

PAKENHAM UPDATE
JUNE 2023

Changes today, better transport tomorrow.

Work is underway for the future of Pakenham, with major changes coming to your local road and rail network.



Artist's impression of the new Pakenham Station

As you travel around the local area, you'll start to see a whole lot of changes happening today as we work to make it easier for you to travel tomorrow.







We're continuing progress to remove three level crossings by building a 2.5 kilometre elevated rail line over McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road. This will connect to the brand new Pakenham and East Pakenham stations when they are completed in 2024.

We're getting the network ready for the opening of the Metro Tunnel in 2025, a year ahead of schedule. Pakenham Line trains will travel through the Metro Tunnel and continue onto Sunbury, allowing more trains to run more often.

With the Monash Freeway upgrade completed, we're now fixing local access onto the Princes Freeway with improvement works underway.

We're also upgrading main arterial roads, with works continuing on new roundabouts, lanes and bridges along Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road.

Delivery timeline for projects in your area

- 2024**
 -  Boom gates removed at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road
 -  New Pakenham and East Pakenham stations open
- 2025**
 -  Metro Tunnel opens
 -  Pakenham Line is level crossing free
 -  Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade complete
 -  Princes Freeway Interchanges Upgrade complete



Find out more about improvements in Pakenham by scanning the QR code or visiting bigbuild.vic.gov.au/pakenham



Check out upcoming disruptions on the middle pages

! Transport disruptions in Pakenham

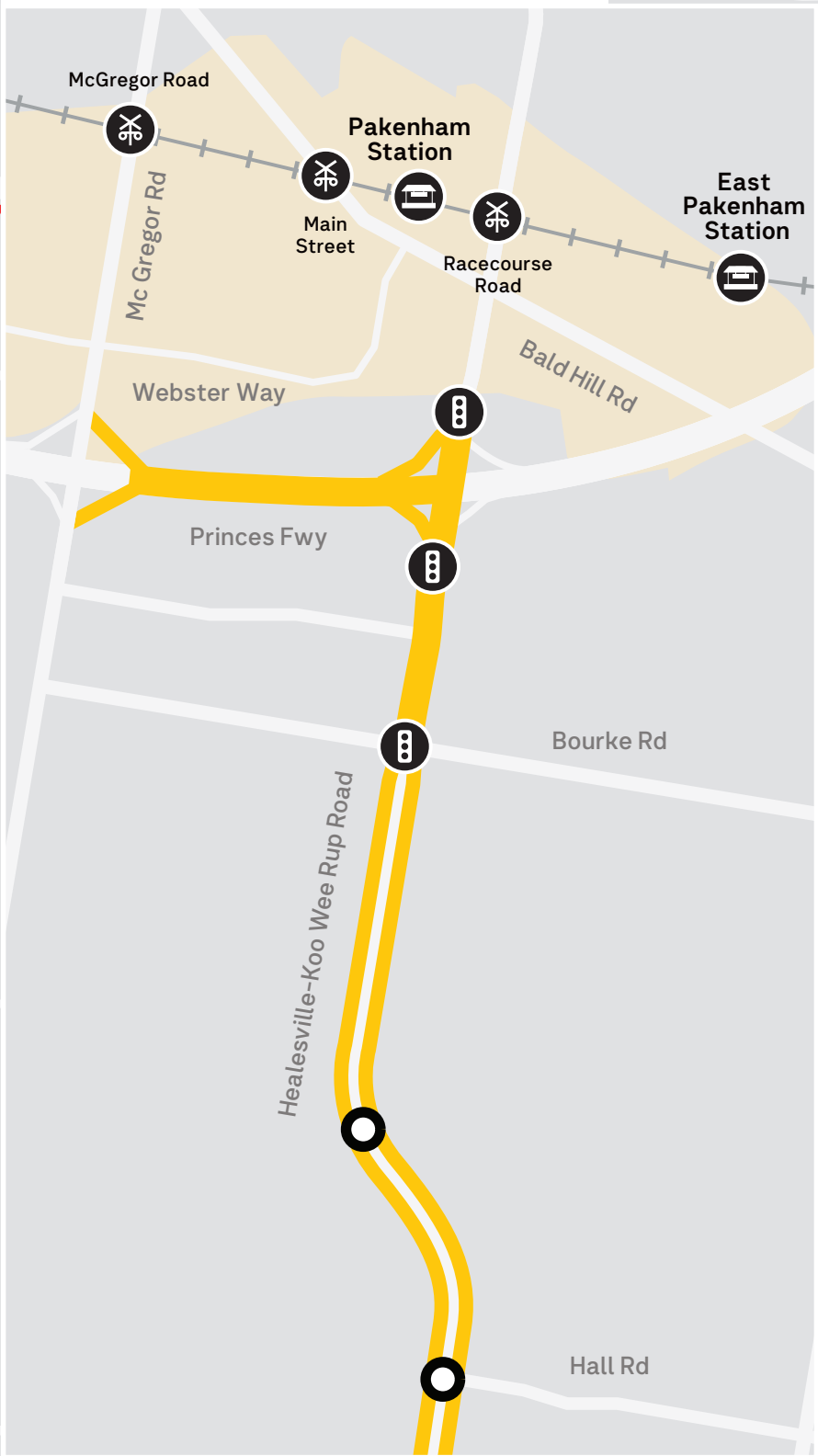
Pakenham Line
Buses replace trains on the Pakenham Line from 10pm 7 June to last train 21 June.

