

Melton and Truganina / October 2024

# Final station and bridge designs released



We're removing four dangerous and congested level crossings at Coburns, Exford and Ferris roads in Melton, and Hopkins Road in Truganina to make Melton boom gate free.

We're also building a new, accessible Melton Station with modern facilities for passengers.

Final designs have been released for the new Melton Station, the rail bridges over Coburns and Exford roads and the road bridges over the rail line at Ferris and Hopkins roads.

Your feedback has helped shape these designs.

We'll build a new modern, elevated Melton Station with four platforms paving the way for future improvements to the line and increased train capacity along the rail corridor.

Removing the four level crossings will improve safety and ease congestion for drivers in Melton and Truganina.

Travel around Melton will be improved, with drivers no longer held up by the boom gates on Coburns and Exford roads.

At Ferris and Hopkins roads, drivers, pedestrians and bike riders will benefit from the new road bridges with shared paths making journeys safer for some of the fastest growing communities in Australia.

Early works are underway and construction will begin later this year, with all four sets of boom gates gone and trains running to the new Melton Station in 2026, two years ahead of schedule.

# Why these level crossings need to go



Approximately 73,000 vehicles travel through these crossings each day



Boom gates are down for up to **28 minutes** during the morning peak (7am to 9am)



Up to **16 trains** travel through these crossings during the morning peak (7am to 9am)





## Your new Melton Station coming in 2026

We heard you want a station that reflects the surrounding area with better connections and improved safety and security throughout the precinct.

Your feedback has helped shape the final designs for your new Melton Station.

## Designed for the future

The new Melton Station will feature four elevated platforms, paving the way for future improvements to the line.

We'll also build longer station platforms, ready for nine car VLocity trains to run from 2028, increasing passenger capacity by 50%, reducing crowding on busy services.

An enclosed, air-conditioned waiting room will be close to the stairs and lifts to the elevated platforms. New undercover areas on the platforms will provide shelter from the elements.

Passenger information displays and signage throughout the station will make it easier for passengers to get to their destination.

#### **Better connections**

We heard you want convenient and safe connections throughout the station precinct.

The station will feature two entrances, one on each side of the rail line, with direct access to car parks.

A new 16-metre-wide pedestrian through link will connect both entrances to the platforms, linking both sides of the community, providing direct pedestrian access from Staughton Street in the south to Brooklyn Road in the north.

New pedestrian and bike paths will make it easier to walk and ride to the station, with secure Parkiteer bike storage and bike hoops included in the precinct.

We're building a new multi-bay bus interchange near the Melbourne bound platforms, creating easier and safer connections between train and bus services.



## Safety and parking

We heard safety was a key concern.

We'll install enhanced lighting and CCTV throughout the precinct, and we'll improve sight lines between staffed areas and the station entrances to discourage antisocial behaviour and to enhance safety.

We've redesigned the station car parks, with most car parking conveniently accessed from Brooklyn Road, making it easier to catch the train towards Melbourne.

The new car parks will have:

- wider entrances and exits
- improved layouts
- dedicated pick-up and drop-off zones on both sides of the station to reduce traffic in the car parks.



### Landscaping and new community space

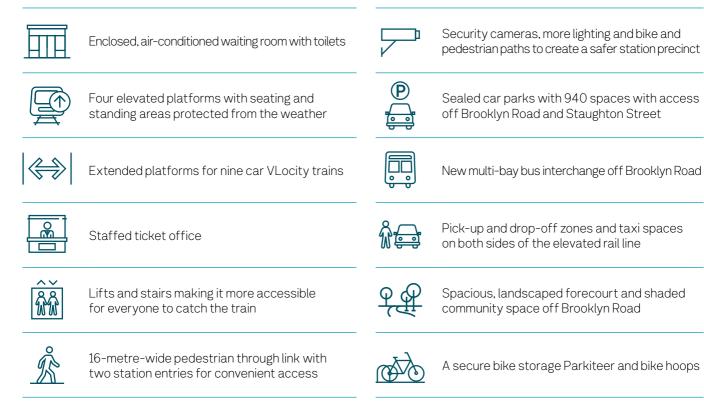
You told us you want new community spaces where people can gather and relax.

At the corner of Brooklyn and Exford roads, we'll create a welcoming area with seating in the shade provided by the existing trees.

The design reflects community feedback with a spacious landscaped forecourt featuring a mix of native and indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses.

We'll select plant species that are suited to the local area and conditions to ensure their long-term viability and fit with the local flora and fauna.

## Features of the new Melton Station



Elevated platforms at the new Melton Station. Artist impression only, subject to change.



## Removing the level crossings

# We heard traffic congestion is a common frustration, especially during peak hours and school pick-up and drop-off times.

Removing these four level crossings will make journeys faster, safer and more reliable for the 73,000 drivers that pass through these crossings each day.

All four sets of boom gates will be gone in 2026.

## Rail bridges over Coburns and Exford roads

# We're removing these level crossings by building new rail bridges over the roads, connecting to the new elevated Melton Station.

During consultation, we heard trees and vegetation are important to the community.

Building rail bridges over the roads allow us to retain more of the existing trees and vegetation.

We'll build new shared paths under the bridges, alongside the roads with lighting, creating safer connections for pedestrians and bike riders.

