



Aerial view of the new road underpass in Dandenong.

Webster Street, Dandenong, August 2026

Dandenong's new road opening this September

Dandenong's new road underpass connecting Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street to Cheltenham and Hammond roads is opening on Tuesday 22 September.

The new road underpass will reduce congestion and deliver a more reliable road network for Dandenong with drivers able to travel straight from Hammond and Cheltenham roads in the west to a brand new signalised intersection on Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street in the east.

With a clearance of 5.4 metres, the new underpass provides a direct route for trucks and high vehicles, reducing their need to travel on local streets and through Dandenong's CBD.

Dandenong's new road underpass will open on Tuesday 22 September – two years ahead of schedule.

Over the coming weeks we'll complete works to connect the new underpass to Princes Highway Lonsdale Street and Cheltenham and Hammond roads, asphaltting, line marking in the underpass and traffic signal installation on Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street.

Last year we closed Webster Street at the level crossing and opened the new walking and cycling path along the Webster Street in Woodcock Reserve, linking with the Dandenong Creek Trail and connecting locals to Dandenong's CBD.

New artwork is being installed along the walking and cycling path under the rail bridge in spring.



Project benefits



Improves safety, reduces congestion and creates a more reliable road network for Dandenong



Reroutes traffic away from Dandenong's CBD



Keeps trucks off Webster Street



Prepares the area for future development



Boom gates gone at Webster Street saving travel time for 10,000 vehicles



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Road network changes in Dandenong

When the new road underpass opens on Tuesday 22 September, there will be new ways to get around and changes to how you travel in Dandenong.



Pat Dow



Merle Mitchell AM

New Cheltenham Road underpass

When the new road underpass opens, it will become an extension of Cheltenham Road. You'll be able to drive from Cheltenham and Hammond roads in the west, under the rail line to a signalised intersection at Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street in the east.

