



## Project Update – Woombye

### *Operational Readiness update – November 2015*

Queensland Rail has commenced its Operational Readiness planning, in preparation for the first NGR train and supporting infrastructure and sets out the requirements for the safe operation of the new trains on our networks. Planning includes identifying and understanding a significant number of different activities and factors including:

- Community and customer communications and feedback
- Process harmonisation and system updated
- Staffing, recruitment and union consultation
- Network maintenance
- Third Party interactions
- Security
- Staff training and education
- Train testing and movements
- Stabling planning
- Safety
- Emergency management
- Contingency planning

This fact sheet identifies information which is currently available and confirmed. Queensland Rail will continue to keep the Woombye community updated as further details on operational readiness are finalised.

#### **How many trains will be stabled at Woombye?**

The stabling facility will be designed and delivered to accommodate four six-car trains. There are no current plans to expand the facility to cater for additional trains and operationally, Queensland Rail does not require more than four trains to be stabled at this location.

#### **What type of trains will be stabled at Woombye?**

New Generation Rollingstock (NGR) trains will be stabled at Woombye. Older trains may be stabled there on occasion, depending on operational requirements.

#### **What hours will the stabling facility operate?**

The Woombye stabling facility will create low-level rail activity throughout the day. Most activity will occur after the afternoon peak and before the morning peak to prepare trains for the first morning services.

#### **When will the exact hours of operation be available?**

The schedule for the new NGR trains will be finalised in mid-2016. The use of the Woombye stabling facility will depend on the operational requirements including when the trains complete their final evening service, when and where they are required the next morning as well as future train timetabling requirements and changes.

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## **What activity will the train crew undertake before and after the day's service?**

Following community feedback, Queensland Rail has investigated ways to reduce the number of people working within the Woombye stabling facility. Each train driver will now complete their own pre-start checklist to prepare the train for its first run of the day. This will commence at 4:00am and take 40 to 60 minutes. As a result, the train drivers will arrive for their shift approximately 55 to 85 minutes before the train is scheduled to leave in order to sign on, and complete the pre-start checklist. The guard will arrive approximately 15-25 minutes before the train is scheduled to leave.

At the end of the day, the train crew will typically have 30 minutes remaining of their rostered time on site to check emails or do other administrative tasks.

## **When will internal cleaning and maintenance take place at the stabling yard?**

The internal cleaning and the inspection and maintenance schedule is yet to be determined. However, it is expected that two cleaners will take around two hours to clean all four trains and one technician, unless faults are identified, will take approximately four hours.

## **How will the trains be cleaned?**

The only cleaning activities that will occur will be internal vacuuming and spot cleaning. No external cleaning will occur.

## **What maintenance activities will occur at the Woombye stabling facility?**

Minor maintenance and inspections will occur while trains are stabled including changing light bulbs and small component replacements inside the cab (where the driver sits) and vestibule (passenger carriages). Minor inspections and repairs may be planned or unplanned and will be performed at any time during the day.

## **What type of noise will come from the stabling facility?**

Noise generated by the stabling facility will come from train air-conditioning units, klaxon horns, and technicians and traffic entering or leaving the stabling yard.

## **How has community feedback influenced operational noise?**

Following community feedback, Queensland Rail is investigating ways that operational noise from the new NGR trains can be limited. The Project Team is continuing to work with Bombardier to investigate further opportunities to reduce running time and turning off air-conditional units

To date, we can confirm that air-conditioners will now operate in reduced mode when not being cleaned so compressors will not run as often. For work health and safety reasons, air-conditioning units must continue to operate while trains are being cleaned.

We will keep the Woombye community up-to-date on further progress.

## **What vehicle movements are expected during operation?**

Only private vehicles will be used within the facility as crews arrive and depart of their shift. There will be no heavy vehicles or machinery used once construction is complete.

Vehicle movements will be limited and sound like any normal residential traffic such as a neighbour departing or returning home in a car.

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## **Will chemicals be stored at the stabling yard?**

Yes. Small amounts of chemical (similar to those found in the average household) will be stored at the stabling yard. All chemicals will be stored and managed according to relevant safety and environmental requirements.

## **What colour will the crew facility be painted?**

Following a request made by the Woombye Community Reference Group, Queensland Rail presented colour options for the walls, doors and roof during its November meeting.

The Woombye community will have a further opportunity to review the colour options and provide feedback at the Information Session scheduled for 1-2pm, Saturday 14 November at the Woombye CWA Park.