



REGIONAL RAIL REVIVAL SHEPPARTON



SHEPPARTON LINE UPGRADE STAGE TWO

Stage two of the \$356 million Shepparton Line Upgrade will deliver more reliable services and allow modern VLocity trains to travel to and from Shepparton for the first time.

WHAT WILL BE DELIVERED?

The Shepparton Line Upgrade will be delivered in three stages.

Stage one, which is now complete, included:

- 10 extra train services a week between Melbourne and Shepparton
- a stabling upgrade at Shepparton Station
- 29 extra coach services between Shepparton and Seymour.

Stage two includes:

- platform extensions and improvements at Mooroopna, Murchison East and Nagambie stations
- a crossing loop extension near Murchison East
- upgrades to up to 59 level crossings between Donnybrook and Shepparton
- stabling to house VLocity trains
- a business case to finalise the scope and costs for delivering nine return services a day between Shepparton and Melbourne.

Stage three includes:

- track upgrades to enable trains to travel at up to 130km/h
- signalling and additional upgrades as identified in the business case to deliver nine return services a day between Shepparton and Melbourne.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The Shepparton Line Upgrade will give passengers more reliable services and enable modern trains to run on the line for the first time.

Stage one delivered 10 extra weekly services on the Shepparton line from 1 April 2019 and 29 additional coach services per week between Seymour and Shepparton to better connect passengers throughout the day.

The new train services have already proven popular, with around 100 passengers on average on each new service.

Stage two includes upgrades to enable VLocity trains to run to and from Shepparton for the first time.

The crossing loop extension will improve service reliability by giving trains more opportunities to pass each other.

We're also planning for stage three of the project, with investigations underway to identify the track and signalling upgrades needed to improve track speed and get the best outcomes for passenger and freight services.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The Shepparton Line Upgrade is funded by the Victorian Government, and is being delivered by Rail Projects Victoria. The project is part of the \$1.75 billion Regional Rail Revival program.

NEXT STEPS

Rail Projects Victoria is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from contractors for stage two of the Shepparton Line Upgrade.

We're also asking for feedback from the community on draft Planning Scheme Amendments as part of planning for the project.

This will be followed by awarding a contract for the work and detailed design.

We're also working on the business case for stage three of the project, to assess what further upgrades will be needed to deliver nine return services a day for the Shepparton line.

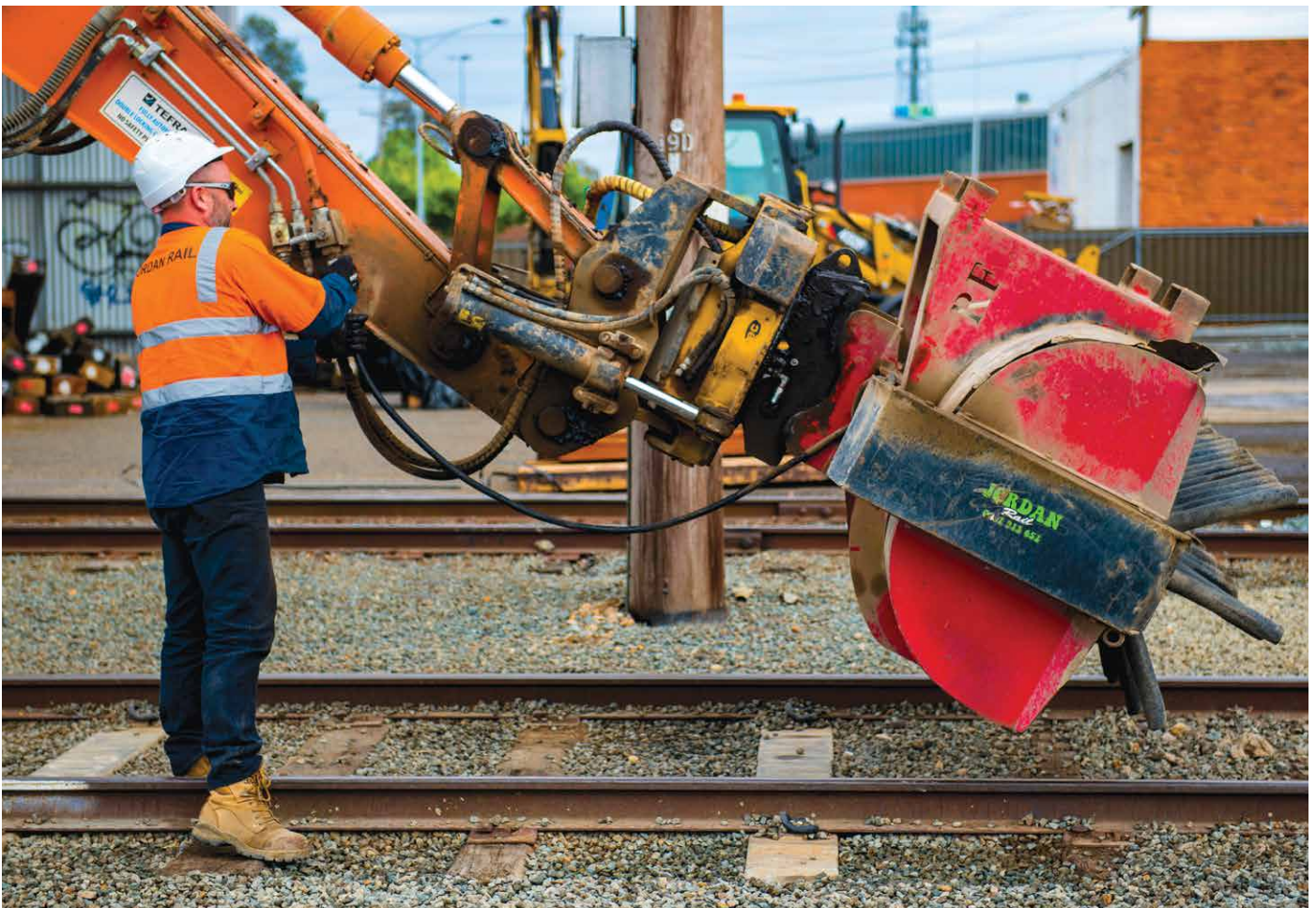
Central to this is the work being done on the Shepparton rail freight planning study, which will identify what's required

to improve the capacity and efficiency of rail freight in the Goulburn Valley.

Rail Projects Victoria is overseeing this project alongside planning for stage three of the Shepparton Line Upgrade to ensure benefits are maximised for both passenger and freight services.





OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Work has already begun on a new waiting room and modernised customer service area to provide a safe, weatherproof place to wait for the growing number of people using the train and coach services at Shepparton Station. This project has been funded by the Victorian Government's Road and Rail Minor Works program.



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