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MTR Marks Another Overseas Milestone Sydney Metro Southwest Opens with MTR's Delivery and Operations Participation Completing 66-km Sydney Metro Line

MTR Corporation today (30 October 2026) is pleased to announce the successful opening of Sydney Metro Southwest, which marks another significant milestone for the Corporation's expansion of its overseas railway business and Sydney's growing metro network.

The opening of the line marks the expansion of the M1 Northwest & Bankstown Line (M1 Line) into Sydney's southwest, providing a seamless metro connection between Sydney's northwest, central business district and southwest. At 66 kilometres in length, the completed M1 Line is among the world's longest fully automated metro lines.

Sydney Metro Southwest has been transformed from the former T3 Bankstown Line, a railway corridor with more than 130 years of history, running between Sydenham and Bankstown. The Corporation is honoured to have contributed to the modernisation of this historic line. MTR Australia, the Corporation's wholly owned subsidiary, played a key role in converting the line to metro operations, supporting the planning and delivery of the transformation. The wider project, led by Sydney Metro, upgraded all 10 stations with lifts and other accessibility improvements, platform screen doors, enhanced passenger information and wayfinding, accessible parking and upgraded toilets, including new facilities at Bankstown.

In parallel, MTR's majority-owned subsidiary Metro Trains Sydney (MTS) led operational readiness activities for the line and will continue to operate the completed line. With the opening of Sydney Metro Southwest, the M1 Line now spans 66 kilometres and 31 stations. Passengers will benefit from faster, more reliable and more frequent metro services, with trains operating every four minutes during weekday peak periods. Sydney Metro will be able to move around 17,000 people an hour in each direction on the Bankstown Line during peak periods.

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"We are delighted to see the smooth and successful launch of Sydney Metro Southwest and completion of the M1 Line, expanding network coverage across the city. Drawing on more than 45 years of end-to-end railway expertise, MTR is proud to have contributed its expertise to this complex transformation," said Mr David Tang, Managing Director - Property and International Business of MTR Corporation.

Mr Tang added: "The transformation required deep technical expertise, close collaboration and an unwavering commitment to safety and operational readiness. We extend our sincere thanks to the NSW Government, Sydney Metro, consortium partners, project teams and everyone involved for their dedication and collaboration in bringing this important project to fruition."

MTR is committed to applying its railway operations expertise to serve cities and communities through safe, reliable and efficient transport services. Since 2009, the Corporation has worked alongside its partners in Australia to support the development and operation of major urban rail networks in Melbourne and Sydney. It will continue to contribute its experience in mobility, railway operations and related development to meet evolving transport needs and support the growth of more connected and sustainable communities in the cities it serves.

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About MTR Corporation

To Keep Cities Moving, MTR makes encounters happen and rendezvous for a more connected tomorrow. As a recognised world-class operator of sustainable rail transport services, we are a leader in safety, reliability, customer service and efficiency.

MTR has extensive end-to-end railway expertise with over 45 years of railway projects experience from design to planning and construction through to commissioning, maintenance and operations. Going beyond railway delivery and operation, MTR also creates and manages dynamic communities around its network through seamless integration of rail, commercial and property development.

With more than 46,000 dedicated staff*, MTR carries over 13 million passenger journeys worldwide every weekday in Hong Kong, Chinese Mainland and beyond. Together, we Go Smart and Go Beyond.

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For more information about MTR Australia, please visit www.mtraustralia.com.au.

* includes our subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures in Hong Kong and worldwide

Photo Captions:

1. Mr David Tang, Managing Director - Property and International Business of MTR Corporation (1st left), and Mr Brian Downie, CEO - Australian Business of MTR Corporation (2nd right), joined NSW Transport Minister Mr John Graham (2nd left) on the first train ride from Bankstown this morning, marking the official launch of the Sydney Metro Southwest and the commencement of full-line passenger services on the M1 Line.



(Landscape photos provided by Sydney Metro Authority)

2. Mr David Tang, Managing Director - Property and International Business of MTR Corporation, and Mr Brian Downie, CEO - Australian Business of MTR Corporation, joined MTR Corporation, MTR Australia and MTS colleagues at Bankstown Station before the departure of the first passenger train on the Sydney Metro Southwest.

