

# Merlynston Station Car Park

## Early Works – February 2022

The Victorian Government and Australian Government have partnered to deliver more commuter car parking for Merlynston Station. This will free up local streets and make it easier for passengers to catch the train.

### What to expect?

From February, you will see our team completing work east of the Upfield Line, near Merlynston train station between Plaisted Street and Shorts Road. This work is required to facilitate upgrade and protection of the existing underground gas pipe, ahead of the construction of the new Merlynston station car park.

Works will involve:

- installation of temporary fencing to secure the area
- closure of the Upfield Shared Use Path between Boundary Road and Shorts Road, with detours in place
- vegetation removal, including small plants, shrubs and trees (once major construction is complete, more than 12,000 trees, shrubs and seedlings at different stages of maturity will be planted in the area)
- site clearing and removal of material.

Soil surrounding the works location has been identified to contain non-friable Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM). The material is tested by an independent hygienist in line with WorkSafe Australia guidelines. The material will be removed by licensed hygienists from mid-February. The affected areas will be set up with exclusion zones to ensure the safety of the community and workers.

Our work hours are Monday to Saturday, 7.00am – 6.00pm.

### How this will affect you

- The Upfield Shared Use Path will be closed between Boundary Road and Shorts Road. There will be signs to guide you safely to detour paths for both pedestrians and cyclists. Please see a detailed detour map attached.
- Some activity and construction related noise may be noticeable, with vehicles moving around the area.
- Temporary traffic management measures may be in place, however access to your home or businesses will always be maintained.
- Further works will begin from March, with the Shared Use Path between Boundary Road and Shorts Road to remain closed until late 2022 to ensure safety. We will send you another notice before these works begin.

 If you have any questions about these works, please contact the Car Parks for Commuters team on 1800 105 105.



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## Vegetation removal

- We work with flora and fauna specialists as well as arborists and animal handlers to ensure the protection and safe rehoming of any fauna found at the time of vegetation removal.
- Where possible, we will re-use or recycle trees that need to be removed.
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## Health and safety

Works are continuing safely on the Merlynston Station Car Parks for Commuters project with COVID Safe plans in place to help protect workers and the community.

Strict processes are in place to check and record the vaccination status of workers entering construction sites.

For more information and advice about the outbreak of Coronavirus, please visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

Kind regards,

**The Car Parks for Commuters Team**

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## Upfield Shared Use Path temporary closure detour:

