

PAKENHAM UPDATE
MARCH 2023

Transforming transport in Pakenham



Lifting beams for the rail bridge in Pakenham

Major transport changes in Pakenham are just around the corner

As you travel around the local area, you'll start to see a whole lot of changes happening today as we work to make it easier for you to travel tomorrow.









We're making the Pakenham Line level crossing free by 2025, with works underway to remove the level crossings at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road in Pakenham. As part of these works, we will build a new Pakenham Station and extend the line to the new East Pakenham Station.

The Metro Tunnel is on track to be delivered a year early in 2025. Cranbourne-Pakenham line trains will travel through the Metro Tunnel and its five new underground stations, cutting travel times by up to 50 minutes a day from Pakenham. When the Melbourne Airport Rail opens in 2029, local commuters will also be able to travel direct to the airport without changing trains.

The Pakenham Roads Upgrade is underway, which will upgrade Racecourse Road, McGregor Road and the Princes Freeway in Pakenham.

Upgrades to Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road will link with improvements along Racecourse Road with the level crossing removed.

Delivery timeline for projects in your area

- March 2023**  Major construction starts on Pakenham Roads Upgrade
- 2024**  Boom gates removed at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road
-  New Pakenham and East Pakenham stations open
- 2025**  Metro Tunnel opens
-  Pakenham Line is level crossing-free
-  Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade complete
- Early 2026**  Pakenham Roads Upgrade complete
- 2029**  Melbourne Airport Rail opens

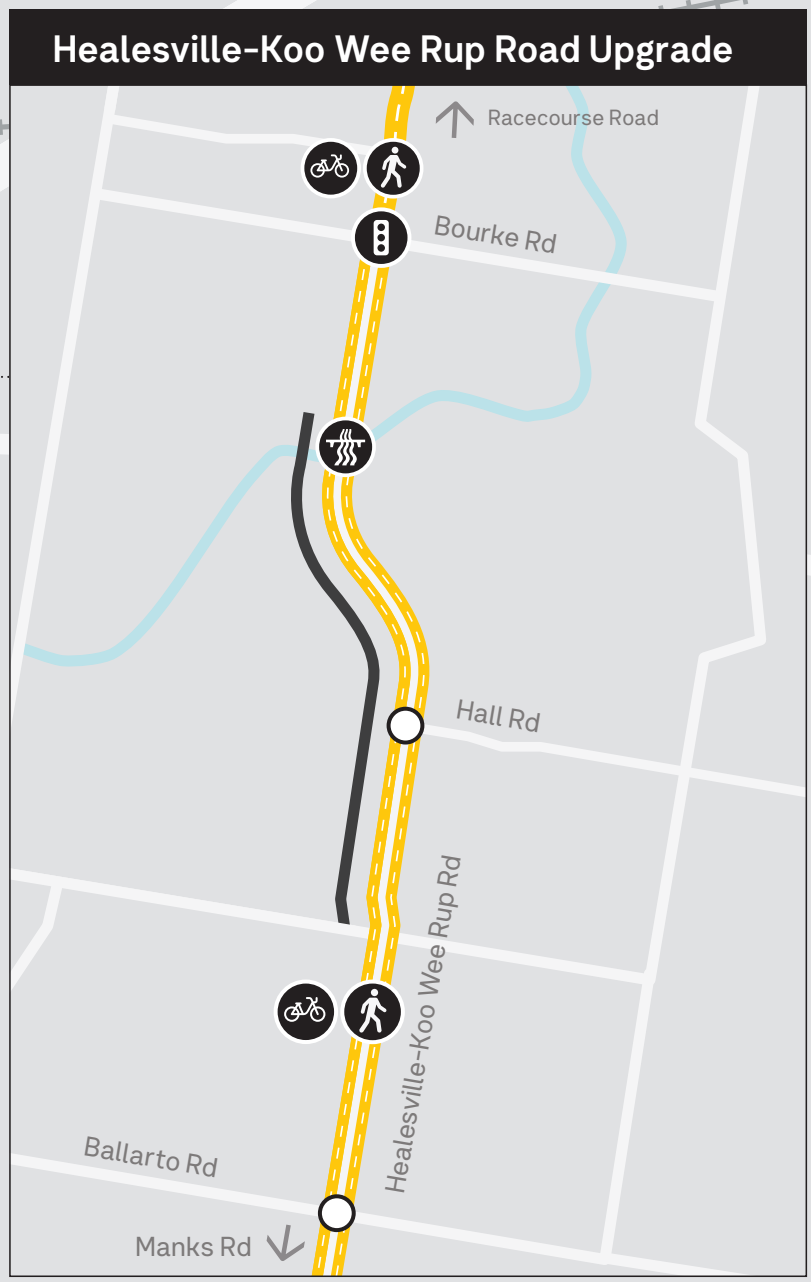
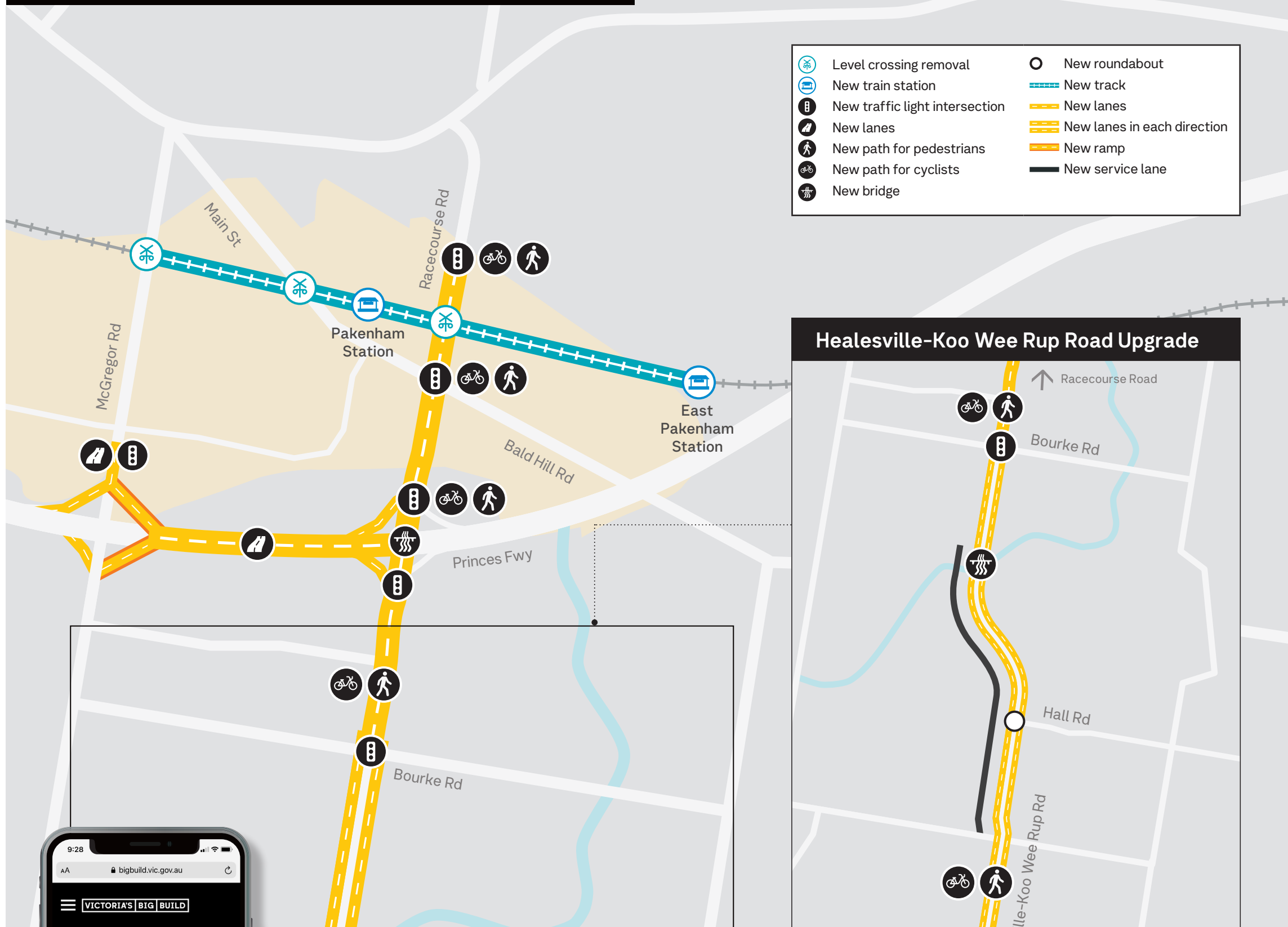


