



Gippsland Line Upgrade

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

The Gippsland Line Upgrade includes:

- second platforms and improvements at Bunyip, Longwarry, Morwell and Traralgon stations
- track duplication between Bunyip and Longwarry
- extension of the Morwell crossing loop
- level crossing upgrades between Pakenham and Bairnsdale
- signalling and 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?

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

Passengers are already benefiting from the Gippsland Line Upgrade, with level crossing upgrades completed in 2018 enabling more comfortable and modern VLocity trains to travel to and from Bairnsdale for the first time.

The project will enable a 40-minute train service frequency in the off-peak between Traralgon and Melbourne.

Track duplication, a crossing loop extension and second platforms at four stations will provide more opportunities for trains to pass each other in key sections of the line, boosting reliability and allowing more services to be introduced.

The additional platforms at stations will be built with accessibility and amenity improvements, for better passenger journeys.

Train detection upgrades at level crossings along the line will improve safety for motorists and train passengers. Upgrades to drainage structures will improve infrastructure resilience along the Gippsland Line, which will mean trains can continue to operate efficiently.

The new Avon River bridge will boost reliability and allow trains to travel at up to 90km/h in this section, an improvement on the 10km/h speed limit on the existing bridge.

Supporting the local economy

Creating local jobs and boosting the regional economy is a big focus of the Gippsland Line Upgrade. The project will provide opportunities for local and Aboriginal suppliers as well as apprentices, trainees and cadets 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 helping to stimulate the local economy.



Next steps

Work is underway on the Gippsland Line Upgrade, with construction on the new rail bridge over the Avon River progressing well and targeted for completion by early 2021.

Construction on drainage upgrades along the line started in early 2020 and is nearing completion.

Construction on upgrades between Pakenham and Traralgon is expected to start in late 2020, and is targeted for completion in late 2022.

Other rail improvements

Other investments will benefit Gippsland Line passengers over the coming years, including high capacity signalling, which will provide more capacity on the metropolitan network and have flow-on benefits for Gippsland services.

The Victorian Government has committed to building a new superstation at Pakenham, which will include a dedicated V/Line platform to reduce congestion between regional and metropolitan trains. This will mean V/Line trains will have fewer chances of being delayed as they enter the metropolitan system.

Regional Development Victoria will also build 900 new car parking spaces in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe over the next three years.

These projects are all part of the unprecedented investment to bring better train services to passengers on the Gippsland Line.

Regional Rail Revival

The Gippsland Line Upgrade is being delivered as part of Regional Rail Revival. The Australian and Victorian governments have invested more than \$2 billion in the Regional Rail Revival program, which is upgrading every regional passenger rail line in Victoria and creating 1,000 jobs.

The program is the biggest upgrade to the regional train network since Regional Fast Rail, which transformed regional Victorian train travel more than a decade ago.

Regional Rail Revival is bringing new and upgraded stations, duplicated track, crossing loops, stabling facilities and modern signalling solutions to enable more frequent and reliable services for passengers.



More information

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