

Construction update



Kensington works update

November 2025 – January 2026

Tie-station and completion work activities are continuing in Kensington as part of the Metro Tunnel Project. This update provides an outline of current and upcoming works in your area between November 2025 and January 2026.

Works snapshot: November 2025 – January 2026

Construction works within the Kensington precincts between November 2025 and January 2026 will include:

- Tie-station completion works
- Building F retention and roof replacement works
- Flood wall ground investigation works
- Tunnel works

Further information on these works can be found overleaf or at metrotunnel.vic.gov.au



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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
We will notify if out of hours works are required



Occupation works, September 2025

Upcoming works in your area

Tie-station construction

Hobsons Road site, Kensington

Ongoing

- There will be tie-station completion works taking place at the Hobsons Road site from November until early next year
- These works include fencing, bollard installation, sewer and water connections, asphaltting and landscaping
- These activities will require the use of non-destructive digging machines (NDD), earth moving machinery such as excavators, concrete trucks, a roller, an asphalt paver, and hand tools
- These works are expected to generate low to medium levels
- The water connection works will take place on Kensington Road, with a partial lane closure required near the Hobsons Road intersection. During water connection works, a small section of footpath and the bicycle lane on Kensington Road will also be temporarily closed with pedestrian and cyclist diversions in place. Traffic management will be in place to assist
- The sewer connection works on Hobsons Road will require the temporary closure of the footpath and bicycle lane near the Kensington Road intersection. Pedestrian and cyclist diversions will be in place, with traffic controllers to assist
- Fencing and pathway construction works are also continuing at 156-158 Kensington Road, West Melbourne
- These works will require an excavator and hand tools and are expected to generate low to medium levels of noise.



