

## 6.2.3 State Infrastructure Projects Yearly Report

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### Recommendation(s)

That Council notes the progress, completed actions and future milestones for the major projects detailed in this report.

### Attachments

1. Major Projects Yearly Update 2023 - Attachment 1 [6.2.3.1 - 8 pages]

### Executive Summary

Council's Major Projects Business Unit is responsible for the project management of key projects run by several State Government agencies, including projects being delivered by:

- Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP)
- Rail Projects Victoria (RPV)
- Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA)
- Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV)

This report provides a summary of project progress during 2023 and a look ahead at activities planned for 2024.

### Background

Council's Major Projects Business Unit is responsible for facilitating good community outcomes with the State Government agencies responsible for the following projects:

- Level Crossing Removal Projects (LXRP):
  - Pakenham – Three rail over road bridges and two stations
  - Brunt Road Officer – Road over rail bridge
  - Station Street Officer – Road closure
  - Station Street Beaconsfield – Road over rail bridge
  - Nar Nar Goon Station Carpark Upgrade
- Rail Projects Victoria:
  - Gippsland Line Upgrade including Bunyip Station upgrade
- Victorian Health Building Authority:
  - Pakenham Community Hospital
- Major Roads Projects Victoria:
  - Pakenham Roads Upgrade including:
    - Healesville - Koo Wee Rup Road freeway interchange and road upgrade
    - McGregor Road freeway interchange and road upgrade
    - Racecourse Road upgrade

Attachment 1 provides a summary of project progress during 2023 and a look ahead at activities planned for 2024. Each project is also briefly discussed below.

**Pakenham Level Crossing Removal Project**

This project includes the removal of three level crossings at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road Pakenham, with a rail over road solution. A significant amount of new public open space will be created within the rail corridor under the elevated rail viaduct. The project also includes the redevelopment of the Pakenham Station, the extension of the metropolitan train line to Pakenham East, and the construction of a new East Pakenham Station.

The following are notable milestones and upcoming activities:

- 2.5km elevated rail viaduct nearing completion. Road crossings at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road completed during 2023.
- Henty Street re-opened to two-way traffic in August 2023.
- Construction of Ryan Road from Pinehill Drive to East Pakenham Station commenced late 2023 and due to be completed in Q1 2024.
- Significant rail occupation expected in mid-2024 for commissioning of the elevated tracks and new stations.
- Staged road closures on McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road expected in mid-2024 for level crossing removals and associated road works.
- Open space corridor between McGregor Road and Main Street to commence construction in 2024.

**Brunt Road Level Crossing Removal Project**

This project includes the removal of the Brunt Road level crossing through the construction of a new road bridge over the existing rail tracks. The new bridge will be constructed to the east of the existing road to allow Brunt Road to remain open to traffic for as long as possible during the works.

The following are notable milestones and upcoming activities:

- Community Events held in local Dodson Reserve in May and December 2023, with more planned for 2024.
- Major earthworks to bridge approach ramps completed and abutment walls and bridge beams being installed.
- Kenilworth Avenue closure at Brunt Road expected in early 2024.
- Full closure of Brunt Road for bridge tie in works expected in mid 2024.
- Rail occupation in mid - late 2024 for removal of level crossing.

**Station Street Officer Level Crossing Removal Project**

This project involves the removal of the Station Street, Officer level crossing through the closure of Station Street on either side of the rail tracks. While the Officer Precinct Structure Plan identifies the need for an alternative North-South arterial road to be constructed prior to the closure of the level crossing, this road is not within the scope of the project. The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) is responsible for delivering the North-South arterial road but currently does not have funding

for the project. Council will continue to advocate to DTP on the need for this important road connection to be funded and delivered.

The following are notable milestones and upcoming activities:

- LXP undertook community consultation in March 2023 with consultation report released in June 2023
- Council continues to advocate for the design to deliver improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists per the Officer Precinct Structure Plan
- Design expected to progress to final construction plans early 2024
- Major construction expected to commence mid- late 2024

#### **Station Street Beaconsfield Level Crossing Removal Project**

This project involves the removal of the Station Street, Beaconsfield level crossing through the construction of a new road bridge over the existing tracks. The project area includes a locally significant heritage building at 20 Beaconsfield Avenue and the regionally significant Cardinia Creek parklands which are key concerns for Council among other matters.

