

NEW STATION FOR SYDNEY'S NORTH WEST

OPENING 29 OCTOBER 2011

Schofields Station and the Richmond Line Duplication Project

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The new Schofields Station is opening 29 October 2011 and will connect you with your destination via an easy access station, convenient car parking and more frequent trains.

The new station is located to service customers in Sydney's growing north west.

See inside for pictures, diagrams and more information about your new Schofields Station. More information will be provided to residents and commuters over the coming months.



Indicative artist's impression of the new Schofields Station from Railway Terrace. Inset: Photo of Schofields Station under construction as at June 2011.

Your new Schofields Station will provide:

State-of-the-art facilities, tailored to the community

- 230 car spaces - three times more than existing station - with 120 on the Bridge Street side and 110 on the Railway Terrace side
- A new bus interchange
- Stair and lift access to a covered concourse and the platform
- 40 bike racks – 20 on each side of the station
- Kiss-and-Ride facilities for passenger pick-up and drop off
- Disabled parking close to station lifts
- Ticket machines/window located on the covered concourse
- A link to Bridge Street, providing direct vehicle and pedestrian access
- Pedestrian path along Bridge Street and shared cycle/ pedestrian path along Railway Terrace, providing access from Schofields village to the station

More frequent trains

- All trains to and from Richmond will stop at the new Schofields Station
- Peak city services that currently start/terminate at Quakers Hill will now start/terminate at Schofields

A more easily-accessible station

- Access to more frequent Richmond and peak City services without travelling to Quakers Hill
- Strategically linked with the current and future upgrades of the road network to service customers in Schofields, Rouse Hill, Stanhope Gardens, Marsden Park, Kellyville Ridge and Beaumont Hills
- Servicing the North West Growth Centre Precincts of Alex Avenue, Riverstone, Schofields West and Schofields

About the Richmond Line Duplication

The Richmond Line Duplication is part of the Rail Clearways Program, which provides increased capacity and improved reliability on CityRail's suburban network. Stage 1 of the project involves the duplication of 3.1km of track between Quakers Hill and Schofields and the construction of a new Schofields Station approximately 800m closer to Quakers Hill.

If you would like more information, please contact the **Project Infoline** on **1800 684 490**, email mail@tca.nsw.gov.au or visit the website at www.tca.nsw.gov.au.
For urgent enquiries regarding construction activities, please contact the **24-hour Construction Response Line** on **1800 775 465**.



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Construction Update

There is significant construction work taking place over the coming months in order to prepare for the October opening of your new Schofields Station.

A number of significant construction milestones were reached in July, including:

- completion of the pedestrian footbridge linking Railway Terrace and Bridge Street at Schofields village (opened Saturday 23 July 2011)
- reopening of Bridge Street to southbound traffic (construction work continues on the Bridge Street extension)
- commissioning of substation at Burdekin Road



Upcoming construction

There are scheduled track closedowns (see below for details), when the Alliance will finalise the communications and signalling systems.

Work continues on the new Schofields Station, including lift installation, station lighting and security.

Railway Terrace was closed between Schofields Road and the southern end of Pelican Road. The Alliance undertook important construction work on the access points to the station from Railway Terrace. The road reopened on Friday 29 July, complete with a new roundabout at the corner of Railway Terrace and Pelican Road.

Track closedowns

10-11 September

4-28 October

During rail track closedowns, buses will replace trains between Richmond and Blacktown. These closedowns, in the lead up to the opening of the new Schofields Station on 29 October, are critical for ensuring the timely commencement of services. Construction will continue, plus:

- the new Schofields Station will receive its final fit-out and other preparations for use, and
- RailCorp will undertake rigorous testing of the existing and newly-constructed tracks, and the communication and signalling systems, to ensure the line can commence safe and smooth operation from 29 October.

For further information on all transport changes please contact the Transport Infoline on **131 500**, or visit **www.131500.info**

See overleaf for important information about the transition to your new Schofields Station.

Working towards the future

Stage 1 of the Richmond Line Duplication will deliver an additional 3.1km of track through the duplication of the track between Quakers Hill and Schofields and a brand-new, state-of-the-art Schofields Station; relocated about 800m closer to Quakers Hill.