Find out more about improvements in Pakenham by scanning the QR code or visiting bigbuild.vic.gov.au/pakenham



Check out upcoming disruptions on the back page

! How we're building big in Pakenham



Open space around the new Pakenham Station (concept image)

Building a rail bridge over Pakenham

The level crossings at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road in Pakenham are three of 22 level crossings to be removed along the Pakenham Line. We're removing them by building a 2.5 kilometre rail bridge to reduce bottlenecks and improve safety at these busy level crossings.

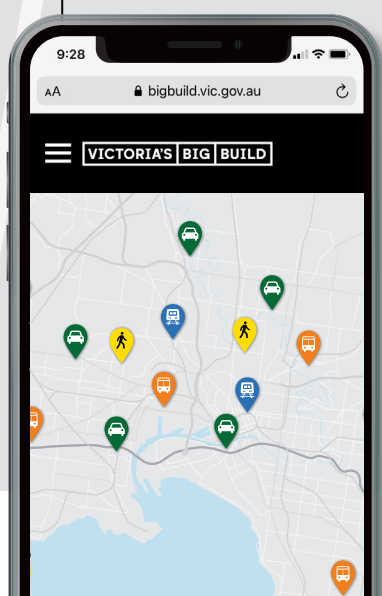
You may have noticed the delivery and installation of piers, crossheads and L-beams as works steam ahead. The boom gates will be gone by 2024, and the Pakenham Line free of level crossings by 2025.

Upgraded walking and cycling connections for Pakenham

As part of the upgrades in and around Pakenham, we'll provide more options for travel with more than 11 kilometres of new walking and cycling paths, and the equivalent of six MCGs of new open space.

These new shared walking and cycling paths are the missing link between the new Pakenham Station and the business and industrial areas on Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road. It will also connect two new seating areas near Deep Creek and Ballarto Road in Pakenham South.

As part of the design of the 2.5 kilometre rail bridge, we've included open space for everyone to enjoy. There'll be playgrounds, parklands, outdoor exercise equipment and a half basketball court.



See how disruptions may affect you on our interactive map

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/pakenhamdisruptions

**Have
your say**

Help shape the Pakenham Roads Upgrade

Upgrading Racecourse and McGregor roads

Planning for stages 2 and 3 of the Pakenham Roads Upgrade is happening and we're seeking your feedback so we can include local knowledge in the road design and understand your access needs during construction. Your input will also inform landscaping plans, signage and public art.

These works include adding new lanes and upgrading intersections along McGregor and Racecourse roads.

Visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/engagepakenham to have your say before Sunday 2 April.

Disruptions

Pakenham Line level crossings removals

To remove the remaining three level crossings in Pakenham, the eastbound lane of Henty Street between McGregor Road and Charles Street will be closed until mid-2023.

We've also closed Railway Avenue between Main Street and Slattery Place until 2024, as well as some car parking at Pakenham Station.

Sign up for calendar notifications at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions to find out when buses are replacing trains on the Pakenham Line.

Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade

As works progress on the Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade, traffic will be switched onto the new road between Greenhills Road and Deep Creek from 19 March so we can build the other side of the road. Bourke Road will be closed at Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road until November.

Ballarto Road and Island Road will remain closed until 24 April, while works to build the new roundabout and bridges over McGregor Drain are being completed.

Pakenham Roads Upgrade

As part of the Pakenham Roads Upgrade, we'll build new ramps at McGregor Road, upgrade the Princes Freeway interchange at Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road, and add an extra lane between McGregor Road and Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road on the Princes Freeway. During construction, road closures or other disruptions may be required to maintain safety around the worksites.

There will be lane closures, detours and reduced speeds on McGregor Road, Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road and on the Princes Freeway throughout the coming months while upgrade works continue.



Big Build Roadshow is coming

We'll be at the Pakenham Show on 18 March to give you an update on our construction progress and listen to your feedback on how we're doing. We'll have people from the project teams working in your area on hand to answer any questions you have about the major changes we're making to your road and rail network.

Visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/subscribe to be the first to find out where our Big Build Roadshow is heading next.

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