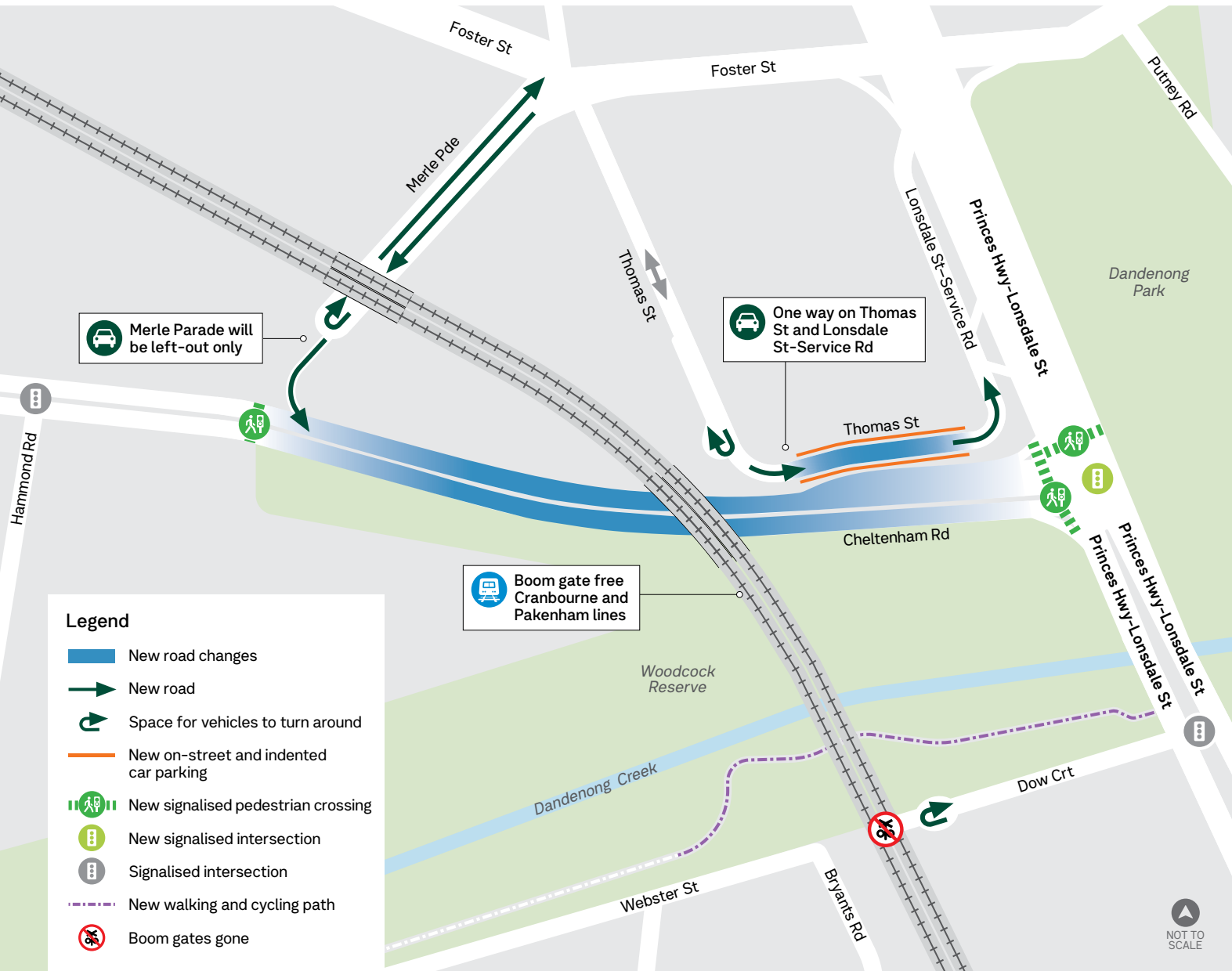
Webster Street east becomes Dow Court

With Webster Street closed at the rail line and the Cranbourne and Pakenham lines level crossing free, the section of Webster Street east of the rail line will be renamed Dow Court in honour of Pat Dow.

Part of Cheltenham Road becomes Merle Parade

When the new underpass opens, Cheltenham Road between Foster Street and Hammond Road will be left-out only into the new road. This section of Cheltenham Road will be named Merle Parade, honouring Merle Mitchell AM.

To read more about changes to Dandenong's road network and the new road names, scan the QR code or visit [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-travel-changes-factsheet](https://www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-travel-changes-factsheet)



Major works in August and September

Over the coming weeks we'll complete works at the eastern and western ends of the new underpass to connect it to Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street and Cheltenham and Hammond roads, we'll install traffic signals on Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street.

To allow us to safely complete works, Cheltenham Road will be closed between Hammond Road and 1 Cheltenham Road from **Monday 24 August to Tuesday 22 September**.



Detours will be in place during these works scan the QR code or visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-major-road-works



Hitting the home stretch in Dandenong

We started the Big Dig in November last year and in June we finished excavating the new underpass.

In July, we finished pouring concrete for the base slabs of the new road, with the largest individual concrete pour totalling 1,100 cubic metres - enough to fill approximately 11 buses.

We completed the underpass walls in August.

To prevent the underpass flooding, we've installed a drainage system to pump water out and into a detention basin, naturally filtering the water before it flows into Dandenong Creek.

We're putting the finishing touches on the new road, including asphaltting and line marking, and we're installing lighting and traffic signals.

We're also painting the walls of the underpass using five unique colours to reflect the vibrant character and diversity of Dandenong.

Construction in numbers

Since construction started we've:



excavated more than **13** Olympic swimming pools worth of soil



poured more than **11,000** cubic metres of concrete



completed **403** piles to support the walls of the underpass and new rail bridge



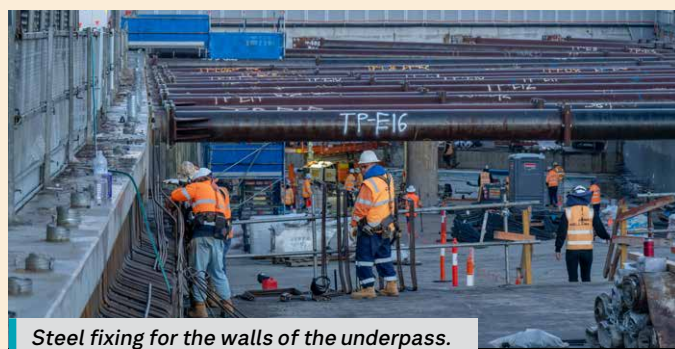
planted more than **15,000** native trees, shrubs and grasses, with **15,000** more to be planted



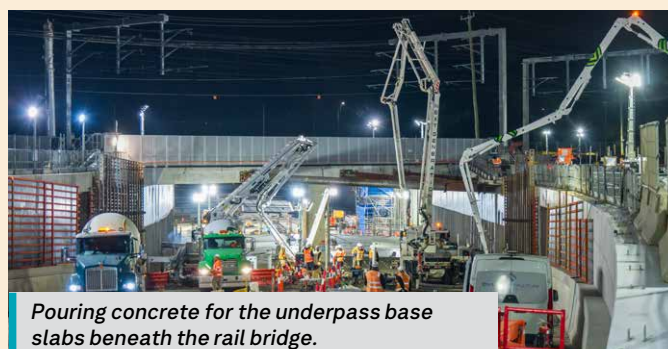
constructed **9** base slabs to form the foundation of the underpass



installed more than **3,000** tonnes of steel for the underpass walls, base slabs and piles



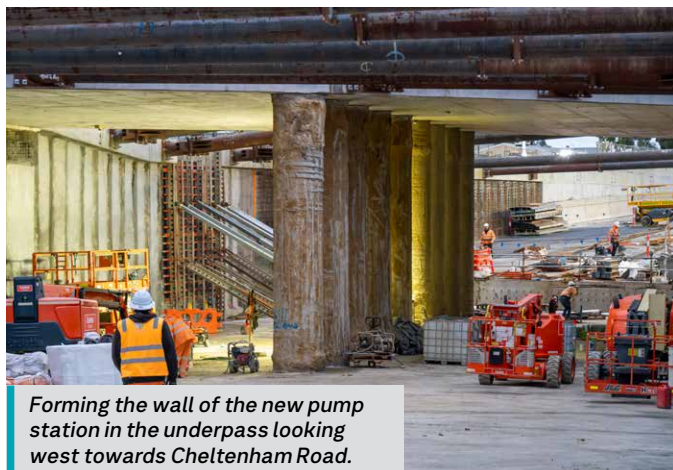
Steel fixing for the walls of the underpass.



