

# Sydney Gateway

Opening of the pedestrian and cycle path over Alexandra Canal



Sydney Gateway will provide a new, toll-free connection from St Peters Interchange to improve journey times to Sydney Airport, the M5 and Eastern Distributor.

From [7:00am on Friday 12 April 2024](#), the Nigel Love Bridge underpass and the pedestrian and cycle path bridge over Alexandra Canal will be opened to path users. This section of the path also showcases some of the urban design and landscaping on Sydney Gateway, which have been developed through a collaborative approach with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal input.



Nigel Love Bridge underpass.



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In the Nigel Love Bridge underpass users will note the ochre tiling. This is a reminder of the 'firefly' story, which tells of the experience of settlers who saw small lights on the Canal water and thought they were fireflies. They later realised that they were Aboriginal women in nawi's (canoes) with small fires in their centres. The colours also remind us of the colours of country and the red earth.

The white tiling reliefs in the underpass represent the nawi (canoe) and waterways/river steams. The nawi was the first form of transportation on the canal and were used mostly by Aboriginal women as a shortcut across the Bay from La Perouse to Kurnell.

## Rest Areas

The rest area to the north of Nigel Love Bridge is an open area that is great for plane spotting. It has casual, stepped, amphitheatre-like tiered seating and views to the Airport runway. The rest area provides shelter, a bubbler, bike pump, interpretative signage, integrated feature lighting and seating.



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The rest area to the north of Nigel Love Bridge is great for plane spotting.

The other rest area south of Nigel Love Bridge is the transition point along the pedestrian and cycle path, from a canal environment to a roadway environment. As users make this transition, the story of the transformation of the Alexandra Canal, the Botany Rail Line and Sydney Airport is provided on the path's interpretation panels.

## Looking Ahead

The remainder of the pedestrian and cycle path that will connect the path to the Domestic Terminals is due to be opened in coming months.

A reminder that some sections of the pedestrian and cycle path may be narrowed to allow for finishing works on the path. Traffic control will manage the narrowed path with a stop-go, whilst activities are underway. Please allow extra travel time and follow the directions of traffic controllers.


Additional temporary full closures of sections of the pedestrian and cycle path may be needed for completion before Sydney Gateway opens later in 2024. We will continue to do everything we can to minimise the number of closures and notify stakeholders in advance of them occurring.

Please visit the project's interactive portal at [nswroads.work/SydneyGateway](https://nswroads.work/SydneyGateway) for more information and the latest updates on work happening on the project.

## Thank you for your patience as we complete work on the Sydney Gateway project.

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