

Light Rail background

Randwick City Council, the University of NSW, the Australian Turf Club, the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, and the City of Sydney support light rail. Integrated high capacity transport for Randwick City will drive a more diverse, competitive and sustainable economy that generates substantial and lasting economic, social and environmental benefits. This is consistent with State Government directions for transport improvements for Sydney.

Local commitment to light rail in Randwick City

Randwick City Council has been working towards rail transport for almost a decade. Key investigations and planning include:

2003 – Randwick City Wide Transport Study

- investigated transport needs to 2021
- recommended light rail from CBD to Kensington, with later extensions

2006 – Randwick City Plan

- result of extensive community consultation
- provides a 20 year plan including advocacy for rail transport

2007 – UNSW Masterplan and DCP

- recognises importance of rail for long term campus planning and growth in education and research

2007 – Royal Randwick Racecourse Masterplan and DCP

- plans for growth and diversification of events and recreational uses

2008 – Randwick Economic Activity Study

- SGS Economics and Planning study estimates a doubling of floor space in key centres
- recommends rail to support this increase in economic activity

2010 – Randwick Education and Health Specialised Centre Discussion Paper

- recognises growth potential in the Education and Health Specialised Centre of Randwick
- estimates an additional 4,000 jobs to 2031 and increased visitation to university, health providers and the racecourse
- provides preliminary planning for rail and stations

2010 – State Government Metropolitan Plan and Transport Plan

- Action to investigate feasibility of light rail to Randwick City

2010-11 – Light rail memorandum of understanding

- MOU signed with Australian Turf Club, UNSW, South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service, Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust and supported by the City of Sydney.

2011 – Light Rail Pre-feasibility Study

- consortium of partners (Council, UNSW and Australian Turf Club) commissioned a pre-feasibility study, to inform discussions with State Government.

2011 – State Plan 2021

- provides key performance indicators for public transport infrastructure and services

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