

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Thornleigh platform to be reconstructed**

Customers at Thornleigh Station will soon benefit from a reconstruction of the main platform to make it more modern and accessible, RailCorp Acting Chief Operating Officer Tony Eid said today.

The first stage of the reconstruction, which will take place over Saturday and Sunday 12-13 November, will involve closing the station to remove seven trees and vegetation at the southern end of platform 3 to allow the reconstruction works to begin.

“Platform 3 has deteriorated over time and will benefit from being reconstructed, widened, resurfaced and slightly raised to improve accessibility.

“In preparation for the reconstruction, we will be removing seven trees and some vegetation from the southern end of platform 3, on the western side of the station. These will be replaced by native trees and shrubs when the project is complete,” Mr Eid said.

Trackwork will also take place during the station closure on the Northern Line on Saturday and Sunday 12-13 November with:

- Buses replacing trains between Hornsby and Strathfield via Eastwood;
- A shuttle train service operating between Epping and Chatswood via Macquarie Park; and,
- Trains continue to operate between Gordon and the City on the North Shore Line.

The footbridge at Thornleigh Station will also be closed, so a mini bus will be available so the general public can access either side of the station.

This will operate on demand during the day on Saturday and Sunday.

Customers can catch the bus on The Esplanade side of the station from the bus stop area, while on the opposite side they can catch it from the car park on the corner of Railway Parade and Station Street.

The reconstruction project can only take place during scheduled trackwork due to the need to take possession of the tracks, so it will progress in stages between February and October 2012.

“We ask customers to be patient as the works progress and assure them they will see improved facilities once the project is completed in late 2012,” Mr Eid said.

Customers are advised to allow additional journey time during the weekend work.  
For more information, customers are asked to contact the Station Manager on 9847 8474.

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