

MEDIA RELEASE

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Trackwork between Christmas and New Year

CityRail is reminding customers of trackwork taking place from Monday 26 December to Friday 30 December at various locations across the network.

Acting Chief Operating Officer Tony Eid says this is a good time of year to undertake trackwork as customer numbers decrease by around 65 percent between Christmas and New Year.

“We are taking the opportunity to complete about \$10 million in maintenance and upgrade works that will result in a safer and more reliable network for our customers,” Mr Eid said.

Buses will replace trains on 26 and 27 December between Parramatta, Merrylands and Lidcombe/ Olympic Park on the Western and South lines; Carlingford and Clyde/Olympic Park on the Carlingford Line; and Blacktown and Wynyard/Central on the Blue Mountains Line.

Buses will also replace North Shore Line trains between Hornsby and Chatswood from 26 to 30 December.

Mr Eid said customers on the Western, South, Blue Mountains and Carlingford lines will receive benefits from the planned trackwork.

“We will be completing a major upgrade to the rail corridor between Lidcombe and Granville. We will also be replacing aged timber turnouts with new concrete ones. Turnouts allow trains to change from one track to another,” he said.

On the North Shore, RailCorp is replacing the Boundary Street Bridge at Roseville.

“This will assist customers, motorists and the local community. The new structure will allow for increased height clearance, future road widening and reduced rail noise,” Mr Eid said.

“We are also increasing our network’s reliability in warmer weather by laying new rail, concrete sleepers and completing maintenance to overhead wiring on the North Shore Line.”

Trackwork information

Monday 26 December to Friday 30 December

North Shore Line:

Buses replace trains between Hornsby and Chatswood.

Monday 26 December and Tuesday 27 December

Western Line:

Buses replace trains between Parramatta and Lidcombe/Olympic Park

South Line:

Buses replace trains between Merrylands and Lidcombe/Olympic Park

Carlingford Line:

Buses replace trains between Carlingford and Clyde/Olympic Park.

Blue Mountains Line:

Buses replace trains between Blacktown and Wynyard/Central

Frequent trains will operate between Olympic Park and the City/North Shore Line stations (as far as Chatswood).

A special train services will also operate between Richmond/Penrith and Glenfield via the Cumberland Line.

For more information on trackwork visit **www.cityrail.info** or call Transport Info on **131 500**. For information on changes for motorists and local residents near the Boundary Street bridge, visit **www.railcorp.info**.

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