



IMPROVING — CONNECTIONS

SUNBURY ROAD UPGRADE

SPRING 2023



We're upgrading Sunbury Road between Powlett Street and Bulla-Diggers Rest/Loemans Road to improve connections and make your journey safer and more reliable.

Since our last update we've made significant progress on upgrading Sunbury Road.

Our team is now actively working along the entire length of the Sunbury bound lanes and traffic is travelling on the rehabilitated Sunbury bound lanes between Bulla-Diggers Rest/Loemans Road and Redstone Hill Road.

Over the next few months, we'll look to progressively open more lanes towards Sunbury as we complete works around the median strip. The new bridge is also on track to be completed in November.

Upcoming works

As we approach Spring, we'll be:

- applying the final layer of asphalt, the wearing course, to completed lanes
- continuing earthworks, installing drainage, and starting construction of the new city bound lanes from Aitken Street to Powlett Street.
- undertaking works to join the new bridge over Jacksons Creek to the new lanes and shared walking and cycling path along Sunbury Road, including installing pedestrian railings and placing the asphalt layers.



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Changes to how you travel

Bulla-Diggers Rest/Loemans Road and Redstone Hill Road

As we continue with the rehabilitation of the Sunbury bound lanes, we'll be opening lanes in stages.

To ensure safety during the construction of the new centre median, sections of the centre lanes along Sunbury Road will need to be temporarily closed. However, one lane in each direction will remain open as the works progress.

There may be changes to how you travel including:

- traffic reduced to one lane under traffic management
- lane closures as required
- speed reductions.

Please follow the directions of electronic signs and traffic controllers in the area for both your safety and our workers.



When completed, the north facing retaining wall will be painted with a mural

Jacksons Creek Bridge mural

Artist selected to deliver bridge artwork

Renowned local artist Ervin Molnar has been selected to create a captivating mural on the retaining wall of the new Jacksons Creek Bridge after an expression of interest process.

Ervin, based in Diggers Rest near Sunbury, will apply specialised paints over several weeks to bring his vision to life. Ervin works from a studio at Diggers Rest near Sunbury and was married on the banks of Jacksons Creek after growing up in Canada.

We eagerly await the unveiling of this mural and extend our gratitude to all who expressed their interest in creating a mural which will transform the bridge into a symbol of creativity and community spirit.

Mural theme selected!

The Sunbury Road Upgrade's mural theme selection campaign has concluded with outstanding success.

Hundreds of votes poured in from our engaged community, reflecting your strong enthusiasm and creativity. Overwhelmingly you suggested the depiction of platypuses, with Jacksons Creek a known home for the elusive species, accompanied

by kangaroos and cockatoos as fauna that represented Sunbury.

Another major theme amongst the respondents was cricket due to Sunbury being recognised as the birthplace of The Ashes. We thank all participants for their valuable input and eagerly anticipate the mural's portrayal of our vibrant community spirit.



Selected artist, Ervin Molnar

Return to early learning

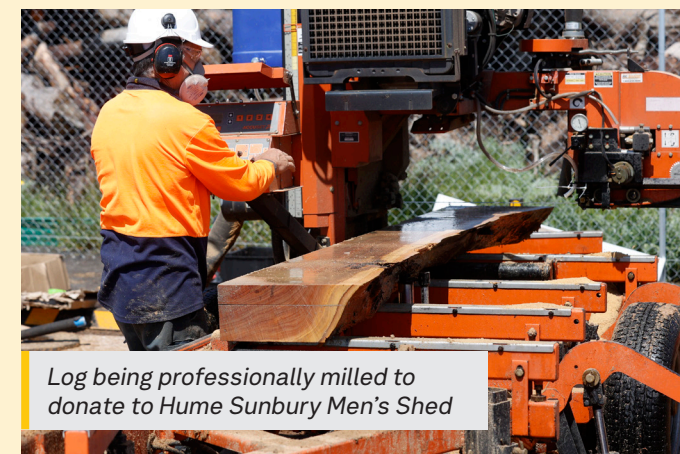
The team went back to school and visited the Sunningdale Avenue Children's Centre and Woodlands ELC to talk about how roads connect the community.

Both education centres are located close to project works and the children were very curious to find out what was going on behind the barriers.

The kids were able to get a taste of working for the Big Build when they put on tiny hi-vis gear and learned all about safety. At the end of the day, they put all their new knowledge into practice and built bridges and roads using large foam blocks.



Kids put on PPE and learned to build roads and bridges



Log being professionally milled to donate to Hume Sunbury Men's Shed

Hume Sunbury Mens' Shed

We met again with the Hume Sunbury Mens' Shed for an update on their projects for how they plan to use the professionally milled wood we donated.

They have plenty of ideas on how to prepare the beautiful timber such as a new honour board, as well as tables, benches, and bedheads that they will sell to the community. The funds raised will support this amazing program.



