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## Growing suburbs

Melbourne's suburbs are among the fastest growing in Australia, but hospitals, schools, roads and public transport in these suburban areas are struggling to keep up with the growth.

We're building more projects and providing more services for families in growing areas, because they are the basic building blocks of our society, keeping families together and communities healthy.

The Andrews Labor Government will rebuild and upgrade school buildings across the state and build new local schools and classrooms for kids in growing suburbs.

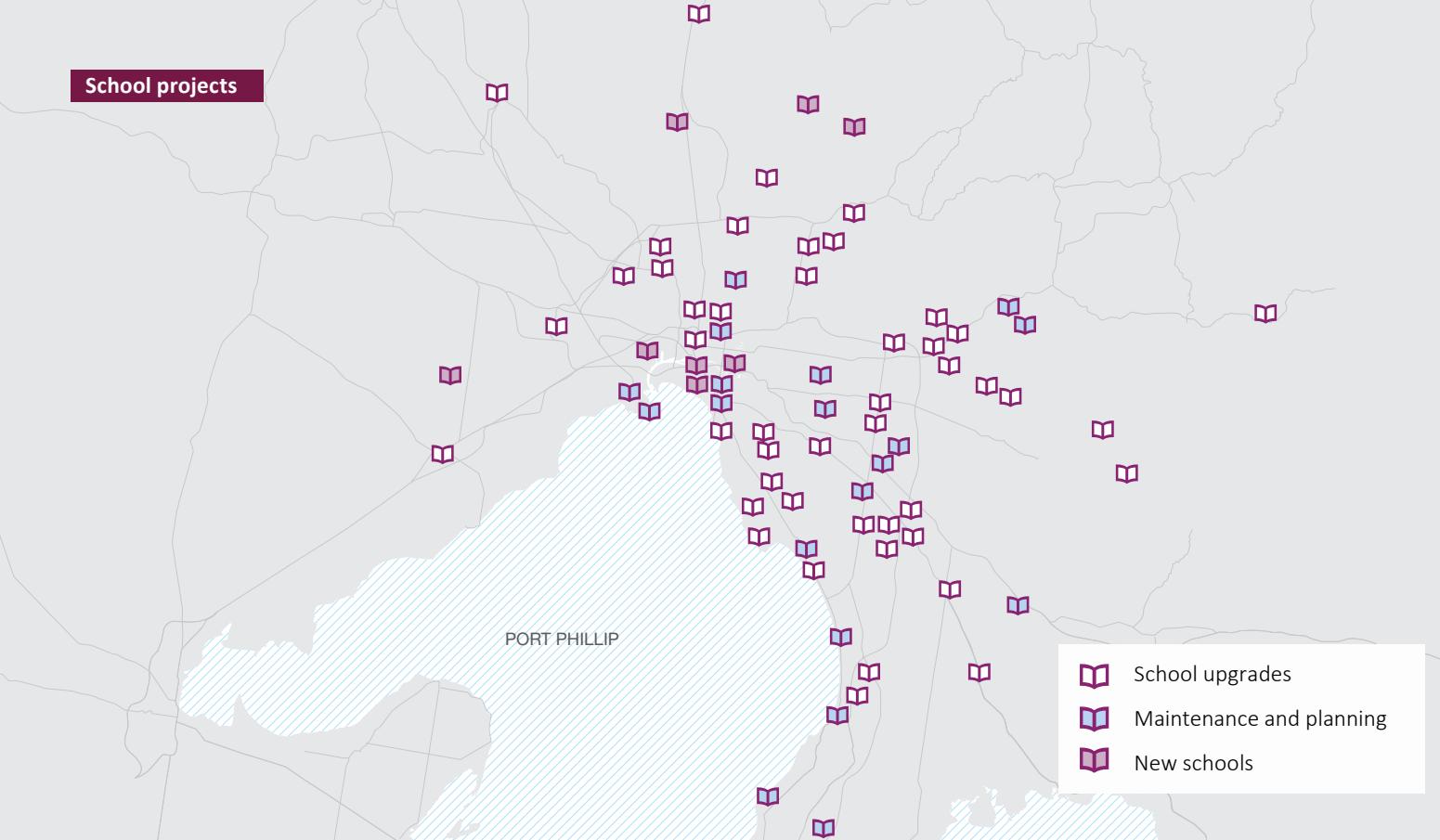
Hospitals will be built and upgraded to reduce pressure on health services and emergency departments in the outer suburbs of Melbourne.

We're getting on with the projects we need – transforming our public transport system and reducing congestion on busy local roads so people in the outer suburbs can get home safer and sooner.

