

Community update

October 2023

Powerhouse Parramatta | October

Powerhouse Parramatta is the largest investment in cultural infrastructure since the Sydney Opera House, and the first major NSW cultural institution to be established in Western Sydney. Lendlease is responsible for the detailed design and construction of Powerhouse Parramatta.

Welcome to the October construction update.

Issued every two months, these updates keep you informed of progress onsite and showcase key milestones.

Latest updates

Progress continues at the Powerhouse Parramatta construction site:

- 19 'A' exoskeleton pieces have been installed
- Large pieces of structural steel continue to be delivered outside of standard construction hours
- A construction compound has been built next to Parramatta River
- Concrete works on site continue.

Key construction activities



Steel work

Structural steel work continues to progress.

19 'A' pieces have now been installed across Building B (eastern building) and Building A (western building).

On Building B, ring beams have been installed on top of the 'A' pieces. These ring beams will allow the connection of large steel truss elements that will span the width of the exhibition space below.

Assembly of the truss pieces commenced in early October, ready to be lifted into place.

Deliveries continue to arrive to site as works progress. Some of this steel is considered oversized by Transport for NSW and requires delivery outside of standard construction working hours.

Did you know? The truss pieces are the heaviest pieces of steel, weighing approximately 50 tonnes each and spanning approximately 45 metres long and over 4 metres deep.

Image: 'A' pieces and ring beams installed on Building B; credit: Images for Business

Structure works

All 3 building cores and their jump forms are progressing.

Concrete works continue on the northern section of the site, adjacent to the river. This is now a second area where steel will be assembled.

Other work in progress

- Remediation earth works continue along the riverbank, with remaining stockpiles being used as backfill behind the retaining walls.
- Services work, including electrical and stormwater, continues within the construction site to service the new buildings once in operation.
- Services work external to the site is planned from Sunday 22 October to Thursday 2 November. This work will take place at the intersection of Phillip Street and Wilde Avenue and will be carried out at night (between 9pm and 5am) due to work required on the road.
- A new crawler crane has been installed on the northern section of the site. This mobile crane assists in the assembly of major structural steel elements for the project.
- A new compound has been established west of the site, between Meriton Suites and Parramatta River. Landscaping will be undertaken in this area.

Upcoming construction activities: October – December

- Progress on structural works associated with Cores 1, 2 and 3
- Structural steel deliveries and installation
- Progress on stormwater diversions in Wilde Avenue
- Commencement of water services work on Phillip Street
- Truss installation on Building B
- Landscaping activities in new compound west of the site.



Image: Powerhouse Parramatta construction site, with new compound established; credit: Images for Business

News and events

ABC News exclusive

In October the Powerhouse Parramatta project team welcomed NSW Minister for Lands and Property the Hon. Steve Kamper and Member for Parramatta Donna Davis on site for an exclusive media opportunity with ABC News.

The event was timed to coincide with an impending construction milestone; the first truss piece of the distinctive 'exoskeleton' being lifted and lowered into place in Exhibition Space 1. Once completed, this will be Australia's largest column-free exhibition space at over 2,000sqm, featuring an epic 8-metre-high ceiling.

[See the news story here](#)



Image: Exoskeleton 'A' pieces at Powerhouse Parramatta; credit: Images for Business

Breaking Ground Program

The Breaking Ground Program is a committed partnership between Real Futures, Productivity Bootcamp and Lendlease. The partnership is a first of its kind between industry, employers, training providers, First Nations communities and women's networks to generate the best possible outcomes for Indigenous women seeking a career in trades.

Lendlease were proud to host sixteen First Nations women at Powerhouse Parramatta, which included a site tour and conversations with inspirational women working on the project, exposing participants to site requirements and opportunities within the industry.



Image: Breaking Ground Program at Powerhouse Parramatta; credit: Infrastructure NSW




A digital approach

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More information

We are committed to keeping you informed and regular updates will be provided.

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