

Site preparation



Warrigal Road, Mentone and Parkers Road, Parkdale / Issue #10, March 2024

Level crossing removal community update



Construction progressing on the new rail bridge and Parkdale Station

The Victorian Government is removing 27 dangerous level crossings and building 17 new stations, making the Frankston Line level crossing free by 2029 and improving safety, reducing congestion and allowing more trains to run more often.

Major works are now underway to remove the level crossings at Warrigal Road, Mentone and Parkers Road, Parkdale by raising the rail line over both roads and building a new Parkdale Station.

In 2023, we built the temporary rail track to keep trains running while we complete works and laid the foundations for the new rail bridge and Parkdale Station.

We also released our final designs for the project.

We are now busy building the rail bridge. We've been drilling piles, which form the bridge foundations, over the past few months and the community can now see the bridge taking shape.

Bridge sections are being delivered and installed between now and May.

By spring this year, the boom gates will be gone and passengers will be using the new Parkdale Station.

Changes to the way you travel

There will be change to the way you travel for train passengers, drivers, pedestrians and cyclists until spring 2024.

Read on for more information.

Why these level crossings need to go



About **20,000 vehicles** travel through these crossings each day



Boom gates are down for up to **44 minutes** of the morning peak



34 trains run during the morning peak



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Works taking place this autumn

In 2024, major construction will include:

- delivering and installing large concrete beams, which are manufactured off-site, to support the rail bridge and new station platforms
- putting the rail bridge pieces into place
- installing lift shafts for the new station building
- completing drainage works in the station precinct.

While works take place, we will have signage and traffic management in place to keep you and our workers safe. Please take care around our works and follow the direction of traffic controllers.



Interested in learning about how we build a rail bridge?

Scan the QR code or visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/parkdale-rail-bridge-factsheet



Piers for the rail bridge taking shape



Concrete T-beams transported to site on trucks

Changes to the way you travel

There will be changes to the way you travel around Mentone and Parkdale until spring 2024.



Drivers

- Como Parade West single lane closed (southbound) throughout February
- Como Parade West progressive full road closure in each section from 9pm to 7am every day until May while we deliver and install the large concrete beams
- No right turns from Warrigal Road into Como Parade East until mid-2024

There will be local signage in place with detour information.



Pedestrians and cyclists

Pedestrian rail crossings will be closed intermittently at Warrigal Road and Parkers Road.

The shuttle bus service will make stops near closed pedestrian crossings to help you get around safely during our works.

For more information on the shuttle bus stop locations visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/getting-around-mentone-and-parkdale

Please note these changes are dependent on a variety of factors including weather and progress of works and are subject to change.



Train passengers

Frankston Line trains will continue running express through Parkdale Station along the temporary rail track until spring 2024.

During this time, the shuttle bus service will continue running between Mentone, Parkdale and Mordialloc stations to connect you to trains.

At certain times during March, buses will replace trains on the Frankston Line.

Between Cheltenham and Mordialloc:

- 8.30pm Friday 1 March to last service Sunday 3 March
- 8.30pm to last service each night from Monday 4 March to Wednesday 6 March
- 8.30pm to last service on Thursday 14 March

Between South Yarra and Mordialloc:

- 8.30pm to last service each night on Monday 18 March and Tuesday 19 March

Between Cheltenham and Frankston:

- 8.30pm to last service each night from Monday 25 March to Wednesday 27 March

For more information and to plan ahead visit ptv.vic.gov.au



View up to date disruptions

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Final designs released in 2023

In late 2023, we released final designs for the project.

The designs show the final layout of the new station precinct and open space, including car parking, new walking and cycling path and the location of community facilities.

In response to community feedback, the new Parkdale Station and open space will reflect the local character and village feel of the suburb, including warm-toned natural materials, community gathering places and recreational facilities for the community to enjoy – a basketball half court, open-air gym, village green, community garden and a nature-based play area.

The new walking and cycling path will connect Parkdale to Mentone and allow for a future connection to Mordialloc.

The new Parkdale Station, which will open later this year, will include 49 all-day passenger car spaces, two disability car spaces, and a Parkiteer with parking

for up to 26 bikes as well as additional bike hoops located at the station precinct, village green and linear park.

There will also be stairs and lifts leading up to each platform from both station entrances, sheltered waiting areas on the platforms and Myki facilities.

We will also be delivering an accessible public toilet opposite the trader precinct on Como Parade West which will be managed and maintained by the City of Kingston.

Since 2021, community feedback has helped shape the final designs and we thank you for your input.

We received more than 1,600 pieces of community feedback over four rounds of consultation and via our Parkdale Open Space Advisory Panel and local community groups.

Thank you also to everyone who attended our face-to-face information session and online webinar on the final designs in December 2023.



View the community consultation reports

Scan the QR code or visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/parkdale-community-consultation-reports



View the final designs

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New Parkdale Station and open space. Artist impression only, subject to change. Vegetation shown at 3-5 years maturity.



Parkdale Station

In late 2023, we demolished the old Parkdale Station, which had been significantly damaged from a fire in April 2023.

To commemorate the old station building we will install an image viewer, or stereoscopic box, showing an image of the former Parkdale Station.



Example of stereoscopic box at Chelsea Station



Demolition of the former Parkdale Station building

Parkdale trees on vacation

During our community consultation, we heard that trees and greenery are highly valued by the local community.

As part of our commitment to the community and the environment, we will transplant 80 banksias and she-oaks back to the new station precinct and open space when we begin landscaping works later this year. The trees vary in height from 1.5 to 4 metres.

