



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL AUTHORITY



A train arrives at Carnegie Station as works on the open space go on below.

LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL UPDATE

CAULFIELD TO DANDENONG
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Nine level crossings gone forever

We have removed all nine level crossings between Caulfield and Dandenong, opened four new stations and are completing work on the 22.5 hectares of open space created as part of the project.

The Caulfield to Dandenong Level Crossing Removal Project has not only significantly reduced traffic congestion but also improved safety for road and rail users, allowing for more trains to run on Melbourne's busiest rail corridor.

When works are completed later in the year, the community will be reconnected and able to come together at a number of new open spaces created as a result of elevating the rail.

Now the focus has turned to completing the station precincts and creating the linear park.

In total, the linear park from Caulfield to Dandenong will create 22.5 hectares of new parklands.

Level crossings removed in 2018:

- Grange Road, Carnegie
- Koornang Road, Carnegie
- Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena
- Poath Road, Hughesdale
- Clayton Road, Clayton
- Centre Road, Clayton
- Corrigan Road, Noble Park
- Heatherton Road, Noble Park
- Chandler Road, Noble Park

Connecting our communities

Works are well under way to construct 22.5 hectares of open space between Caulfield and Dandenong.

Work has progressed quickly on the open space with the first section of the shared use path opening between Centre and Corrigan roads.

Gym equipment has been installed in Noble Park and the new playgrounds at Heatherton Road and to the West of Centre Road are also close to completion.

Pooches get ready: two new off-leash dog parks at Clayton and Noble Park have been seeded and will be ready for puppy paws soon!

Local schools celebrated National Tree Day with the project through a donation from 80 oak trees. Seeds from the original oak trees at the Clayton RSL memorial were salvaged by the project in 2016. Approximately twenty of these were replanted into the new RSL memorial in July.

Buskers on Poath

Melbourne's best busking talent lined Poath Road, Hughesdale – during Buskers on Poath: a winter feast of entertainment held in July and August.

Locals took the Melbourne chill in their stride, popping down to the shopping strip rugged up in scarves and beanies. Hot meals and drinks from local traders helped them stay warm as the street buzzed with musicians, roving entertainers, and a surprise visit from Santa.

Children were all smiles when meeting the larger than life penguin at the kids' storybook session held by a 'campfire' with 'snow' falling gently down.

Thanks to Glen Eira City Council, Monash Council and the local Hughesdale trader group for helping support these events.

Many thanks also to the locals who helped make the events a great success and have continued to shop local as works continue.

Got a shopping list? Tick it off locally. The traders really appreciate it!



Project timeline Key construction milestones

October 2016

- Piling (ground strengthening) commenced

January 2017

- First pier installed between Carnegie and Hughesdale
- Gantry crane arrives

Feb – May 2017

- First pier installed at Clayton and Noble Park
- Cranes commence lifting beams and deck segments onto support piers at Clayton and Noble Park

June – Sept 2017

- Carrier system operational between Murrumbeena Station and Grange Road
- Piling complete at Carnegie, Murrumbeena, Clayton and Noble Park

Late 2017

- All piers and beams installed at Noble Park
- Piling complete Hughesdale

2018

- Rail laid on elevated deck
- Ground level buildings installed
- Retaining walls complete
- Overhead wiring complete
- Rail line operating on elevated structure
- New stations open at Carnegie, Murrumbeena, Hughesdale, Clayton and Noble Park
- Bicycle and pedestrian path complete
- Open space landscaping complete

All level crossings removed

Donation keeps Yarra Valley Railway project on track

A massive donation of ballast and steel tracks has given fresh momentum to a volunteer endeavour to rebuild an old railway between Healesville and Yarra Glen.

Yarra Valley Railway volunteers can now make tracks towards a long awaited project, using the redundant materials from our project to see a steam train run through the 14-kilometre tourist route – connecting both towns by rail for the first time since 1980.

With more than 500 volunteers, Yarra Valley Railway is Victoria's largest volunteer infrastructure project in Australia.

