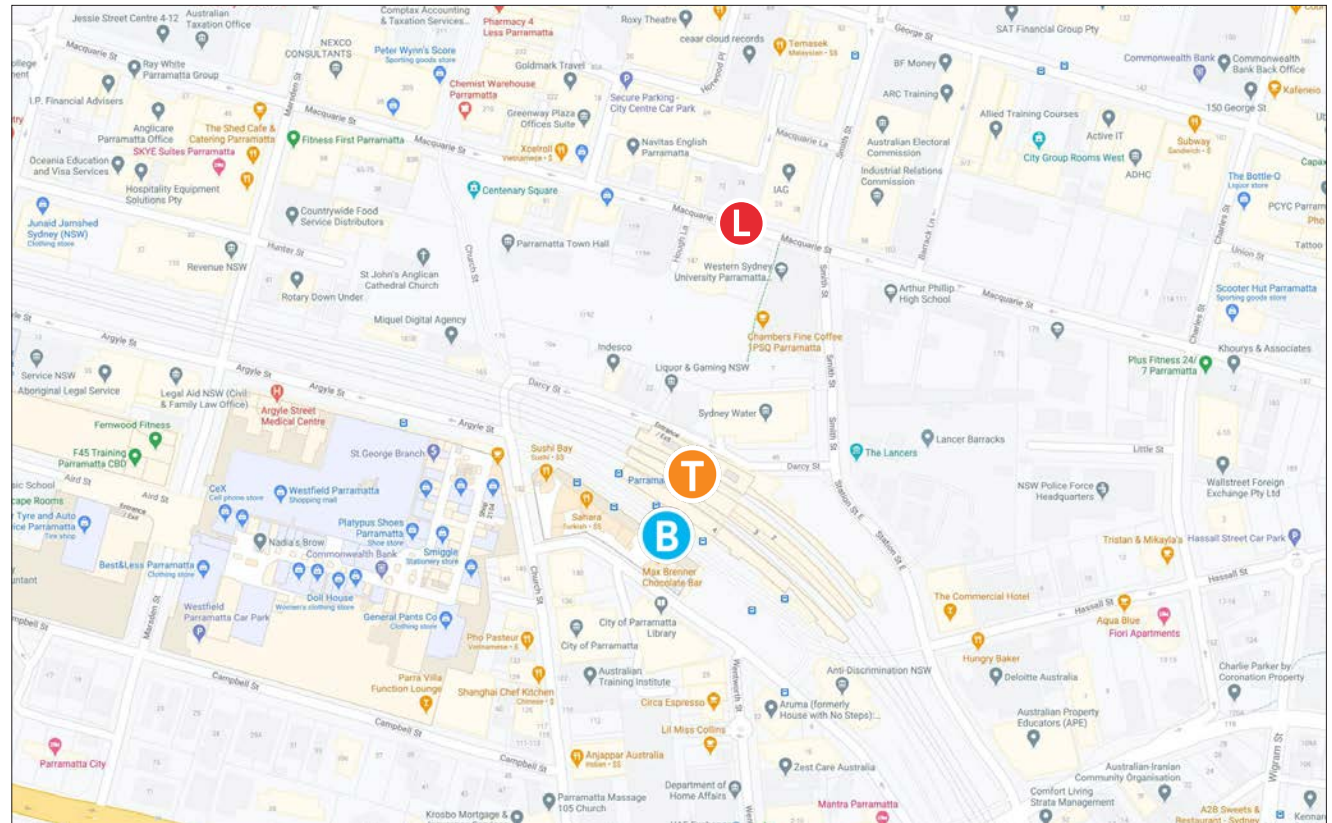
Landmark

Alternative option

Name	Parramatta
Type	Transport interchange
Length	10 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Parramatta station and bus interchange is already the primary public transport location for customers boarding and alighting in the CBD and this stop will be the nearest connection for these modes to the light rail.



Light rail stop in relation to the train and bus interchange

3 Stop Names

Stop 10

Harris Street - **Robin Thomas**

Landmark

Project name

Harris Street

Recommended option

Name	Robin Thomas
Type	Landmark
Length	12 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Former Mayor of Parramatta and local businessman, Alderman Alfred Robert Cayley “Robin” Thomas represented the community on Parramatta Council for over 30 years.

