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## News for CityRail customers on the Newcastle & Central Coast and Hunter lines



## Cardiff Station gets an accessibility upgrade

We've recently started an upgrade at Cardiff Station to make it more accessible, especially for customers who are elderly, have a disability or who travel with prams, young children or luggage.

The upgrade will include lengthening the platforms to 200 metres to make boarding and alighting trains easier and safer for customers. There will also be a lift from the footbridge to the platforms, a lift and stairs from the footbridge to the car parks, and a family and wheelchair accessible toilet.

The entry to the northern footbridge will be levelled, the platform will be resurfaced, and tactile tiles will be added to the edge of the platform for customers with a visual impairment. We'll also be improving the security at the station with new CCTV cameras, lighting and signage.

The accessibility upgrade marks the last phase of station improvements that have included upgrading the car park retaining wall and station canopies.

## Better value longer term tickets

**Your longer term MyTrain and MyMulti tickets are now even better value.**

We're encouraging customers to take advantage of the savings by switching to longer term tickets.

Monthly, quarterly and yearly MyTrain ticket prices have been reduced by nine per cent and buying a MyMulti ticket – which covers travel across trains, buses and ferries – saves you \$9 on a monthly ticket, \$25 on a quarterly ticket and \$100 on a yearly ticket.

The savings reward our regular customers and encourage more people to use public transport. The initiative also aims to reduce Monday morning ticket queues at stations by encouraging customers to purchase longer term tickets rather than 7 or 14 day tickets.

Now there's even more reason to buy a MyMulti ticket as customers are entitled to travel on Metro Light Rail services, between Central and Lilyfield, at no extra charge. Pensioners and families also benefit as light rail is now included in Pensioner Excursion tickets and Family Funday Sunday tickets.

You can visit the CityRail website to purchase your longer term MyMulti and MyTrain tickets. Select a monthly, quarterly or yearly ticket, and it will be posted to you within five working days.

Buying online is convenient and has extra benefits. If you lose a ticket that you have purchased online, we will send a replacement by Express Post within three working days. If your ticket is damaged, we can generate a new ticket for collection from your preferred station. You will also receive an email two weeks before your ticket expires to remind you to order a new ticket.

If you've already bought a longer term ticket, standard CityRail refund arrangements and processing fees apply. Please go to the CityRail website for more information.

Take advantage of the savings and switch to a monthly, quarterly or yearly ticket. You can buy tickets now at [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) or at station ticket windows.

## CityRail Update survey

We'd like your feedback on CityRail Update. Please tell us what you think by completing our online survey at [www.cityrail.info/news/update/](http://www.cityrail.info/news/update/)



## Deep Cleans at stations

Fassifern, Hamilton and Woy Woy stations have all had extensive Deep Cleans, improving the appearance of areas inside and outside the stations. The Deep Cleans were undertaken as part of our Customer Charter commitment to clean trains and stations. Cleaning focused on platforms, stairs, pedestrian walkways and tunnels, and ticket office areas, as well as station main entrances. Litter, leaves, weeds, cobwebs, graffiti and gum were removed from public access areas and pavements. Floors and signage were also thoroughly cleaned. To ensure that our customers weren't inconvenienced and work could be delivered to the highest standard, the deep cleaning teams carried out this work at night.

We've completed Deep Cleans at 22 hot spot stations across the network to provide clean and safe stations and improve your journey. This exceeded our Customer Charter commitment to undertake Deep Cleans at 20 stations.

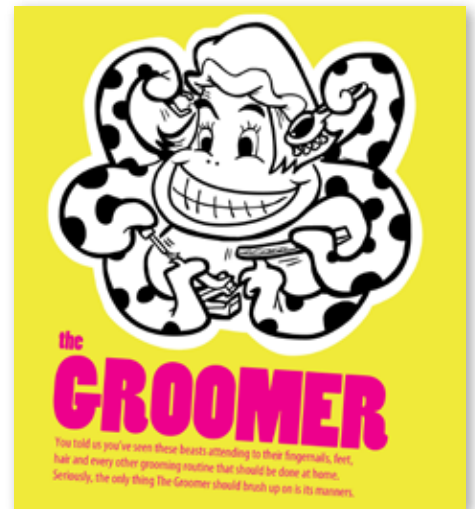


# Let's keep beastly behaviour off our trains

Have you ever been inconvenienced by other passengers on your train blasting music from their headphones? Ever come across the notorious mobile phone yeller or had to stand because someone is hogging two seats with all their bags?

We recently conducted an online survey to re-check what you found most inconsiderate about the behaviour of other passengers. Our 'Beasts of Bad Behaviour' campaign aims to raise awareness of how inconsiderate behaviour affects fellow passengers.

The 'beasts' remind us all of what we can do and how our behaviour affects the comfort and safety of others. If we all make a small effort, we can all have a better journey.



## Bins are back

You may have noticed that bins have made a comeback at some of our busiest stations.

Some time ago, we removed bins from busy underground and interchange stations due to security concerns. Since then, we've been listening to customer feedback about the inconvenience the lack of bins was causing. We worked closely with key partners such as NSW Police and the Designing Out Crime Research Centre to develop a safer bin design that's suitable for reintroduction at these stations.

