

# Construction update



## State Library Station

August 2025

The Metro Tunnel Project's State Library Station is continuing the final phase of construction, including works on the station entrances, fit-out of the underground station and reinstatement of community space.

Opening later this year, the Metro Tunnel will create a new end-to-end rail line from Sunbury in the west to Cranbourne/Pakenham in the south-east, with bigger and more modern trains, and five new stations.

### Works snapshot: August 2025

At the end of July we reopened Franklin Street to its final legacy design including widened footpaths, safer bike lanes and open public space.

Significant progress was also made in A'Beckett Street with the removal of the acoustic shed. With the shed now fully removed, work has begun to remove the capping beam before surface works commence later this month.

Inside the station final fittings like glass balustrades are being installed and important systems like lifts and escalators are being switched on and tested.

Construction works within the State Library Station precinct over the next month include:

- Station entrance and underground fit-out works at the La Trobe, A'Beckett and Franklin Street sites
- Fit-out of the underground passenger connection to Melbourne Central Station
- A'Beckett Street capping beam and worker shed removal
- Public realm works on Swanston, La Trobe, Little La Trobe, Victoria and Franklin streets.

Further information on these works can be found overleaf or at [metrotunnel.vic.gov.au](https://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au)



Planting is underway in Franklin Street



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## When are we working?



### Normal construction hours

7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday  
7am to 1pm, Saturdays



### Out of hours

Some works are required to take place out of normal construction hours



### 24 hours

24 hour works are sometimes required during peak construction activities



A'Beckett Street acoustic shed was demolished in July

## Upcoming works in your area

### La Trobe Street site

24-hours, Monday to Friday

7am to 12am, Saturdays and Sundays



- Fit-out of the main station entrance continues, including floors, walls, cladding, lifts and escalators. This involves the use of cranes, elevated work platforms, scaffolding, forklifts, generators and other tools and equipment
- Intermittent partial closures of La Trobe Street northern footpath and the Swanston Street western footpath are required. Through access for pedestrians and access to businesses is being maintained (see map)
- Deliveries, installation of materials and surface works including installation of underground utilities, pavement and bollards are ongoing
- Ventilation equipment operation will be required during works below ground, and site lighting will be required for night work.

