

# Connecting the Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham train lines



Parkville Train Station – improving access to our world-class healthcare, education and research facilities. Concept image.

The Metro Tunnel is the biggest upgrade of Melbourne's train network since the City Loop opened in 1981.

It will mean all Victorians will benefit from new train connections to key destinations including:

- St Kilda Road (via Anzac Station)
- Melbourne's major health and education precinct (via Parkville Station).

Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham line passengers will have direct train access to the Metro Tunnel's new stations.

Passengers on all other metropolitan train lines will only need to make a single transfer.

## The Metro Tunnel is transforming Melbourne's train network

When the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025 the Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham lines will run through new tunnels under Melbourne's CBD stopping at five new underground train stations.

It will mean more ways to move around Melbourne, new connections and more choice.

Services for Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham line passengers will go through the new tunnel instead of the City Loop.

Taking these train lines out of the City Loop will create a more reliable service, with trains able to run closer together on new high-capacity signalling. This will enable a turn-up-and-go service on these lines.

The Metro Tunnel will connect two of Melbourne's biggest housing growth corridors – Cranbourne/Pakenham and Sunbury/Diggers Rest – and ensure North Melbourne's urban development precinct – Arden – is connected to the train network as it grows into a thriving community.

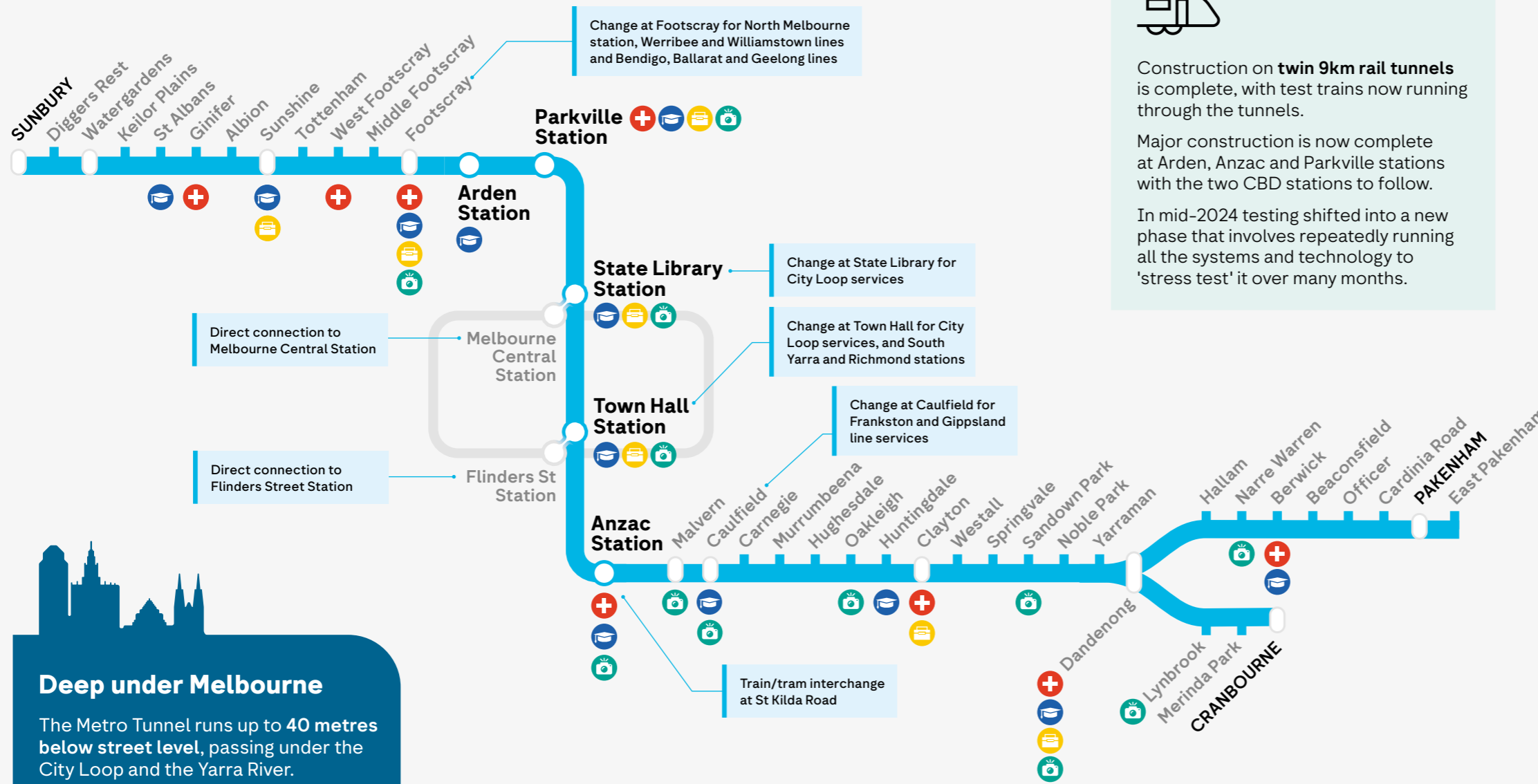
Passengers can switch easily between City Loop and Metro Tunnel services, with connections between Town Hall and Flinders Street stations and also between State Library and Melbourne Central stations.

