

Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE NAMES OF THE PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL STOPS

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Transport for NSW to name 16 light rail stops.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said community comment is being sought on the proposal.

“It is important that place names reflect the character and history of the local area and community,” she said.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed names.”

Parramatta Light Rail Program Director Anand Thomas said that the names for Parramatta Light Rail stops will reference Dharug language, cricket legends and local leaders.

“The proposed light rail stops reflect a balance between celebrating the past and recognising the bright future of Parramatta as Australia’s next great city,” said Mr Thomas.

“These names recognise the rich culture and diverse history of this area and will embed the fabric of the local community into the Parramatta Light Rail.”

The naming process involved consultation with stakeholders including the City of Parramatta, historical societies and Aboriginal cultural knowledge-holders.

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.

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.

The proposed stop names are:

- *Westmead Light Rail*, named after the suburb it is located within. It is where customers will alight for Westmead Train Station, T-Way bus services and future Sydney Metro services.
- *Westmead Hospital Light Rail Stop*, named after Westmead Hospital and the Children’s Hospital at Westmead, which is adjacent to the stop.
- *Gurung Light Rail Stop*, near the Children’s Hospital at Westmead. The proposed name is a Darug word for a baby or small child.
- *Ngara Light Rail Stop*, located in the current Cumberland Hospital’s East Campus. The proposed name is a Darug word, meaning ‘to listen, hear, think’.
- *Benaud Light Rail Stop*, named to commemorate ‘Parramatta boy’ Richard Benaud, OBE, celebrated cricketer and sports commentator, who grew up in North Parramatta. Richie Benaud Oval, is a short walking distance from the stop.
- *Fennell Street Light Rail Stop*, named after the nearby Fennell Street, one of the area’s first streets and named in 1823 after Captain John Fennell.

- *Prince Alfred Square Light Rail*, named after the local, highly recognisable landmark of Prince Alfred Square.
- *Church Street Mall Light Rail Stop*, takes its name from its location.
- *Parramatta Square Light Rail Stop*, named after the adjacent Parramatta Square, a retail, commercial, and public space in the heart of Parramatta, where customers will alight for Parramatta Station train and bus services and future Sydney Metro services.
- *Robin Thomas Light Rail Stop* takes its name from the adjacent Robin Thomas Reserve. Former Mayor of Parramatta and local businessman, Alderman Alfred Robert Cayley 'Robin' Thomas represented the community on Parramatta Council for over 30 years.
- *Tramway Avenue Light Rail Stop* takes its name from its location and gives a nod to the route that the original Parramatta trams followed between 1881 and 1943
- *Rosehill Gardens Light Rail Stop* will be the principal public transport connection to the Rosehill Gardens Racecourse.
- *Yallamundi Light Rail Stop* located on the site of the former Rydalmere Railway Station, south of Victoria Road, Rydalmere. The proposed name is a Darug word, reflecting 'storytelling' which provides a connection to the nearby Western Sydney University (Parramatta South) campus.
- *Dundas, Telopea and Carlingford Light Rail Stops* have been named after the areas they service and are well known to the local community as the previous railway station names.

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board's [website](#).

Alternatively, written submissions may be mailed to the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 18 January 2021.

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