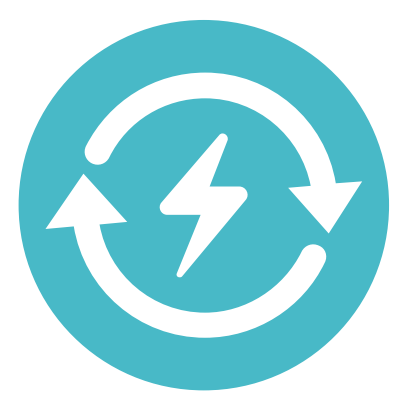# LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT

We've preserved the five heritage-listed trees – two Norfolk Island pines and three Canary Island date palms – in the upgraded Mentone station gardens

Cheltenham and Mentone
SUSTAINABILITY

Community inclusion

Across the Cheltenham and Mentone level crossing removal projects, we have invested over $11 million in organisations that improve communities providing employment and training to disadvantaged groups.

Renewable energy

We've worked with social enterprise Bunjil Energy to install solar panels at Cheltenham and Mentone stations. These panels reduce greenhouse gas emissions while supporting the local community, generating almost 60 per cent of the energy used at Mentone Station.

Ecology

We have built and installed 45 nest boxes and log hollows in the City of Kingston, creating new habitats for the brushtail possums, ringtail possums and lorikeets in the area.

Reducing waste and water

All clean material that is excavated as part of our works has been reused on site or for land rehabilitation projects in the south-east of Melbourne.

We've installed rainwater tanks at both stations, reducing water usage by 60 per cent at Mentone Station and 45 per cent at Cheltenham Station.

Trees and vegetation

The five much-loved heritage trees in the Mentone Station gardens as well as the five palm trees at Cheltenham Station were preserved and now feature in the new station precincts.

Across Cheltenham and Mentone, we have salvaged and transplanted 12 mature trees and will plant 250 new trees and around 44,000 plants, shrubs and grasses.

Maintaining heritage

At Mentone, the heritage-listed station buildings have been refurbished and returned as part of the new heritage deck, which will seamlessly connect to the Mentone Station gardens.

At Cheltenham, the former Frankston-bound station building will form the centrepiece of a new multipurpose community facility at Cheltenham Park.

Green Star rating

We have successfully achieved a five-star Green Star design rating by incorporating sustainable design principles in building Cheltenham and Mentone stations. Awarded by Green Building Council Australia, this certification represents Australian excellence in sustainable building design.

Read more about our sustainability policy at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/about/sustainability-policy

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