Major universities and hospitals at Clayton, Footscray and Parkville, as well as destinations like the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and the Shrine of Remembrance, will all be better connected to the rail network.

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# Where will the Metro Tunnel take me?



**Deep under Melbourne**  
The Metro Tunnel runs up to 40 metres below street level, passing under the City Loop and the Yarra River.

**Legend**

- Hospitals
- Higher education
- Jobs
- Attractions

- St Albans**
  - Victoria University St Albans Campus
- Ginifer**
  - Sunshine Hospital
  - Joan Kirner Women's and Childrens Hospital
- Sunshine**
  - Victoria University Sunshine Campus
  - Jobs hub
- West Footscray**
  - Footscray Hospital
  - Western Private Hospital
- Footscray**
  - New Footscray Hospital opening in 2025
  - Victoria University Footscray Park and Nicholson Street Campus
  - Jobs hub
  - Footscray Market
- Arden**
  - Holmesglen North Melbourne Campus
- Parkville**
  - Royal Melbourne Hospital
  - Royal Women's Hospital
  - Royal Children's Hospital
  - Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
  - University of Melbourne
  - Jobs hub
  - Lygon Street Little Italy
- State Library**
  - RMIT University
  - Institute of Health and Nursing Australia
  - RMIT Skills and Jobs Centre
  - William Angliss Institute Skills and Jobs Centre
  - State Library Victoria
  - Melbourne City Baths
  - Queen Victoria Market
- Town Hall**
  - Box Hill Institute
  - Homesglen City Campus
  - Box Hill Institute Skills and Jobs Centre
  - Melbourne Town Hall
  - Federation Square
  - National Gallery of Victoria
- Anzac**
  - The Alfred Hospital
  - University of Melbourne Southbank Campus
- Malvern**
  - Caulfield Park
- Caulfield**
  - Monash University Caulfield Campus
  - Caulfield Racecourse
- Oakleigh**
  - Chadstone Shopping Centre
- Huntingdale**
  - Monash University Clayton Campus
  - John Monash Science School
- Clayton**
  - Monash Medical Centre
  - Monash Children's Hospital
  - Jobs hub
- Sandown Park**
  - Sandown Racecourse
- Dandenong**
  - Dandenong Hospital
  - Angel Institute of Education
  - Chisholm Institute Skills and Jobs Centre
  - Dandenong Market
- Lynbrook**
  - Banjo Patterson Park
- Narre Warren**
  - Bunjil Place
  - Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- Berwick**
  - Casey Hospital
  - St John of God Hospital
  - Federation University Berwick Campus
  - Chisholm Institute Berwick

## Better connections

### Better access to health services

The Metro Tunnel will transform travel for hospital staff, patients and visitors, with the new Parkville Station on the doorstep of the Royal Melbourne and Royal Women's hospitals and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

More than 30 hospitals and day procedure centres along the Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham lines will be better connected by the Metro Tunnel.

### Better access to education

The Metro Tunnel will provide better connections for students and staff across Victoria to Melbourne's universities, TAFEs and schools, including direct rail access to The University of Melbourne for the first time in its 170-year history.

The Metro Tunnel line from Sunbury to Cranbourne and Pakenham will give people access by train to hundreds of tertiary and TAFE courses, giving students and staff more ways to access learning and job opportunities.

More schools will be within a 10 minute walk of a train station along the Sunbury to Cranbourne Pakenham line.

### Better access to jobs

The Metro Tunnel provides rail access for the first time to the St Kilda Road commercial hub. It will also give direct access to the Arden precinct, a future urban renewal area.

The Metro Tunnel also connects four major employment centres – Sunshine, Footscray, Parkville, and Clayton – and three Skills and Jobs Centres – RMIT, William Angliss Institute, and Chisholm Institute – along the Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham lines.

These centres are areas with growing concentrations of businesses and institutions, providing a major contribution to the Victorian economy.

### Better connections to attractions

The Metro Tunnel will connect the north-west and south-east of Melbourne, opening up more ways to travel to popular destinations by public transport.

Soon everyone will be better connected to Melbourne's parks, sports and entertainment venues, shopping centres and markets.



Carnegie Station was upgraded in preparation for the Metro Tunnel, as part of the Caulfield to Dandenong rail upgrades.

## Upgrades to the Sunbury and Cranbourne/Pakenham train lines

The Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham lines have been upgraded to enable better services as part of the Metro Tunnel.

The Sunbury Line Upgrade included power upgrades, high capacity signalling on sections of the line, platform extensions and more train stabling, with all level crossings set to be removed from the line.

The Pakenham Line has had high capacity signalling installed on sections of the line, level crossings removed and new stations built.

The Cranbourne Line Upgrade included 8km of track duplication between Cranbourne and Dandenong allowing for

more train services to run, level crossing removals and new train stations.

The Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham lines will be level crossing free in 2025, which will mean more trains can run without keeping boom gates down and local roads closed for large parts of the day.

Melbourne's new bigger, more modern trains are already running on the Cranbourne and Pakenham lines and for some services on the Sunbury Line.

## Better accessibility

The new Metro Tunnel stations will be accessible for people in wheelchairs or with mobility issues, through facilities such as lifts, hearing loops, tactile ground indicators and Changing Places (accessible toilets).

Metro Tunnel stations will have multiple entrances with lifts that are accessible to everyone.



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