Last year, we introduced new 'Safer by Design' bins at stations on the City Circle, as well as at Epping, Blacktown, Strathfield, Liverpool, Parramatta and Chatswood.

These new bins accommodate both general rubbish and paper recycling for your convenience.

The new bins have now been installed at other stations including Bondi Junction, Edgecliff, Kings Cross, Martin Place, Milsons Point, North Sydney, Redfern, Macquarie Park, Macquarie University, Hornsby, St Leonards, Granville, Sydenham, Kogarah, Hurstville and North Ryde.

Please make sure you use the bins provided so we can keep your trains and stations clean.

## Morrisset clock tower mural restored

The mosaic mural that used to adorn Morrisset Station clock tower has recently been restored to its former glory.

The colourful artwork was originally created by artist J. Cliff in 1996 as part of a project to improve the station's appearance. It was dedicated to Peter Goodhew, who worked as the station manager at Morrisset Station for 20 years.

Unfortunately, the impact of a mini-cyclone in 2003 caused damage to some mosaic tiles. The damaged mural was removed and the clock tower had remained bare until local

artist Tanya Darwin requested to take on the job to restore it.

The mural depicts two men, one from the city, the other from the bush, cutting railway sleepers in a brightly coloured landscape. The mosaic is constructed in four panels and the restoration, which contains some of the original tiles, took five months to complete.

Tanya worked closely from images of the original artwork and said she tried to remain faithful to what she felt was the original message: the meeting of 'the industrial and the wild'.



# Taking action against graffiti

On Sunday 15 May, members of the public volunteered to help clean up graffiti at locations across NSW. In support of the event – a partnership between Keep Australia Beautiful and the NSW Government – our staff cleaned graffiti at different stations across the network.

Each year, we commit significant resources to prevent and reduce all types of vandalism on trains, stations and other railway property. Our cleaning staff work hard every day to remove graffiti so that

trains can be returned to service for our customers as quickly as possible.

During Graffiti Action Day this year, graffiti was successfully removed from key stations and from within the rail corridor.

You can help reduce graffiti on stations and trains too. If you see someone vandalising railway property, call the **CityRail Security Hotline** immediately on **9379 4444**, or if you know someone who commits graffiti vandalism, call **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000**.

# Meet the Manager

We regularly hold Meet the Manager events at CityRail stations to give you the opportunity to provide feedback about our services directly to staff at your station.

This year, we'll hold over 100 events at stations across the network and on trains, where we'll do our best to address your suggestions about how to improve our services.

You'll find that we're publishing key customer feedback areas each quarter on the CityRail website, along with initiatives we're undertaking to address the feedback.

Visit [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) to find out more about Meet the Manager events at your closest station.

- Woy Woy – 10 August
- Teralba – 24 August
- Cockle Creek – 24 August
- Broadmeadow – 25 August
- Hamilton – 14 September
- Maitland – 14 September
- Niagara Park – 14 September
- Waratah – 15 September
- Gosford – 12 October
- Newcastle – 19 October
- Victoria Street – 19 October
- Cardiff – 20 October

# Buying tickets the easy way

To make it quicker and easier for customers to purchase tickets, a total of 50 eftpos-only ticket vending machines have now been installed at stations across the CityRail network.

We've installed 20 new eftpos-only machines at a number of stations including Gosford and Woy Woy. This exceeded our Customer Charter commitment to install 18 new machines.

The eftpos-only touch screen machines enable you to use your MasterCard, Visa or debit card to purchase a range of CityRail tickets, including 7 and 14-day MyTrain passes. They are quick and convenient to use and mean you will spend less time waiting to buy your ticket – saving you vital minutes during those rush-hour periods.

# More Guardian services

We've increased the number of Guardian services to give you further peace of mind when travelling by train at night.

Guardian services have enhanced security and operate on selected Friday and Saturday night train services.

Guardian services are marked with a 'G' in the online timetables and are now available at the times listed below:

## Newcastle & Central Coast Line

<b>Friday night</b>	Depart Central 10.15pm, arrive Newcastle 1.18am
<b>Friday night</b>	Depart Central 12.15am, arrive Wyong 2.05am
<b>Saturday night</b>	Depart Central 10.15pm, arrive Newcastle 1.16am
<b>Saturday night</b>	Depart Central 12.15am, arrive Wyong 2.05am

CityRail and security staff will be present on arrival at the following hub stations: Strathfield, Epping, Hornsby, Morisset, Gosford, Wyong and Newcastle.

## Hunter Line

<b>Friday night</b>	Depart Newcastle 2.24am, arrive Telarah 3.07am
<b>Saturday night</b>	Depart Newcastle 2.24am, arrive Telarah 3.07am

CityRail and security staff will be present on arrival at the following hub stations: Newcastle and Maitland.

Guardian services may be cancelled or altered when there is trackwork. Visit [www.cityrail.info/guardian](http://www.cityrail.info/guardian) for more information and the latest Guardian services timetable.

