

# Media Release

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## DELIVERING MORE STATION CAR PARKS ACROSS THE STATE

The Andrews Labor Government is making it easier than ever before to catch the train with hundreds of new and upgraded station car parks now open across the state.

The parking boost of 225 spaces includes 50 new spaces at Wattle Glen Station, 55 new spaces at Yarraman Station, 50 new and upgraded at Nar Nar Goon Station, and 40 new spaces at Drouin Station, with 30 more new and upgraded spaces to be opened in coming weeks at Upper Ferntree Gully Station.

Locals will also benefit from new accessible parking bays, bicycle parking, lighting and CCTV, with new secure Parkiteer bike facilities also set to become available at Upper Ferntree Gully and Yarraman stations.

Delivering the new and upgraded car parks will free up neighbouring streets and make it easier and safer for more people to catch the train.

The new and upgraded car spaces at Wattle Glen, Yarraman, Nar Nar Goon, Drouin and Upper Ferntree Gully stations are part of the Labor Government's *Car Parks for Commuters* program.

Delivered by the Level Crossing Removal Project, the projects are also planting more than 19,000 new trees, shrubs and grasses across the five sites.

Major construction is also well underway at Merlynston Station, providing 300 new and upgraded car parks for Coburg, Fawkner and Pascoe Vale commuters.

Stage 1 works are nearing completion on the north-east car park and bicycle facilities, which are scheduled to open later this month.

The unveiling coincides with the recent opening of the Tarneit Station car park, delivering 500 new and upgraded spaces for commuters, as well as new lighting and CCTV.

The Government's *Car Parks for Commuters* program has delivered 15,000 new and upgraded car parks across Victorian Stations to date, with an additional 6000 to be delivered.

For more information on the *Car Parks for Commuters Program* visit [carparks.vic.gov.au](http://carparks.vic.gov.au)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll

*"We're opening hundreds of new and upgraded spaces at stations across the state – providing commuters with faster, safer connections."*

*"We've already delivered more than 15,000 new and upgraded spaces at train stations across Victoria, and there's thousands more on the way."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Dandenong Gabrielle Williams

*"The 55 new and upgraded spaces at Yarraman Station will make it easier for everyone in our community to find a park and connect to public transport."*

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**Quote attributable to Member for Eltham Vicki Ward**

*“Our community can now access double the amount of parking at Wattle Glen Station, with the extra car parks and bicycle facilities providing more options for everyone to catch the train.”*

**Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Region Harriet Shing**

*“The opening of the new car parks at Nar Nar Goon and Drouin stations will make travel easier for these communities and free up local streets.”*

**Quote attributable to Member for Monbulk James Merlino**

*“The new car spaces to be opened shortly will bump up the parking available at Upper Ferntree Gully Station, making it easier for the community to park and catch public transport.”*

**Quote attributable to Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn**

*“The opening of the new northeast car park at Merlynston Station is only weeks away – delivering 300 new and upgraded spaces at the station and transforming travel for our community.”*