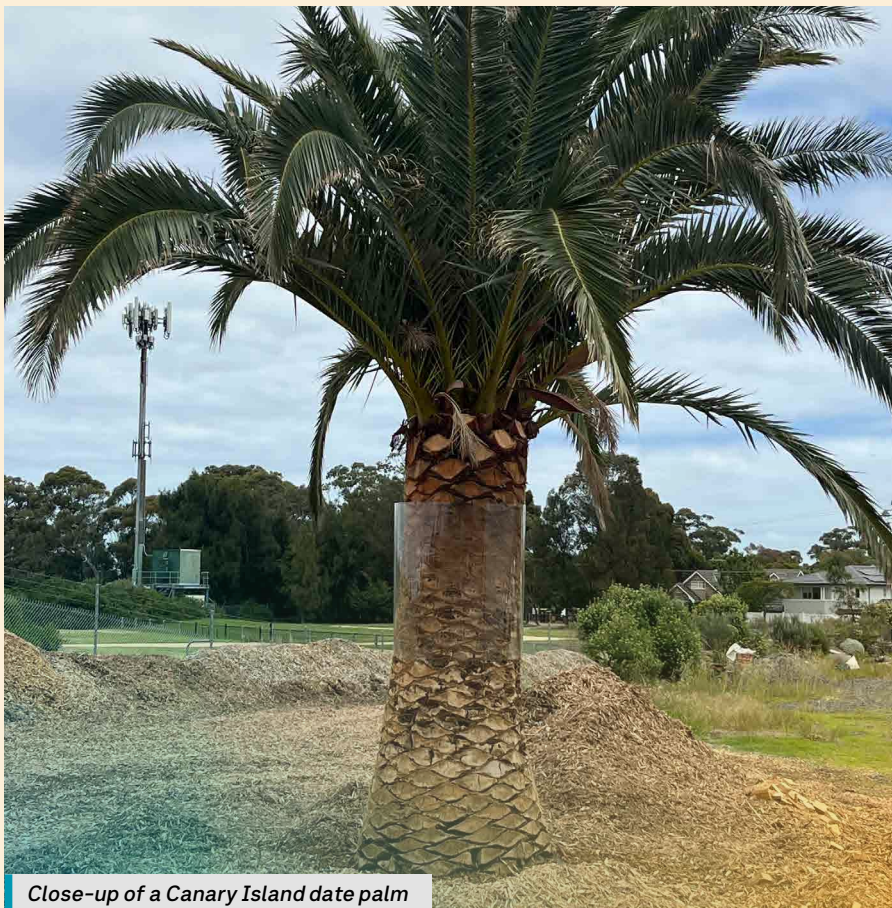
We removed these trees before construction, and they are now being cared for at a nursery in Dingley Village.

We're also preserving five of Parkdale's iconic Canary Island date palms, which are also being cared for at a local nursery.

While on vacation, the palms have been planted within mulch bedding to encourage root growth – this will ensure they remain healthy and are in the best condition for when they return home.

Tree transplanting is an important biodiversity initiative that allows us to retain some established trees in an area, bringing them back once construction is complete.

At the end of the project, we will plant more than 100,000 new trees, shrubs, and grasses in the new open space and along the rail corridor.



Close-up of a Canary Island date palm



Five of Parkdale's iconic Canary Island date palms on vacation



Banksias and she-oaks

Thank you for supporting local

As part of our ongoing trader support, we have partnered with Parkdale Village traders through various trader initiatives in recent months, including:

- **Spend & Win competition**
 - **Winter Wonderland**
 - **Halloween**
 - **Father's Day pamper package giveaway**
 - **Christmas hamper giveaway**
 - **Summer Vibes: Say The Word**

Congratulations to those who participated in our Halloween Spend and Win competition throughout October and November – 20 lucky locals won a \$200 Parkdale Village gift card.

For more information follow:

 **Parkdale Village 3195**

In December, we gave away four hampers filled with Christmas goodies, valued at \$400 each, in the spirit of the festive season.

To keep the summer vibes flowing in Parkdale this summer, we gave away 60 prizes valued at up to \$60 each to the first five people who said the word of the day at one of the participating traders.

Keep an eye out at Parkdale Village for store front signage on how you can participate in further trader events and initiatives this year.



Parkdale local, Judy Kelly, winner of a \$200 Parkdale Village gift card



Staff member with Parkdale local, Henry Mildner, winner of a \$200 Parkdale Village gift card

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Bliss Flowers and Giftware owner Ann Chand



Meet your florist

Bliss Flowers and Giftware is a local florist and giftware shop, owned by Ann Chand.

For many years, Ann dreamed of owning the store as she drove past it while on the daily school run.

So, when the store went up for sale in 2013, she bought it.

With no direct floristry experience herself but supported by an exceptional team of florists, Ann was determined to bring new life to the shop.

Ten years later, Bliss is recognised for its bespoke floral arrangements for all occasions and wide variety of quality gifts, including homewares, candles and diffusers.

Ann wants Bliss to be known for quality, consistency and, most importantly, excellent customer service.

Ann and the team at Bliss Flowers and Giftware look forward to welcoming you into their store.



Construction of the temporary rail track, September 2023



Thank you for your patience

Thank you for your patience in late 2023 as our crews prepared the foundations for the new Parkdale Station and rail bridge and built the temporary rail track.

The temporary rail track will keep Frankston Line trains running and minimise disruption to the community and train passengers as we continue with works this year.



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Project timeline



2021

- Project announcement



Mid 2022

- Early concept designs released
- Community engagement sessions
- Open Space Advisory Panel meetings continue
- Site investigations continue



Late 2022

- Updated designs released
- Community engagement sessions
- Stakeholder liaison group nominations



Early 2023

- Start of works
- Stakeholder liaison group meetings begin



Mid-Late 2023

- Major construction begins
- Final designs released



2024

- Level crossings gone
- New Parkdale Station open



2025

- Project completion

* Timeline subject to change.

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