

Media Release

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MORE TRACK UPGRADES FOR SHEPPARTON PASSENGERS

The Allan Labor Government is delivering critical upgrades to the Shepparton Line, as works progress to deliver more frequent and reliable trains to communities in the Goulburn Valley.

Minister for Transport Infrastructure Danny Pearson announced works will include rebuilding track through level crossings and providing vital improvements to bridges.

The installation of new signalling infrastructure will also take place along sections of track between Seymour and Nagambie, and between Murchison East and Toolamba.

Coaches will replace Shepparton Line trains for part or all the journey from Saturday 9 March to Sunday 14 April and Seymour Line trains from Saturday 9 March to Sunday 24 March.

Major upgrades to a 26 kilometre section of track took place late last year, and the project has already upgraded stations at Murchison East, Nagambie and Mooroopna, delivered extra services and enabled modern VLocity trains to operate on the line.

The work is part of the more than \$750 million invested in the Shepparton Line Upgrade by the Victorian and Commonwealth Labor Governments to modernise public transport throughout the region and deliver nine return weekday services for Shepparton line passengers.

Level crossings in High Street, Seymour and Schoolhouse Lane, Tallarook, were upgraded with improved train detection technology in January – enhancing safety for train and road users between Donnybrook and Shepparton.

Stage 3 of the project has delivered an extension of the Murchison East passing loop, allowing 1200-metre freight trains and two six-car VLocity trains to pass each other, and increased capacity at the new Shepparton stabling facility to house more VLocity trains.

V/Line will also carry out important maintenance and upgrade works on the Shepparton and Seymour lines while trains are not running, minimising overall disruption to passengers.

To keep up to date with the latest timetables, visit vline.com.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Danny Pearson

“Passengers are already enjoying more comfortable and reliable journeys on modern, accessible VLocity trains thanks to the Shepparton Line Upgrade – these upgrades will ensure we can deliver more frequent and reliable services.”

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victorian Jaclyn Symes

“We thank passengers for their patience as we get on with vital upgrades along the Shepparton Line – which will soon deliver more trains, more often.”