

The 85th level crossing has been removed at Station Street, Beaconsfield with the opening of the new McKenna Drive



Station Street, Beaconsfield, July 2025

Level crossing removal community update



Major works complete at Station Street, Beaconsfield

Major works on the Station Street, Beaconsfield Level Crossing Removal Project are complete, following the opening of McKenna Drive in March 2025.

Removing this level crossing has improved journeys for the 5,200 drivers passing through each day and will allow more trains to run in future.

During the past few months, crews worked north and south of the rail line to complete final road, footpath widening, car park, landscaping and lighting works.

In June, we also removed the redundant boom gates from the old level crossing at Station Street.

This marked the 85th level crossing removal, as part of the Victorian government's commitment to remove 110 level crossings by 2030.

Thank you to the local community for your patience throughout this project.

Why this level crossing is gone for good



25 trains during the morning peak



5200 vehicles passed through the level crossing each day



3 near misses and one collision since 2012



Boom gates down for 28% of the morning peak



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Pakenham Line level crossing free in 2025

The removal of this level crossing will help to create a level crossing free Pakenham Line in 2025 which will change how locals live, work and travel.

With no level crossings on the train line, journeys on the Pakenham Line will be faster and local roads safer.

Once the Metro Tunnel opens later this year, more trains will be running on the Pakenham Line more often.

Works to remove the level crossings at Webster Street, Dandenong and Progress St, Dandenong South are currently underway with the level crossings gone by the end of 2025.



Our team holding the removed Station Street, Beaconsfield boom gate

McKenna Drive opens to the public

In late March, we opened the new McKenna Drive road bridge to the public.

The opening of the new bridge over the Pakenham line, connecting Beaconsfield Avenue to Kenilworth Avenue, has improved safety and kept traffic flowing in the Beaconsfield area by separating trains and vehicles.

The project welcomed the McKenna family to help formally open the road bridge.



Vehicles using the new McKenna Drive road bridge



The McKenna family joined us in March to help open the new McKenna Drive road bridge

'McKenna Drive' takes the title for the new Beaconsfield road bridge

In November 2024, we consulted with the community to provide feedback on the four proposed names for the new road bridge.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their feedback on the name for the new road bridge. We received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback towards all the proposed names, with McKenna Drive receiving a total of 300 submissions.

A commemorative plaque was installed at the foot of the bridge in March to permanently acknowledge Carmel McKenna's contribution to the community and the naming of the new Beaconsfield road bridge, "McKenna Drive".



The plaque at the start of McKenna Drive commemorating Carmel's contribution in the community



About Carmel McKenna

Carmel was associated with St Francis Xavier College since its inception in 1978. She is described as a woman of wisdom and great faith, with her outstanding contributions being recognised by receiving the college's "Living Treasure" award.

For over a quarter of a century, she provided meals and support through different community organisations and to families in need, volunteered for numerous local organisations and clubs, assisted in many fundraising activities and provided care for elderly neighbours.

She was deeply involved in the Beaconsfield Junior Football Club, running the canteen and serving on the committee.

Carmel's service was further recognised with an Order of Australia medal in 2022.



Carmel McKenna

Beaconsfield locals celebrate project completion

We recently celebrated the completion of the Station Street, Beaconsfield Level Crossing Removal Project.

The event gave us a chance to thank the Beaconsfield community for their patience throughout construction.



Over 500 locals turned up to celebrate the end of level crossing works in Beaconsfield



Activities included children's activities and mini diggers



Celebrating the end of level crossing removal works in Beaconsfield



Steamrail Victoria provided free rides on a fully restored steam train

Project timeline



Late 2022

- Community consultation



2023

- Further engagement on design aspects
- Contract award
- Early works
- Major construction begins



2024

- Major construction
- Final designs released



2025

- Level crossing removed
- Road bridge open
- Landscaping and planting works

* Timeline subject to change.








Clouds of steam delighted young and old at the Beaconsfield community event

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