

Longer trains for the west from 2027

Passengers in Melbourne's booming west will benefit from longer trains and improved journeys when nine-car VLocity trains start services on the Melton Line from 2027, one year ahead of schedule.

Running longer trains will boost passenger capacity by 50 per cent during peak services.

The nine-car trains will provide more doors for boarding, reducing crowding in aisles during peak periods.

The new nine-car VLocity trains will run between Melton and Southern Cross. To allow the longer trains to stop at some of the busiest stations on the line, platforms are being extended at Cobblebank, Rockbank, Caroline Springs and Deer Park stations.

The new Melton Station is being built as part of works to remove four dangerous and congested level crossings and will include longer platforms for the nine-car VLocity trains.

The \$650 million Melton Line Upgrade also includes building a new train stabling yard in Cobblebank, 700 metres east of the new Melton Station.

The new stabling yard will allow the new trains to be at Melton Station, ready for first services to the city.

In the first stage of electrification of the Melton Line and a rail line to Melbourne Airport, the new \$4 billion Sunshine Station Superhub will start early next year, with the job done by 2030.

A new fleet of VLocity trains, built in Dandenong, will start rolling out on the Melton Line in 2027, one year ahead of schedule.

Project Benefits



Longer nine-car VLocity trains running on the Melton Line from 2027



Increasing passenger capacity by 50 per cent



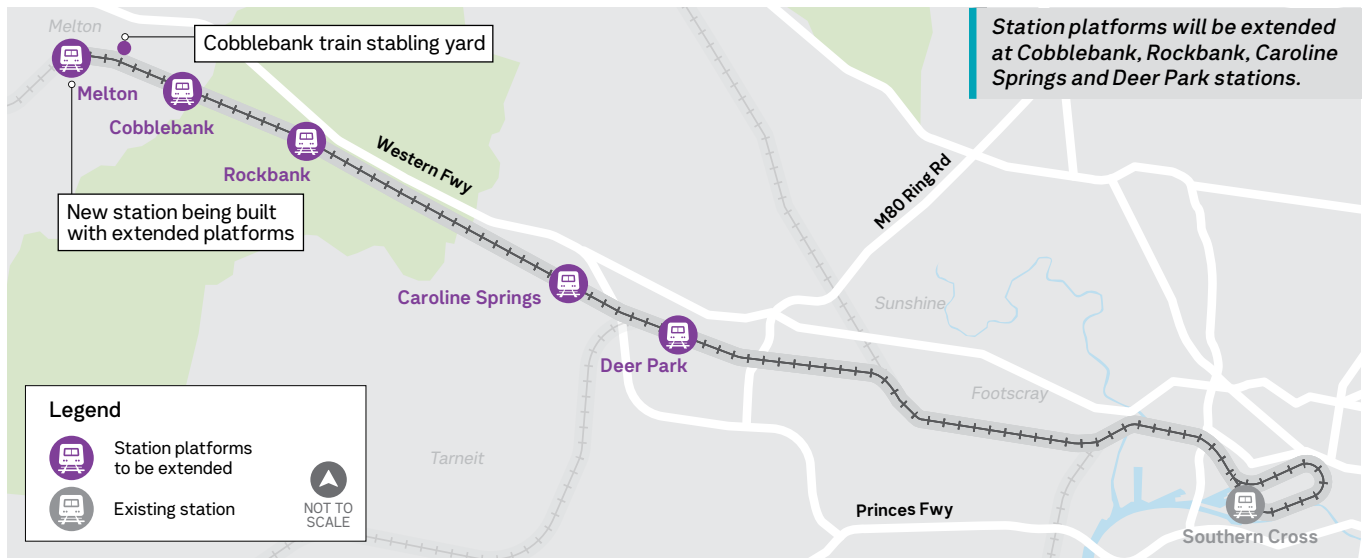
Nine-car VLocity trains servicing Melton, Cobblebank, Rockbank, Caroline Springs and Deer Park stations



New Victorian-built VLocity fleet



A nine-car VLocity train.



Construction on the Cobblebank stabling yard and platform extensions is expected to start early next year, with the Cobblebank train stabling yard open and nine-car VLocity trains running on the Melton Line from 2027.


A new stabling yard for Cobblebank

When the nine-car VLocity trains start rolling out on the Melton Line, they'll be stabled at a new facility in Cobblebank.

A train stabling yard is where trains are stored and cleaned, ready to begin service the next day.









The Cobblebank yard will be future proofed for Metro trains in preparation for the electrification of the Melton Line.

Project timeline

-  **2022**
 - Project announced
-  **2024**
 - Cobblebank train stabling yard announced
 - Community engagement
-  **2025**
 - Site investigations
 - Melton Line Upgrade fast-tracked
 - Community consultation
-  **2026**
 - Construction begins
 - New Melton Station opens
-  **2027**
 - Construction continues
 - New Cobblebank train stabling yard open
 - Nine-car VLocity trains run on the Melton Line with platform extensions complete

** Timeline subject to change.*

The Cobblebank stabling yard will include:

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|  stabling tracks for six nine-car VLocity trains and future proofed for Metro trains |  landscaping around perimeter |
|  staff facilities and utilities buildings |  connection to the Melton Line |
|  CCTV and lighting |  access roads and parking for workers and train drivers |
|  signalling and communication systems including train radio tower |  water retention basin |
|  vehicle access off Abey Road | |

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