



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:

- 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 59 level crossings between Donnybrook and Shepparton
- stabling to house VLocity trains
- funding for 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.

Other work underway to improve services for Shepparton passengers includes a new waiting room and improved customer service area at Shepparton Station, funded by the Victorian Government's Road and Rail Minor Works program.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The Shepparton Line Upgrade will give passengers more reliable services and modern trains.

Stage one enabled 10 extra weekly services on the Shepparton line from 1 April 2019 and 29 additional coach services per week between Seymour and Shepparton to spread services 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 being delivered by Rail Projects Victoria on behalf of the Victorian Government.

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 upgrades are needed to deliver nine return services a day for the Shepparton line.

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.

The Shepparton rail freight planning study is underway, to identify what's required to improve the capacity and efficiency of rail freight in the Goulburn Valley.

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





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Funded by the Victorian Government, the Shepparton Line Upgrade is part of the \$1.75 billion Regional Rail Revival program.



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