

MONTMORENCY VEGETATION REMOVAL



Your new Montmorency Station. Artist impression only, subject to change.

Getting ready for your new station precinct

The Victorian Government is investing \$530 million in the second stage of the Hurstbridge Line duplication that will deliver further improvements, including more train services, less crowding on peak trains and better connections to public transport in Melbourne's north east.

As part of the project we are duplicating two sections of rail track between Greensborough and Montmorency, and Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen and building new stations at Greensborough and Montmorency.

To build the new track and stations, we will need to remove trees and vegetation. The majority of this is located within the existing rail corridor. However, to also undertake upgrades to services and signalling, there will also be some tree removal outside the rail corridor.

Minimising the impact of vegetation removal is a priority as we develop the designs, and during construction.

Vegetation removal will start in March 2021, during the early stages of our works.

As construction progresses, we will work hard to avoid, minimise and manage the impact on trees and vegetation.

As part of the project, there will be an extensive replanting and landscaping program including over 1500 trees and 9000 plants.

Careful planning is undertaken by qualified arborists and sustainability and environmental specialists to minimise the impacts to local flora and fauna.

Assessing trees and vegetation

Vegetation and green space are important to local communities and support biodiversity along the rail corridor.

Qualified arborists assess all trees before construction to determine:



structural integrity, including the size and location of tree roots



health and life expectancy



amenity and environmental value



location of services in proximity to trees.

These assessments are used to identify trees that can be protected and retained and those that we need to remove.

Why we need to remove trees and vegetation

Tree and vegetation removal will occur within the existing rail corridor and around the station precincts to allow for major construction activities to take place.

In Montmorency, trees need to be removed to construct the new realigned rail track, build the new station and install new underground services.

At Petrie Park, the new rail track will be located within the existing rail corridor, however, some fences are incorrectly positioned, and will need to be moved. Trees within the correct title boundary will need to be removed, however, we are aiming to retain as many trees as possible by reviewing our construction methods.



Wildlife

Before being removed, trees are inspected for the presence of wildlife, and qualified handlers are on site to safely rehome wildlife.

What happens with removed trees and vegetation?

- logs (and mulch) are donated to council and local groups
- reuse wood for habitat logs and furniture, where possible

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Minimising tree loss through design solutions

Reducing tree removal is a major priority for the project.

Flora, fauna and heritage assessments are conducted along the length of the rail corridor and incorporated into the project design to reduce the number of trees that need to be removed.

At Montmorency, through careful design consideration and construction methodology, we are aiming to retain a number of high value trees on the northern side of the new station precinct between the new carpark and Mayona Road.

More than 1200 trees originally to be removed have been retained from Greensborough to Montmorency through careful review of our design and construction methods.

Protecting existing vegetation

All trees confirmed for retention are clearly marked and where required, separated from construction activities with Tree Protection Zones. Environmental No Go Zones have also been used in various locations along the corridor to protect vegetation, wildlife habitats, heritage sites, and waterways from the impacts of construction.



To be planted

Over 700 trees and 15000 shrubs, grass, climbers and groundcovers in the new Montmorency Station precinct.

Over 1500 trees and 9000 plants between Greensborough and Montmorency, in the rail corridor and road reserve.

Replanting and future landscaping

We've heard how important trees and vegetation are to the community.

Replanting and landscaping around the Montmorency Station precinct will take place once our major works are completed in 2022.

The tree planting and landscaping will include a greater variety of vegetation to increase biodiversity and create wildlife habitats.

We heard you want landscaping to maintain the village feel of Montmorency, with a preference for native trees, shrubs, flowering plants and grasses. This feedback, together with advice from environmental specialists and our team of landscape architects will help inform the final landscape design.

Working with the community

We are working closely with representatives from local community groups on the re-planting designs.

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