

New pedestrian underpass safely connecting locals across the railway line. Artist impression only. Subject to change.

Cave Hill Road, Lilydale, December 2023

# Works ramping up at Cave Hill Road



The boom gates at Cave Hill Road, Lilydale will soon be gone for good, a year ahead of schedule.

We will close the level crossing at Cave Hill Road, Lilydale and build a new pedestrian underpass to provide a safer connection across the rail line to Lilydale High School and nearby homes and businesses, with links to future pedestrian and cycling paths.

Construction will start in December 2023 with the new pedestrian underpass opening ahead of schedule in 2024, helping make the Lilydale Line level crossing free.

From 24 January 2024, Cave Hill Road will permanently close at the level crossing so we can build the new pedestrian underpass.

When the level crossing is closed, drivers wishing to cross the rail line will need to travel the short distance to John Street or Main Street (see map on the next page).

Pedestrian access across the rail line will be maintained while we work to remove the level crossing and build the new underpass.

In conjunction with the level crossing removals at Croydon and Ringwood East, removing the boom gates at Cave Hill Road will make the Lilydale Line boom gate free in 2024, improving safety and allowing more trains, more often on Melbourne's second-busiest train line.

## Why this level crossing needs to go



More than 100 trains pass through the level crossing every weekday.



Removing this level crossing will improve safety and allow more trains, more often on the Lilydale Line.



The removal of this level crossing will mean the Lilydale Line will be level crossing free in 2024, a year ahead of schedule.



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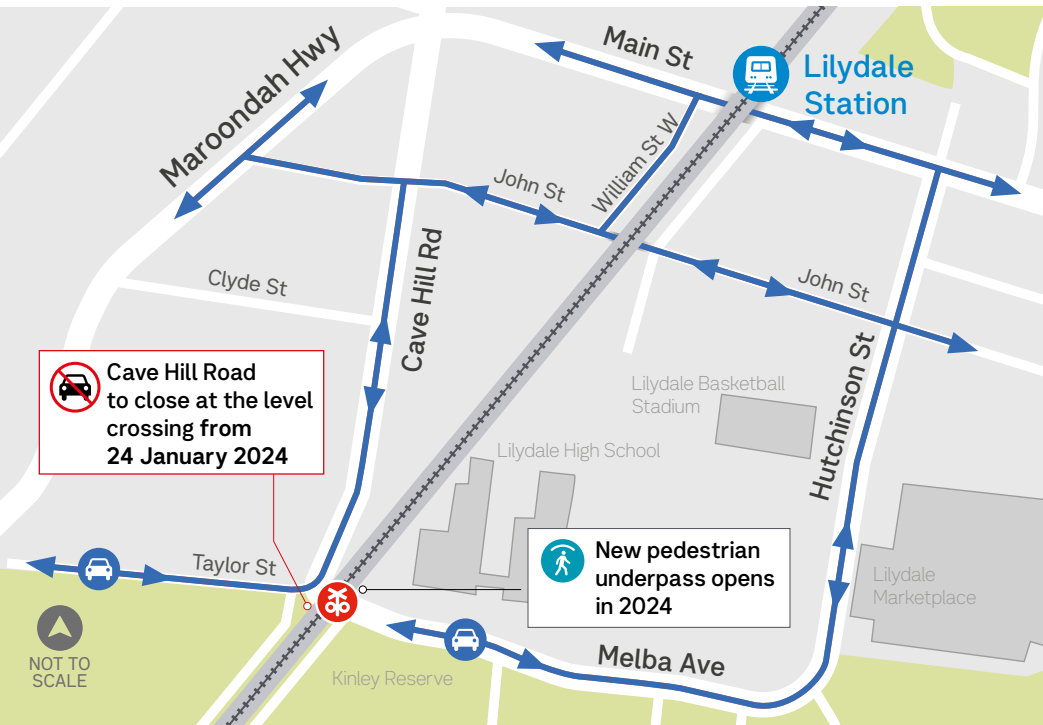
## Here's how to get around

From **24 January 2024**, Cave Hill Road will permanently close at the level crossing. This means vehicles will no longer be able to cross the rail line between Cave Hill Road and Melba Avenue.

Access to Lilydale High School and businesses on Melba Avenue will be maintained from Hutchinson Street, and Cave Hill Road and Taylor Street will remain accessible from John Street.

Pedestrian access across the rail line will be maintained while we work. On occasion, we'll need to close the pedestrian crossing between Cave Hill Road and Melba Avenue, with alternative, safe routes provided for pedestrians and cyclists across the rail line.

We'll continue to keep local residents, businesses and the school community informed of any disruptions with regular updates during the works.



## Project timeline

- 2022**  
Project announcement
- Late 2023**  
Early works begin
- Early 2024**  
Major construction begins  
Permanent closure of Cave Hill Road at the level crossing
- 2024**  
Level crossing gone for good  
New pedestrian underpass opens  
Lilydale Line level crossing free

\* Timeline subject to change.

## Site establishment

To safely carry out works we are establishing workforce facilities adjacent to the rail corridor on Melba Avenue, opposite Lilydale High School. A construction laydown area will also be established on Taylor Street, on the non-residential side of the street.

We'll need to start preparing the site in December 2023 by relocating utilities, setting up our site facilities and removing some vegetation that will be impacted by the works. We'll also establish protection zones around existing trees and vegetation with more than 400 trees being retained in the project area.

More information about what to expect during the works is available on our website at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/cave-hill-road-construction](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/cave-hill-road-construction)

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