The stop adjoins the Robin Thomas Reserve, a well used park and local sports ground, home to the Granville Soccer Club.

Alternative options previously considered

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Stop location

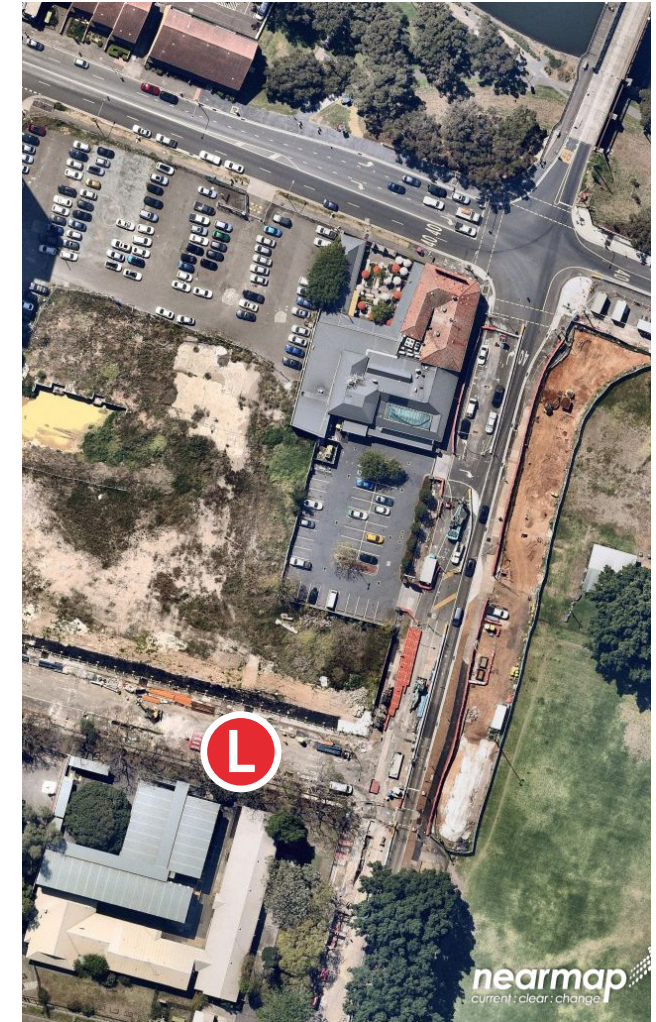
This stop is located on Macquarie Street before its intersection with Harris Street.



Artist impression of light rail adjoining Robin Thomas Reserve



Alderman Alfred R. C. “Robin” Thomas (1914 – 1987)



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 10

Harris Street - **Robin Thomas**

Landmark

Alternative option

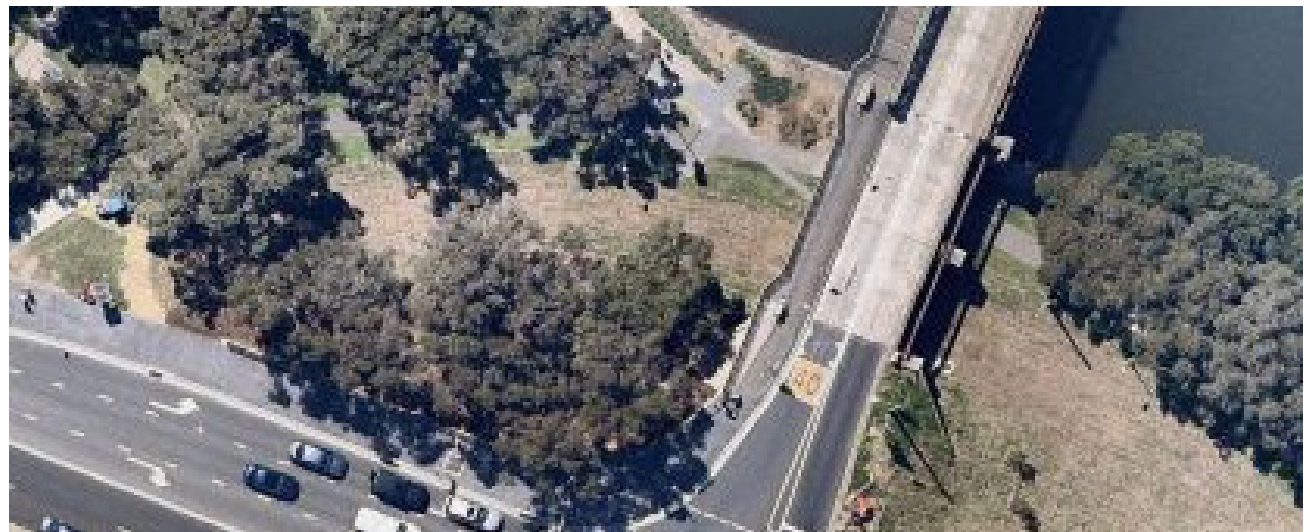
Name	Gasworks
Type	Historical reference
Length	8 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

