

Community members use the new pedestrian overpass on opening day

Community Update

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Ballarat Station Upgrade complete



We've upgraded Ballarat Station to improve accessibility, safety and connectivity for all public transport users, while respecting the heritage of the station.

Ballarat Station now has an accessible pedestrian overpass, with a passenger lift and stairs to each platform.

Commuters no longer need to leave the station to change platforms, making it easier and safer for everyone, including people with disability, those carrying luggage or pushing a pram.

We also improved access to the existing northern station entrance with a new ramp, stairs, and automatic swing door.

The designs, endorsed by Heritage Victoria, provide contemporary companion structures to the enduring

heritage-listed buildings, demonstrating accessibility and heritage considerations working together.

At the end of March, we celebrated the completion of the Ballarat Station Upgrade with the local community, marking a major milestone and the opening of the new accessible pedestrian overpass.

Ballarat Station is now back in your hands. Thank you for your patience, Ballarat.



See the transformation

Scan the QR code or visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/ballarat-video to watch our video about how the Ballarat Station Upgrade project progressed and why it matters.



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Ballarat High School's band Whizbang performed at the celebration

Community members came to mark this milestone and be among the first to use the new overpass, including taking in views of the station precinct and clock tower from the belvedere balconies.



Students from Mount Clear College performed at the celebration



Celebrating with the Ballarat community

At the end of March, we welcomed the Ballarat community to celebrate the completion of the Ballarat Station Upgrade and the opening of the new accessible pedestrian overpass.

Community members came to mark this milestone and be among the first to use the new overpass, including taking in views of the station precinct and clock tower from the belvedere balconies.

Visitors enjoyed complimentary coffee and sweet treats, giveaways, and live musical performances from Ballarat High School and Mount Clear College students.

The event was a chance to come together and mark the completion of works at Ballarat Station.

**Thank you
to everyone
who joined us
to celebrate, and
for your patience
during construction.**

A member of the project team took community members on a tour of the new overpass



Event attendees tried their hand at the Spin and Win wheel



Community members enjoying a performance from a local school band



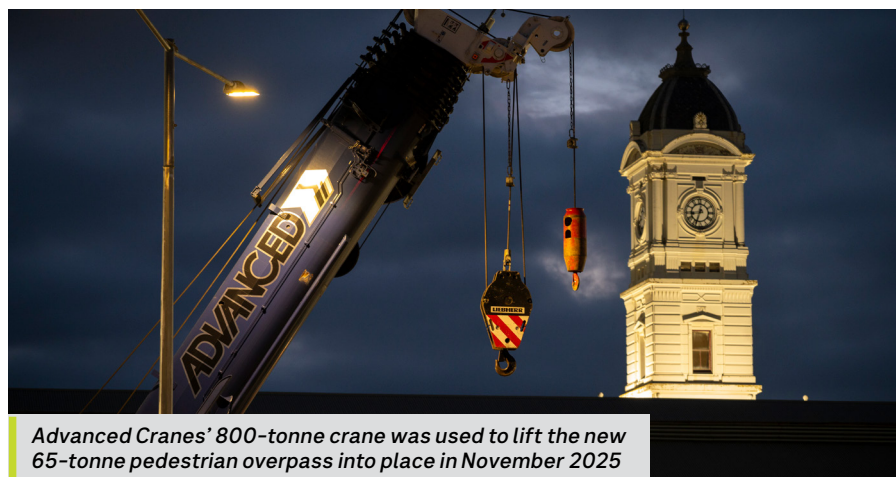
Manufacturing the Ballarat Station Upgrade stairs at Plinius Engineering, Ballarat

Successfully supporting local

In delivering the Ballarat Station Upgrade, we engaged a range of local suppliers where possible, in line with our procurement policies.

This included contracts with local businesses across civil construction, engineering, building materials, accommodation and other support services.

Local suppliers included Plinius Engineering, Advanced Cranes and several Ballarat-based businesses that supplied materials, equipment and specialist services throughout construction.



Advanced Cranes' 800-tonne crane was used to lift the new 65-tonne pedestrian overpass into place in November 2025

Making an impact with McCallum Enterprises

McCallum Enterprises, a Ballarat-based social enterprise, played an important role in delivering the Ballarat Station Upgrade.

With more than 70 years of experience supporting people with disability, McCallum provides inclusive employment opportunities across services such as landscaping

and recycling, supporting people who may otherwise face barriers to employment.

On the Ballarat Station Upgrade, McCallum delivered landscaping works across the station precinct and helped to manage materials and reduce waste.

Supporting Ballarat Station precinct traders

We did our best to minimise and manage the impact of construction on nearby businesses.

We worked with The Goods Shed, Itinerant Spirits, Nolans, Quest Ballarat Station and the Station Refreshment Room to ensure station users knew that they were open for business while our works were underway.

Key initiatives included:

- 'Spend and Win' competition attracting over 300 entries and awarding 32 prize vouchers from local businesses
- Prominent 'Open for business' signage throughout the station precinct
- Inclusion of business information in our community update publications
- Working with businesses to minimise the impacts of our works such as the station closure and disruptions to power.

The new pedestrian overpass at Ballarat Station is open



Working within a heritage building

The historic nature of Ballarat Station meant we needed to take extra care when working in the southern station building.

We completed a full upgrade of the electrical mains and wiring, carefully routing services through the roof cavity.

To protect the historic flooring and areas damaged by fire in the 1980s, we used custom-designed, lightweight scaffolding tailored specifically for this project.

These measures safeguarded both our workers and the heritage building during this highly sensitive installation.



Did you know?

Our electricians weighed in before each shift to confirm they were under 91 kilograms before commencing work. This was required to safely use the custom lightweight scaffolding installed within the building.



Scaffolding in the southern station building

Milestones from early designs to completion

In just over a year of construction, the Ballarat Station Upgrade progressed through a series of major milestones, delivering improved accessibility, safety and connectivity for the Ballarat community.



The new pedestrian overpass, lifted into place in November 2025



External view of the completed overpass

Project milestones



Late 2024

Final designs released



January 2025

Site establishment begins to prepare for construction



March 2025

Major construction gets underway, with piling works starting to form the foundations for the new overpass



May 2025

Works begin on the new northern station entrance



August 2025

Northern station entrance reopens with accessibility upgrades

Pedestrian overpass arrives on site for fit-out



November 2025

28-metre, 65-tonne pedestrian overpass lifted into place using a 750-tonne crane



December 2025

Full fit out of lifts and stairs, with landscaping, lighting, signage and CCTV installation across the precinct



February 2026

Ballarat Station bus interchange reopens



March 2026

Accessible pedestrian overpass opens to the public

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