



27 June 2022

Dear Resident/Business,

Maroondah Highway Level Crossing Removal Project

Works on the **Maroondah Highway Level Crossing Removal Project** are being carried out with COVIDSafe plans in place to help protect workers and the community. For more information about coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Lilydale Station

The Maroondah Highway level crossing has been removed months ahead of schedule, and the new Lilydale Station and car parks are open to passengers. We have also planted thousands of new trees and other vegetation.

We thank you for your patience as we continue finishing works in the rail corridor and station precinct, including reinstatement of local roads and open spaces used during the construction phase of the project.

Works along the Olinda Creek, Lilydale

Landscaping and reinstatement works

In **June 2022**, we are continuing reinstatement and improvement works of local roads and open spaces, including in the vicinity of the Olinda Creek, between the Lilydale Lake and the Lilydale Sports Oval.

Over 60,000 plants, shrubs and grasses have now been planted across both Lilydale and Mooroolbark station precincts.

Surface water and flood management

A standard part of the design of large infrastructure projects is to model surface water and flood management. From this modelling we have identified an opportunity to improve flood management in some areas near Olinda Creek.

These areas are:

- 1) Along the shared use path, on the north side of Lilydale Lake
- 2) Near the Lions Park, on the west side of Olinda Creek, between John Street and Main Street
- 3) In the Market Street Reserve on the east side of Olinda Creek (Lilydale Showgrounds)

To reduce the probability of flood risk in these areas, we will be undertaking flood mitigation works at all three sites.

Some areas of the Lions Park, near John Street, which were previously used as informal car parking will be returned to open space and landscaped.

Vegetation Removal

As part of these works, there will be an unavoidable impact on a number of small trees and plants in the works areas. Vegetation must be removed to build earth mounds along Olinda Creek near the Market

Street reserve and at the Box Hill Institute, and a short retaining wall along the Olinda Creek near John Street.

An independent arborist will assess the root systems and health of trees during construction works and provide advice about the viability of each tree.

We understand that trees are highly valued by the community and work to reduce vegetation removal wherever possible.

Native vegetation and tree removal arising from these works will be offset through a Biodiversity Offset Program.

Commencement of works

In **late June 2022** we will establish small site compounds near the work areas, to store equipment and materials.

Works to build the levees and the retaining wall will commence in late **June 2022** and continue until **September 2022**.

What to expect?

- Works are planned to be carried out during standard construction hours (7am – 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am – 1pm Saturday), however, some activities may need to be undertaken outside of normal construction hours including on Sundays.
- Detours will be in place to safely guide footpath users around work sites.
- Construction noise and activity, with construction vehicles, equipment operating in the area.
- Construction activities are subject to change, due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

Keeping in touch

You can register to receive disruption information via text message. Simply text the word **Maroondah** to **0437 616 692** to sign up to alerts for traffic and construction impacts for the Maroondah Highway level crossing removal project.

Alternatively, you can sign up to our email updates at www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/contact/subscribe, so we can continue to keep you informed about our works in your area. Our team is regularly updating our website and social media channels for both level crossing removals.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the LXR 24/7 Contact Centre on **1800 105 105** or contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au.

Kind Regards,

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