The following are notable milestones and upcoming activities:

- LXP held a webinar with the Beaconsfield Progress Association in April 2023 and a pop-up information session at the station along with door knocking of residents in May 2023
- LXP released the project's community consultation report in June 2023
- Station carpark closed from July 2023 as early construction works commenced
- LXP provided funding for an additional school crossing supervisor until 2025
- Kenilworth Avenue westbound closure for bridge piling works started November 2023
- Major construction activities to commence in 2024

#### **Nar Nar Goon Station Car Park Upgrade**

The Nar Nar Goon car park upgrade was part of the larger program known as Car Parks for Commuters and was delivered by the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXP) agency. The project has delivered an upgrade of the car parking area on the north side of the station which includes 50 parking spaces with accessible parking spaces, pedestrian paths, bicycle hoops, lighting and new CCTV cameras.

#### **Gippsland Line Upgrade – Rail Projects Victoria**

The Gippsland Line Upgrade is a project that extends along the rail line from Bairnsdale through to Southern Cross Station. Key works within Cardinia Shire include the Bunyip Station upgrade, track duplication between Bunyip and Longwarry, level crossing upgrade at Tynong, along with signalling and drainage upgrades between Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip.

The design of the project was finalised during 2022 with work commencing on construction of the Bunyip Station platform, bus interchange and car park upgrades. Works continued throughout 2023 and some final rail and road disruptions are expected in 2024.

#### **Pakenham Community Hospital – Victorian Health Building Authority**

The Pakenham Community Hospital is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority. The project includes the establishment of a community hospital in Pakenham that will provide a range of integrated health and specialist services.

The project is currently within the design phase and construction is expected to commence in early 2024.

#### **Pakenham Roads Upgrade – Major Road Projects Victoria**

This project includes three stages of works to upgrade the Princes Freeway and sections of McGregor Road, Healesville – Koo Wee Rup Road and Racecourse Road. The project is being delivered by Major Roads Project Victoria with funding from the Australian Government.

Construction of stage 1 (Princes Freeway and Healesville – Koo Wee Rup Road) commenced in 2023 and is expected to be completed in 2024. A major construction blitz with road closures is planned for early 2024.

The design phase for stage 2 (McGregor Road) was completed in 2023 and construction commenced in November 2023. A major construction blitz with road closures is planned for February 2024.

The design phase for stage 3 (Racecourse Road) is expected to commence in 2024.

### **Policy Implications**

These projects are generally consistent with several Council policies and documents including the Pakenham Major Activity Structure Plan 2021, Pakenham Major Activity Centre Urban Design Framework 2021 and Officer Precinct Structure Plan.

### **Relevance to Council Plan**

#### **1.1 We empower our communities to be healthy, connected and resilient**

1.1.1 Plan for, and support the delivery of, accessible health and social services that address critical gaps in provision.

1.1.4 Facilitate a partnership approach to create safer communities.

#### **2.1 We support the creation of liveable spaces and places**

2.1.1 Advocate, plan for and deliver accessible community infrastructure and services that address community need.

2.1.2 Plan and maintain safe, inclusive and connected open spaces, places and active travel routes.

2.1.4 Advocate for increased and more-connected public transport options.

2.1.5 Upgrade Council's road network to improve safety and connectivity while considering traffic demand and freight transport needs.

#### **3.1 We value our natural assets and support our biodiversity to thrive**

3.1.4 Plan and advocate for better water cycle planning and management to reduce environmental impacts.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

The proposed infrastructure upgrades will improve public transport provision and active transport infrastructure in the project areas. This will help encourage a transport mode shift away from cars and reduce transport related carbon emissions. Further the new infrastructure will be designed and maintained in line with climate change predictions and assumptions, such as flooding and extreme heat.

### **Consultation/Communication**

Each of the individual projects include community consultation activities, refer to attachment 1. Further community consultation will occur with each of these projects as necessary. Regular updates will continue to be provided to Councillors at briefing meetings.

Council's project team has regular meetings with their State Government peers at LXP, RPV, VHBA and MRPV to review plans and provide input into the design of the projects and advocate for the best outcomes for the community.

Additionally, Council's Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Infrastructure and Environment regularly meet with the CEO and senior staff from the Level Crossing Removal Project to resolve any strategic issues and to advocate for additional resources to complete these projects.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

Major Projects Team will continue to interface with State Projects with limited change to financial and resourcing requirements.

### **Conclusion**

Several major projects are in progress in Pakenham and will help to improve movement and place outcomes as well as revitalise Main Street and surrounding areas. These projects include the Pakenham Level Crossing Removal Project, Pakenham Roads Upgrade, Pakenham Community Hospital and Council's Pakenham Revitalisation Project.