This name relates to the former Parramatta Gasworks which was located on the banks of the Parramatta River near the stop location. The bridge on Harris Street over the Parramatta River is named the Gasworks Bridge in recognition of the site's former use.



Gasworks Bridge



Location of bridge

3 Stop Names

Stop 11

Tramway Avenue - **Tramway Avenue**

Historic street name

Project name

Tramway Avenue

Recommended option

Name	Tramway Avenue
Type	Historic street name
Length	14 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

In 1881, Charles Edward Jeanneret built the Parramatta Tramway connecting the wharves and the western end of the town after parliament passed his private Tramway Act.

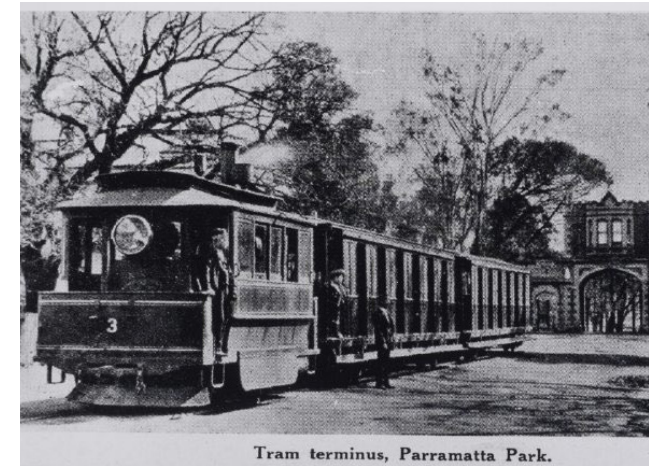
From this point on, a tramway was operated between Parramatta Park and Grand Avenue, where it connected with Parramatta River ferry services and it later carried freight. It was closed in 1943. The route ran along the now 'Tramway Avenue'.

Stop location

This stop is located on Tramway Avenue before its intersection with Arthur Street.



Jeannerat's tram passing the Albion Hotel, George Street, Parramatta



Tram terminus, Parramatta Park.
Jeannerat's tram terminus at Parramatta Park



Artists impression

3 Stop Names

Stop 12

Camellia - Rosehill Gardens

Landmark

Project name

Camellia

Recommended option

Name	Rosehill Gardens
Type	Landmark
Length	16 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

This stop will be the principal public transport connection to the Rosehill Gardens Racecourse.

Alternative options previously considered

An example alternative name previously considered, but subsequently discounted by TfNSW, is shown overleaf.

Stop location

This stop is located on the site of the former Camellia railway station.



Rosehill Gardens Racecourse



Rosehill Gardens Racecourse



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 12

Camellia - **Rosehill Gardens**

Landmark

Alternative option

Name	Camellia
Type	Locality
Length	8 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

While the new light rail stop is on the site of the former Camellia railway station, the name is proposed to be kept as the recommended option for the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 in a future Camellia town centre.



Artist impression of Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail as part of the Camellia Town Centre Master Plan – courtesy of the Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment

3 Stop Names

Stop 13

Rydalmere - Yallamundi

Aboriginal reference

Project name

Rydalmere

Recommended option

Name	Yallamundi
Type	Aboriginal reference
Length	10 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Yallamundi is a Darug word reflecting 'storytelling' which provides a connection to the nearby Western Sydney University (Parramatta South) campus.

