



Victoria Cross Station platform.

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Over the past three years, Victoria Cross Station in North Sydney has been taking shape with the station currently more than 85 per cent complete.

Victoria Cross Station is one of six new city stations that will open in 2024 and will create faster public transport connections between the North Sydney business district and the Sydney CBD.

Sydney Metro is Australia's biggest public transport project. Services started in May 2019 in the city's North West with a train every four minutes in the peak. Metro rail will be extended into the CBD in 2024, with new metro railway stations at Crows Nest, Victoria Cross, Barangaroo, Martin Place, Pitt Street and Waterloo, and new metro platforms at Central, and then onto Bankstown in 2025. Lendlease will deliver the new Sydney Metro Victoria Cross integrated station development at North Sydney, including the metro station, commercial building above and enhancements to pedestrian connections, retail and public spaces.

# Completion of the station

Across three construction sites, the team have commissioned 14 new lifts and 19 new escalators to take passengers down to the platform. All 22 of the Opal gates across the two entrances are installed, ready for passengers.

The North entrance building now stands tall, combining both functionality and a modern aesthetic, offering a practical gateway for commuters.

Below ground, the station platform cavern has been carefully crafted, emphasising efficiency in transportation. Navigating through the station reveals the meticulous engineering that ensures a

straightforward and user-friendly experience for daily commuters.

With the station's structural work complete, the focus is now on the finishing touches. Over the next few months, the surroundings will be landscaped, retail spaces will come to life, and public spaces will be completed. The station's interiors are undergoing a thorough cleaning, gearing up for opening in 2024.

Victoria Cross is a hub designed to make daily commuting smoother, businesses more accessible, and the overall urban experience more practical for the people of North Sydney.



Images of the Victoria Cross Station platform and pedestrian access.

## Victoria Cross retailers announced

The Victoria Cross over station development has announced the first lineup of exciting food and beverage operators.

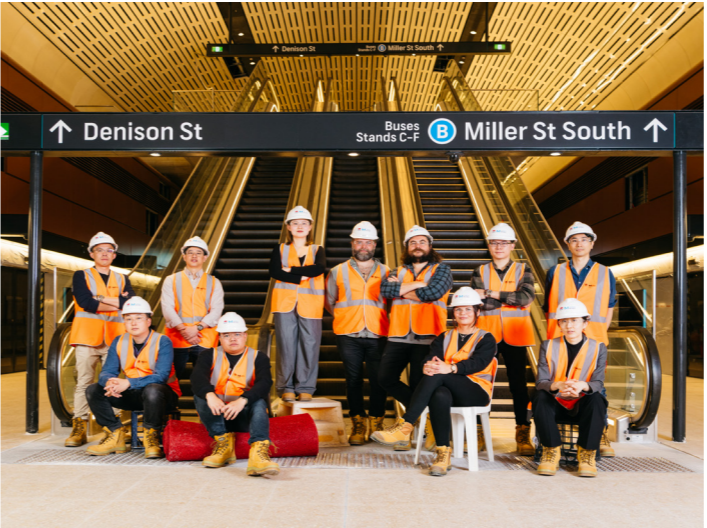
Among the notable retailers, Newtown patriarch's Jake Smyth and Kenny Graham will bring their famed burger joint Mary's across the bridge. Slated to open in mid 2024, Mary's will be joined by cultural icon Marrickville Pork Roll along with Only Coffee, Top Impressions Bakery, Sushi Hub, DOPA, North Sandwiches, Machi Machi and McDonald's.

Victoria Cross Station and the surrounding precinct will be the catalyst for North Sydney's revitalisation, combining new commercial workplaces and retail offerings, delivering a resurgence of energy and foot traffic through the lively laneways, notable landmarks and reimagined public spaces, for all to enjoy.

The new Victoria Cross Station includes a concourse level with shops providing several 'on-the-go' convenience offers, along with quality essentials for workers, residents and visitors. At the heart of the Victoria Cross precinct, a new pedestrian laneway will provide a dining and recreation hotspot, buzzing with activity beyond nine to five.

The laneway will be anchored by Miller House, a multi-level food and beverage destination, offering an elevated dining and bar experience.

There will be 20 food and beverage retailers across the precinct in total, with 14 of these opening next year in the concourse and laneway. The remaining six retailers across Miller House and Miller Terraces will open in 2025.



Victoria Cross food and beverage retailer owners.

## Victoria Cross volunteering with Taldumande Youth Services

Marking the fourth engagement, the Victoria Cross project team recently concluded their 2023 Community Day, a tradition upheld by Lendlease each October.

On the 20 October 2023, 35 members of the Victoria Cross project team invested their time and skills to support Taldumande Youth Services. This longstanding partnership manifested in a day of gardening, cleaning, and painting at a Neutral Bay shelter, aimed at enhancing the living conditions for youth at risk of homelessness.

It was not only a day of transformation for the shelter but also a milestone in the ongoing commitment to community welfare and sustained collaboration between Lendlease and Taldumande over the course of the project.



Victoria Cross project team.

## Working with community to bring Victoria Cross to life

The second Community Reference Group workshop for Victoria Cross brought together community members to discuss how the area connects with North Sydney's revitalization. Held on October 13, 2023, the workshop focused on the identity of Victoria Cross, discussing things like its branding and ways to make it more lively.

The event aimed to include the community in shaping the design and function of Victoria Cross, contributing to North Sydney's overall revitalisation efforts. These sessions help the team achieve inclusivity, ensuring the community's voice shapes the design and functionality of the Victoria Cross precinct.

# Train testing in full swing

The testing and commissioning program for the new Sydney Metro City & Southwest line is progressing well, with high-speed testing now taking place across the network.

Since early November, multiple metro trains – up to four at any given time – have been undertaking an array of tests at operational speeds throughout the 15.5-kilometre twin tunnels between Chatswood and Marrickville.

Victoria Cross Station has played a significant role throughout the testing program. As the section of the tunnel between Victoria Cross and Barangaroo stations represents the highest gradient slope, it is where crucial functions such as braking, acceleration and train rescue are assessed in all stages of testing.

During the current high speed testing phase, one important focus is on the interfacing elements at each of the stations. The platform screen doors, passenger information display screens and public address systems are all being tested under conditions which simulate how they will interface when the line is fully operational next year. The rigorous testing and commissioning program will continue into 2024.



Train testing at Victoria Cross Station.

# Construction look-a-head

Activity	January	February	March	April
Crane use	●	●	●	●
Delivering and removing materials, machinery and equipment	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
Concrete pours including formwork and reinforcement installation	●	●	●	●
Station fitout	●	●	●	●
Temporary pedestrian changes and diversions	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
Public domain works	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
Facade works	●	●	●	●

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