

Media Release

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CONSTRUCTION BLITZ ACROSS REGIONAL VICTORIA THIS SPRING

A spring maintenance and construction blitz is forging ahead across the state as the Allan Labor Government delivers safer, smoother connections for regional Victorians.

Annual rail maintenance will take place in the state's east, with crews working on culvert replacements in the Rosedale area and bridge renewal works at Sale to improve reliability. Coaches will replace trains between Traralgon and Bairnsdale from Wednesday, 16 October to the last service on Sunday, 27 October.

Coaches will replace trains between Ararat and Ballarat as V/Line crews work to deliver signalling and track upgrades at Ararat between Monday, 30 September and Wednesday, 2 October.

Work to remove a dangerous and congested level crossing in Diggers Rest will result in short-term disruptions for passengers on the Bendigo, Echuca and Swan Hill lines, with coaches replacing trains between Southern Cross and Gisborne from Monday, 7 October to Wednesday, 9 October.

The Metro Tunnel team continues to test the project's next generation high-capacity signalling system and trains during spring, with coaches replacing Gippsland trains between Southern Cross and East Pakenham on some weekends during spring.

When the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025 Gippsland Line passengers will have access to the world class Parkville health and education precinct and the St Kilda Road business precinct via train connection at Pakenham.

Crews will conduct bridge replacement works at a number of sites along Victoria's iconic Great Ocean Road including Wye River, Ford River, Calder River and Spout Creek, to ensure the road remains in excellent shape for locals, freight operators and tourists.

Roundabout construction works on the Midland Highway in Bannockburn will result in disruptions throughout spring, while on the Western Highway near Bacchus Marsh, delays are likely as we continue work to strengthen the Pyrites Creek bridges.

Motorists and train passengers are encouraged to plan before they travel. To learn more about works across the state, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/map.

Quote attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Danny Pearson

"We're getting on and delivering a huge amount of work this spring to keep country Victorians moving."

Quote attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

"Our works during spring will make sure our road and rail networks continue to provide vital connections for all Victorians."

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"These important works will ensure locals and visitors alike benefit from smoother, safer journeys right across the state."

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