



NORTH
EAST LINK

TUNNELLING COMPLETE

Tunnelling for Melbourne's longest twin-tunnels from Watsonia to Bulleen is complete. We'll keep working underground to get the tunnels ready to open in 2028.



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Transforming the way people move around our city with the biggest investment in the north east.

Artist's impression of the North East Link tunnels

North East Link tunnels

North East Link will fix the missing link in Melbourne's freeway network, reducing travel times by up to 35 minutes and providing a direct route for up to 15,000 trucks a day from local roads.

The new North East Link tunnels will take traffic and trucks under our suburbs, giving local roads back to local people. New parklands and better walking and cycling paths will be built, transforming Greensborough Road into a tree-lined boulevard.



2 new parklands in Yallambie and Bulleen



3 new interchanges



2-ha green bridge linking Koonung Creek Trail to Yarra River parklands

Construction progress

With tunnelling complete, we're fitting out the tunnels with the electrical and safety systems needed for opening.

Construction of the Motorway Control Centre is underway to monitor traffic, with work on the Manningham Road interchange continuing, including road, drainage and gantry signage works.



Artist's impression of Yarra Link green bridge over Bulleen Road, Bulleen



Artist's impression of cultural landscape precinct, Manningham

Project overview

3 major projects in one

-  North East Link interchanges
-  Eastern Busway
-  Walking and cycling paths
-  New/upgraded park and ride
-  New Ring Road wetlands
-  Watsonia Station car park
-  Watsonia landscaped bridges
-  New Borlase Reserve parklands
-  New cultural precinct wetlands
-  New Yarra Link green bridge
-  Revitalised Koonung Creek Reserve
-  Reimagined Valda Wetlands
-  Revitalised Eram Park
-  New busway flyover bridge
-  New Yarra River walking and cycling bridge



12,000 jobs created



50 MCGs of open space



New Eastern Busway for faster bus trips



More than 30,000 trees planted



Upgrading Doncaster Park & Ride
and building new Bulleen Park & Ride



34km of new and upgraded walking
and cycling paths



Artist's impression of Watsonia Road bridge and tunnel entry/exit

M80 Ring Road Completion

Seamlessly connecting the M80 Ring Road to the new North East Link tunnels. Once complete, traffic will continue from the M80 under a new Grimshaw Street interchange and two new landscaped bridges at Elder Street and Watsonia Road into the tunnels.



14kms of new lanes for smoother faster trips



2 new interchanges at Greensborough Bypass and Grimshaw Street



New Intelligent Transport System for improved traffic flow



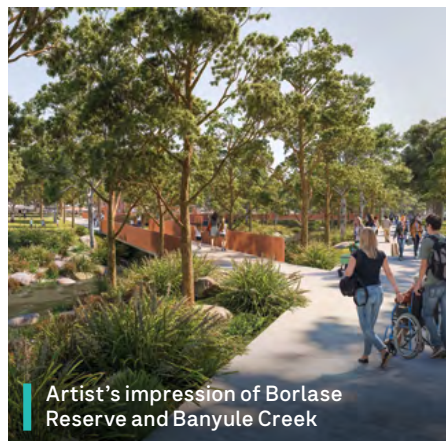
Returning local streets to locals

Construction progress

The new Greensborough Bypass interchange is taking shape, with major piers and bridges installed to connect the bypass to the M80.

New bridges over Yando Street underpass and Kempston Street are now open to traffic. Works are underway at the new Grimshaw Street interchange, with some traffic diversions expected. Excavation is progressing beneath the new Watsonia Road and Elder Street bridges to build the new lanes into the tunnel.

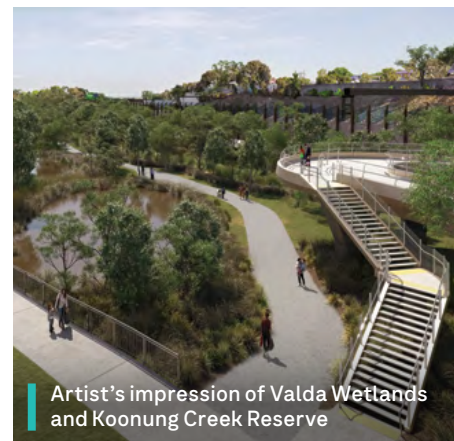
New and upgraded open spaces



Artist's impression of Borlase Reserve and Banyule Creek



Artist's impression of walking and cycling path at AK Lines Reserve, Watsonia



Artist's impression of Valda Wetlands and Koonung Creek Reserve



Artist's impression of the Eastern Freeway interchange in Bulleen

Eastern Freeway Upgrades

This major overhaul from Hoddle Street to Springvale Road will fix the previous bottlenecks, bring the Eastern Freeway up to modern standards, and create a seamless connection to the North East Link tunnels.



45km of new and upgraded lanes



6 new express lanes between Middleborough Road and Bulleen Road



Up to 11 minutes saved between Springvale Road and Hoddle Street



New Intelligent Transport System for improved traffic flow

Construction progress

The new Bulleen interchange is taking shape, after completing one of Australia's biggest ever transport beam lifts.

Major works are underway across the Eastern Freeway, including new bridges, lanes, ramps and noise walls, with more freeway and ramp closures expected in 2026.

Eastern Busway

The Bulleen and Doncaster park and rides will connect to 11 kilometres of new dedicated busway, improving public transport in Melbourne's east.

Travel times will be up to 30 per cent faster for more than 6 million bus trips a year.

The Eastern Busway is on track to open in 2028.



Artist's impression of Doncaster Park & Ride



Completed Bulleen Park & Ride



Bulleen Park Pavilion progress



New exercise station at Ford Park



Artist's impression of Bulleen Park Sports Pavilion

Sports upgrades

The project supported 20,000 players from 34 sporting clubs and associations who are already getting the benefits from upgrades to sporting grounds across the Melbourne's north east.

And there's still more coming. Bulleen Park upgrade is underway, which will provide the local clubs with three upgraded ovals and two new elevated pavilions which forms part of \$100 million investment.

Completed projects



- Elgar Park, Mont Albert North
- Ford Park, Bellfield
- Binnak Park, Watsonia North
- Greensborough College, Greensborough
- Veneto Club, Bulleen
- GW Sports Club, Glen Waverley
- Powerful Owl Park, Bulleen
- Montmorency Park, Montmorency

Greener north east

North East Link is delivering one of Victoria's largest tree planting programs for a major transport project, with more than 30,000 trees to be planted.

Since 2020, more than 7300 trees have already been planted across nearly 20 suburbs in Melbourne's north and east, with thousands more to come.

In August, 30 saplings from seeds collected from the significant River Red Gum in Bulleen were planted in Fitzsimons Reserve in Templestowe.



Tree planting in local parks



Watsonia Neighbourhood House have been hosting local celebrations to bring the community together

North East Community Fund

The \$10 million community fund is supporting strong and vibrant communities across the north east.

Since launching in 2022, more than 300 community projects valued at over \$8.5 million have been supported including community festivals and events, environmental and sustainable programs, and infrastructure upgrades.



\$10m
investment



300+
projects

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