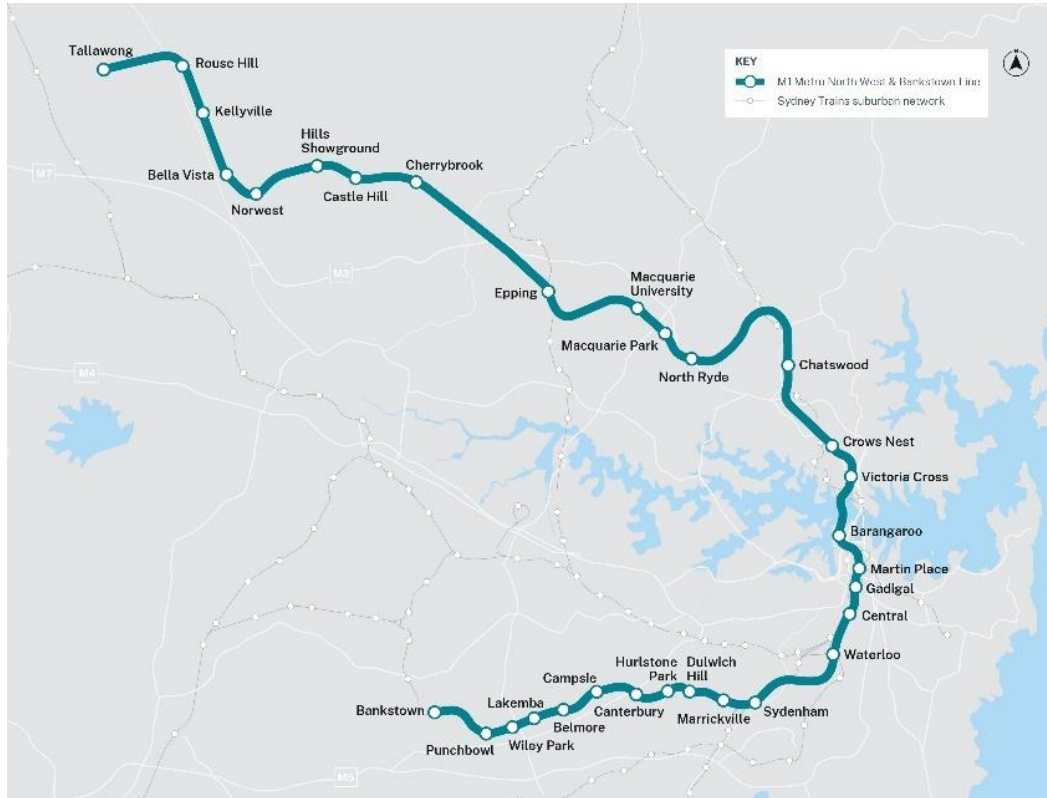


3. MTR Australia helped to transform the 130-year-old former Bankstown Line to modern metro standards. The wider project, led by Sydney Metro, upgraded all 10 stations to enhance facilities while preserving their heritage and character.



(Photos provided by Sydney Metro Authority)

4. MTS, an MTR Corporation subsidiary and operator of the M1 Line, today commenced full-line passenger services, including on the Sydney Metro Southwest. Completing the 66-km, 31-station line from Tallawong to Bankstown marks a major milestone in Sydney's public transport transformation, providing faster, more frequent, reliable and accessible journeys and seamless connections across the northwest, city centre and southwest.



(Route map provided by Sydney Metro Authority)

Annex:

Train service

- The 66-km M1 North West & Bankstown Line (M1 Line) connects Tallawong in the northwest with Bankstown in the southwest via the Sydney CBD, serving 31 stations with turn-up-and-go metro services. The approximately 13.5-km Sydney Metro Southwest comprises 10 upgraded stations: Marrickville, Dulwich Hill, Hurlstone Park, Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, Lakemba, Wiley Park, Punchbowl and Bankstown.
- Fully automated, driverless and fully air-conditioned trains run every four minutes in peak periods, providing up to 15 services an hour compared with eight previously. Sydney Metro will be able to move around 17,000 people an hour in each direction on the Bankstown Line during peak periods. The full M1 Line is expected to handle around 300,000 passenger trips each weekday, up from 250,000 previously.
- The M1 Line is designed to increase overall rail network capacity by up to 60%, supporting the movement of more than 100,000 additional people an hour across the city.
- Faster, more reliable journeys include Bankstown to Gadigal in around 30 minutes, about 15 minutes faster than previously, and Campsie to Macquarie University in around 44 minutes, roughly 17 minutes faster than before.

Project partnership

- As a shareholder and delivery partner in the Northwest Rapid Transit (NRT) Consortium, MTR Corporation helped deliver the Metro North West Line under a public-private partnership, with train services commencing in 2019. The contract was subsequently extended to cover additional trains and core railway systems for City & Southwest, and train services for the cross-harbour section began in 2024.
- Metro Trains Sydney (MTS) operates the service under a contract running through to 2034. It comprises MTR Corporation (60% shareholding), Australia's John Holland Group (20%) and UGL Rail (20%), a division of United Group Limited.
- NRT consortium equity investors are MTR Corporation, Plenary Group, Marubeni, CDPQ and Pacific Partnerships.

Conversion and integration

- Led by Sydney Metro, all ten stations along the Sydney Metro Southwest were upgraded with lifts and other accessibility improvements, platform screen doors, enhanced passenger information and wayfinding, accessible parking and upgraded toilets, including new facilities at Bankstown.
- Integration with the operational M1 Line included at least 9,000 hours of testing covering 30,000 km, full-line journeys between Tallawong and Bankstown, and more than 130 trial-running scenarios ahead of passenger service.