Pouring concrete for the underpass base slabs beneath the rail bridge.

Progress in pictures

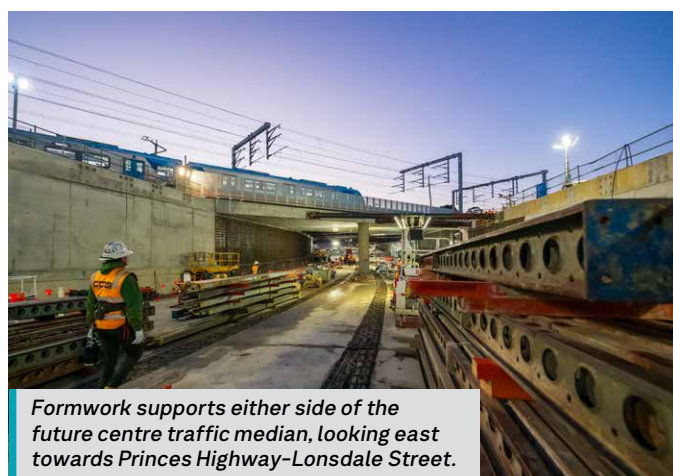
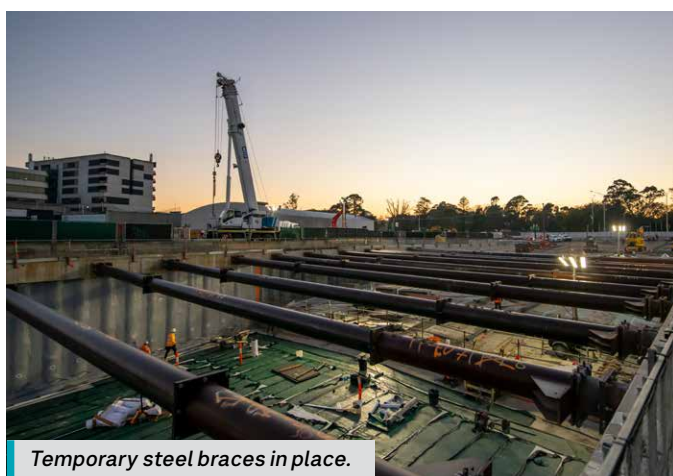
May



June



July



Behind the barriers

Check out what's happening behind the barriers by scanning the QR code or visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-galleries



Works are on, shops are open



Cheltenham and Hammond roads traders are open for business.

Shop local and support your local businesses on Cheltenham and Hammond roads.
Thank you for supporting local businesses in Dandenong while we prepare to open the new road underpass.

Health and fitness

- ReMAP Performance
- Iron Pigs Strength Club

Food and drink

- Silk Road afanti catering

Services and Automotive

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| — Southside Carwash and Detailing | — Mega Trim |
| — Sky Thai Massage | — ABW Trade |
| — Sunrise Trailer Parts Dandenong | — Indesign Plastics + Displays |
| — Grand Autoworks & Tyre | — Hyun Engines |
| — 4WD Suspension Store | — KMMotor Traders |
| — Raw Performance Imports | — Wonder Motors |
| — Ram Cheapest Cars | — J & V Elite Motors |
| — AAS Auto | — Mayani Automotive & Car Detailing |
| — Hertz Car Rental | — Happy Car Sales |
| — Avis Car Rental | — Tyre Barn Dandenong |
| — Kian Auto Services | — Southeast Auto & Tyre |
| | — Mike's Dyno Tuning |

THANK YOU DANDENONG

Free community celebration



To thank the community for their patience during construction we're holding a free community celebration.



Join us to celebrate and be the first to walk through the new road underpass.

There will be free coffee, food, kids and family activities, entertainment and more.

Scan the QR code or visit **levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/webster-community-event**

Where: The new road underpass and Dandenong Park

When: 12pm to 3pm,
Sunday 20 September



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Sign up for SMS updates about the Webster Street level crossing removal project

Scan the QR code or text **WEBSTER** to **0428 581 917**

Project timeline



2018

- Project announced



2022 to late 2023

- Site investigations, traffic surveys and planning works



November 2023

- Concept designs released
- Community consultation
- Site investigations continue



Late 2024

- Final designs released
- Early works



2025

- Construction starts
- Walking and cycling path under the rail line opens
- Boom gates gone for good
- Webster Street closed at the level crossing



2026

- Construction
- New road underpass open Tuesday 22 September
- Landscaping



2027

- Project complete

** Timeline subject to change.*



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