Princes Freeway
Lanes closed between McGregor Road and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road at times in June and July.

Ballarto Road West
Closed between Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road and Cardinia Road until 28 June.

Cardinia Road

Upgrades coming to Pakenham



- Level crossing removal
- New train station
- New traffic light intersection
- New roundabout
- New lanes
- New lanes each way

Come for a visit

The Pakenham Level Crossing Removal Project recently launched a kiosk at Pakenham Central. Come and read all about the project while your kids are entertained with fun construction activities. Check out the kiosk next time you are at Pakenham Central – just outside Woolworths.



The Pakenham Level Crossing Removal Project kiosk at Pakenham Central

Level Crossing Removal Project

While we work on rail upgrades along the Pakenham Line, buses will replace trains between Berwick and Pakenham from 10pm Wednesday 7 June to last train Wednesday 21 June. There will also be weekend and weeknight disruptions on the Pakenham Line.



Scan the QR code or visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/calendar to sign up for calendar updates for the latest disruptions on the Pakenham Line.

Road upgrades in Pakenham

Construction continues on the Princes Freeway Interchanges Upgrade. In the coming weeks we'll begin works in the freeway median to build the central pier that will support the new Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road bridge over the freeway.

Traffic on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road between Greenhills Road and Deep Creek has been moved onto the new section of road, while Bourke Road remains closed at Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road. Access is maintained for local residents via Exchange Drive.



See how disruptions may affect you on our interactive map
Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/pakenhamdisruptions



Progress at the Main Street level crossing removal



March



May

Rail bridge taking shape

Have you noticed a bridge starting to take shape over McGregor Road and Main Street?

Our crews have been busy installing concrete segments to form the new 2.5 kilometre rail bridge through Pakenham.

The rail bridge, which will extend across Racecourse Road, along with the new Pakenham and East Pakenham stations, will improve safety, reduce road congestion and allow more trains, more often.

The Pakenham Line is on track to be level crossing free in 2025 when another five level crossings are removed.

Native wildlife finds a new home

Project ecologists have been busy moving nine striped marsh frogs, 15 common frogs and 48 short-finned eels to their new home in Deep Creek.

The local striped marsh frog and short-finned eel are both considered endangered or rare in other parts of Australia. After discovering small populations of these creatures in the project area, our crew found them a new place to live.

We're committed to minimising environmental impacts to keep local plants and animals thriving while building the transport to keep you moving.

Where to next?

The Big Build team has been out and about in your area to chat with many Pakenham locals.

We recently visited Let's Brick Pakenham and the Yakkerboo Festival to chat with locals about our projects, as well as hear feedback.

Come see us at Pakenham Library during the school holidays on 6 and 7 July and take part in kid-friendly activities. You can ask us questions, and find out more about projects in your area.

Visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/subscribe to keep up to date with where the Big Build Roadshow is heading next.



Find out how we're building big in Pakenham at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/pakenham or call 1800 105 105 any time.

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