

Media Release

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DEER PARK LEVEL CROSSING GONE FOR GOOD, NEW STATION OPEN

The Andrews Labor Government has removed its 68th dangerous and congested level crossing, with the new Mt Derrimut Road rail bridge and new Deer Park Station open to passengers in Melbourne's west.

The new station opened to commuters on Monday 24 April, with trains now running after a 14-day construction blitz.

Buses continue to replace trains on the Geelong Line between Wyndham Vale and Waurn Ponds until 3 May while V/Line carries out maintenance.

More than 300 people have been working around the clock since 11 April to remove the level crossing and build the new station while trains were not running on the Ballarat and Geelong train lines.

Major work will still continue on the new Deer Park Station over the next few months, including installing lifts and ramps, fitting myki readers, creating 150 new and upgraded car parks and building the multi-bay bus interchange and pick-up/drop-off zones.

Paper tickets will be issued and passengers will be able to travel for free while myki readers are being fitted.

There will also be landscaping around the precinct and improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists, including a connection to both sides of the new station.

With the level crossing gone and the station open, crews will turn their attention to upgrading the road intersection, with Mt Derrimut Road to close at the level crossing from 5am Monday 1 May to 5am Friday 2 June.

While works continue on the station, temporary access arrangements will be in place, with the installation of lifts and ramps expected to be completed late this year.

The Mt Derrimut Road boom gates were down for up to 60 per cent of the morning peak, delaying some of the 23,000 vehicles that passed through each day and causing traffic chaos in this part of Melbourne's western suburbs.

Last year the level crossings were removed at Fitzgerald Road, Ardeer and Robinsons Road, Deer Park, with the Geelong and Ballarat lines now level crossing free between Deer Park and the city.

Another four level crossing removals were announced for the Ballarat Line last year, making Melton boom gate-free by 2028.

Quote attributable to Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

"We're getting on with making the west an even better place to live, removing level crossings and upgrading stations, and we're not stopping there – even more level crossings will be removed on the Ballarat Line, making Melton boom gate-free by 2028."

Quote attributable to Member for Koroit Luba Grigorovitch

"The community will welcome seeing the back of the Mt Derrimut Road level crossing. It will make a huge difference to how people move around the area, reducing congestion and making it safer to travel."

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