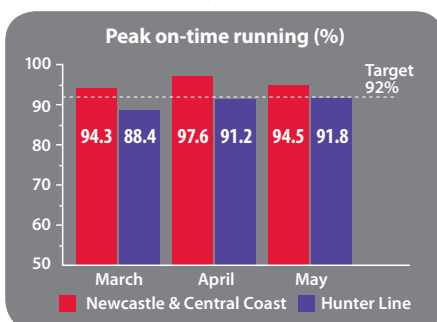
# How we're travelling

Our on-time running target is for 92 per cent of peak suburban trains to arrive within five minutes of the scheduled time and the same proportion of intercity trains to arrive within six minutes of their scheduled time.

The good news is that on-time running has improved steadily over the past few years. However, if you do experience a delay, we aim to keep you informed while we work to resume services as soon as possible.

On the Hunter Line, a range of operational issues affected services in the period March to May.

On-time running targets were achieved on the Newcastle & Central Coast Line in the period March to May.



## What's on

Check out some of these great events – leave your car at home and go by train.

### Maitland Fresh Produce Markets

**When:** Thursdays  
**Where:** Maitland Heritage Mall  
**Nearest station:** Maitland

Sensational aromas fill the Maitland Heritage Mall on Thursdays for the weekly fresh produce markets. The markets offer fresh local produce, fruits and vegetables, live music and horse and carriage rides. Indulge yourself surrounded by the beautiful outdoors.

[www.maitlandcitycentre.com.au](http://www.maitlandcitycentre.com.au)



### Sydney Winter Festival

**When:** 28 July–14 August  
**Where:** Cathedral Square, Sydney  
**Nearest station:** St James

For the third year in a row, the Sydney Alpine Winter Festival back. Cathedral Square will be transformed into a sparkling winter wonderland. Book tickets for the country's largest open air ice skating rink or warm up with a glass of Gluehwine to celebrate winter.

[www.winterfestival.com.au](http://www.winterfestival.com.au)

### Crave Sydney International Food Festival

**When:** 1–31 October  
**Where:** Various locations, Sydney  
**Nearest stations:** Various

Crave Sydney International Food Festival is an exciting celebration of Sydney's unmatched way of life, offering 31 days of food, outdoor art and fun. Crave Sydney features major events, including World Chef Showcase, Night Noodle Markets, Barbecue Madness and Let's Do Lunch in addition to community festivals in Greater Sydney, food tours, hands-on cooking classes and a series of 100 Mile Meals across regional NSW.

[www.cravesydney.com](http://www.cravesydney.com)

### Spring Cycle

**When:** 16 October  
**Where:** Sydney  
**Nearest station from start site:** North Sydney

This fantastic family event allows you to see the city at a leisurely pace. There are two route options which give you the opportunity to ride across the Harbour Bridge and enjoy the city's iconic landmarks. The City Ride finishes at Pyrmont. The Classic Ride takes you to Sydney Olympic Park. Register now for Sydney's largest celebration of cycle!

[www.springcycle.com.au](http://www.springcycle.com.au)

## CityRail news via email

Save paper and get the latest CityRail news direct to your inbox when you sign up to receive CityRail Update via email. To register go to:

[www.cityrail.info/news/update/](http://www.cityrail.info/news/update/)

## Trackwork calendar

Our planned maintenance program is scheduled two years in advance. Every week of the year, some part of the CityRail network is undergoing trackwork in line with our continuing effort to maintain and upgrade our network and provide you with a smoother ride.

### Trackwork by email

Would you like to know what's happening on your line without leaving the comfort of your office or home? It's easy if you subscribe to CityRail's free trackwork email service.

Simply go to [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) to register. Select the lines you most frequently use and we'll send you a weekly email advising of any trackwork affecting train services. The emails can be sent to your home or office email – or both!

The calendar below shows major work planned for your line in the near future.

### Buses replace trains:

8–11 Aug (evening)	Newcastle & Central Coast Line Between Wyong and Gosford.
9–12 Aug (major weekday)	Hunter Line Between Scone and Maitland.
10–11 Aug (nightly)	Hunter Line Between Scone and Newcastle and also between Telarah/Maitland and Newcastle
29 Aug–1 Sep (evening)	Newcastle & Central Coast Line Between Newcastle and Wyong.
3–4 Sep (weekend)	Hunter Line Between Scone and Newcastle and also between Dungog, Telarah and Newcastle.
	Newcastle & Central Coast Line Between Newcastle and Central.
12–15 Sep (evening)	Newcastle & Central Coast Line Between Newcastle and Morisset.

## Contact us

**Report security issues**  
1800 657 926 (24 hours)

**Lost property**  
02 9379 3341  
or [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info)

**Passes and concessions**  
1300 302 130

**Ticket vending machine faults** 1800 808 822

**Rail Greenline** for environmental enquiries and complaints  
1300 656 999 (24 hours)

**TTY (Teletypewriter service)** for hearing and speech impaired customers only 1800 637 500

**For service information or to give customer feedback**  
[www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) or call 131 500



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Details are correct at time of printing. Please check [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info), posters at your station or call 131 500 closer to the time.