



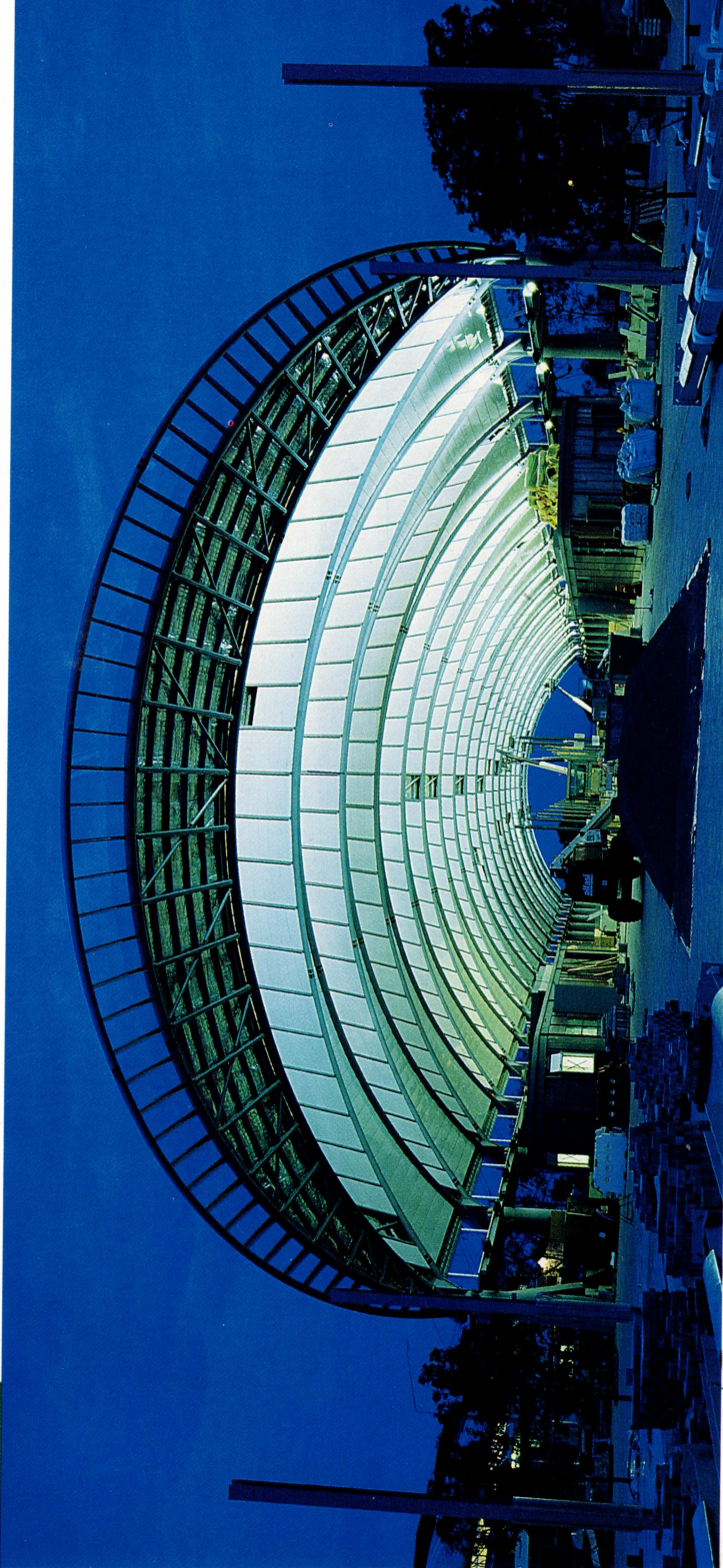
Olympic Park Station and Rail Link

When it was decided to develop Homebush Bay into Sydney's premier sporting and cultural facility, it was clear that to be a success, it had to be serviced by the best available public transport network.

The NSW Government decided the key to that network was a heavy rail link right into the heart of the Olympic and Showground facilities. As a result, the Olympic Co-ordination Authority has overseen the development of the Olympic Park Station and rail link which opened on March 8, 1998.