In Stage 2, TCA will continue to work towards better transport solutions for residents of the North-West Growth Centre. The track between Schofields and Vineyard stations will be duplicated and associated overhead wiring and signalling work completed. A brand new station will be built at Vineyard and the existing Riverstone Station will be upgraded. Stage 2 will be built to align with growth in the North West Growth Centre.

North West Rail Link

The NSW Government has established a project team to progress the planning and delivery of the new North West Rail Link, a 23-kilometre rail line between Epping and Rouse Hill. The project includes construction of six new stations at Cherrybrook, Castle Hill, The Hills Centre, Norwest Business Park, Kellyville and Rouse Hill. The North West Rail Link will include approximately 3,000 park and ride spaces and bus interchange facilities. The North West Rail Link will provide rail access for the first time from the growing North West region to major employment centres in Norwest Business Park, Macquarie Park, St Leonards, Chatswood, North Sydney and the CBD. For more information, visit the project website at www.northwestrail.com.au or call 1800 019 989.

Get to know the new Schofields Station – OPENING 29 OCTOBER 2011

Designed with you in mind

The design of Schofields Station has been improved by community feedback received during consultation. The location, links to the road network and station features combine to provide easy transport access for residents of the North West.

Sustainability

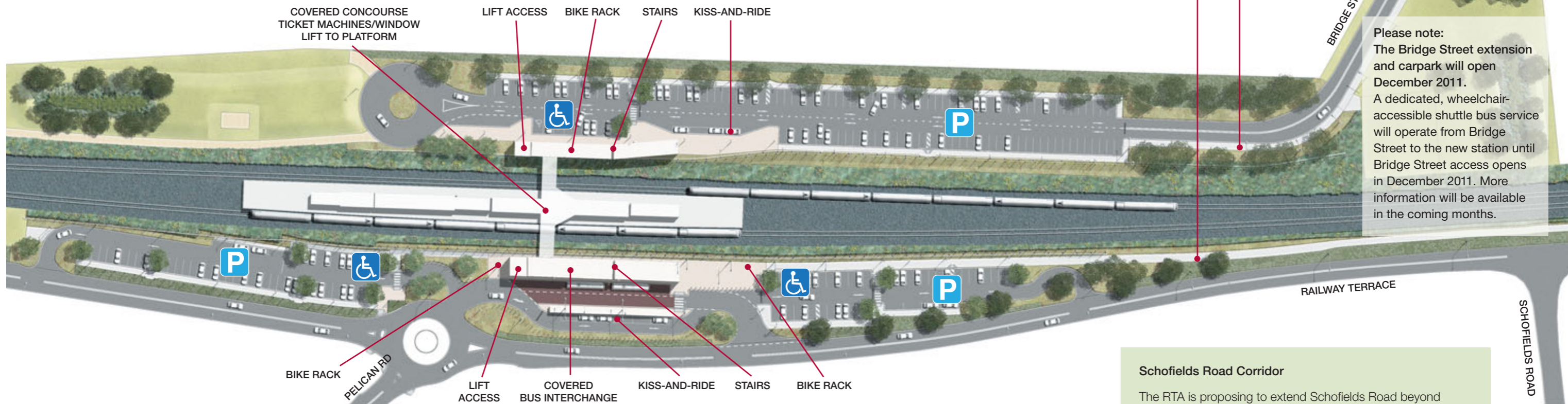
Your new Schofields Station has a number of sustainability features, including use of a 10,000L rainwater tank that will provide recycled water for toilets and platform wash downs; solar hot water; energy-efficient lighting controlled by timers and sensors; louvres for ventilation; and thermal protection and double glazing for better insulation.

Pedestrian and cycle paths

A shared pedestrian/cycle path is being constructed along Railway Terrace.

The pedestrian path along Bridge Street will also be extended and upgraded in December.

Heritage panels along the pedestrian paths reflect the history of Schofields village and John Schofields.



Please note:
The Bridge Street extension and carpark will open December 2011.
A dedicated, wheelchair-accessible shuttle bus service will operate from Bridge Street to the new station until Bridge Street access opens in December 2011. More information will be available in the coming months.

Easily accessible and improved security

The station is easily accessible with disabled parking, three lifts providing access to concourse and platform, a covered footbridge, plus CCTV security surveillance and safety lighting, all of which combine to improve the safety of your journey.

Parking

Parking on both sides of the station provides 230 spaces (120 on the Bridge Street side and 110 on the Railway Terrace side). Disabled parking is located close to accessible station entry points, i.e. lifts.