Additional major projects will improve transport infrastructure across the municipality including the level crossing removals in Beaconsfield and Officer and the upgrade of the Gippsland Line from Bunyip to Pakenham.

Council's Major Projects team will continue to work in partnership with the State Government agencies and advocate for the best outcomes for the community. Council officers continue to encourage the community to provide feedback during the consultation phases of the projects. Project updates are also provided on Council's website and the State Government's Big Build Victoria website.

## Major Projects Progress Update 2023 and Upcoming Activities 2024

Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) – Pakenham (Three rail over road bridges and two stations)	
Progress 2023	
<p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2021</li> </ul>	<p><b>Upcoming Activities 2024 (Subject to change)</b></p> <p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2021</li> </ul>
<p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of remaining design packages for construction including open space landscaping and Ryan Road upgrade in late 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2023</li> </ul>
<p><b>LXRP Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community updates provided through 2023 – distributed to approximately 27,000 households and available online</li> <li>• Local trader consultation throughout 2023</li> <li>• Regular works notices and SMS updates for road and rail disruptions throughout 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community updates expected through 2024 depending on construction milestones – distributed to approximately 27,000 households and available online</li> <li>• Local trader consultation throughout 2023</li> <li>• Regular works notices and SMS updates for road and rail disruptions throughout 2023</li> </ul>
<p><b>LXRP Construction Works and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elevated rail viaduct constructed between McGregor Road and Racecourse Road</li> <li>• Henty Street re-opened to two-way traffic in August 2023</li> <li>• Construction commenced on Pakenham and East Pakenham Stations</li> <li>• Construction commenced on Ryan Road upgrade</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Construction Works and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of Ryan Road upgrade expected early 2024</li> <li>• Significant rail occupation expected for commissioning of the elevated track and new stations in mid-2024.</li> <li>• Staged road closures on McGregor Road and Main Street expected in mid-2024 for level crossing removal and new intersection works.</li> <li>• Open space corridor between McGregor Road and Main Street to commence construction.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2023</li> <li>• Executive meetings between LXRP and Council throughout 2023</li> <li>• Ongoing advocacy on open space design, integrated development opportunities and community asset upgrades</li> <li>• Ongoing advocacy on sequencing of works and management of traffic disruptions between LXRP, MRPV and VHBA projects in Pakenham</li> </ul>	<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2024</li> <li>• Ongoing Executive meetings between LXRP and Council throughout 2024</li> <li>• Ongoing advocacy on sequencing of works and management of traffic disruptions between LXRP, MRPV and VHBA projects in Pakenham</li> </ul>

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Level Crossing Removal Project – Brunt Road, Officer (Road over rail bridge)	
Progress 2023	
<p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2022</li> </ul> <p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of most design packages for construction during 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>LXRP Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community updates provided through 2023 – distributed to approximately 6,500 households and available online</li> <li>• Regular works notices and SMS updates for road and rail disruptions throughout 2023</li> <li>• Community Events held in Dodson Reserve in May and December 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>LXRP Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major earthworks to bridge approach ramps are now complete</li> <li>• Services installations and relocations well advanced</li> <li>• Abutment walls and bridge beams installed</li> <li>• Bridge retaining walls under construction</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy on project specific Urban Design Guidelines including submission of issues relating to pedestrian connectivity, interfaces with the future open space reserve and future proofing the road design in accordance with the Officer Precinct Structure Plan</li> <li>• Ongoing advocacy on sequencing of works and management of traffic disruptions between LXRP and Council local road projects</li> <li>• Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2023</li> <li>• Executive meetings between LXRP and Council throughout 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>Upcoming Activities 2024 (Subject to change)</b></p> <p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2022</li> </ul> <p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of remaining design packages for construction expected in January 2024</li> </ul> <p><b>LXRP Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community updates expected through 2024 depending on project milestones – distributed to approximately 6,500 households and available online</li> <li>• Regular works notices and SMS updates for road and rail disruptions throughout 2024</li> <li>• Additional community events planned during 2024</li> </ul> <p><b>LXRP Construction and Disruption</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kenilworth Avenue closure to Brunt Road expected early - mid 2024</li> <li>• Full closure of Brunt Road for bridge tie in works expected mid 2024</li> <li>• Rail occupation in mid 2024 for removal of level crossing</li> <li>• Nightly lane closures for finishing works in mid 2024</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing advocacy on sequencing of works and management of traffic disruptions between LXRP and Council local road projects</li> <li>• Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2024</li> <li>• Ongoing Executive meetings between LXRP and Council throughout 2024</li> </ul>

