



REGIONAL RAIL REVIVAL GIPPSLAND



GIPPSLAND LINE UPGRADE

The Gippsland Line Upgrade will transform the line to enable more frequent and reliable services for passengers in the region.

WHAT WILL BE DELIVERED

The Gippsland Line Upgrade includes:

- second platforms and station amenity works at Bunyip, Longwarry, Morwell and Traralgon stations
- track duplication between Bunyip and Longwarry
- extension of Morwell crossing loop
- level crossing upgrades between Pakenham and Bairnsdale
- signalling upgrades
- drainage structure upgrades
- building a new rail bridge over the Avon River in Stratford
- building a larger train stabling facility at or near Traralgon.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Passengers are already benefiting from the Gippsland Line Upgrade, with level crossing upgrades enabling VLocity trains to travel to and from Bairnsdale for the first time.

The half-a-billion-dollar project will deliver improved train services to the growing communities of Gippsland and create hundreds of jobs in the region.

The project will enable much needed extra off-peak services with track duplication, a crossing loop extension and second platforms at stations providing more opportunities for trains to pass each other.

Additional platforms at stations will be built with accessibility and amenity improvements, to improve passenger journeys.

Train detection upgrades at level crossings along the line will improve safety for motorists and trains.

Upgrades to drainage structures will mean trains can continue to operate efficiently and improve infrastructure resilience along the Gippsland line.

The new Avon River bridge will allow trains to travel at up to 90 km/h and they will no longer need to slow down to 10 km/h in this section.

The Gippsland Line Upgrade will provide opportunities for local and Aboriginal contractors and suppliers to create jobs, develop industry skills and deliver economic benefits to the region.

Rail Projects Victoria will establish a local project office in the Latrobe Valley, creating jobs and boosting the local economy.

NEXT STEPS

Work is well underway on the Gippsland Line Upgrade.

We are close to appointing a contractor to build the new rail bridge over the Avon River, and construction will start in late 2019, subject to planning and environmental approvals.

Site investigations are continuing along the line and we are progressing planning and design for the upgrades.

Construction on the corridor works is expected to start in late 2020, subject to planning and environmental approvals, and will be completed by the end of 2022.



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OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

The \$9 million Gippsland Rail Corridor Station Upgrade Program includes 100 parking spaces at Traralgon Station and 60 parking spaces at Morwell Station, accessibility improvements, as well as waiting areas and bus facilities at Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Trafalgar stations.

Works at Traralgon Station are complete, with Morwell to follow this year.

The Gippsland line has had 28 train services added since January 2017, boosting frequency for passengers.

Three new VLocity carriages were added in 2017, doubling capacity on two busy peak services.

The Victorian Government has invested \$18 million in the Regional Rail Connectivity Project to improve mobile coverage for regional rail passengers.

Victoria's entire VLocity train fleet is now fitted with mobile signal boosters, and the project also includes construction of new mobile towers to increase coverage on the Traralgon line.

Regional Development Victoria will also build 800 extra car parking spaces across Traralgon and Morwell.

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The Gippsland Line Upgrade is part of the \$1.75 billion Regional Rail Revival program which is a joint initiative of the Australian and Victorian governments and will upgrade regional stations, signalling and track across Victoria.

The Gippsland Line Upgrade is being delivered by Rail Projects Victoria (RPV), on behalf of the Victorian Government.



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