Works notice



Activity and exercise day at Eastern Portal

Metro Tunnel Eastern Portal and surrounding area (South Yarra)

Thursday 21 August 2025

Please be advised of upcoming mass volunteer emergency exercises taking place in and around Metro Tunnel Eastern Portal. We appreciate your attention to the following important details:



When we'll be working

We'll be working from Approximately 5am to 2pm

Getting the Metro Tunnel ready for operations

The Metro Tunnel has entered the final phase of the project called trial operations. Trial operations are 'dress rehearsals' where station staff, operators, maintenance staff and even first responders rehearse ahead of the Metro Tunnel opening.

Activities and exercises like these provide emergency services and their partners with a unique opportunity to familiarise themselves with the tunnel and important station facilities.

What to Expect

- You may see groups of volunteers exiting the Metro Tunnel through Metro Tunnel Eastern Portal (Osborne Street, Arthur Street and William Street in South Yarra)
- Visible presence of emergency services, including police, ambulance, and fire units this is part of the planned exercises only
- Presence of traffic control
- The activity is not expected to generate excessive noise, but some general movement and instructions may be audible during the events
- There will be no changes to traffic with all roads open and accessible
- Changes to parking on Osborne Street (adjacent to Eastern Portal evacuation building) from 5am to 2pm
- Possible photography or filming for training and documentation purposes.

Important Notes

- There is no cause for concern these are controlled emergency training scenarios
- Please do not call Triple Zero (000) to report activity around the Metro Tunnel Eastern Portal during these times. Emergency services are fully aware and participating in the exercises
- We appreciate your patience and apologise for any minor inconvenience caused by increased activity during these events
- These training exercises are an important part of improving emergency preparedness and ensuring the safety and resilience of our community.

More Information

If you have any questions or concerns about the exercises, please feel free to contact the Metro Tunnel Project information line on 1800 105 105.

Find out more

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