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.

Funded by the NSW Government, the museum will feature over 18,000 square metres of exhibition and public space, including new buildings and a landscaped public domain.

Featuring large scale, flexible presentation spaces, Powerhouse Parramatta will enable a dynamic and changing program that engages and reflects Australia’s First Nations communities and the diverse cultures of Greater Sydney.

Powerhouse Parramatta will be the largest museum in NSW and the leading science and technology museum in the Southern Hemisphere. It will provide new levels of access to over half a million objects in the Powerhouse collection. Once complete, it will welcome two million visitors annually, injecting millions of tourism dollars into Western Sydney’s economy.

NEW CONSTRUCTION PARTNER

Lendlease has been awarded the main works contract to deliver the design and construction of Powerhouse Parramatta. A well-established and experienced Australian-based company, Lendlease has a strong track-record of working with the NSW Government to deliver world-class infrastructure projects.

Lendlease will commence works on site in late January 2022. With more than 4,000 jobs across the project lifespan, it will deliver an important boost to the local economy.

The main works involve:
— Bulk excavation and earthworks
— Piling work
— Construction of new buildings
— Construction of the new public domain and landscaping.
FOUNDATION PARTNERS

Powerhouse has secured an extraordinary $30 million investment into the future of Powerhouse Parramatta.

A $20 million donation from the Walker Family Foundation – the second-largest donation to any Western Sydney institution in history – will deliver the Lang Walker Family Academy, which will offer world-class immersive science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education experiences for over 10,000 high school students from Western Sydney and regional NSW every year – including overnight stays at the museum for many of these students.

Western Sydney University has committed $10 million to Powerhouse Parramatta, confirming its place as the museum’s Foundation University Partner and reinforcing their commitment to developing the next generation of Australian innovators, scientists and entrepreneurs.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Early Works Wrap Up

Early works are now complete. We have:
— Demolished the Riverbank car park and other buildings within the site
— Demolished and removed the non-original components of St George’s Terrace
— Finalised clean up of services and utilities
— Conducted archaeological excavations
— The site will be closed from 24 December 2021 to 9 January 2022 (inclusive), however there will be ongoing maintenance and security checks during this period.

Willow Grove

The careful dismantling and storage of Willow Grove is now complete. Community and stakeholder consultation on the selection of a new site in Parramatta will begin in early 2022. Create NSW will lead the engagement, including investigating the future use of the building. The formation of the Willow Grove Community Reference Group is one part of the consultation process. It will work in partnership with other community and stakeholder groups to facilitate the successful relocation and reuse of Willow Grove.

Create NSW will develop a Q&A on this process, please email questions to: willowgrove@aurecongroup.com

UPCOMING WORK

Main construction work will commence late January 2022. Over the next six months, the following works will occur:
— Site establishments and compound set up
— Excavation and earthworks
— Piling rigs installation.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Register to receive Project Updates and/or Work Notifications straight to your inbox.

Scan the code to register.
POWERHOUSE COMMUNITY SPACE

The Powerhouse Community Space was a great success, welcoming 2,000 visitors over six months. The community had the opportunity to:
  — Speak to someone in person
  — Ask experts questions about the new museum
  — Learn more about the museum design and construction
  — Engage with the museum’s learning activities

Almost half of our visitors were local residents:
  — 48% live locally
  — 42% work and study locally
  — 10% live in Greater Western Sydney

Please note that the Powerhouse Community Space is now closed. Our Project Team can be contacted using the contact details overleaf for any questions you may have.

WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT IN PARRAMATTA

Powerhouse is continuing to develop and deliver programs that engage Western Sydney communities.

In partnership with TAFE NSW we are offering free digital and creative skills workshops for Western Sydney high school students (years 7–10) during the summer school holidays. Hosted at Skillspoint Parramatta, the studio sessions will focus on artist-led workshops featuring leading creatives across a range of disciplines.

Book an upcoming session here:
maas.museum/new-powerhouse/creative-studio/

If you are interested in keeping up to date with Powerhouse Parramatta community and education programs please register here:
https://www.maas.museum/sign-up/

Sentiment from visitors that provided feedback was 88% POSITIVE

Positive 88%
Neutral 2%
Negative 10%

Photo: Anna Kucera
KEEPING YOU INFORMED
We are committed to keeping the community informed as the project progresses.

Visit the project webpage for the latest information on construction, or join our mailing list to receive regular construction updates:


For more information, to register your interest in the project or to provide feedback:

powerhouse.parramatta@infrastructure.nsw.gov.au
1800 679 121

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Arabic
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Hindi
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