### Little La Trobe Street site

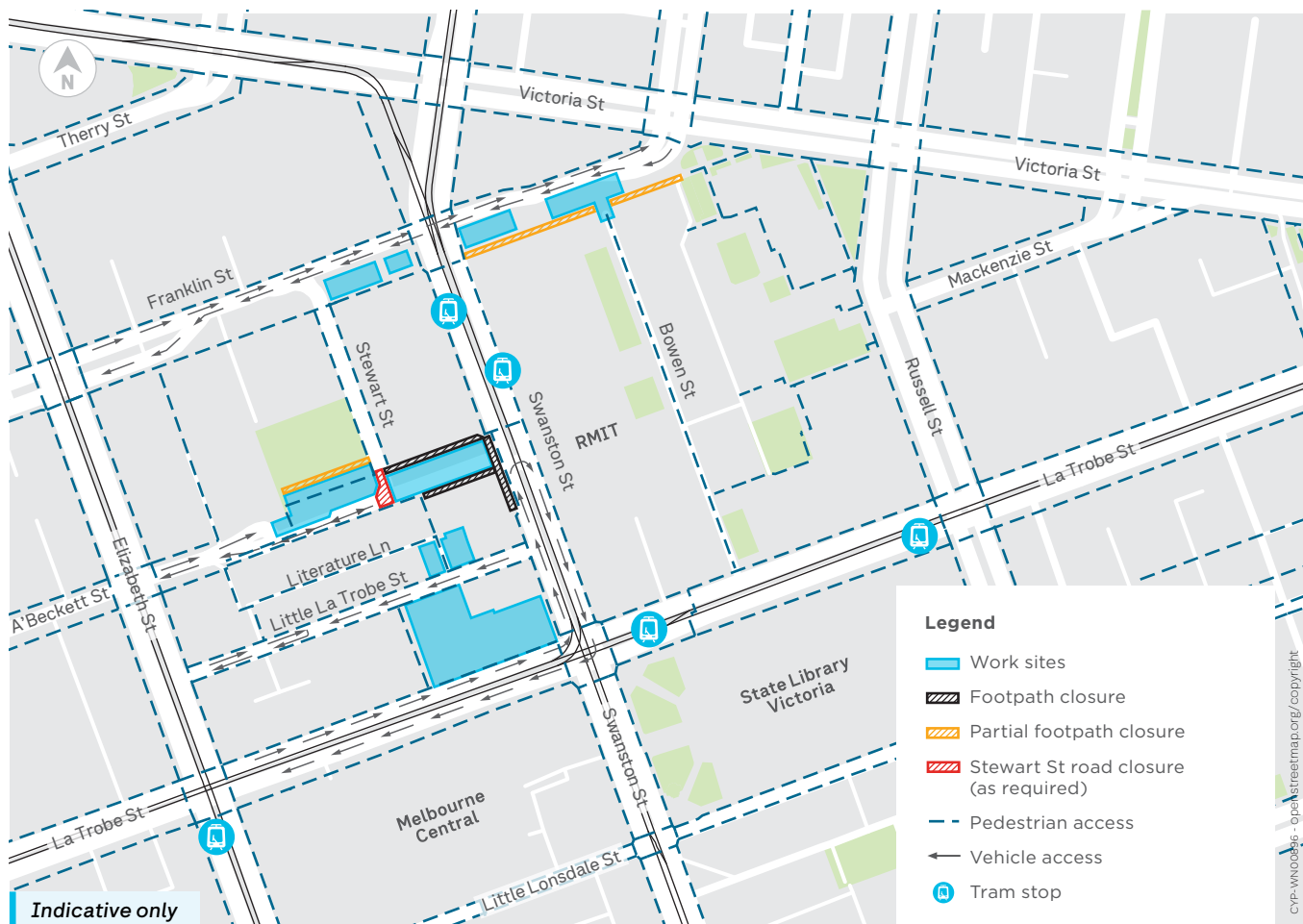
7am to 3am, Monday to Friday

7am to 6pm, Saturdays



- Works continue on the station's service buildings and public realm and reinstatement works in Little La Trobe Street
- Public realm works are ongoing at Little La Trobe Street and can generate medium to high levels of noise
- Works include the use of hand tools including grinding and saw cutting
- Small satellite sites may be required with access to pedestrians maintained
- Work on the station's service buildings and public realm work in Literature Lane is continuing under a partial closure of the eastern end of the lane. Works will include building skirting and footpath paving works. Pedestrian access through the lane will be maintained
- Partial closures of the northern footpath on Little La Trobe in front of the East and West Building will be required to install signage, lighting and external cladding. Laneway access into A'Beckett Street will be maintained
- Deliveries to the La Trobe Street site will involve the use of trucks and a forklift on Little La Trobe Street. These deliveries will occur under the direction of traffic controllers.

# Works area map



## A'Beckett Street site

24-hours, Monday to Sundays, ongoing

Stewart Street road closures

24-hours, ongoing

A'Beckett Street northern and southern footpath closure between Swanson and Stewart streets

24-hours, ongoing

Swanson Street western footpath closure at A'Beckett Street

As required, Monday to Saturday, ongoing

- Works to remove the acoustic shed are now complete and capping beam removal is underway. This work requires the dual closure of the northern and southern footpaths between Swanson and Stewart streets. Pedestrian diversions are in place and access to businesses and residential buildings will be maintained via Elizabeth and Stewart streets
- Capping beam removal works include the use of a jackhammer, excavator, saw cutting, crane and coring and are expected to produce medium to high levels of noise
- Work has commenced to remove the worker sheds located adjacent to the RMIT basketball courts
- A closure of A' Beckett Street will be required to facilitate the crane and works required for worker shed removal, local access will be maintained with access to A' Beckett Towers via Stewart and Franklin streets



- Public Realm and reinstatement works will commence at the A'Beckett Street site in August. These works will include the use of saw cutting, concreting, paving, hand tools, road profiling, asphaltting and line marking and can produce medium to high levels of noise
- A footpath closure will be in place at the Swanson Street western footpath at A'Beckett Street to allow for site deliveries and for public realm and reinstatement work. A pedestrian diversion will be in place
- This work will require the temporary removal of parking bays on Swanson Street. Alternative loading and accessible parking bays are available in Little La Trobe Street
- Changed traffic conditions are in place on A' Beckett and Stewart streets with two-way traffic enabled. This change is in place to improve access in and out of these streets during the road closure at the corner of A'Beckett and Stewart streets
- Intermittent closures of the RMIT basketball court footpath connecting Stewart and A'Beckett streets will be required at times
- During this footpath closure, a detour route will be available from 7am to 5pm through the RMIT basketball courts. Please note this detour includes stairs and an accessible pedestrian detour is available via Elizabeth Street. This detour will be unavailable from 1-16 August with access to A'Beckett Street via Elizabeth Street
- Pedestrian access to buildings will be maintained at all times.

