

# Media Release

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## SAFER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE STATIONS FOR SHEPPARTON

The Andrews Labor Government has upgraded three stations on the Shepparton Line to increase safety and improve accessibility – ensuring the line is ready for new VLocity trains, which will enter service later this year.

Passengers using Nagambie, Murchison East and Mooroopna stations are now parking in upgraded, asphalted car parks, which include new lighting and CCTV, with all three stations now equipped with accessible car parking spaces linked to the platforms via new pedestrian paths.

The stations' platforms have been extended to suit the longer VLocity trains, which will begin travelling to and from Shepparton once Stage 2 of the Shepparton Line Upgrade is completed later this year. The extended platforms have also been fitted with new lighting, seating and shelter.

Stage 2 of the project also includes 59 level crossing upgrades between Donnybrook and Shepparton, with five more level crossings commissioned in recent weeks, bringing the total completed to 11.

Safety for passengers and road users has been boosted at five crossings in Arcadia, which now feature boom gates, lights, bells, and improved train detection technology.

Stage 3 of the project, which will enable nine daily return weekday services and allow trains to travel faster on the line, is targeted for completion in late 2023.

The Labor Government has invested \$436 million in the Shepparton Line Upgrade, with Stage 1 already complete – delivering 10 extra weekly services along the line.

The Shepparton Line Upgrade is part of the Regional Rail Revival program, which is upgrading every passenger rail line in the state and creating more than 3,000 jobs and local supplier opportunities.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

*The station upgrades will allow the modern and reliable VLocity trains locals have been calling for to run along the line later this year – with more services, more often."*

*"We've delivered a massive investment to enable these upgrades and now we're getting on with delivering them."*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Mark Gepp

*"These works will give Shepparton Line passengers safer and more comfortable and reliable journeys for years to come."*

*"The station upgrades are a really important part of our work to improve the Shepparton Line, with better trains, stations and services."*