Interface Councils, serving and representing outer suburban areas, have identified the infrastructure projects their communities needed to sustain the growth of their local populations.

The Budget provides **\$50 million** as an initial contribution towards an Interface Councils Infrastructure Fund to help councils in growing outer suburban areas get proposed local projects off the ground.

## School projects



# Education

## School upgrades

Children need to learn in classrooms that are safe, modern and comfortable, but too many school buildings in Victoria have passed their use by date, and they're holding our kids back. The Budget provides **\$207 million** to renovate, refurbish and rebuild 46 schools in the suburbs. 19 other schools are funded for maintenance and planning projects. A further **\$10 million** will provide works and equipment to support students with disabilities.

- ▶ Albany Rise Primary School
- ▶ Amsleigh Park Primary School
- ▶ Bayside College
- ▶ Beaumaris High School
- ▶ Bentleigh Secondary College
- ▶ Berwick Fields Primary School
- ▶ Bimbadeen Heights Primary School
- ▶ Boronia Heights Primary School
- ▶ Brunswick Secondary College
- ▶ Carlton Primary School
- ▶ Chandler Park Primary School
- ▶ Cheltenham Secondary College
- ▶ Clifton Hill Primary School
- ▶ Cranbourne Secondary College
- ▶ Dandenong High School
- ▶ Elwood College
- ▶ Emerald Secondary College
- ▶ Essendon East Keilor District College
- ▶ Frankston Primary School
- ▶ Glen Eira College
- ▶ Glen Waverley Primary School
- ▶ Greensborough Secondary College
- ▶ Hampton Park Primary School
- ▶ Highvale Secondary College
- ▶ Jells Park Primary School
- ▶ Keysborough Secondary College
- ▶ Lyndale Secondary College
- ▶ McKinnon Secondary College
- ▶ Melba Secondary College
- ▶ Mill Park Heights Primary School
- ▶ Monbulk College
- ▶ Monterey Secondary College
- ▶ Montmorency Secondary College
- ▶ Moorooduc Primary School
- ▶ Mooroolbark East Primary School
- ▶ Mordialloc College
- ▶ Mornington Primary School
- ▶ Mullauna Secondary College
- ▶ Mullum Primary School
- ▶ Noble Park Secondary College
- ▶ Northcote High School
- ▶ Norwood Secondary College
- ▶ Parkdale Primary School
- ▶ Parkhill Primary School
- ▶ Patterson River Secondary College
- ▶ Preston High School
- ▶ Ringwood Secondary College
- ▶ Sandringham College
- ▶ Seaford Park Primary School
- ▶ South Yarra Primary School
- ▶ Springvale Rise Primary School
- ▶ St Helena Secondary College
- ▶ Stonnington Primary School
- ▶ Strathmore Primary School
- ▶ Sunbury College
- ▶ Sunshine College
- ▶ The Basin Primary School
- ▶ Viewbank College
- ▶ Wallan Secondary College
- ▶ Wattle Park Primary School
- ▶ Werribee Secondary College
- ▶ Westbreen Primary School
- ▶ William Ruthven Secondary College
- ▶ Williamstown High School
- ▶ Yarra Junction Primary School



# Education

## New schools

The Andrews Labor Government will support the delivery of eight new schools to ease pressure on classrooms in growing suburban areas and give local families a real choice:

- ▶ Albert Park College – Year 9 campus
- ▶ Craigieburn North West Primary School
- ▶ Footscray Learning Precinct  
(Footscray City Primary School, Footscray City College)
- ▶ Hazel Glen College completion
- ▶ Mernda Central 7–12
- ▶ Richmond High School
- ▶ South Melbourne Park Primary School
- ▶ Tarneit P-9 College completion

A further **\$40 million** will purchase land for new schools in more of Melbourne's fast-growing suburbs.



## Tech Schools

Secondary students also deserve a head start on a hands-on vocation – a chance to build the foundations of their career early while maintaining their enrolment at their local secondary school.

The Budget provides **\$12 million** for Tech Schools across the state, which will be open to students from Years 7 to 12 who will learn skills alongside a comprehensive secondary education. **\$4 million** is allocated to the Wantirna KIOSC.

The funding means planning can commence for Tech Schools in the following growing local government areas:

- ▶ Monash
- ▶ Casey
- ▶ Wyndham
- ▶ Banyule
- ▶ Yarra Ranges
- ▶ Whittlesea

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**\$12 million for Tech Schools**



\$350 million to  
save our struggling  
TAFE system

Reopening closed  
buildings

Upgrading  
workshops and  
classrooms

## Education

### TAFE

The Andrews Labor Government will bring our TAFE system back from the brink, so all kids have the chance to get a job, start a career and have a decent life.