Alternative options previously considered

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Stop location

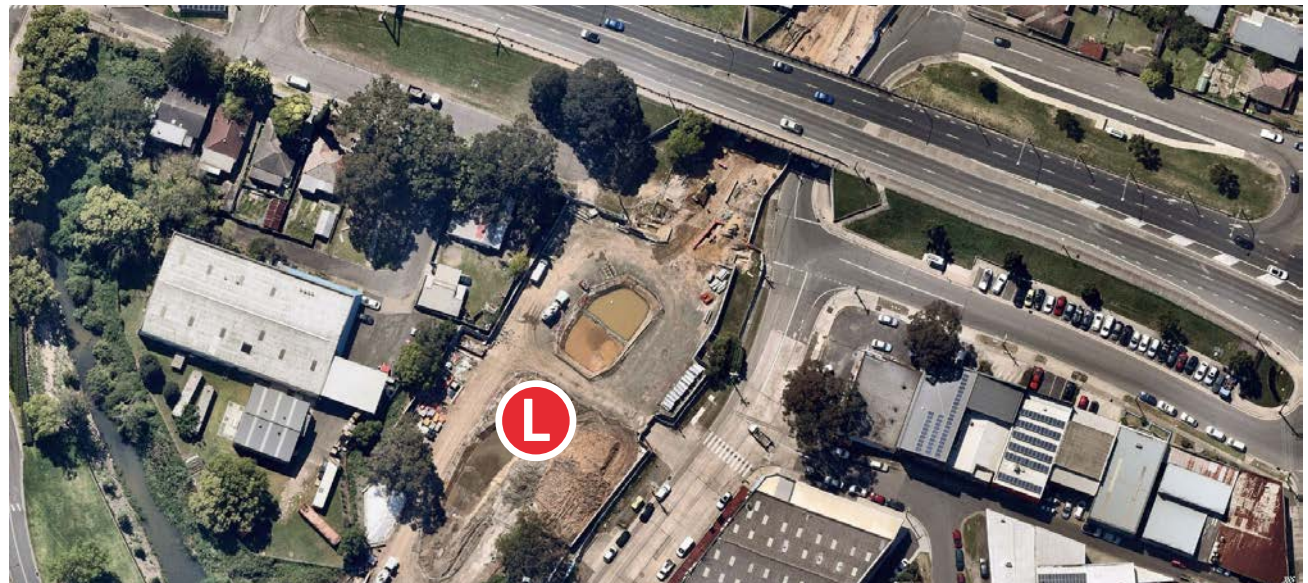
This stop is located on the former Carlingford Line corridor on the site of the former Rydalmere Station, south of Victoria Road.



