



Heatherton Community Reference Group

Meeting #16

28 April 2026



We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land,
the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation, and pay respect to
their Elders, past and present.



Welcome

Agenda

Topic	Speaker
Welcome and introductions	Kim
Actions and questions	All
Works update	Linewide Alliance (LWA)
Communications and engagement update	All
Break	
Works update	Suburban Connect (SC)
Environmental update	All
Other business	All

Actions & questions

Actions | Current

CRG meeting date	Action	Status
24 February 2026	CRG members to provide feedback and suggestions on upcoming presentation items, format of presentation of data and information and suggestions on what collateral may be useful for community consumption (e.g. flowcharts, factsheets on specific topics etc.)	Ongoing, open action
24 February 2026	SC to present on the plan for haulage and management of spoil from tunnelling activities.	SC expects to provide briefing in June or August CRG once plans are finalised.

Member questions

Question	Update
Update on replacement open space for Heatherton which should be a large parcel of land as discussed in the EES, not little pocket parks	SRLA continues to investigate replacement open space opportunities, in line with the SRL East Public Open Space Framework. Updates will be provided when available.
Will SRL provide more education to truck delivery drivers to prevent them turning into Nicholas Grove. The "No Truck Sign" and "No through road signs" appear to be invisible to drivers	Feedback appreciated and has been escalated. Trucks should not be accessing local streets.
Ongoing noise, vibrations and dust issues	Covered in meeting. Ongoing environmental monitoring underway.
Debris on Kingston Road stones flicked up on car wind shield, more proactive cleaning needed	Kingston Road is now open (barriers removed) allowing continued active street cleaning.
Traffic light issues along Kingston Road, as discussed in previous meetings.	Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) are responsible for traffic light sequencing.
What are the newly visible stockpiles on the site?	Crushed rock/gravel to construct a hardstand laydown area

Linewide Alliance update

Overview | Linewise package of works

Works	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Site investigations	█									
Earthworks	█	█	█		█					
Train stabling facility Urban Design and Landscape Plan	█	█								
Train stabling facility construction	█	█	█	█	█					
Tunnel fit out and track installation				█	█	█				
Testing of SRL East network							█	█	█	
Trains taking passengers										█

All timing is indicative and subject to change.

2026 construction

Works	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Earthworks and excavations								
Filling the existing pond								
Ground improvement								

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Train stabling facility | site context



 Suburban Connect

 Linewide Alliance

Linewise works | Earthworks

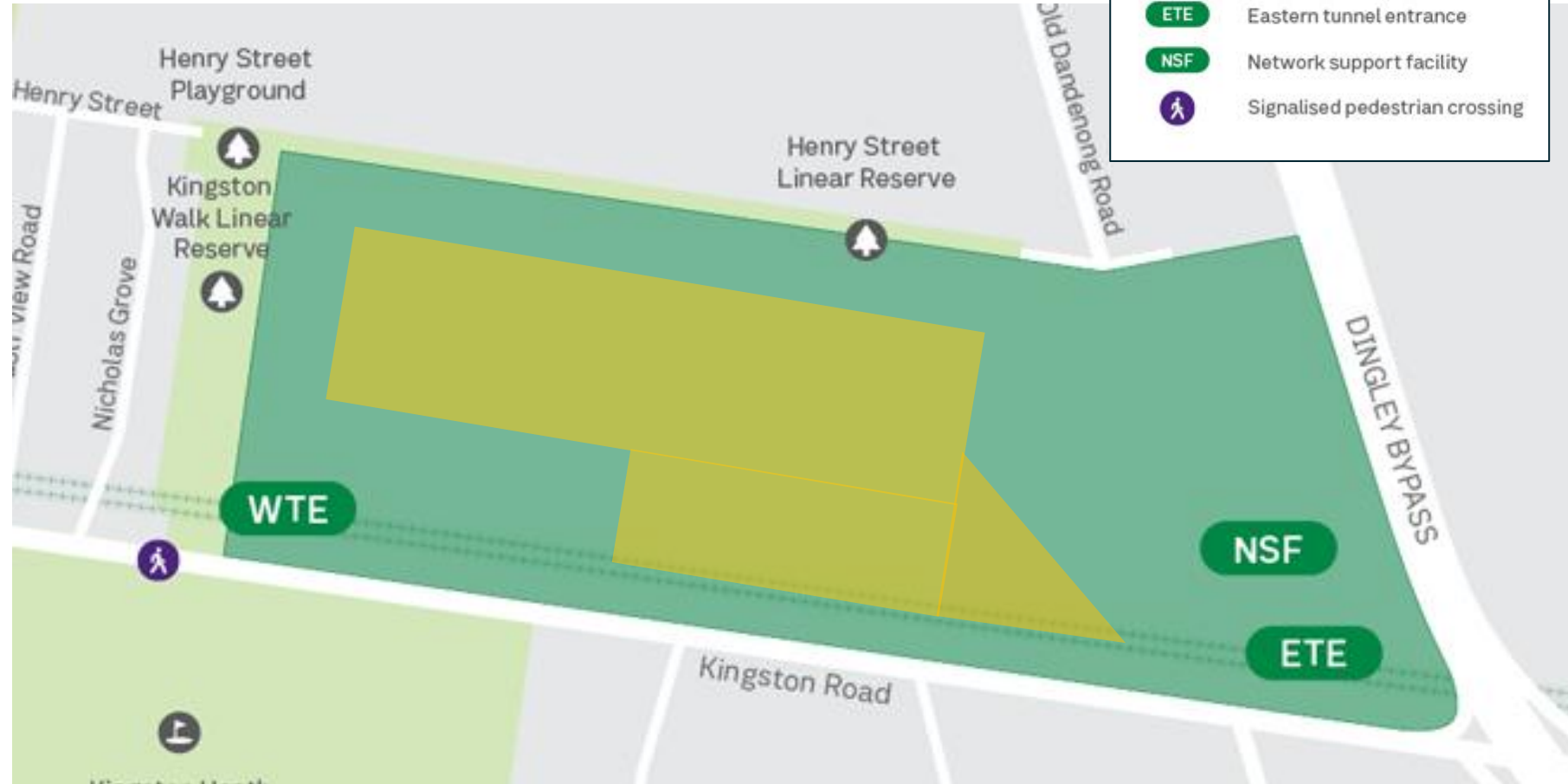
- Day works from early May 2026
- Levelling and preparing the site to build the train stabling facility
- Air quality, noise and vibration monitors will be operating on site
- Works will be carried out in line with EPA Victoria and WorkSafe requirements

