

BOOMTOWN!

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

To recognise developments that have delivered excellence in infrastructure and transport, the Dialogue has established the BOOMTOWN! Project of the Year, to acknowledge completed (or near completed) major projects over the past 12 months that have, or will, significantly contribute to the sustainable growth of Greater Western Sydney.

The award aims to celebrate achievement in innovation and leadership in project design and delivery, by the public and private sector and recognises major projects that have positively impacted on community, social, and economic outcomes. The current building boom in the region, both in infrastructure and property, will see many more candidates come forward in subsequent years as the development cycle gains pace.

The 2017 finalists have been selected following consultation with the Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue's Partners, collaborators and broader regional network and the eventual winner will be chosen by our esteemed WSLD Patrons.

The nominees for 2017 BOOMTOWN! Project of the Year are:

M4 Road Widening for WestConnex (Sydney Motorway Corporation/RMS)

Western Sydney University Parramatta CBD Campus (Western Sydney University)

Transport Technology Centre at TAFE Wetherill Park (TAFE NSW)

Western Sydney University Clinical School at Campbelltown Hospital (WSU/SWSLHD)

Fire and Rescue Academy at Erskine Park (Fire & Rescue NSW/Altis/First State Super)

Inglis Riverside Stables (Inglis/AccorHotels)



M4 Road Widening for WestConnex – Sydney Motorway Corporation and Roads & Maritime Services

The WestConnex M4 Widening involved building an additional lane in each direction on the M4 Motorway across a 7.5km stretch between Parramatta and Homebush.

More than 100,000 vehicles a day use the M4 and it has become notorious as one of Sydney's most congested bottlenecks.

The widened new M4 was officially opened to traffic in July 2017, marking a major step forward in delivering Australia's largest infrastructure project, WestConnex.

A distance-based toll of between \$1.77 and \$4.56 was implemented on the widened section of the M4 between Parramatta and Homebush including the new eastbound on-ramp at Hill Road, in August 2017, following a one-month toll-free period.

By early 2019, the widened section of the New M4 will connect to the New M4 tunnels currently under construction, creating a traffic-light-free connection between Parramatta and the City West Link at Haberfield.

WestConnex is a part of the NSW Government's \$73 billion infrastructure program to tackle congestion and ease the freight task across Sydney's west.



Western Sydney University Parramatta CBD Campus – Western Sydney University, Charter Hall and John Holland

In May 2017, Western Sydney University officially unveiled its \$220.5 million flagship campus in the Parramatta CBD – a major economic catalyst that is set to transform Australia's fastest growing city and the broader Western Sydney region.

Opened by the NSW Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, the 14-storey, five-star building is the first vertical campus for the University, and the first of its campuses to be embedded in the heart of a major CBD.

It was named the Peter Shergold Building in recognition of the University's Chancellor, Professor Peter Shergold AC, and his outstanding leadership of the University and career at the highest levels of the Australian public service.

The campus, which is home to 10,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students from the University's School of Business and other discipline areas, is one of the most technologically advanced teaching and research spaces developed in Australia, and across the world, and is part of the first phase of the \$2b Parramatta Square urban redevelopment.



Transport Technology Centre at TAFE Wetherill Park – TAFE NSW

The largest industry training facility in the southern hemisphere, TAFE NSW Wetherill Park's landmark Transport Technology Centre, sets the standard for automotive training facilities in Australia.

Opened by NSW Minister for Skills, the Hon. John Barilaro late last year, the Centre features nine brand new laboratories, more than 4000 square metres of workshop space and allows 2000+ students to be engaged in a workshop each year, rather than the traditional classroom.

The state-of-the-art facility will assist industry partners and employers to attract record numbers of young people into an apprenticeship and ensure that the latest skills are being taught.

Technology and modern equipment that keeps pace with industry standards are significant features at the Wetherill Park site, with Wi-Fi connectivity, wide-screen TVs, in-floor exhaust extractors and movable power-points just some of the many inclusions.

Much of the equipment in the new facility has been supplied by the companies the students will end up working for, an arrangement that enables TAFE NSW to stretch its dollar further while ensuring its students gain the skills they will need in the workplace.

The Transport Technology Centre also helps meet an expected increase in demand for courses in light vehicle technology, heavy vehicle mechanical technology, plant mechanics, automotive electrical technology, and engineering technology courses.



The Macarthur Clinical School at Campbelltown Hospital – Western Sydney University and South Western Sydney Local Health District

Western Sydney University's \$21m Macarthur Clinical School at Campbelltown Hospital was opened in early 2017, providing advanced training to medical students and researchers.

The four-storey building was jointly funded by the NSW Government and Western Sydney University and is one of the key training sites for the University's School of Medicine, where hands-on clinical experience is embedded in the students' training from their very first year.

The Macarthur Clinical School provides state-of-the-art training equipment and allows students to be mentored by senior specialists and other health professionals from Campbelltown Hospital, managed by South West Sydney Local Health District.

Features of the new clinical school include:

- a 153-seat lecture theatre
- a clinical skills teaching facility
- simulation laboratory
- eight clinic/clinical trials rooms
- hospital library
- office space for clinical academic teams
- Centre for Education & Workforce Development (LHD) teaching and office facility.



Fire and Rescue Academy at Erskine Park – Fire & Rescue NSW, Altis Property Group and First State Super

Construction of a new fire training complex in Erskine Park commenced earlier this year, with the \$22m facility to replace Fire and Rescue NSW's (FRNSW) older site at Alexandria.

The new building will provide various emergency scenarios and building types, including a petrol station, train accident, office tower, residential building and rubble.

It will comprise of a large A-grade office building filled with lecture rooms, training areas and administration as stage one and an area of 4ha where FRNSW will be constructing a range of training props to simulate the different fire events the recruits will face in the field.

Upon completion in early 2018, the facility will provide a modern, state-of-the-art training campus for future firefighters, along with 150 permanent jobs and 200 trainees.



Inglis Riverside Stables – AccorHotels and Inglis

The feature of the Warwick Farm precinct will be a new luxury hotel, named The William Inglis in a nod to the company's figure head and founder.

Celebrating racing history and the thoroughbred, the William Inglis is a boutique equine-themed, M Gallery by Sofitel, 5-star hotel, run by Accor Hotels, the largest hotel operator in the Asia Pacific.

Construction of the new \$110m precinct, which includes a rooftop bar and pool deck overlooking Warwick Farm racecourse and stable precinct is set to be completed in December 2017.

Adjoining the hotel will be a fully integrated air-conditioned sales arena, which will accommodate 1000 guests including a ringside dining service for at least 600 customers.

The sales facility will feature more than 800 stables re-using the magnificent hardwood from the existing Newmarket stables. There will be extensive parade space for horses on both rubberised bitumen and synthetic turf, more than double the amount of parade per horse than is currently available in Randwick.

Permanent hospitality suites for vendors will help to entertain buyers leading up and during the sales in style and air-conditioned comfort. There will also be a 1000 space car park which features a large-scale access ramp for horse floats and trucks.