## **Media Release**

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## FINAL DESIGNS UNVEILED FOR BORONIA STATION UPGRADE

The Allan Labor Government is getting on with delivering a modern, accessible and safer Boronia Station precinct, releasing the final designs ahead of early works starting in the coming weeks.

Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams today unveiled the designs, which feature a striking new station forecourt canopy inspired by nearby Dandenong Ranges flora and an expanded concourse to improve connections across the rail line.

A new landscaped plaza between the station and Dorset Road will create more green space and seating, while also providing a new community meeting place and simplifying pedestrian movement between the station and Boronia's shopping precinct.

The station concourse will be widened, with the ticket office relocated to the Erica Avenue entry and the protective services office moved to the Lupton Way entrance – boosting safety through improved visibility across the plaza and station area.

Accessibility will be enhanced with an upgraded pick-up and drop-off zone on Lupton Way, better footpaths to both station entrances, and more bike hoops and improved cycling connections.

We've listened to community feedback, with commuters also benefiting from new platform shelters, seating and improved lighting, providing comfort and protection from the weather, while additional lighting and CCTV across the precinct will further improve safety.

As part of the project, a new pocket park near the Boronia Junction Shopping Centre will feature garden beds, trees, seating and a nature play area, creating a welcoming green space for the community.

Early works will begin in the coming weeks, including traffic light upgrades at the Dorset and Chandler roads intersection to add a dedicated right-turn arrow for drivers.

The Boronia Station upgrade will be completed next year, following major works that have already made the Belgrave Line boom gate free between Ferntree Gully and Melbourne's CBD, and the Lilydale Line level crossing free – improving safety and reducing congestion across Melbourne's outer east.

The final designs and further information can be viewed at <u>bigbuild.vic.gov.au/boroniastationupgrade</u>.

## **Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Gabrielle Williams**

"We're getting on with upgrading the Boronia Station precinct, making it easier for people to access public transport and connect with local shops and places to eat."

"Creating a safe and modern station will completely transform the heart of Boronia."

## **Quotes attributable to Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor**

"This is the biggest investment into Boronia in a generation and like locals, I'm absolutely stoked to see the release of final designs for a better Boronia Station precinct, opening next year. From a new landscaped plaza, new platform and concourse amenities – we won't know the place anymore!"

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