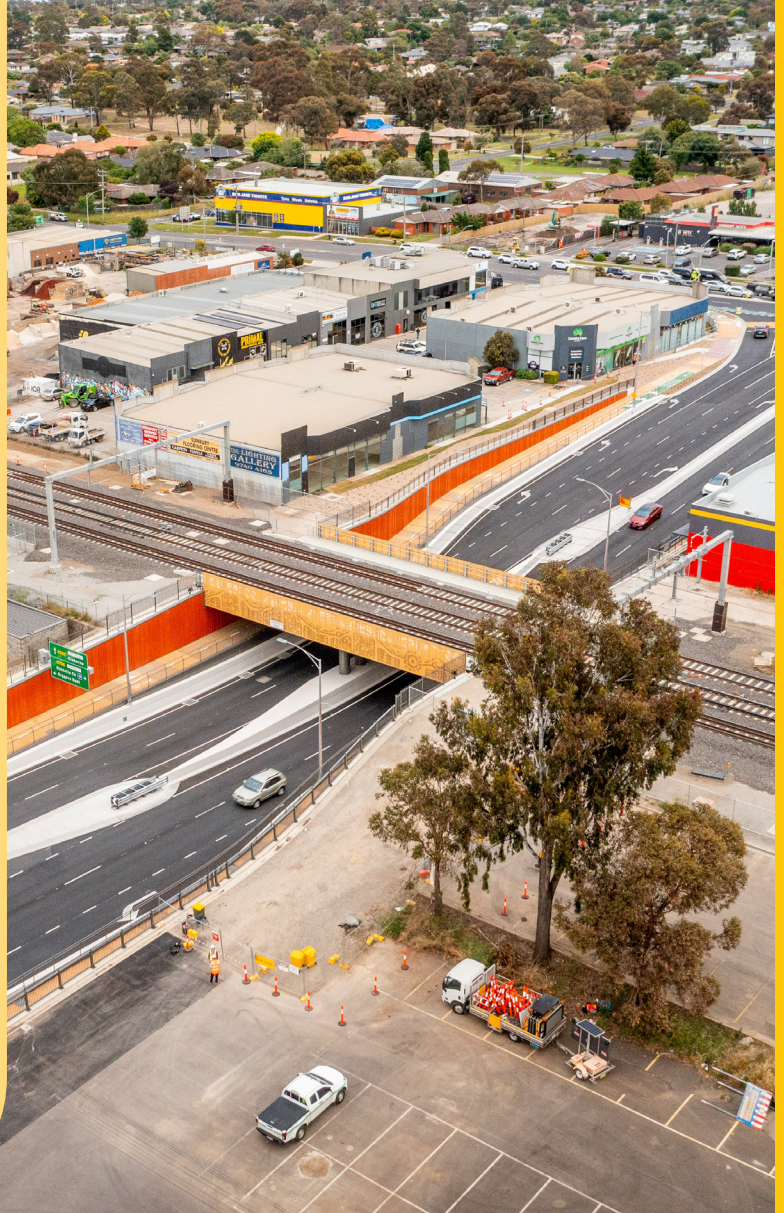
Major work on the Sunbury Line Upgrade is now complete

Upgrades over the last four years mean the Sunbury Line is now ready to run bigger, more modern trains when the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025.

These works, delivered by Rail Projects Victoria, included:

- power and signalling upgrades
- 5 new and 10 upgraded substations along the line
- platform extensions at 8 stations
- new wheelchair boarding pads
- upgrades to train stabling at Sunbury, Calder Park and Watergardens
- removing the Gap Road level crossing, in partnership with the Level Crossing Removal Project.

Thank you to the community for your support and patience while we delivered the Sunbury Line Upgrade.



What's a wearing course?

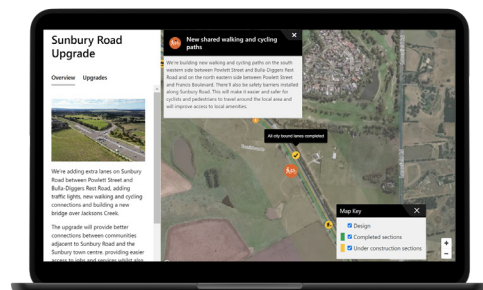
The final layer of asphalt, known as the wearing course, is applied during the last stage of road construction. This layer gives the new surface a smooth finish, ensuring a higher quality ride.

Once the wearing course is in place, we apply the final line markings, install traffic safety barriers, and construct the center median.

We've now opened almost 2km of dual lane road with its final wearing course, a major milestone for the project! Enjoy the smoother ride!

See our progress

To see how the project is progressing visit the Sunbury Road Upgrade webpage roadprojects.vic.gov.au/Sunbury and view the interactive map that shows all the milestones completed and where we're working.



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