

DAPTO STATION UPGRADE

A Transport Access Program upgrade enhancing accessibility, customer experience and heritage outcomes across a live operational station



Delivered as part of the NSW Government's Transport Access Program, the Dapto Station Upgrade improved accessibility, safety and customer experience for the Illawarra community. Delivered within a live operational rail environment, the project balanced accessibility, heritage, operational and community requirements while maintaining station access throughout construction.

SECTOR
Rail

LOCATION
Dapto, NSW
Dharawal Country

CLIENT
Transport for NSW

PROJECT COMPLETION
September 2023

PROJECT VALUE
\$10M (approximate)

DELIVERY MODEL
Design & Construct

KEY OUTCOMES

- Improved accessibility, safety and customer experience for station users and the wider community.
- Maintained continuous station operations through a staged construction approach that minimised disruption to passengers.
- Achieved a TfNSW Sustainable Design Guidelines Gold rating.
- Integrated Aboriginal artwork and cultural interpretation throughout the precinct in partnership with Lorraine Brown and Narelle Thomas from Coomaditchie.
- Delivered community benefits through Rail Safety Week education, disability enterprise engagement and local social procurement initiatives.
- Exceeded the project's Aboriginal participation target, achieving 2.9% participation against a target of 1.5%.

CHALLENGES OVERCOME

- Delivered major station upgrades within a live operational rail environment while maintaining continuous passenger access and station operations.
- Coordinated multiple project interfaces and stakeholder requirements, including accessibility groups, Transport for NSW and Sydney Trains, to support safe and timely delivery.
- Managed programme impacts associated with industrial action, heritage requirements, hazardous materials, termites and undocumented underground services.
- Undertook extensive non-destructive digging and carefully managed undocumented electrical and communications services throughout construction.
- Balanced heritage preservation requirements with accessibility improvements and broader station upgrades.