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Level Crossing Removal Project – Station Street, Beaconsfield (Road bridge over rail)	
Progress 2023	
<p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2022</li> </ul>	<p><b>Upcoming Activities 2024 (Subject to change)</b></p>
<p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project design approximately 75 percent complete</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2022</li> </ul> <p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of remaining design packages for construction expected by March 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b>LXRP Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community updates provided through 2023 – distributed to approximately 13,000 households and businesses and available online</li> <li>• LXRP held a webinar with the Beaconsfield Progress Association in April 2023</li> <li>• Regular works notices and SMS updates for road and rail disruptions throughout 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community updates expected through 2024 depending on project milestones – distributed to approximately 13,000 households and businesses and available online</li> <li>• Regular works notices and SMS updates for road and rail disruptions throughout 2024</li> <li>• Additional community events planned during 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b>LXRP Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LXRP pop-up community information stand at station and door knock of residents in May 2023</li> <li>• Community consultation report issued by LXRP in June 2023</li> <li>• Station carpark closure as early works commenced in July 2023</li> <li>• LXRP providing funding for additional school crossing supervisor until 2025</li> <li>• Kenilworth Avenue westbound closure to support bridge piling works started November 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Updates expected through 2024 subject to project milestones</li> <li>• Piling works for bridges continuing in early 2024</li> <li>• Beams will commence installation in Mid 2024</li> <li>• Rail Occupations for bridge beam installations over rail mid -late 2024</li> <li>• South roundabout tie in works late 2024.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2023</li> <li>• Ongoing Executive meetings between LXRP and Council throughout 2023</li> <li>• Advocacy on retention of Station Master's house and Bunya Bunya Pine, station carparking, pedestrian and cyclist connectivity, and interfaces and impact with Cardinia Creek Parklands.</li> <li>• Advocacy on urban design and landscaping elements for the best community outcomes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2024</li> <li>• Ongoing Executive meetings between LXRP and Council throughout 2024</li> <li>• Advocacy and consultation on future uses of the Station Masters Heritage house and protection of the Bunya Bunya Pine</li> <li>• Ongoing consultation to LXRP to minimise traffic disruptions and maintain safety for pedestrians, especially school children.</li> </ul>



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Level Crossing Removal Project – Station Street, Officer (Road Closure)	
Progress 2023	
<p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed 2022</li> </ul>	<p><b>Upcoming Activities 2024 (Subject to change)</b></p>
<p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project is currently midway in the design stage</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary designs expected will progress through to final plans for construction (IFC) by March 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b>LXRP Consultation, Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current disruptions throughout 2023</li> <li>• Community consultation sought in March with consultation report issued by LXRP in June 2023.</li> <li>• Consultation by LXRP with local businesses to inform on future road closure</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Consultation, Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Updates expected through 2023 subject to project milestones</li> <li>• Regular works notices and SMS updates for road and rail disruptions throughout 2024</li> <li>• Early works expected to commence early to mid-2024</li> <li>• Major construction expected to commence late 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2023</li> <li>• Ongoing Executive meetings between LXRP and Council throughout 2023</li> <li>• Advocacy for design to meet the Officer Precinct Structure Plan with improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.</li> <li>• Advocacy on project specific Urban Design Guidelines and landscaping</li> </ul>	<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2023</li> <li>• Ongoing Executive meetings between LXRP and Council throughout 2023</li> <li>• Council will continue to advocate to the Department of Transport on the need for the Nth/Sth Arterial Rd for this important road connection to be funded and delivered.</li> </ul>

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Level Crossing Removal Project – Nar Nar Goon Station Carpark Upgrade	
Progress 2023	Upcoming Activities 2024 (Subject to change)
<p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2021</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2021</li> </ul>
<p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2022</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage completed in 2022</li> </ul>
<p><b>LXRP Consultation, Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carpark construction completed</li> <li>• V/Line drainage works undertaken to construct retarding basin adjacent to carpark</li> </ul>	<p><b>LXRP Consultation, Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asset handover to be finalised in 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council officer meetings with project team when required in 2024 until completion of asset handover process</li> </ul>

