



THE PALLAS POST

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WORKS START TO REMOVE THE CHERRY STREET LEVEL CROSSING



We're getting on with the job of upgrading road and rail networks in Werribee — including at the dangerous, congested **Cherry Street** level crossing where 20,000 vehicles cross each day.

Together with Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan, I announced the **\$113.8 million** contract has been awarded to remove the level crossing at Cherry Street.

The removal of the Cherry Street level crossing will reduce congestion and create a safer shopping precinct, with a new road bridge over the rail line at Tarneit Road. People travelling to and from Princes Highway will have a faster journey using this new direct link, without the uncertainty of facing boom gate delays.

DESIGNS SELECTED FOR OLD GEELONG ROAD AND WERRIBEE STREET

Designs have been confirmed to remove level crossings at Old Geelong Road in Hoppers Crossing and Werribee Street in Werribee. Work is set to get underway by mid-year.

At **Old Geelong Road**, the new road bridge will be built closer to the city, creating a direct link to the Princes Freeway. At **Werribee Street**, a rail bridge will cater to the existing tracks and allow for future growth. Raising the rail line between Werribee Racecourse and the Werribee River will create new open spaces, and we're ensuring important freight services can continue to run during construction.



Top to bottom: artists' impressions of the designs for Cherry Street, Old Geelong Road and Werribee Street level crossing removals.

For more information, please visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au



TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

Melbourne City Mission (MCM) is Victoria's largest provider of specialist services and support for disadvantaged young people to rapidly recover, develop skills and resilience and live a life they value out of homelessness.

It was a pleasure to join MCM to turn a sod for the new MCM accommodation in Werribee — part of the Andrews Government's **\$27 million** Accommodation for the Homeless program.



More Parking For Werribee Commuters

Following the completion of level crossing removal works in Wyndham, **130 new and upgraded car parking spaces** will be created in Werribee as part of the Andrews Government's Car Parks for Commuters Fund.

This will be done by asphaltting the temporary gravel area behind Bunnings Werribee, and installing CCTV to improve safety.

Supporting Our Growing Suburbs

Through the Government's **\$250 million** Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF), we're working with Councils to deliver better facilities for our community. That includes:

- **\$870,000** in the development of Glen Devon Park
- **\$3.2 million** for the redeveloped Wyndham Park
- **\$3.16 million** in funding for the Wunggurrwil Dhurrung Centre, with **\$1.5 million** from the GSF

Wyndham has benefitted from **\$25 million** through the Growing Suburbs Fund since 2015. The next stage of the GSF will see **\$1.5 million** delivered for the K Road Cliffs Masterplan Implementation.



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MAJOR WORKS ON DUNCANS ROAD

Major works are in progress at the Duncans Road Interchange in the heart of Werribee, as part of the Andrews Government's **\$1.8 billion** Western Roads Upgrades.

The Western Roads Upgrades include duplication and widening on eight key arterial roads in Wyndham, as well as maintenance of 260kms of road across Melbourne's west.

The upgrades to the Interchange include building new exit ramps on the Princes Freeway from Geelong, as well as two new bridges on Duncans Road over the Freeway — adding a lane in each direction.

This will significantly improve the journey for thousands of Werribee residents, as well as visitors to the Werribee Park Tourism Precinct.



New Police Station On The Way

Construction on the new Werribee Police Complex started late last year and I am happy to see that it's well and truly underway.

The **\$45 million** complex is being funded by the Andrews Government, in order to meet the present and future demands for policing in the local community.

Our new station will be one of the largest Victoria Police facilities outside the CBD. This new complex is due for completion at the end of the year.

The Andrews Government's **\$3 billion** investment for **3135** additional police has seen more than **1900** new officers already deployed to communities across Victoria.



Delivering for the Werribee Community



Iramoo P.S.
award winners



Building new family
violence refuges



Xmas Card Designs



Recognising
Little River CFA



Opening
Riverwalk P.S.



International Mother Language Day



Endeavour Award
recipients at Parliament House



Pick My Project Initiative -
Wyndham Track and Field Club

Here are some photos of my favourite moments getting out in the community.

The Andrews Government is delivering for Wyndham every day.

This includes:

- **\$36.84 million** in First Home Owners Grants in Wyndham— more than any other Municipality in Victoria
- **\$1.16 million** in funding for Mercy Health's medical equipment and infrastructure
- **\$25,000** for maintenance at Suzanne Cory High School
- **\$5,700** in support for the WYNDAG Disability Support Group
- **Thousands** in grants to multicultural organisations, mental health networks and sporting clubs
- And heaps more!

Important Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

A State of Emergency was declared in Victoria on 16 March 2020 to combat COVID-19. The best way people can protect themselves and others is to wash their hands with soap and water regularly and practice cough etiquette. If you are unwell stay at home and avoid contact with others.

We are asking people to take those extra precautions to minimise the risk of being infected.

We are all in this together – and as we saw during the bushfires – in the worst of times, we are confident that we will see the best of Victorians.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Contacts

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

For the most up-to-date information and advice
dohs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Hotline

If you believe you are showing symptoms
1800 675 398

For languages other than English

131 450

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