

PRESERVING LOCAL HISTORY



The new pedestrian bridge at Chelsea Station, with the iconic clock tower. Artist impression only – subject to change.

The Victorian Government is removing 18 level crossings and building 12 new stations, including Edithvale, Chelsea and Bonbeach, as part of a \$3 billion upgrade along the Frankston line that will improve safety, reduce congestion and allow more trains to run more often.

In Chelsea, we're removing three dangerous and congested level crossings by lowering the Frankston line into a rail trench and building a new modern station precinct, which will feature more bike facilities, improved walking and cycling paths, and better connections.

We recognise the rich history of Chelsea and the important role this plays for the local community. That's why we're incorporating elements of Chelsea's history into the new precinct designs.

The iconic Chelsea Clock Tower, that was first unveiled in 1934, will take pride of place in the new Chelsea Station precinct. It will be rebuilt near the new Chelsea pedestrian bridge, which is being delivered in partnership with Kingston City Council.

We'll also repurpose two memorial stone seats and a plaque that honours the memory of local Councillor George Roy Beardsworth, as new benches in the precinct.

Preserving this history means their legacy can continue in Chelsea for generations to come.



Chelsea Clock Tower, c1940. Courtesy of Chelsea and District Historical Society Inc.



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Incorporating local character into the new Chelsea Station designs

The new Chelsea Station design takes in community feedback for a modern representation of the original coastal landscape.

The station buildings reflect the dynamic coastal character of rolling sandy dunes, as well as the unique textures and colours of the local vegetation. The connection with Traditional Owners of the land is recognised in the station's design, with woven canopies representing the area's Indigenous textiles and craft.

Together with the incorporated local historical items, we're creating a precinct which reflects the rich history and vibrant identity of the community.

What's happening to the old Chelsea Station?

In mid 2021, the existing Chelsea Station will close so we can begin digging the rail trench and building the new station precinct.

Due to modern safety standards, the existing station buildings are unable to be retained or repurposed as part of the project.

We've worked with the community and Kingston City Council to identify items of community significance, including the Councillor Beardsworth memorial seats, to incorporate into elements of our designs.

Re-imagining the underpass mural

The Chelsea Station underpass mural art is not able to be retained as part of our works to build a rail trench and new Chelsea Station.

Together with Kingston City Council, we're funding an initiative that will see the original artist, Anu Patel, return to the area to create a new community mural in Chelsea's shopping precinct.

Read more about the mural project by scanning the QR code:



The underpass mural has been photographed for historical archives.

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