Building F retention and roof replacement

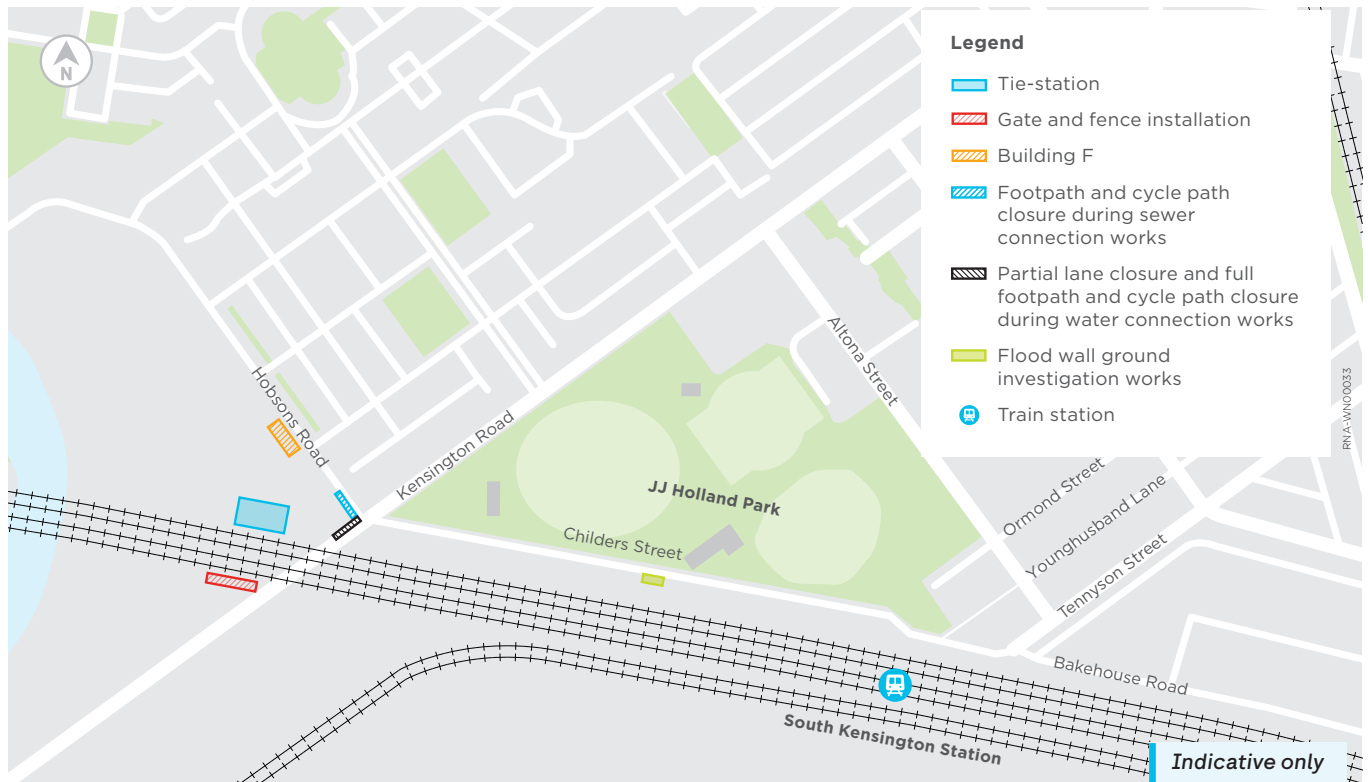
Hobsons Road site, Kensington

Ongoing

- Building F roof replacement and retention works are ongoing until next year
- These works include removing and replacing roof tiles, repairing existing timber roof frames, installation of a stormwater drainage system, installation of new gutters and downpipes, concrete repairs, painting and re-rendering
- Works will require the use of an excavator, NDD, telehandlers, elevated work platforms (EWPs), scaffolding and hand tools
- These works are expected to generate low to medium levels of noise
- The section of footpath on Hobsons Road in front of building F will remain closed until the completion of these works, with pedestrians diverted into the parking lane with water filled barriers creating a safe route. Traffic controllers will be used as required.



Works area map Kensington



Flood wall ground investigation works



Childers Street, Kensington

Saturday 8 November 7am– 7pm

Sunday 9 November 7am– 3pm

- We will be undertaking ground investigation works on the ramp at the opening of the flood wall on Childers Street
- The works will involve a non-destructive digging machine (NDD) and excavator
- These works are expected to generate low levels of noise with intermittent medium levels of noise
- Traffic controllers will be used as required on Childers Street, for short periods to assist with vehicle and equipment movement in the work area. As a result there will be with intermittent stop and hold arrangements for drivers on Childers Street.

Metro Tunnel opening

- The Metro Tunnel opens in early December with trains running to a Summer Start program. During this period, additional services will run seven days a week and stop at all five new underground stations: Arden, Parkville, State Library, Town Hall and Anzac.
- Monday to Friday – services will run every 20 minutes from 10am until 3pm between Cranbourne and Pakenham lines) and West Footscray (Sunbury line)
- Weekends – services every 20 minutes from 10am until 7pm between Westall every 40 minutes from East Pakenham, and every 60 minutes from Sunbury
- The existing timetable will continue as normal, with those trains running through the City Loop during this time
- On 1 February, Cranbourne, Pakenham and Sunbury Line services will come out of the City Loop and run exclusively through the Metro Tunnel
- For more information visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/use-metro-tunnel/home.

Tunnel works



Kensington

Monday 17 to Thursday 20 November

Monday 24 to Thursday 27 November

- Works will take place within the tunnel between 4pm and 8am
- Movement of equipment and machinery between the Hobsons Road site and the Childers Street tunnel access will occur between 4pm and 8am
- While works take place in the tunnel, workers will use the Hobsons Road site.

Look ahead for 2025 and 2026

	November	December	January 2026
Tie-station works			
Building F retention and roof replacement			
Tunnel works			
Flood wall ground investigation works			

Traffic and transport impacts

- There will be an increase in construction vehicle movements around the Hobsons Road site via two entrances on Hobsons Road, one opposite Balmer Street and the other near Kensington Road intersection.
- An increase in larger vehicles delivering equipment to the Hobsons Road site.
- Traffic management will be used as required around the Hobsons Road site including along Kensington Road near the rail bridge.

End of year shutdown

- Please be advised construction at the Hobsons Road site will stop over the New Year period.
- The last day of construction for 2025 will be Friday 19 December, and works will restart on Monday 5 January 2026.
- During the closure period the site will be secured.
- On behalf of the project team, we wish you a safe and happy holiday period.



Tie-station at Hobsons Road site

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