

OPEN SPACE CONSTRUCTION



Building Melbourne's newest park

The Caulfield to Dandenong Level Crossing Removal Project is removing nine of Melbourne's most dangerous and congested level crossings. In doing so, the project will open up 22.5 hectares of new community open space – equivalent to 11 MCGs. As the level crossings continue to be removed, our focus shifts to the creation of the new park.

Key features

Linear park

The new park will have a series of paths that will connect streets to the north and south, removing the former divide between communities.

The park will also feature bicycle facilities, drinking fountains, eating areas and fitness stations along the length of the park.

Trees and vegetation

Thousands of plants and trees will be planted in the new parkland underneath the elevated rail.

Walking and cycling paths

The project will provide a 17-kilometre-long walking and cycling path. More than 12 kilometres of new path will be built, joining existing paths to create a continuous route from Monash University's Caulfield Campus to the EastLink Trail in Dandenong.

Community spaces

The project will create seven community spaces.

These spaces will include features such as dog parks, table tennis tables, picnic areas, fitness stations and multi-use sports courts.

Early works

The first job will be the removal of redundant rail infrastructure in preparation for the park. This includes overhead wiring, signalling equipment, the rail tracks and sleepers, as well as station buildings, forecourts and car parks.

Once the track-related materials are removed, we will begin earthworks to remove stones and top soil in the area so we can form a stable foundation for landscaping that will follow.

Hard-scaping

In activity spaces and around stations, hard-scaping will follow the early works. Hard-scaping is the construction of the solid structures as opposed to vegetation. This includes building seated areas, activity spaces and sporting courts as well as the station forecourts, car parks and roadworks.

Soft-scaping

Soft-scaping includes the preparation for and the planting of seedlings, trees and grass.

In areas where early works and the construction program is complete, vegetation and tree planting will start.

Thousands of trees and smaller plants will be planted in the new parkland. New plantings will mostly be native with some exotic species used in appropriate locations.

A particular focus has been placed on having a variety of species, which are all resilient to drought.



Shared Use Path construction

Construction of a 17 kilometre walking and cycling path will begin following the completion of early works.

The path will be accessible for everyone. It will be three metres wide and will generally have a one metre clearance on both sides. In high pedestrian areas such as station carparks, separate footpaths will be built.

The majority of trees planted will be tube stock, which will grow fast. A smaller number of taller trees will also be planted. Mature tree heights will range from 5m to 20m.

Planting in the corridor will be done in stages. To read more about our open space visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/about/open-space



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