



CHANGES TODAY, BETTER TRANSPORT TOMORROW

PAKENHAM UPDATE, MARCH 2024

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We're upgrading major roads and removing the last three level crossings in Pakenham to improve journeys.

Work is full steam ahead to remove the level crossings at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road. With the rail bridge in place, crews are installing sleepers and 7.8 kilometres of new track.

The new stations at Pakenham and East Pakenham will open to passengers later this year, with more services, and modern accessible facilities.

As we work towards opening the Metro Tunnel in 2025, there will be disruptions while we carry out testing. Pakenham Line trains will run through the new tunnel and its five new stations in and around the CBD.

Work is also progressing on upgrades to the Princes Freeway, McGregor Road and Racecourse Road and when complete will improve traffic flow around Pakenham.

We're getting closer to opening lanes on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road, from Manks Road through to Southeast Boulevard, providing safer travel, improved traffic flow and travel times.

Delivery timeline for projects in your area

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| 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 |
| | | Stages 1 and 2 of the Pakenham Roads Upgrade complete |



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



Check upcoming travel disruptions on the back page.

Road upgrades in Pakenham

Things are looking a little different on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road, following a construction blitz over summer by the Pakenham Roads Upgrade team.

As part of the first stage of works, the road has been raised by nearly two metres at the southern roundabout at the Princes Freeway. The twelve 30-metre-long beams that will support the new bridge over the Princes Freeway have also been installed.


Major works have finished to widen the outbound McGregor Road exit ramp and the freeway roundabout on McGregor Road, between the freeway and the Webster Way/Henry Road intersection. Works to build a new lane on McGregor Road will start soon.



Chat to the project teams

We'll be out and about in March and April to chat to Pakenham locals and listen to your feedback.

Our project teams will be on hand to answer questions you have about what changes are coming to the road and rail network in your area.

 **Yakkerboo Festival**
Sunday 21 April

Visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/events to find a community event near you.

The striking roof is inspired by Pakenham's rolling hills and bronze sunsets



New stations for Pakenham passengers

The new Pakenham Station is taking shape, with the foundations laid, the state-of-the-art roof canopy installed and internal areas of the station buildings under construction

The roof canopy was made using 3D printing technology and moulded into shape using a high-tech durable material that's usually used in the aerospace and nautical industries.

Work is also progressing well at the new East Pakenham Station, the commuter car park is nearly complete and work is well underway to build the pedestrian underpass. Both stations will open later this year and will offer improved passenger facilities and safety, more green spaces, better access to shopping precincts and future connection to Suburban Rail Loop East.

The train platform at East Pakenham Station



Upgrades coming to Pakenham







Pakenham Line and Metro Tunnel

Crews have been hard at work testing equipment and systems in the Metro Tunnel to ensure they are working seamlessly and safely for the Metro Tunnel to open to passengers a year ahead of schedule in 2025.

Once open, Pakenham Line trains will travel through the Metro Tunnel and continue onto Sunbury, allowing bigger and modern trains to run more often.

We'll need to close sections of the Pakenham and Gippsland lines while we carry out testing, with buses replacing trains at times from March to May.

More choice and better connections for Pakenham

-  Connecting the Pakenham Line to Parkville health and education facilities for the first time
-  Five new state-of-the-art underground stations
-  Better connections to the St Kilda Road business precinct
-  Bigger, more comfortable trains with better accessibility

! Transport disruptions in Pakenham

! Buses replace trains on the Pakenham Line 

While we work on rail upgrades, buses will replace trains at times in March and April.

! Princes Freeway


Lanes closed between McGregor Road and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road at times until late May.

! Ballarto Road

Lanes closed at roundabout at times in March and April.

! Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road

Lanes closed at night between Southeast Boulevard and Manks Road at times from March to May.



See how disruptions may affect your travel

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