The new 5.3 kilometre rail link will transport visitors to within a short walk of all the major facilities at Homebush Bay.

THE STATION
AT NIGHT



The \$95 million project will move tens of thousands of people an hour to and from Homebush Bay for concerts, exhibitions, and sports matches as well as major events such as the Royal Easter Show and the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

It will be an important supplement to Sydney's metropolitan rail service and will provide an easy, fast and comfortable alternative to driving.

Major main line link

The Homebush Bay rail link is designed as an integral part of the Sydney metropolitan rail system. Trains travelling in either direction on the Main

Western Line are able to enter the Homebush Bay loop. For major events the Olympic Park Station will be serviced by eight car double deck suburban trains, which are designed for rapid embarking and disembarking of passengers. Country trains from places like the Blue Mountains and Newcastle will also be able to drop off passengers directly into the heart of Homebush Bay.

The line is mostly above ground but goes below for one kilometre allowing people to move freely around areas adjacent to the Olympic Park Station. Construction of the rail link began in August, 1996 and track laying started in June, 1997.



OLYMPIC PARK
STATION

Capacity

The Homebush Bay rail link is designed for big crowds. During the Olympic and Paralympic Games, trains will run every two minutes. That's a total of 50,000 people an hour or about three times the number that use Sydney's busy Town Hall interchange in any morning peak period.

Design

Olympic Park Station and its surrounding public spaces are designed to reflect the excitement of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and to capture

the atmosphere of the world's great transport terminals. The station's design dramatically achieves this aim. The station is an imposing vaulted building which presents an exciting gateway to Homebush Bay and is a natural meeting place. It is situated next to the Showground and just 400 metres from the Olympic Stadium. The soaring 20 metre high vaulted roof offers protection from the sun and the rain and creates a comfortable light and airy atmosphere for travellers.

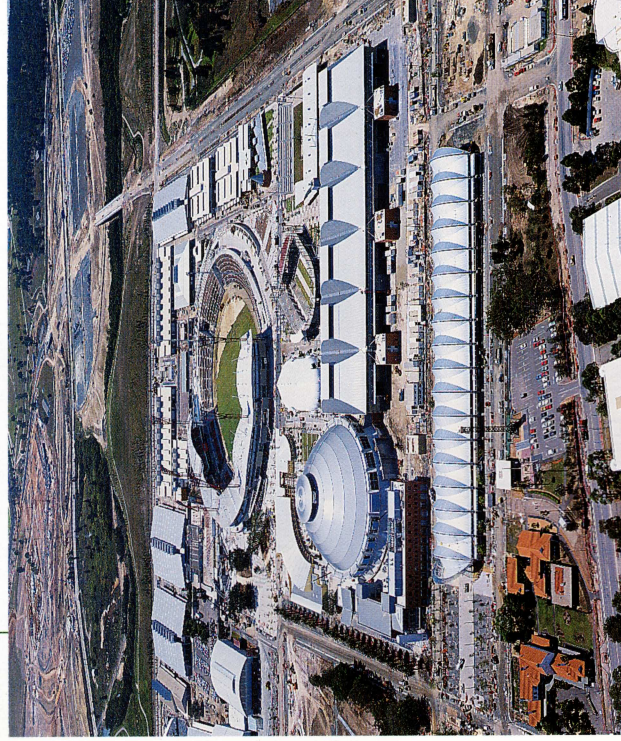
Access

During the design of Olympic Park Station, OCA consulted with groups representing a wide range of people with disabilities and special needs to ensure it would be accessible for everyone. The ground level concourse is connected to the platforms below by a series of lifts, stairs, ramps and escalators which provide easy access into and out of the station.

Environment

The Homebush Bay rail link is a major environmental feature in its own right. A train load of passengers can remove up to a thousand cars from the roads, helping improve Sydney's air quality. The design maximises natural light and ventilation, lowering energy consumption and reducing NSW's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.

STATION SHOWING SYDNEY SHOWGROUND'S DOME,
EXHIBITION HALLS AND MAIN ARENA



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