

Cars travelling through
Dandenong's new road underpass



Webster Street, Dandenong, October 2026

Dandenong's new road is open



Dandenong's new road underpass connecting Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street to Cheltenham and Hammond roads is open – two years ahead of schedule.

Built as part of the Webster Street level crossing removal project, the new road underpass opened on **Tuesday 22 September**, reducing congestion, delivering a more reliable road network for Dandenong and marking the removal of the 96th level crossing across Melbourne.

The 450-metre road underpass extends Cheltenham Road to provide a direct east-west connection between Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street and Cheltenham and Hammond roads for the first time, improving traffic flow and helping divert trucks and heavy vehicles away from local streets and Dandenong's CBD.

The walls of the underpass are painted in five unique colours including vibrant greens, reds and yellows to reflect Dandenong's diverse and colourful character.

Last year we closed Webster Street at the level crossing and opened the new walking and cycling path in Woodcock Reserve, linking with the Dandenong Creek Trail and connecting locals to Dandenong's CBD.

A hand-painted mural by artist Angharad Neal-Williams is the newest addition to the walking and cycling path, located beneath the rail bridge over Dandenong Creek.

Project benefits



Improves safety, reduces congestion and creates a more reliable road network for Dandenong



Reroutes traffic away from Dandenong's CBD



Prepares the area for future development



Boom gates gone at Webster Street saving travel time for 10,000 vehicles



Greater Dandenong and Cranbourne and Pakenham lines level crossing free



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Thank you, Dandenong



Say hello to Dandenong's new artwork

Hand painted artwork by artist Angharad Neal-Williams is the newest addition to Woodcock Reserve and across Dandenong.

Located along the walking and cycling path under the rail bridge in Woodcock Reserve, *Ways of Wandering* is a mural celebrating the ways green spaces and the natural environment bring communities closer together.

Working with the Dandenong community to explore themes of nature, togetherness, and community, Angharad's artwork captures the way green spaces connect us to nature and each other.

Angharad Neal-Williams hand painted artwork also features on signal boxes and electrical cabinets on the corner of Dow Court and Princes Highway- Lonsdale Street and Cheltenham Road and Hammond Road.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-community-art](https://www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-community-art)



Ways of Wandering by Angharad Neal-Williams



Traffic signal box artwork on Cheltenham Road



To thank the community for their patience during construction and to celebrate the opening of the new road underpass, we held a community celebration on Sunday 20 September.

Thanks to everyone who joined us to walk through the new underpass and to enjoy live local music, dance performances and family fun activities in Dandenong Park.

Image caption: Thousands of locals joined us in Dandenong Park to celebrate the opening of the new underpass.

Greener Greater Dandenong

We've planted 30,000 native trees, shrubs and grasses in the project area.

Planting and landscaping for the project was shaped by community feedback, with many people telling us they wanted to see native and indigenous planting.

The species we planted were chosen to support habitat connectivity while increasing diversity with additional native species.

Using native plants celebrates local biodiversity and will ensure new plants are best placed to thrive in the surrounding climate and soil conditions.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit **[levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-planting-and-landscaping](https://www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-planting-and-landscaping)**



Planting and landscaping along the new Thomas Street connection



Early planting last year in Woodcock Reserve

View of the new road underpass, from Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street

Road network changes in Dandenong

With the new underpass open, there are new ways to move around Dandenong.

The new underpass is an extension of Cheltenham Road, connecting Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street in the east to Cheltenham and Hammond roads in the west.

The section of Webster Street east of the rail line has been named Dow Court in honour of Pat Dow.

Cheltenham Road between Foster Street and Hammond Road is left-out only into the new road. This section is named Merle Parade in honour of Merle Mitchell AM.

To read more about changes to Dandenong's road network and the new road names, scan the QR code or visit **levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-travel-changes-factsheet**



Behind the barriers

Check out how we built the new road underpass by scanning the QR code or visit **levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-galleries**

Project timeline



2018

- Project announced



2022 to late 2023

- Site investigations, traffic surveys and planning works



November 2023

- Concept designs released
- Community consultation
- Site investigations continue



Late 2024

- Final designs released
- Early works



2025

- Construction starts
- Walking and cycling path under the rail line opens
- Boom gates gone for good
- Webster Street closed at the level crossing



2026

- Construction
- New road underpass open Tuesday 22 September
- Cranbourne and Pakenham lines level crossing free
- Landscaping



2027

- Project complete

** Timeline subject to change.*

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