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Bunyip Station concept image.

Community update

Bunyip and Longwarry

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Station concept designs revealed

Final designs for Bunyip and Longwarry stations have been released, revealing what the new station precincts will look like once complete.

Community feedback helped shape the final designs with dozens of community groups and station users providing feedback through a user-centered design process, resulting in 196 design recommendations.

The key themes we heard from the community feedback included:

- improving user journey and experience
- improving safety, amenity and accessibility
- better connecting intermodal activity.

This feedback played a key role in finalising our designs.

A local artist will be appointed to design a creative art concept that will be embedded in the pedestrian ramp design for the new platforms at Bunyip and Longwarry stations.

The artwork themes will be informed by community consultation undertaken last year that saw the themes of native fauna and flora, local history and community stories voted most popular.

The final design for Bunyip Station features a new second platform and forecourt along with new accessible car parking spaces close to platform entrances and a sheltered entrance with priority seating.

By the numbers

-  **20** Local Aboriginal businesses engaged to date
-  **4** Station upgrades
-  **500+** Jobs created for the Gippsland community
-  **1** New rail bridge built over Avon River

At Longwarry Station the existing southern platform will be upgraded to be more accessible and the car park will be formalised, with additional accessible parking spaces and a new bus stop for replacement coaches.

Construction is progressing at both stations and we have recently completed the footings that will provide the base for the precast concrete panels that make up the new platforms.

We would like to thank passengers, residents and the wider community for your patience while these important works are taking place.



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Bunyip Station concept image.

Bunyip Station final design

The final Bunyip Station design improves accessibility, visibility and safety for the Bunyip community by better connecting the town's north and south, positioning accessible car parking spaces close to platform entrances, and providing a sheltered entrance and priority seating.

The new accessible second platform will help provide more opportunities for trains to pass each other and deliver more frequent and reliable train services. The existing platform will also be upgraded to be more accessible and with amenity improvements for better passenger journeys.

Pedestrian access from Bunyip town centre will be significantly enhanced, with accessible routes from Main Street to the existing platform, from Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Road to the new platform and a newly relocated pedestrian crossing over the rail line at the Melbourne end of the platforms.

The formalised, asphalted car park and vehicle movement areas will provide safe and accessible pedestrian-friendly environments, with the design better connecting the town with its recreational and sporting areas.

The project will also deliver 30 new car parking spaces at Bunyip Station on behalf of the Victorian Government's Car Parks for Commuters program. A new canopy will improve the prominence of the station in the Bunyip townscape, with a landscaped embankment on Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Road to help guide train passengers and other station users to it from the surrounding area.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles have been applied to ensure public areas are safe, comfortable and inclusive by increasing visibility.

Trees are positioned at access points to effectively guide precinct users by signposting the way to the station, with new planting located to provide amenity, shade and comfort in public areas.

Longwarry Station final design

The final Longwarry Station design will improve accessibility and amenity for better passenger journeys.

The traditional character of the station, including the existing seating and shelter, will be complemented by design elements including a new northern entrance plaza.

Potential conflicts between vehicles and vulnerable road users will be minimised, with pedestrian and cyclist access to the station prioritised.

Marker trees at access points will help guide users to the upgraded station, with mature vegetation throughout the precinct.

Parallel parking will be provided along Cook Road close to the new canopied station entry on the northern side, with new drop off spaces and new bike hoops located on both sides near entrances.

Significant improvements will be made to vehicle access and traffic flow on the existing south side of the station, with a new one-way formalised road, additional accessible parking spaces and a bus replacement stop.

As part of a Water Sensitive Urban Design Strategy, the precinct will support sustainable water management, including the planting of rain gardens to catch run-off, preventing localised flooding.

The new accessible second platform will also help provide more opportunities for trains to pass each other and deliver more frequent and reliable train services. The existing platform will also be upgraded to be more accessible and with amenity improvements such as seating and shelter.



Longwarry Station concept image.

Protecting our wildlife

We are committed to protecting our environment and local wildlife.



We are continuing our program to monitor and manage pests, particularly foxes and feral cats, to protect the threatened Southern Brown Bandicoot.

The program is continuing during construction along the rail corridor between Nar Nar Goon and Longwarry East.

We will also be constructing under-track crossings at

Longwarry Station, which will provide a safe path for the bandicoots to cross the railway line.

A total of 56 burrowing crayfish, four frogs and an Eastern long-necked turtle were found at our Bunyip site south of the station and later relocated to the nearby Wally Road drain.

Meet our team

Meet Angus Mitchell, a local civil engineer working on the Gippsland Line Upgrade (Traralgon Station).

Angus grew up in Garfield and Bunyip and studied engineering at Monash University in Clayton. He has spent most of his career working in the region, so is very familiar with the local area.

He says that the combination of pre-planning a project and then delivering the works on the ground in his own community seemed like a good fit for him.

He is enjoying gaining experience on a rail project with many multidisciplinary aspects including rail, signalling and civil works.

Coming from traditionally smaller organisations, he's also enjoying the opportunity of being a part of a bigger team.



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About the Gippsland Line Upgrade

The Gippsland Line Upgrade will enable more reliable services and trains every 40 minutes between the peaks between Traralgon and Melbourne.




Supporting local businesses

Whether it's coffee, lunch or a quick break, Soul Sisters Café in Longwarry knows how to cater for our project team!

We are proud to support local businesses in the areas we work and we would like to thank Annie and Mel at the café for their great food and service.

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