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Powerhouse Parramatta Opening 2026: What To Expect From Sydney's Biggest Museum



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It's the opening we've all been talking about for years! Sydney's west is about to get a serious cultural glow-up with the highly anticipated opening of Powerhouse Museum Parramatta.

The long-awaited Powerhouse Parramatta is nearly here, and if you thought this was just another museum, think again. This is a full-blown cultural playground set to transform Parramatta's riverfront and Sydney's cultural and educational offering.

Opening Date (And Why Everyone's Talking About It)

With construction now 95% complete, Powerhouse Parramatta is slated to **open in spring 2026**, and it's shaping up to be the biggest museum in NSW history.

Sitting right on the banks of the Parramatta River, this is the first major state cultural institution planted firmly in Sydney's west – and it's kind of a big deal!

What To Expect From the New Powerhouse Parramatta

First, let's get to what NOT to expect – your run-of-the-mill, wander-through-and-whisper type of museum! Spread across a massive 18,000 square metres, Powerhouse Museum Parramatta is designed to be immersive, interactive and seriously future-focused.

Part of the new digs will include:

Next-gen exhibition spaces built for large-scale, hands-on experiences.

12,000 square metres of public space, including a riverside green square.

A layout that blends culture, science, design and community into one seamless hub.

Task Eternal: World's Most Ambitious Aerospace Exhibition



Task Eternal

Task Eternal will be the museum's huge, headline-making first exhibition when it opens in late 2026, and it's all about humanity's lifelong fascination with flight and space.

Task Eternal will highlight everything from First Nations sky stories and early flying machines to rockets, space exploration and what the future beyond Earth might look like. Talk about a highlight for space-obsessed kids!

Created with big names like the Australian Space Agency and the Smithsonian (yes, it's that level), this will be one of the most ambitious aerospace exhibitions in the world, designed to be immersive, thought-provoking, and seriously awe-inspiring for all ages.

Set inside a massive, soaring gallery space, *Task Eternal* will invite curious kids (and grown-ups) to explore how we got to space... and where we might go next.

A Rooftop Worth The Hype

Head upstairs, and things get even more interesting. The rooftop terrace is set to deliver near-360-degree views across Parramatta, with a lush garden filled with Indigenous plants, a greenhouse, water features and spaces for workshops and events.

There's also Vitocco Kitchen, a 200-seat production kitchen designed for cooking classes, food experiences and hands-on learning. Through a partnership with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, thousands of NSW students will get stuck into growing, cooking and sustainability programs each year.

Oh – and because they've really gone all out – there's also an observatory with telescopes and a retractable roof, hosting astronomy sessions with scientists from around the world!

The Lang Walker Family Academy



Artist's impression of The Lang Walker Family Academy.

If you've got curious kids (or just love a hands-on experience), this is where things get really interesting. The Lang Walker Family Academy will be a major draw in Powerhouse Parramatta, offering interactive programs on food, sustainability, and science.

In partnership with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, the academy will welcome more than 10,000 NSW students each year for immersive workshops covering everything from growing produce and cooking to environmental awareness, set against the backdrop of the rooftop garden and production kitchen.

It's designed to inspire the next generation while giving families a chance to experience something a little more meaningful than a standard museum visit.

The Holdmark Gallery



Artist's impression of The Holdmark Gallery.

Art lovers, this one's for you. [The Holdmark Gallery](#) will be one of the major exhibition spaces inside the new Powerhouse Parramatta, designed to host large-scale, ever-changing showcases spanning art, design, science and culture.

There'll be bold, immersive exhibitions rather than anything too traditional – this is a space built for big ideas and visually striking experiences that pull you in (and keep the kids engaged, too). It'll be a key part of the museum's rotating program, meaning there'll always be something new to see, whether it's international touring exhibitions or locally curated works.

A Space For Curious Minds (Big and Small)

Powerhouse Parramatta is going all in on hands-on learning, with a purpose-built play and learning space dedicated to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and maths). Designed for kids, it's all about interactive discovery with tinkering, experimenting and getting stuck into ideas in a way that actually feels fun.

Beyond that, the museum will also house versatile event and function spaces, meaning everything from workshops and talks to large-scale events and community gatherings will be part of the mix.

Big On Sustainability

It's also big on sustainability. It'll be fully electric and powered by 100% renewable energy. Designed to be climate-positive, it'll target a 6 Star Green Star rating, a first for an Australian public building!

Powerhouse Parramatta is set to be the most exciting opening in Sydney's cultural calendar – equal parts museum, community hub and riverside hangout. Start planning your visit now, because this one's going to draw a crowd!

Location

34/47 Phillip St, Parramatta

Project Timeline and Construction Progress

Powerhouse Parramatta is 95% complete and is set to open in **spring 2026**.

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