Artist impression of stop



Artist impression of light rail near WSU Rydalmere



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 13

Rydalmere - **Yallamundi**

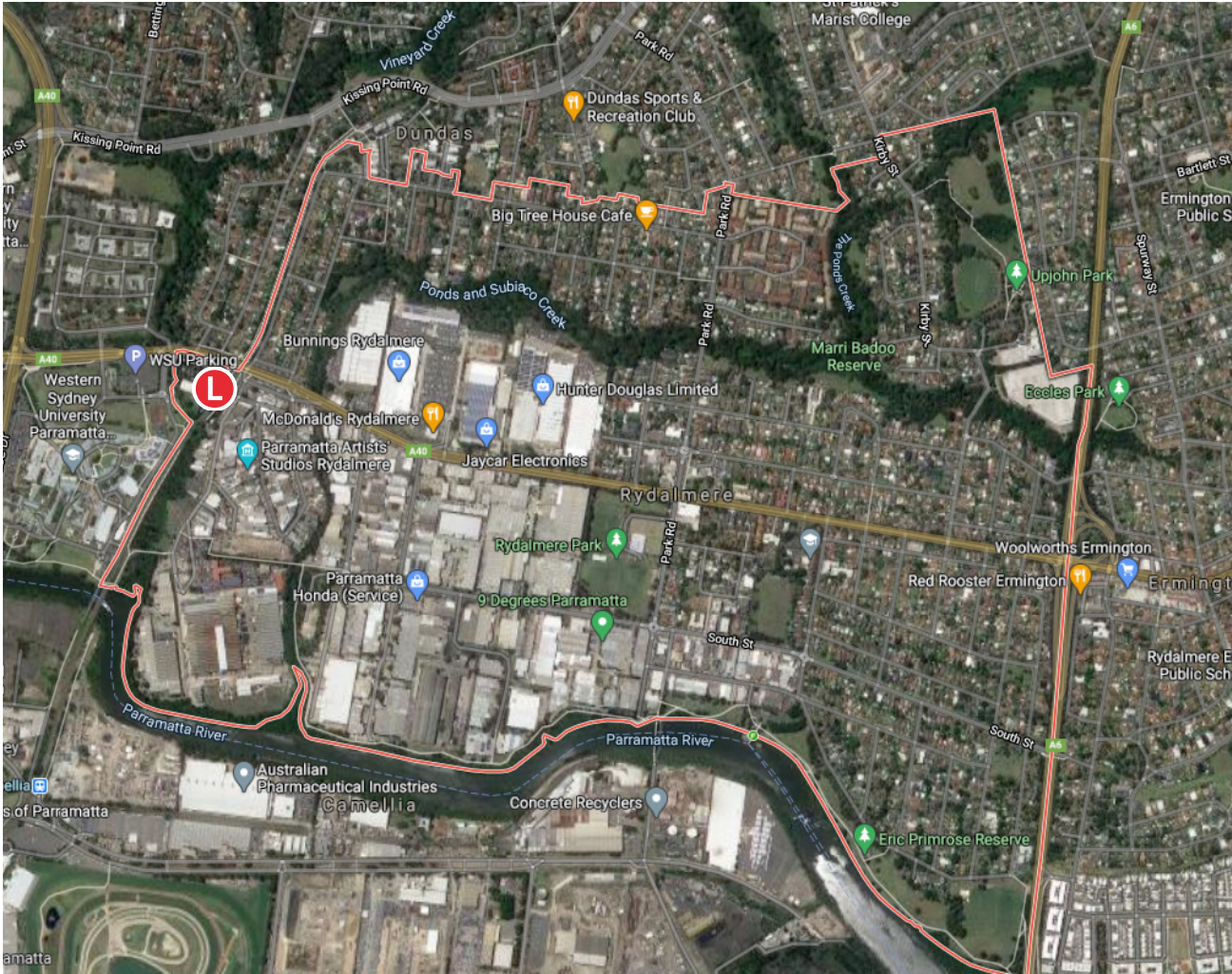
Aboriginal reference

Alternative option

Name	Rydalmere
Type	Suburb
Length	9 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

Rydalmere is the name of the former railway station at the same site, and was considered for the name of the light rail stop, however it is proposed to be reserved for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 which will run through the centre of the suburb.



Map showing the boundaries of the suburb of Rydalmere (red) and the proposed location of the Parramatta Light Rail stop. Note – stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 14

Dundas - **Dundas**

Suburb

Project name

Dundas

Recommended option

Name	Dundas
Type	Suburb
Length	6 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

This name reflects the stop's location, its surrounding suburb and is on the site of the former railway station of the same name.

Stop location

This stop is located on the former Carlingford Line corridor on the site of the former Dundas Station, south of Kissing Point Road.



Artist impression of the Dundas light rail stop



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

3 Stop Names

Stop 15

Telopea - **Telopea**
Suburb

Project name

Telopea

Recommended option

Name	Telopea
Type	Suburb
Length	7 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

This name reflects the stop's location, its surrounding suburb and is on the site of the former railway station of the same name.

Stop location

This stop is located on the former Carlingford Line corridor on the site of the former Telopea Station, adjacent to Adderton Road.



Artist impression of the Telopea light rail stop



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale



Artist impression of the Telopea light rail stop as part of the Telopea Redevelopment

3 Stop Names

Stop 16

Carlingford - **Carlingford**

Suburb

Project name

Carlingford

Recommended option

Name	Carlingford
Type	Suburb
Length	11 characters
Abbreviation	Not required

Rationale

This name reflects the stop's location, its surrounding suburb and is on the site of the former railway station of the same name.

Stop location

This stop is located on the former Carlingford Line corridor on the site of the former Carlingford Station, north of Pennant Hills Road.



Artist impression of the Carlingford light rail stop



View over the former Carlingford Station to residential development beyond



Site location map. Note: stop is not to scale

Station names

Summary of recommendations