While a significant amount has already been achieved, including rebuilding 16 bridges and a full heritage restoration of Yarra Glen Station, building the track is still reliant on the donation of used materials which the project is proud to contribute for such a valued community project.



Yarra Valley Rail volunteers on site.

Victoria's Big Build

Victoria is currently in a transport construction boom with 29 major road and rail projects being built across the state.

Victoria's Big Build website provides information about travel disruptions for all major projects. For more information, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/about

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FINAL FAREWELL FOR NINE LEVEL CROSSINGS

With all nine level crossings between Caulfield and Dandenong now removed, traffic is flowing and trains are running along all sections of the elevated rail!



GRANGE ROAD, CARNEGIE

6km
of elevated rail

The Grange Road level crossing disrupted up to 16,000 vehicles each day, with boom gates down for up to 55 minutes during a busy morning peak.

Works to remove the dangerous level crossing at Grange Road, are complete. The boom gates were removed on 12 June and Grange Road resurfaced.

Removing the Grange Road level crossing has improved safety and reduced congestion along Melbourne's busiest rail corridor.

KOORNANG ROAD, CARNEGIE

Boom gates were down for up to 87 minutes during the morning peak causing significant delays and frustration for 13,000 motorists daily.

The boom gates were removed on 10 June to the delight of the crowd of cheering locals

The removal has seen the ease of congestion and safer access to the brand-new Carnegie Station and vibrant shopping district.

MURRUMBEENA ROAD, MURRUMBEENA

These boom gates were down for up to 75 minutes during the morning peak and were a big source of frustration for the local community.

The boom gates were removed forever on 12 June and no longer disrupt up to 15,000 vehicles who use this road daily.

The removal has seen the community enjoy the brand new Murrumbeena Station and provides easier access to the local traders of Murrumbeena.

These boom gates were down for up to 72 minutes during the morning peak causing significant delays for thousands of motorists each day.

POATH ROAD, HUGHESDALE

Works to remove the Poath Road level crossing are complete. On 11 June, locals cheered as the boom gates were removed forever.

Alongside the improvement in congestion, the brand-new Hughesdale Station is getting closer to welcoming passengers.

Up to 19,000 motorists were disrupted by the crossing each day, and boom gates were down for up to 82 minutes during the morning period.

On 10 April, locals came out and celebrated the removal of the boom gates forever.

The newly resurfaced road now provides safe and reliable access to a major hospital, university, the brand new Clayton Station and a vibrant retail strip.

CLAYTON ROAD, CLAYTON

With boom gates down for 75 minutes during peak periods, these boom gates would disrupt 18,000 motorists each day.

Major works to remove the Centre Road level crossing in Clayton are complete. On 3 April, the boom gates were removed forever. Centre Road now provides a smooth and safe route for people travelling through the area. The old tracks have been removed and the road has been resurfaced.

CORRIGAN ROAD, NOBLE PARK

The boom gates at Corrigan Road would cause significant frustration and delays for motorists, being down for 72 minutes during the morning peak.

The dangerous level crossing at Corrigan Road has been removed. The boom gates were gone in January and the old tracks pulled out whilst resurfacing Corrigan Road.

By removing the level crossing, motorists are no longer frustrated by boom gate delays and have a safer, quicker journey.

HEATHERTON ROAD, NOBLE PARK

Up to 20,000 motorists who use this road were delayed by boom gates, which were down for up to 73 minutes during the morning peak.

The boom gates were removed forever on 29 January. The old tracks and ballast were next to go as Heatherton Road was resurfaced.

Pedestrians and motorists now enjoy quick and safe access the local shops. The brand-new Noble Park Station is also open for operation, providing commuters with state-of-the-art, modern facilities.

CHANDLER ROAD, NOBLE PARK

The boom gates at Chandler Road impacted 15,000 vehicles daily as they were down for 67 minutes in the morning peak.

The boom gates on Chandler Road were removed in January. This has seen a significant decrease in travel times while also providing a safer journey

40,000 tonnes
of Australian steel used

9mil.
worker hours so far (approx.)