To minimise disruptions for the community, we'll build the new rail bridges as we construct the new Melton Station, limiting the impacts to train services and the roads.

## Your new road bridges at Ferris and Hopkins roads

We're removing the level crossings at Ferris and Hopkins roads by building new road bridges over the rail line, creating safer connections to the Western Freeway and newly built residential areas.

Your feedback has helped shaped the designs and landscaping aspects of the Ferris and Hopkins road bridges.



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# Building for the future

We heard you want a design to support the future growth of the area.

We're future proofing the road bridge designs to support this by allowing room for additional train tracks, extra road lanes and pedestrian connections. We're also relocating underground services to help minimise future disruptions.

This paves the way for future rail and road upgrades when required with minimal disruptions to the community.



We heard you want better walking and cycling connections.

We're building new walking and cycling paths along the road bridges at Ferris and Hopkins roads, linking to existing paths where possible, creating safer connections and more ways to get around.



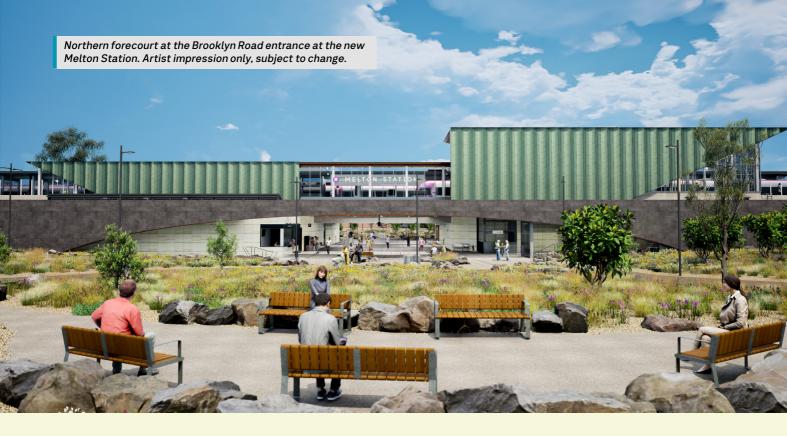
#### Urban design and landscaping

We heard that you want a natural look and feel on the new infrastructure that reflects the local area and whilst enhancing the vibrant character.

At Hopkins Road, the design and colour on the road bridge screens was selected to reflect the wildflowers commonly found within Volcanic Plains grasslands.

At Ferris Road, the design celebrates the natural look and feel of the surrounding environment.

The patterns on the Ferris Road bridge and symbols to be used throughout a new community gathering space illustrate trees and water.



## Thanks for having your say

## In April and May, we asked the Melton and Truganina communities to share their ideas on concept designs.

We received more than 900 pieces of feedback which helped us shape the final designs.

We heard the following is important to you:

- More reliable travel time around Melton and Truganina and more free flowing traffic without being held up by the boom gates.
- Improved connections and easier access for pedestrians and bike riders moving around the area.

Your feedback has helped shape the final designs for the project.

- Better passenger facilities at the new Melton Station, including more seating, shaded areas and protection from the elements.
- Designs that prioritise safety.
- Landscaped areas featuring a range of native and indigenous plants, trees and grasses.

You can find out more about what we heard from the community in our consultation reports at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/melton

## Get involved to learn more

Join our information sessions to talk to the project team, ask questions and find out more about the final designs.

#### See you in person

Melton City Council Hall Wednesday 23 October 5:30pm-7:30pm

Mt Atkinson Children's and Community Centre Wednesday 30 October 5:30pm-7:30pm

#### Online via ZOOM

Tuesday 15 October 5:30pm-6:30pm Thursday 17 October 6:00pm-7:00pm



Scan the QR code or visit engage.vic.gov.au/lxrpmelton to register for our information sessions



## Early works are underway

# In the coming months, you'll see increased activity in the area with early works underway and construction starting later this year.

You'll see more construction workers and vehicles, with some changes to how you travel, including impacts to local roads and train services at times.

We'll provide you with plenty of notice and more information ahead of our works so you can plan ahead.

## STAY UP TO DATE ON OUR WORKS AND RECEIVE SMS UPDATES

## Stay up to date on our works and receive SMS updates about changes to the way you travel through the area.



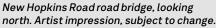
Scan the QR code or text **MELTON** to **0428 581 917** to stay up to date on works for the new **Melton Station** and **Coburns** and **Exford roads** level crossing removals.



Scan the QR code or text **FERRIS** to **0439 979 482** to stay up to date on works for the **Ferris Road** level crossing removal.



Scan the QR code or text **HOPKINS** to **0438 702 491** to stay up to date on works for the **Hopkins Road** level crossing removal.





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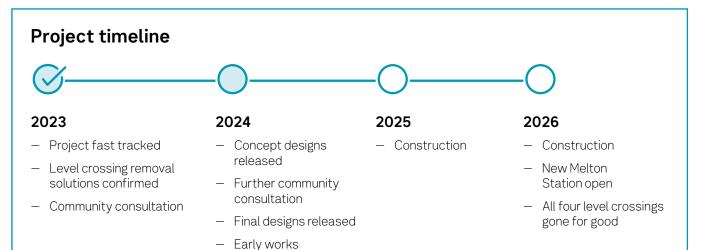
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