Schofields Road Corridor

The RTA is proposing to extend Schofields Road beyond Railway Terrace to Richmond Road, crossing the rail line via an underpass. The extended Schofields Road would provide better passageway from Windsor Road to Richmond Road that meets the future transport needs of the North West Growth Centre. In order to minimise the construction impacts of this project on local residents and commuters, RTA and TCA worked together to install a support system under the newly-duplicated rail track. This support would mean Schofields Road can be extended in the future with minimal interruption to rail services and Schofields Station.

For more information visit the website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au and for all project enquiries contact the Project Development Manager, Jim A. Campbell on 02 8849 2377 or by email to Jim_A_Campbell@rta.nsw.gov.au

* Indicative only. Subject to final design.

How to access your station

Your new Schofields Station is approximately 800 metres south of Schofields village and less than 350 metres south of Schofields Road. The site is large enough for a specially-designed station with state-of-the-art facilities that will cater to residents from Schofields, Rouse Hill, Stanhope Gardens, Marsden Park, Kellyville Ridge and Beaumont Hills and the North West Growth Centres.

Community feedback during planning has allowed us to improve access to the station.

Drivers and car passengers

A total of 230 free, untimed car spaces will be available, including disabled spaces that allow easy access to the station's lifts.

Kiss-and-ride zones on both sides of the new station will allow easy pick up and drop off of passengers. Taxis and private cars will be able to stop briefly at a convenient position, close to stairs and lifts.

Access to the western side of the station via the link to Bridge Street will open in December 2011.

Pedestrians

Pedestrian paths will run between Schofields village and the new station on Railway Terrace and Bridge Street.

Both sides of the station will feature stair and lift access to a covered concourse (where tickets will be sold) and down to the platform. Bridge Street pathways and station access will be available from December 2011.

Bus passengers

The new Schofields Station features a bus interchange on the Railway Terrace side, with direct undercover access from the station concourse. Bus routes, including the T74, will be adapted to service the new Schofields Station and Schofields village.

Cyclists

Cycling commuters will have station bike facilities for the first time at Schofields, with 40 bike racks (20 on each side) installed near the entrance of Schofields Station. Space has also been allocated

for bike lockers, which the Department of Transport can install based on future demand.

Important dates

Month	Milestone
July 23	Pedestrian bridge at Schofields village open for use Bridge Street at existing Schofields Station reopen to southbound traffic
July 25	Schofields and Quakers Hill level crossings closed and decommissioned
July 25-31	Rail track closedown
Sept 10-11	Rail track closedown (see overleaf for details)
October 4-28	Rail track closedown (see overleaf for details)
October 29	The new Schofields Station opens Railway Terrace carpark and kiss-and-ride open Shared path from Schofields village to the new station completed
November	New train timetable implemented Existing Schofields Station decommissioned and removed
December	Link to Bridge Street open to traffic Bridge Street car park and Kiss & Ride open Bus services to new Schofields Station commence Landscaping at the site of the existing Schofields Station complete

Transition Plan – getting to the new station from Schofields village

In addition to the above features, Transport Construction Authority is developing a plan to ensure Schofields village residents on both sides of the rail line are able to access new Schofields Station.

A free shuttle is proposed to run from Schofields village to your new Schofields Station from the opening (29 October 2011) until the Bridge Street link is completed and operational in December 2011.

Pedestrian paths from Bridge Street and Schofields village have been constructed on both sides of the station, running along Railway Terrace on the east and Bridge Street on the west side of the tracks. The path along Railway Terrace is a shared cycle path and the new station will have bike facilities.

The pedestrian bridge at Schofields village is an important safety initiative and the location was chosen to minimise the climb and distance required to cross the rail line.

The link to Bridge Street means drivers from the western side of the rail line will have direct access to Schofields Station without having to cross the rail line.

Have your say

The transition plan will be on public display until Friday 19 August 2011. You can view the plan at www.tca.nsw.gov.au or at Blacktown City Council, or request a copy on 1800 684 490. Feedback on the plan is invited during the display period by:

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The TCA website is updated monthly to provide you with the most up-to-date information about projects and possible community impacts.

Thank you

Transport Construction Authority and the Richmond Line Alliance would like to thank the Schofields community for your cooperation during delivery of this important project.

Contact Us

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