

# Mammoth project drives hiring spree

## BUILDING TO PEAK OF 3000 WORKERS

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QUEENSLAND'S biggest infrastructure project is hiring, with jobs and contracts available now to work on the \$5.4 billion Cross River Rail.

The project, which has been described as a heart bypass that will unclog south-east Queensland's rail network, will create 450 apprenticeships and traineeships, as well as work for subcontractors, with 90 per cent of firms working on the underground river crossing and rail work being Queensland-based, its builders say.

The Cross River Rail Delivery Authority has set up a tendering portal for businesses looking to secure work, while there are also positions available with the delivery authority itself and major contractors CPB and its partners.

More than 1800 people are currently working on the project across eight sites, with numbers expected to reach 3000 as it ramps up.

With construction expanding, expressions of interest have now opened to fill positions for trades and labour, support and rail positions from carpenters and form workers to riggers, storepeople, human resources, engineers and rail yard workers with major contractor CPB and the delivery authority itself.

The Courier-Mail, in conjunction with the Cross River

Rail Delivery Authority, is presenting a series looking at the project and what it will bring to the state.

Construction is pouring \$2.8 million a day into the Queensland economy – jumping to \$4 million a day as it ramps up even further through the second half of the year – and currently employs 1800 across eight sites.

The 10.2km railway line will run from Dutton Park to Bowen Hills and include 5.9km of twin tunnels under the river and Brisbane CBD and four new underground stations at Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street and Roma Street, as well as upgrades at other stations.

The project is projected to take 47,000 people off roads and offer a turn-up-and-go train timetable.

Matthew Martyn-Jones, CRRDA general manager of strategy and people, said that job numbers were growing, while the apprenticeship program offered a legacy of skilled tradespeople.

"It's only going to get bigger," Mr Martyn-Jones said.

"We've got about 1800 people working on the project now and in a couple of years from now that will peak at over 3000 people in 2022. It's growing all the time."

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Luke Garton, of Nudgee, and Jason Nattress, of Warner, enjoy their jobs as plant operators in Victoria Park. Picture: Annette Dew

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Expressions of interest from industry and experienced trades and labour professionals are invited for the Cross River Rail TSD project across the following disciplines:

#### TRADES AND LABOUR VACANCIES

- Apprentice/traineeship
- Carpentry trades/formworker
- Crane operator
- Concreter/concrete finisher
- Dogman
- Operator
- Rigger
- Scaffolder
- Steel Fixer
- Trades assistant/labourer
- Tunneller
- Yardperson/storeperson

#### SUPPORT VACANCIES

- Engineering
- Finance
- Project management
- Contracts & procurement
- Quality
- Health & safety
- Supervisory
- Human resources
- Administration

#### RAIL VACANCIES

- Rail civil and electrical works
- Brownfield rail surface works primarily to the north of the tunnel, including an upgrade of Exhibition Station and an augmentation of Mayne Yard
- Upgrade of six suburban stations to the south
- Rail operational systems works
- Rail signalling works and communication, and integration and commission activities

#### CRRDA VACANCIES

- Director customer & operational integration
- Customer and travel behaviour manager
- HR business partner
- HR adviser

**INFORMATION:** Visit <https://crossriverrail.qld.gov.au/contact-us/jobs-contracts/for-jobs>