Stage	Earthworks
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern excavation • Building haulage roads • Building two new water retention basins • Filling the existing pond
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern and western excavation • Building two new water retention basins • Filling the existing pond
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete filling existing pond • Central excavation

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Linewise works | Ground improvement

	SRL East tunnels
	SRL East train stabling facility
	Western tunnel entrance
	Eastern tunnel entrance
	Network support facility
	Signalled pedestrian crossing



 Ground improvement works

- Day works from June to December 2026
- Type of ground improvement
 - Q3: Piling works
 - Q4: Rolling works
- Ground improvement works are needed to
 - Stabilise the ground to enable railways, roads and buildings to be built on the surface
- These works are expected to be disruptive.

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Communications and engagement update

Community interactions

- *From last CRG (24 February 2026) to Monday 27 April 2026, we received 26 complaints from 16 residents*
- Key themes included:
 - Noise, Vibration
 - Impacts on health
 - Truck movements
- The project team also :
 - Made 42 outbound phone calls
 - Held 10 one-on-one meetings with residents
 - Doorknocked 50 properties to provide information

Recent communications and engagement

Summer Blitz Program

- 56 of 131 EOIs returned

Solar panel cleaning

- 23 completed

Air-conditioning filter cleans

- 38 Completed

Program completed

Community engagement initiatives

- Double Glazing Program
- Fencing

Programs completed

Community Crew

- The Community Crew last week celebrated their 500th job.
- This included more than 133 window cleans and 149 car washes



Upcoming communication and engagement

- Monthly works notifications
- Property condition surveys for Linewide Alliance works
- Construction newsletter to over 5,000 properties surrounding the SRL East train stabling facility
- Suburban Connect and Linewide Alliance working closely on provision of residential support guidelines.

Upcoming community pop-up

- Date: Sunday 17 May
- Time: 9am – 12pm
- Location: Henry Street Playground

The Project team will be available to chat and listen to the community, including SRLA, Suburban Connect and Linewide Alliance.

Flyers will be distributed to local residents ahead of the pop-up.



Break

Suburban Connect update

Train stabling facility

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Current works | Western tunnel entrance (WTE)

- Western portal excavation – from April
- Sheet piling – from May
- Acoustic shed construction – from July



All timing is subject to change.

Current works | Eastern tunnel entrance (ETE)

- Site establishment – from April
 - Earthworks
 - Drainage
 - Fencing
 - Deliveries to site



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Future works and impacts

Location	Upcoming milestones in 2026	Expected impacts	Date
Train stabling facility, Heatherton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheet piling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased noise levels (day works) 	From May to June/July
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement of WTE portal excavation Constructing tunnelling support equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased earthworks and soil removal Increased heavy vehicle traffic entering and exiting site 	From April to late 2026
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acoustic shed construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential additional evening and/or night works - TBC Noise reduction achieved by acoustic shed 	From July to late 2026
Kingston Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utility works and connections into site Fencing and hoarding installation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic barriers and changed traffic conditions near the train stabling facility Lane and road closures at times Increased heavy vehicle traffic entering and exiting site 	Ongoing in 2026

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TBM launch site, Clarinda

Current works | TBM launch site

- Excavating tunnel boring machine launch shafts – until September
- Constructing acoustic sheds – until September
- Tunnelling preparation and equipment delivery - ongoing



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Future works and impacts

Location	Upcoming milestones in 2026	Expected impacts	Date
TBM launch site, Clarinda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of TBM launch shaft excavation Acoustic shed construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing works up to 24 hours Monday – Sunday Increased earthworks and soil removal Increased heavy vehicle traffic entering and exiting site 	Until September 2026
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBM component delivery TBM assembly and launch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased heavy vehicle traffic entering and exiting site 	Mid to late 2026
Kingston Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utility works and connections into site TBM delivery enabling works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic barriers and changed traffic conditions near TBM launch site Lane and road closures at times Increased heavy vehicle traffic entering and exiting site 	Ongoing in 2026

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Environmental monitoring

Environmental monitoring:

- From last CRG (24 February), Suburban Connect has undertaken continuous noise, vibration, and air-quality monitoring at the Heatherton and Clarinda sites.
- Environmental team updates and monitoring results include:
 - Monthly construction briefing to EPA on 16 April including Suburban Connect and Linewide Alliance
 - Site visit by the EPA on 17 April, including inspection within Kingston Linear Reserve
 - Dust monitoring - there have been no exceedances
 - Noise and vibration monitoring - levels have been below predicted thresholds
- Linewide Alliance will begin noise, vibration and air quality monitoring when earthworks start

Other business

Upcoming meetings

Tuesday 23 June, 6pm-8pm

Tuesday 18 August, 6pm-8pm

Final meeting date for 2026 to be confirmed.

Locations of meetings will be confirmed closer to the date.

Questions