

A pedestrian using the shared use path on the new Brunt Road bridge



Brunt Road, Beaconsfield / October 2024

# Level crossing removal community update



## Major works complete at Brunt Road, Beaconsfield

The dangerous and congested level crossing at Brunt Road, Beaconsfield is gone for good, one year ahead of schedule.

The new Brunt Road bridge opened to traffic in April, with major works now complete.

Removing this level crossing has improved journeys for the 8,400 drivers passing through each day and allowing for more trains to run more often.

We've also built a new footpath and shared use path across the road bridge, providing a direct link to local schools, shops and services on either side of the rail line.

The removal of this dangerous and congested level crossing means the Pakenham Line is one step closer to being level crossing free by 2025.

Over the coming months, we will complete final footpath works, pack up our site offices and move out of the area.

**Thank you to the local community for their patience throughout this project.**

### Project benefits



Reducing congestion for the **8400** vehicles that pass through the level crossing each day



Contributing to a level crossing free Pakenham Line by **2025**



**New** walking and cycling paths along the road bridge



Planting approximately **100** trees and **50,000** plants, shrubs and grasses



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Aerial view of the new Brunt Road bridge



## What we've been up to on site

Over the past few months, our crews have been putting the finishing touches on the new road bridge including:



planting 100  
Australian native and  
Indigenous trees



building new footpath  
connections



50,000 plants, shrubs  
and grasses



painting the concrete  
retaining walls

The retaining wall panels on the bridge were painted in the natural and earthy tones the community chose during consultation back in 2022.

## Check out our completion photos



The new painted road bridge over the Pakenham Line



A car travelling over the new Brunt Road bridge



We've improved pedestrian and cycling connections in the area



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# Beaconsfield locals celebrate their new road bridge

## We recently celebrated the completion of the Brunt Road Level Crossing Removal Project.

The event gave us a chance to thank the Beaconsfield and Officer communities for their patience throughout construction.

Locals enjoyed a range of activities, including our fun-size diggers and cranes, building blocks and interactive learning stations.



Lots of colour as children painted their construction toys



Kids chatting with the project team



Kids activities included painting construction toys



All smiles at Brunt Road in winter

Enjoying the new park bench at Dodson Reserve



# Spotted Gum goes home to Beaconsfield

As part of our commitment to sustainability, the Level Crossing Removal Project looked for a way to repurpose trees that could not be retained.

We partnered with CERES Fair Wood, a not-for-profit social enterprise that buys and sells farm-forested, agroforestry and salvaged timber, with 100 per cent of profits reinvested back into the community including the CERES environmental education programs.

The project donated seven large Spotted Gum and Southern Mahogany logs to CERES Fair Wood, one of which

has been made into a park bench, purchased by the project and donated back to Cardinia Shire Council to be installed in Dodson Reserve – where the tree originally grew.

The other logs donated to CERES Fair Wood will be made into furniture and timber products that will be sold through its social enterprise business.



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## Project timeline



### Mid 2022

- Early site investigations
- Community consultation



### Late 2022

- Designs updated based on community consultation
- Contract award
- Site establishment



### Early to mid 2023

- Early works
- Final designs released
- Major construction starts



### Late 2023

- Major construction continues



### Mid 2024

- New Brunt Road bridge open
- Level crossing removed
- Landscaping

\* Timeline subject to change.

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