

The new open space in Pakenham under construction.



Pakenham, October 2024

Pakenham's transformation complete in November



Now that Main Street, McGregor Road and Racecourse Road are level crossing free and the stations at Pakenham and East Pakenham are open, we're cracking on with creating six MCGs worth of open space.

There will be lots for the community to see and do around the new Pakenham Station and in the new open space when the area opens in spring. With bike and walking paths, a barbeque area, a playground, garden areas, half basketball court and exercise equipment, locals will be able to enjoy the transformed suburb for generations to come.

With Main Street and McGregor Road open again, works also continue on Pakenham Station.

From mid-November, the completed Pakenham Station will feature a bus interchange off Railway Avenue, 866 car spaces, an enclosed and climate-controlled waiting room and public toilets.

With these boom gates gone, the Pakenham Line is set to be level crossing free in 2025.

Project benefits



Brand-new stations at Pakenham and East Pakenham



Boom gates gone for good at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road



Eliminating more than 30 minutes of boom gates down time in the morning peak



Saving travel time for 63,000 vehicles each weekday



Increased accessibility to public transport services



Improved safety and better connections around Pakenham



Six MCGs worth of new community open space



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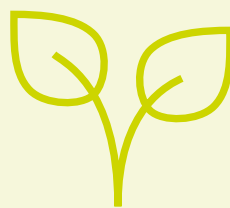


Planting in Pakenham

We're planting more than 270,000 trees, shrubs and grasses around Pakenham Station and throughout the new open space.

At East Pakenham Station, we've planted more than 60,000 trees, shrubs and grasses across the station precinct. We've built a shared path on Ryan Road to make it easier to walk or bike ride to the station.

More than 40 varieties of trees, shrubs and grasses are being planted across Pakenham and East Pakenham. These include species such as the Manna gum, Native iris, and Lemon-scented gum.



334,250

trees, shrubs and grasses will be planted across the entire project.

The open space and landscaping will be ready for everyone to enjoy this spring.

Planting outside the Sharnet Circuit entrance to East Pakenham Station.



Manna gum.



Native iris.



Lemon-scented gum.



Active space on the north side of the rail bridge looking towards Pakenham Station mature trees. Artist impression only, subject to change.



Check out the open space map

Scan the QR code or visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/pakenham-open-space-roll-plot





Sports and recreation space looking west towards McGregor Road. Artist impression only, subject to change.

What's coming in Pakenham

Community open space

Works are underway creating a space for Pakenham locals to enjoy for generations.

The design for the six MCGs worth of community open space was shaped by 300 pieces of feedback received during community consultation in 2021.

Opening in spring the open space will include:



Barbeque area



Walking and bike paths



Exercise equipment



Half-basketball court



Playground



Changing Places facility



Prepare to welcome the big bronze bird called *Meet me at the Pakenham Owl.*

Standing 3.2 metres tall and 2.7 metres wide, the artwork will be an iconic addition to Pakenham Station. The sculpture will serve as a dynamic meeting point for locals and visitors.

The Pakenham Owl is a contemporary sculpture referencing the Greater Sooty Owl, a species known to frequent the local area.

The owl is fabricated from laser-cut aluminium and will be securely set near the Main Street roundabout.

Being installed this spring, *Meet me at the Pakenham Owl* will be right at home with the other beloved local creature, the Yakkerboo, located down the road in Main Street.

To find out more, see our artwork fact sheet at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/pakenham

McGregor Road during sunrise.

Main Street and McGregor Road

In a big step towards the end of the project, major work on the former level crossings at Main Street and McGregor Road has been completed.

At Main Street, the brand-new roundabout opened in **mid-July** and we finished signage and line-marking in **August**. Roundabouts improve traffic flow and safety by encouraging drivers to slow down.

McGregor Road has also received a make-over as we removed old rail track, installed a signalised pedestrian crossing, resurfaced and line marked the road.

The signalised crossing will be turned on later this year.

THANK YOU PAKENHAM

Community Celebration

Saturday 16 November, 11am to 3pm

To thank the community for their patience while we removed three level crossings and built two new stations, we're hosting a free community event. There will be free coffee, food, kids activities, entertainment and more!

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The Pakenham Roads Upgrade will have major disruptions in the coming months while we upgrade McGregor Road, Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road and the Princes Freeway.

Avoid delays, sign up for email and SMS updates at roadprojects.vic.gov.au/subscribe

Project timeline



2019

- 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



Mid 2024

- Boom gates gone for good
- Pakenham and East Pakenham stations open



Spring 2024

- Pakenham Station complete
- Community space open





Timeline subject to change.

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