## Melbourne Central Station



7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday

- Fit-out of the underground passenger connection between the new State Library Station and Melbourne Central Station
- Works include service relocations and fit-out works around the escalators, including steelworks, cladding, tiling and finishes.

## Franklin Street site



24-hours, Monday to Sunday, ongoing

**Stewart Street road closure at the intersection of Stewart and Franklin streets**

**As required, Monday to Sunday, ongoing**

**Franklin Street road closure between Elizabeth and Stewart streets**

**Partial nightly closures, Monday to Friday, ongoing**

**Franklin Street northern and southern footpath closure between Stewart and Victoria streets**

**As required, 24 hours Monday to Sunday, ongoing**

- Works to rebuild Franklin Street into its final configuration were completed in July with separated bike lanes, wider footpaths, new lighting, more bike parking and new public seating
- East and westbound traffic lanes have reopened providing through access for vehicles and cyclists from Elizabeth to Victoria Street
- Works continue on the Franklin Street reinstatement and public realm works, on the aboveground service buildings, as well as construction and fit-out of the station passenger areas and operational rooms
- These works include, saw cutting, concreting, paving, road profiling, asphaltting and line marking and can produce medium to high levels of noise
- Deliveries to Franklin Street are ongoing. Truck access to the Franklin Street West site is from Elizabeth and Swanston streets and deliveries to the Franklin Street East site are via Victoria Street. Stop and hold arrangements are in place
- Public realm and reinstatement work continue on the northern and southern footpath including between Elizabeth and Victoria streets. The works are taking place in stages, with access to business, residential and RMIT buildings maintained (see map).

## Oversize deliveries



**All sites**

**10pm to 7am, ongoing**

- In addition to regular deliveries to site, out of hours deliveries will occur intermittently to minimise traffic disruption and ensure the safety of the public and our workers.

## Groundwater monitoring

**Victoria, Franklin, Swanston and Therry streets**

**Monday to Fridays, 7pm to 5am under lane closure (as required)**



- Intermittent testing of previously installed groundwater wells on Victoria, Franklin, Swanston and Therry streets on the road and footpath is ongoing
- This involves setting up small, localised traffic controls on footpaths and overnight lane closures with traffic management in place.

## Over station development

When the Metro Tunnel opens to passengers later this year, work will be underway on two commercial buildings above Town Hall and State Library stations.

These developments are not part of the Metro Tunnel Project.

For more information, visit [metrotunnel.vic.gov.au/osd](https://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au/osd)

