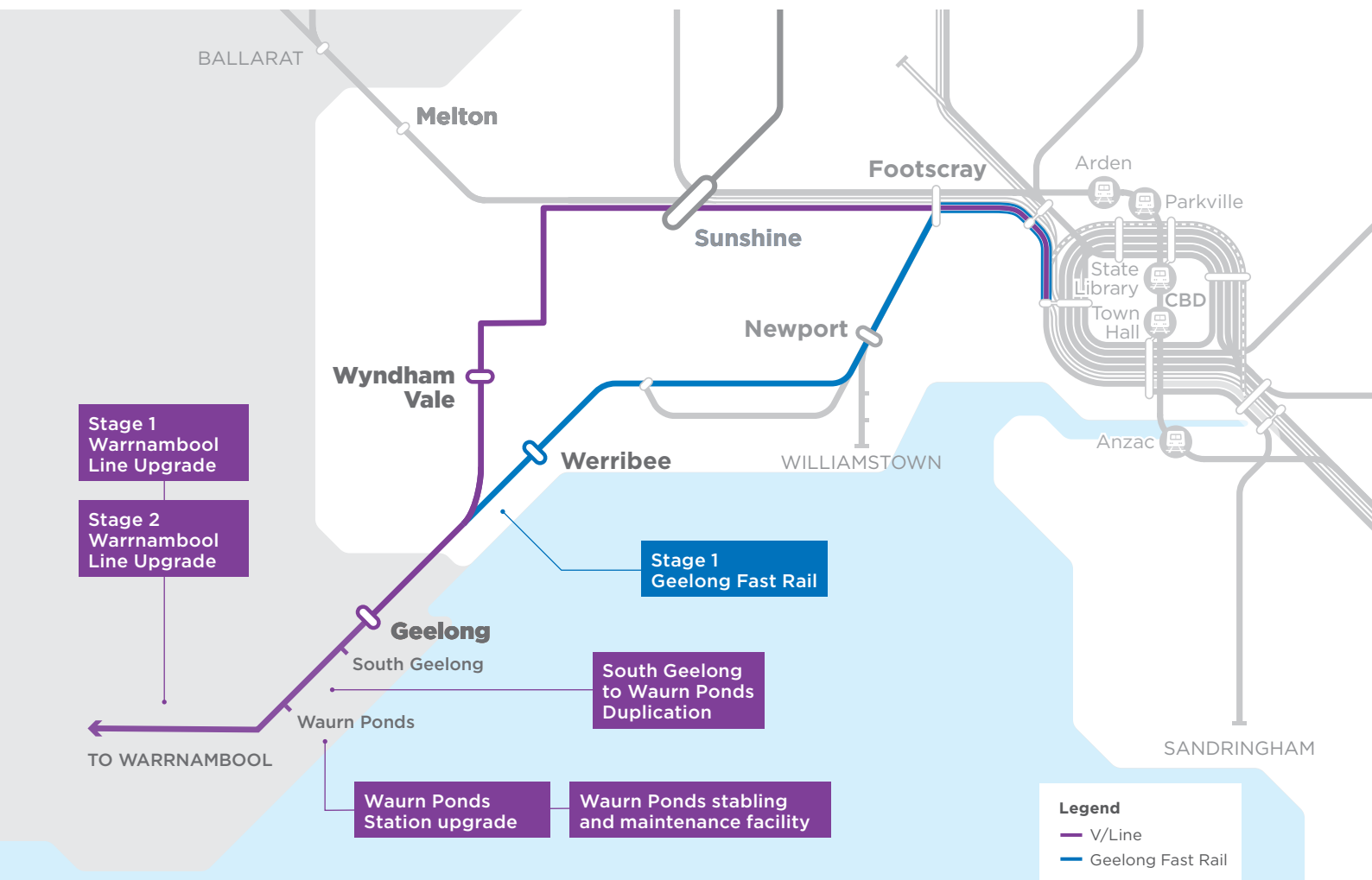


# Upgrading the Geelong Line

The Victorian and Australian governments are investing in a series of significant, staged upgrades along the length of the Geelong Line to enable faster, more frequent and reliable services for Victoria's fastest-growing regional city.

Geelong's population is expected to grow by almost 50 per cent to approximately 485,000 by 2051, and patronage on the Geelong Line has nearly doubled since 2009.

The community of greater Geelong needs a fast, efficient and reliable rail service to support its development as Victoria's second-biggest city.



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# Geelong Line investments

## Regional Rail Revival

The Victorian and Australian governments are investing \$4 billion in the Regional Rail Revival program, which is upgrading every regional passenger rail line in Victoria and creating 3000 jobs and local supplier opportunities across the state.

### Waurm Ponds Station upgrade

A new platform and extra track at Waurm Ponds Station will allow trains to pass each other in this section, enabling more Geelong services to be extended to and from Waurm Ponds and helping to improve service reliability.

Station users will have new and upgraded car parking and an accessible overpass linking both platforms.

The upgrade to Waurm Ponds Station is the first step in delivering the South Geelong to Waurm Ponds Duplication and construction is targeted for completion in late 2021.

### South Geelong to Waurm Ponds Duplication

The South Geelong to Waurm Ponds Duplication will deliver the critical upgrades needed to deliver five trains per hour during the peaks, and three per hour between the peaks for Marshall and Waurm Ponds stations, as well as improved reliability on Victoria's busiest regional rail line.

The project includes two level crossing removals, station upgrades at South Geelong and Marshall, track duplication and signalling upgrades as well as new shared user paths to better connect South Geelong and Waurm Ponds.

A business case is also being developed to determine the upgrades required to deliver more services, including upgrades to the rail tunnel between Geelong and South Geelong and duplicating the rail line over the Barwon River.

The project is targeted for completion in late 2024.

### Waurm Ponds stabling facility

Construction of a new train maintenance and stabling facility at Waurm Ponds is required to support much needed additional services on the Geelong Line.

Stabling at Waurm Ponds will support more frequent, faster and more reliable services to be delivered as part of the Waurm Ponds Station upgrade, the South Geelong to Waurm Ponds Duplication and Geelong Fast Rail.

## Geelong Fast Rail

The Victorian Government also announced \$2 billion towards the first stage of Geelong Fast Rail in the 2020/21 Victorian Budget, matching the Australian Government's \$2 billion funding commitment to enable faster services between Geelong and Melbourne.

The first stage of Geelong Fast Rail will deliver faster services with a travel time of around 50 minutes between Geelong and Melbourne.


The Werribee corridor has been selected as the route to deliver faster services for Geelong, with indicative scope including new track between Werribee and Laverton for Geelong trains, and upgrades to key stations.

Rail Projects Victoria is undertaking detailed planning, costing and technical investigations to refine the stage one scope and determine the scope of future investments.



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