



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT

Open space corridor looking west from Main Street. Mature trees, artist's impression only.

LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL UPDATE

PAKENHAM
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Pakenham's new open space designs

We're removing the dangerous and congested level crossings at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road in Pakenham and building new stations at Pakenham and East Pakenham. The Victorian Government has fast tracked these level crossings for removal, with 22 level crossings being removed on the Pakenham line to make it boom gate free by 2025.



Check out images of your new open space designs in this update.

As part of the project, we're creating more than six MCGs' worth of new community open space for locals to enjoy for generations to come.

The open space will be located underneath the rail bridge between McGregor Road and Main Street and around the Pakenham Station precinct, improving north-south connections in the area.

Piling works have started as we build the foundations of the 2.5-kilometre rail bridge. Later this year, we'll start installing the piers and the elevated rail bridge will take shape for everyone to see.

Scan the QR code to learn more about how we'll build the rail bridge



Why these level crossings need to go



63,000 vehicles use these crossings each weekday



Boom gates down for **more than 30 minutes** of the morning peak



170 Metro and V/Line trains pass through the level crossings daily



90,000 passengers use the Cranbourne-Pakenham line each day



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COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE

In late 2021, we asked the community for ideas to help shape the design of the new open space to be completed in 2024.

The community told us they wanted Pakenham's new open space to include garden areas, playgrounds, active spaces, walking and cycling paths and artistic features.

Your feedback has helped shape designs for landscaping and open space under the rail bridge.



View of the new Pakenham Station from Main Street.

IMPROVING CONNECTIONS

Many locals expressed a desire to see more cycling and walking paths in the open space.

The design includes a three-metre-wide shared use path under the rail bridge between McGregor Road and Main Street, improving transport connections for pedestrians and bike riders to safely access the Pakenham Station and the shopping precinct.

We'll also create a secondary pedestrian trail, for the community to enjoy.

The open space features multi-purpose areas including:

- drinking fountains
- seating
- basketball court
- playground
- parklands
- Changing Places Facility.

Changing Places provide suitable facilities for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets.



Scan the QR code to view the open space roll plot map or visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/level-crossing-removal-project/pakenham/pakenham/image-galleries/pakenham-open-space-roll-plot





Active space on the north side of the rail bridge looking towards Pakenham Station. Mature trees, artist's impression only.



Sports and recreation space looking west towards McGregor Road. Mature trees, artist's impression only.



Open space corridor looking west from Main Street. Mature trees, artist's impression only.



Chin Cherry Grocery Store

Chin Cherry Grocery Store opened in November 2021 and have a front row seat to watch the new rail bridge being built as we remove three level crossings in Pakenham and build a new Pakenham Station.

Sente is the proud owner of the store and has a passion for traditional foods and quality produce. Selling goods from across the globe, including Afghanistan, India and Vietnam, she stocks everything from noodles, rice and roti to exotic products.

Excited to see the development of the local area, Sente and her family are ready to welcome you, be sure to drop in at 1-3 Station Street to pick up your groceries.

Sente (shop owner) in front of Chin Cherry Grocery Store.



Lights, camera, rail bridge

We've been out capturing the action in Pakenham. Check out our image gallery online for the latest progress shots.

Later this year, piers and L-beams will be delivered to site in Pakenham and locals will begin to see the elevated rail bridge as we work along the rail corridor between McGregor Road and Racecourse Road.

In East Pakenham, we'll continue building the foundations of the new East Pakenham Station. These works will involve excavating and undertaking demolition works to make way for the pedestrian and bike rider underpass which will connect Sharnet Circuit in the south to the station precinct.



Excavating and hardstand construction works at Pakenham Station.

Artistic touch at Pakenham Station

Earlier this year, grade four students at Beaconhills College created unique artworks inspired by how they'd like to use the new open space under the rail bridge in Pakenham.

Visit Pakenham Station to see the work of these talent young artist.



Beaconhills College student artworks at Pakenham Station.

Project Timeline

- ✓ **2020**
 - Site investigations
 - Technical and engineering assessments
 - Community engagement
- ✓ **Early 2021**
 - Community engagement
 - Further engineering investigations
- ✓ **Mid 2021**
 - Station designs announced
- ✓ **Late 2021**
 - Open space community consultation
 - Early works
- **2022**
 - Construction
 - Open space designs released
- **2023**
 - Construction
- **2024**
 - Boom gates gone for good
 - Pakenham and East Pakenham stations open
 - Community space open for locals to enjoy

**Timeline subject to change.*



View of the new Pakenham Station forecourt under the elevated rail bridge at Main Street.

Keeping in touch

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If you have any questions or would like more information, call **1800 105 105** or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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We have a dedicated team working with the community to keep you informed about what's happening during each stage of construction.



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