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Rail Projects Victoria (RPV) – Gippsland Line Upgrade (Rail upgrades across municipality including Bunyip Station upgrade)	
Upcoming Activities 2024 (Subject to change)	
<p><b>Progress 2023</b></p> <p><b>RPV Design &amp; Project Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design packages for carparking and drainage progressed through detailed design to final plans for construction 2023</li> <li>Southern Brown Bandicoot Predator Program continued through 2023</li> <li>Expression of interest process and selection of Gippsland artist Melanie Caple for development of permanent public artwork at Bunyip Station - Installation of public artwork completed</li> </ul>	<p><b>RPV Design &amp; Project Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage completed in 2023</li> </ul>
<p><b>RPV Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular works notices and SMS updates for road and rail disruptions throughout 2023</li> <li>Consultation with residents of Nar Nar Goon – Longwarry Road in response to drainage concerns – August to December 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>RPV Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular works notices and SMS updates for road and rail disruptions throughout 2024</li> <li>Consultation with residents about concerns on lighting levels created by the new station</li> </ul>
<p><b>RPV Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commenced construction of Bunyip Station platform works, bus interchange and carparks</li> <li>Road and rail disruptions including closure of Bunyip Station and Hope St crossing in November and December for rail duplication and various works</li> <li>Primary school shuttle bus provided by RPV during November and December disruptions</li> </ul>	<p><b>RPV Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road and rail disruptions expected for works required to improve safety of existing level crossings – early 2024</li> <li>New signalling system being installed for the Gippsland Line to enable additional services and future-proof the line.</li> <li>Finalisation of all works by mid-late 2024, including the duplication of the rail line and opening of the new station platform</li> </ul>
<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2023</li> <li>Ongoing advocacy to project team to amend drainage design and future-proof for footpath along Nar Nar Goon – Longwarry Road</li> <li>Ongoing advocacy to Department of Transport to improve condition of existing drainage along Nar Nar Goon – Longwarry Road to reduce flooding of road pavement that affects residents</li> </ul>	<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2024</li> <li>Council officers to continue consultation with residents with advocacy with the project team to mitigate any issues</li> </ul>

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Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) – Pakenham Community Hospital	
Progress 2023	Upcoming Activities 2024 (Subject to change)
<p><b>VHBA Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site investigations continued during 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>VHBA Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design progressed during 2023 with Council officers continuing to provide input to key interfaces with Drake Place, John Street and LXR open space corridor</li> </ul> <p><b>VHBA Consultation, Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing Council input to planning of construction phase with focus on minimising disruptions to traders and residents in Pakenham</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Council officer meetings with VHBA throughout 2023</li> <li>Cross agency meetings regarding integration between the Hospital and the Pakenham Level Crossing Removal project including the open space areas created at the interface</li> <li>Sequencing of works with other projects in Pakenham</li> <li>Continued Council advocacy for VHBA to provide community with updates on progress of the design and expected timing for construction</li> </ul>	<p><b>VHBA Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site investigations continued during 2024</li> </ul> <p><b>VHBA Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design phased expected to be completed early 2024</li> </ul> <p><b>VHBA Consultation, Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction phase expected to commence in 2024</li> <li>Disruptions to be planned around LXR, MRPV and Council major projects in Pakenham</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing Council officer meetings with VHBA throughout 2024</li> <li>Continued advocacy for improvements to key interfaces at Drake Place, John Street and LXR open space corridor</li> <li>Continued advocacy for VHBA to provide community with updates on progress of the design and expected timing for construction</li> </ul>

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Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV) – Pakenham Roads Upgrade (HKWR Road, McGregor Road and Racecourse Road upgrades)	
Progress 2023	Upcoming Activities 2024 (Subject to change)
<p><b>MRPV Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 2 preliminary investigations completed</li> <li>Stage 3 investigations delayed by Australian Government Infrastructure Investment Program Review before commencing in late 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>MRPV Preliminary Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 3 preliminary investigations to be completed in 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b>MRPV Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designs completed for stages 1 and 2 during 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>MRPV Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 3 design phase to commence in 2024</li> </ul>
<p><b>MRPV Consultation, Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community and business consultation for stage 2 undertaken</li> <li>Construction commenced on stage 1 and continued throughout 2023</li> <li>Major works undertaken on Princes Freeway in November 2023</li> <li>Early works on stage 2 commenced late 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b>MRPV Consultation, Construction and Disruptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction blitz for stage 1 expected in January 2024 with closure of freeway interchanges at HKWR Road</li> <li>Construction blitz for stage 2 expected in February 2024 with closure of McGregor Road</li> </ul>
<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council advocacy in support of Stages 2 and 3 during Australian Government Infrastructure Investment Program Review</li> <li>Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2023</li> <li>Advocacy to project team regarding scope of footpath and shared user paths in project area</li> </ul>	<p><b>Council Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing Council officer meetings with project team throughout 2024</li> </ul>