

Media Release

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NINE NEW TRAINS JOIN THE REGIONAL NETWORK

Victoria's newest VLocity trains have hit the tracks, helping deliver more reliable services to regional Victoria and increasing the network's capability to meet future demand.

Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll today announced nine three-carriage trains have entered service in the past two months. The new trains are part of a Victorian Government investment of more than \$1 billion in VLocity trains and infrastructure since 2015.

The new batch of trains feature the next evolution of VLocity design, which include improved accessibility features and dedicated spaces for bicycles.

The new models have seating for 222 passengers in each train, with tray tables available on more seats than previous VLocity models. All the new trains will include quiet carriages, two onboard toilets, space for up to six bicycles and mobile signal boosters.

Importantly, the trains were manufactured locally in Dandenong, supporting 100 direct jobs at the Bombardier factory and hundreds more throughout the supply chain.

Increasing the number of trains available has given V/Line greater flexibility to perform maintenance on other trains without disrupting services and has reduced the risk of trains being replaced by coaches or running with fewer carriages.

The new trains have been added to V/Line's current pool of VLocity trains and are initially being rotated onto existing scheduled services.

The growing VLocity fleet will eventually enable V/Line to add more services as part of a future timetable change.

As part of the 2019/20 Victorian State Budget commitment of 18 new, three-carriage VLocity trains, construction has started on Victoria's first two standard gauge VLocity trains which will run on the Albury line, along with another four broad gauge trains.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

"It's great news for regional Victoria that these new trains are on the network, to ensure we can deliver reliable services for passengers."

"These new trains combine the things passengers love about the existing VLocity fleet with state-of-the-art technology to make journeys even more enjoyable."