NorthConnex is a nine kilometre tunnel which will link the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga to the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills, creating 8,700 jobs across NSW.

For the latest information about work in your area, visit northconnex.com.au

Construction update

Work underground is progressing well, with all trenching expected to be completed by mid 2019. We’ve also completed more than 10 per cent of paving and are continuing with tunnel lining and painting.

Above ground the Motorway Control Centre at West Pennant Hills has reached its full height and work to fit out the facility is underway. Work at Hornsby Quarry is also progressing with preparations continuing to hand the site back to Hornsby Shire Council in mid 2019.

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Above: Work to line the tunnel is continuing
Investing in the future of the construction industry with NorthConnex Hub

Almost 200 apprentices have now completed their Certificate III, Civil Construction in tunnelling and civil work thanks to the NorthConnex Hub. We’ve also had more than 300 apprentices work on the NorthConnex project so far. To date, more than 7,000 people have completed training courses through the NorthConnex Hub.

Workers have had a chance to get on the job and in-class training (during work hours) across a range of in-demand skills they need to become the next generation of tunnellers, construction workers, foremen, project managers and superintendents.

In the past workers have had to redo specific training to operate machinery at each new job site. This certificate means that workers won’t need to prove their experience to employers every time they join a new project.

The certificate covers construction tasks including traffic control, concreting and engineering.
Outstanding apprentice

Chad Keating, a NorthConnex apprentice has been named the My Gateway Indigenous Apprentice of the Year. Chad was also a finalist for the Adult Apprentice of the Year annual award.

NorthConnex provides apprentices an opportunity to learn from some of NSW’s best tradespeople, allowing them to gain on site knowledge and experience critical to their future careers. The project also gives apprentices a practical opportunity to see how different disciplines collaborate on such a large, complex worksite.

A total of 19 My Gateway apprentices are completing their training in trades including civil construction, fabrication, electrical and plant mechanics, working underground and on the surface.

Chad was nominated because of his hard working, reliable and collaborative nature.

Congratulations Chad.

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Apprentice Chad Keating (centre) won the My Gateway Indigenous Apprentice of the year award
NorthConnex protecting a piece of local history

The NorthConnex team has been doing a lot of work to preserve a piece of Sydney’s history by archiving the former Thornleigh Maltworks.

To preserve the facility, NorthConnex has worked closely with the Hornsby Shire Historical Society to complete historic recordings of the site using laser scanning and photography, now available at the Society’s Normanhurst museum.

Thornleigh Maltworks is an early example of the malting industry in NSW. The project team has collected valuable information and completed work to retain the germination building in the middle of the site in an evolving setting.

The Maltworks operated between 1913 and the late 2000’s, providing a market for barley growers, and it was one of only two malting facilities in NSW from the 1980’s onwards. The facility provided hundreds of jobs in the area, just like NorthConnex is doing now.

Hornsby Shire Historical Society president Patricia Dewey said members, visitors and local school children would benefit from the archived material on display at the museum.

Some of the information will be displayed, along with historical photos of the Maltworks in operation in the museum at Normanhurst.

During construction of NorthConnex our team is using the site for parking and as a site compound providing change rooms and amenities.

Speak to the project team

If you live in the NorthConnex project area, you’ve probably received a visit, email, construction notification or text from our project team. But did you know that we also regularly present to local community groups and hold mobile displays at cafes, fêtes, libraries, fairs and community events?

To find out more about upcoming mobile displays, visit northconnex.com.au. You can call 1800 997 057 (free call) or email enquiries@northconnex.com.au to ask the team questions you have about the project or visit the community information centre.

Translating and Interpreting Service

If you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS International) on 131 450 and ask them to call the NorthConnex Project Team on 1800 997 057—the interpreter will then assist you with the translation.

TIS International business hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.