

Media Release

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BOOSTING VICTORIAN JOBS AND UPGRADING OUR STATIONS

The Victorian Government is upgrading 16 train stations across the state – supporting hundreds of local jobs through the coronavirus pandemic and improving the public transport network for everyone that relies on it.

Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll today outlined key details of the \$24 million in upgrades, which are a key part of the Government’s \$328.4 million investment in public transport and roads maintenance through its \$2.7 billion *Building Works* program.

The upgrades will create and support more than 600 local jobs, helping Victorian families and businesses across the state.

Eleven metropolitan stations – including Heathmont, Frankston, Melton and Moonee Ponds – will be upgraded as part of the investment, along with five regional stations including Broadford, North Shore and Lara.

The upgrades include new passenger information screens, public address equipment and disability shelters, as well as extra car parks, toilet facilities and bike parking racks.

They will make the stations and public transport network safer and more accessible, and respond to feedback from passengers about how stations can be improved.

The improvements will also boost economic activity to suburbs and regional towns to support local recovery efforts and keep Victoria moving as the state recovers from the coronavirus pandemic.

For more information about the program and the improvements it will deliver, visit transport.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/building-works.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

“We’re hitting the ground running with these projects – creating hundreds of new jobs in the coming months to support local communities across Victoria that need it most.”

“Every dollar spent as part of this extra investment will support jobs and families, and improve our public transport network for everyone who relies on it.”