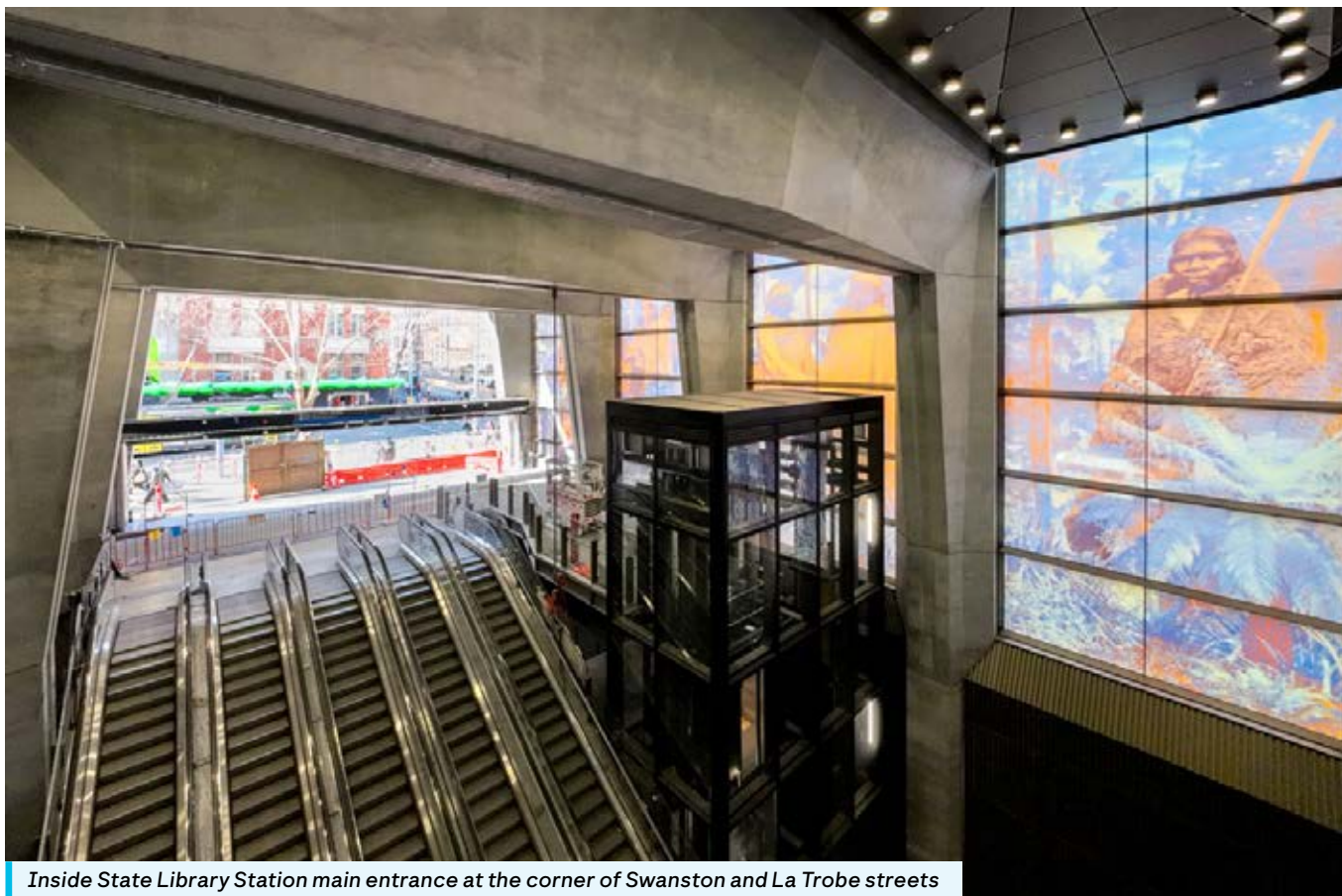
## Franklin Street improvements

Franklin Street between Elizabeth and Victoria streets has been improved as part of the Metro Tunnel Project.

The street has been redesigned as a pedestrian promenade with a widened southern footpath and areas for seating, gardens and public art.

For more information visit [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/metro-tunnel/franklin-street-fact-sheet](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/metro-tunnel/franklin-street-fact-sheet)





Inside State Library Station main entrance at the corner of Swanston and La Trobe streets

## Business support

While the new State Library Station will be a significant boost for the local area, construction activities can impact local businesses.

In response to this, our Business Support Team assists businesses through the disruption and any permanent changes that will take place.

Please see the promotion in this notification for the launch of our '**Shop NOLA**' competition. This competition promotes businesses **north of La Trobe Street** within our works area.

We look forward to promoting more local businesses during the final months of the project.

Find out more

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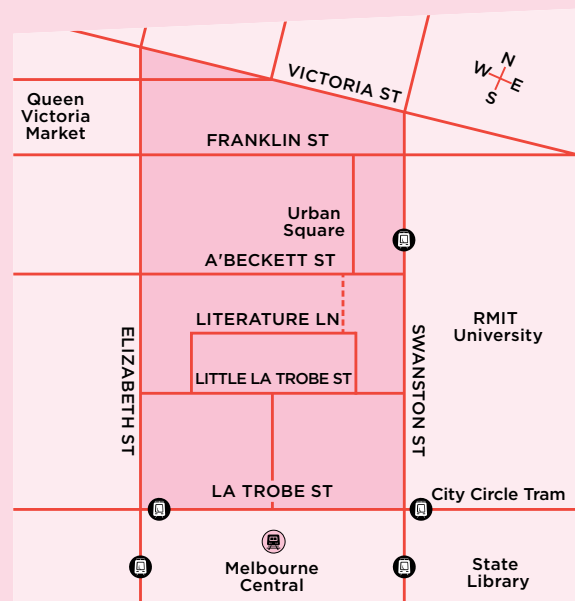
NOLA WILL BE GIVING AWAY LOCAL BUSINESS  
VOUCHERS TO LUCKY WINNERS EACH MONTH!

**Spend at least \$10 at any participating business in the NOLA Precinct for your chance to win your share of \$250 each month!**

**All you have to do is take a photo of your receipt and scan the QR code to enter.**

**All entries will go into the running to win a grand prize - a \$1000 IGA gift card.**

NOLA is a joint initiative by Cross Yarra Partnership Design & Construction Joint Venture and the Metro Tunnel Project Office aimed at supporting local businesses during the final stages of construction of the Metro Tunnel Project.



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