

# Merrimac Station



Merrimac station will be delivered as part of the Cross River Rail New Gold Coast Stations program. Fulton Hogan has been awarded the contract to design and build Merrimac station and major construction is underway within the eastern and western rail reserves and Gooding Drive.

## Benefits for Merrimac

Merrimac station will provide the local community with greater access to convenient rail services, expanding options for easy travel within the Gold Coast, as well as to Brisbane.

The new Merrimac station will be located off Gooding Drive, approximately 750 metres east of the Pacific Motorway and Gooding Drive Interchange (Exit 77) and is scheduled to be open in time for the first Cross River Rail services to the Gold Coast.

The New Merrimac Station is the third train station to be delivered under the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority. This will be located on Gooding Drive, approximately 750 metres east of the Pacific Motorway and Gooding Drive Interchange (Exit 77)

## The Station will Include

- Two new 155m long side high-level platforms with 220m space allowance for future extension to accommodate a 9-car train.
- An overhead pedestrian footbridge connecting both sides of the station and platforms, including the provision of passenger lifts (DDA compliant – through lifts) from each side.
- Stair access to be provided to the pedestrian footbridge, for both access and egress from the site.
- Replacement of overhead electrical gantries throughout the new station.
- New station car parking facilities with DDA bays, taxi bays, kiss n ride bays, and bus stop and layover bays connected to Merrimac Station.
- A new signalised three-way intersection provided at the junction of Gooding Drive.

## Station Features

1. Approximately 275 car parks
2. Lighting and CCTV throughout car park and station
3. Eight accessible car parks
4. Through-lifts on each platform
5. Accessible kiss 'n' ride bays
6. Accessible taxi bays
7. Bus stops
8. Bus parking
9. Undercover lock-up for 40 bicycles
10. Planned connection to local pedestrian and cycle paths
11. Cycle path
12. Provision for pedestrian connection
13. Planned connection to local pedestrian and cycle paths
14. Existing pedestrian connections
15. Station building and ticketing
16. Stairs connecting entry level to platforms
17. Pedestrian overpass
18. New signalised intersection
19. Balancing pond

**Fulton Hogan** is continuing major construction activities within the eastern and western rail reserves and Gooding Drive. Further construction work will also continue within the rail corridor.

## Major Construction

Throughout 2024, major construction activities will continue within the eastern and western railway reserves.



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**Works will include:**

- Ongoing site access track construction, including completion of access track off Gooding Drive
- Ongoing works on public utilities, electrical relocations, soil nailing, shotcrete and conduit trenching.
- Ongoing rail corridor fencing changes and overhead gantry installations
- Ongoing earthworks and stockpiling of material which involves an increase in heavy vehicle deliveries from mid-July
- Ongoing surveying and environmental monitoring
- Ongoing construction of environmental management controls including sedimentation fencing and drainage channels
- Ongoing minor vegetation clearing in accordance with all relevant approvals, with fauna spotter / catchers in attendance
- Commencement of Gooding Drive roadworks, including night shift activities

**Gooding Drive Roadworks Commencement**

From July, and in both directions from Ghilgai Road to Bourton Road, roadworks are planned to commence on Gooding Drive in both directions (weather and program permitting) to enable construction commencement of the new station entry intersection.

From August, night works including cable, conduit and light pole removals and relocations will occur in the Gooding Drive centre median for around 4-6 weeks.

These can only be undertaken at night due to safety and traffic management requirements.

**Day and night works on Gooding Drive will include:**

- Ongoing site access construction, including completion of access track in the eastern rail reserve off Gooding Drive
- Kerb and footpath demolition
- Cable, conduit and light pole removal and relocations
- Pavement investigations and testing, line marking, road barrier installations and lane width reductions
- Ongoing temporary changes to traffic, including ongoing speed reductions and lane closures.

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