The Budget invests **\$300 million** to complete the \$320 million TAFE Rescue Fund for campuses across the state to reopen closed buildings, upgrade workshops and classrooms and get institutes back in the black.

All Victorian TAFEs are eligible for support under the TAFE Rescue Fund, including:

- ▶ Bendigo Kangan Institute  
(Broadmeadows, Docklands, Essendon, Moonee Ponds, Richmond)
- ▶ Box Hill Institute
- ▶ Chisholm Institute
- ▶ Holmesglen Institute
- ▶ Melbourne Polytechnic
- ▶ RMIT University
- ▶ Swinburne University of Technology
- ▶ Victoria University
- ▶ William Angliss Institute

The **\$50 million** TAFE Back To Work Fund will help campuses meet the needs of local employers, creating new training courses to give local students the skills they need for the jobs they want.

Local Learning and Employment Networks, providing jobs and skills advice to people across Victoria, will receive **\$32 million** to work with at-risk youth and get them back on track.





\$200 million for  
Western Women's  
and Children's  
Hospital

\$106.3 million for  
Casey Hospital  
expansion

## Health

Nothing is more important to families than the health and wellbeing of their loved ones, but hospitals in growing suburban areas are under serious pressure.

The Andrews Labor Government is investing **\$2.1 billion** in our health system, so families in suburban areas can get the care and peace of mind they deserve.

Hospitals across the state will be built from the ground up or upgraded with more beds, theatres and the most up-to-date equipment.

### Upgraded hospitals

#### **Angliss Hospital**

The Budget provides **\$20 million** for an intensive care unit and a short stay unit at the Angliss Hospital in Melbourne's outer east, reducing the distance families have to travel for health care.

#### **Casey Hospital**

Casey Hospital, in Melbourne's south-east, will be able to treat 12,000 more patients, conduct 8000 more surgeries and support 500 more births every year, with a **\$106.3 million** expansion.

#### **Werribee Mercy Hospital**

The Budget provides **\$85 million** to expand the Werribee Mercy Hospital, delivering six extra operating theatres and 64 new inpatient beds in this fast-growing area of Melbourne.



## New hospitals

### **Western Women's and Children's Hospital**

The Budget invests **\$200 million** in a dedicated Western Women's and Children's Hospital, with 237 beds, 39 special care nursery cots and four theatres for families across the west.

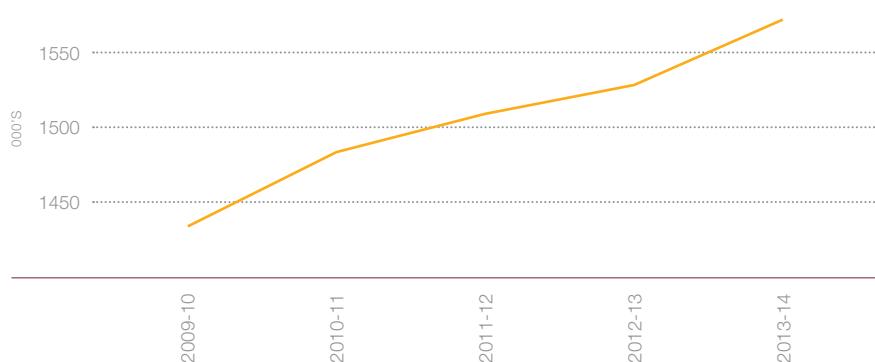
By 2026, the number of births at Sunshine Hospital is expected to exceed 7000 per year. The fastest growing area of Australia needs more services so no young family is left behind.

### **Victorian Heart Hospital**

The Victorian Heart Hospital – a plan for Australia's first specialist heart hospital – is one step closer, with **\$15 million** to progress planning and development.

It will be built at Monash University in Clayton, treating cardiac diseases from early childhood to later life, undertaking ground-breaking research and training the next generation of heart specialists.

### **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS**





## Police and emergency services

### Firefighters

The Andrews Labor Government is investing **\$78 million** for emergency services, giving firefighters the resources they need to protect families in the outer suburbs.

Run down and threadbare CFA stations and amenities will be upgraded, with **\$11 million** to give firefighters a safe and comfortable place to meet and train and help their units grow.

New stations will be built in Plenty and Edithvale, and toilets and bathroom facilities will be installed at up to 100 CFA stations.

The Budget also funds a **\$9.6 million** program at integrated CFA stations across the outer suburbs that dispatches firefighters at the same time as paramedics, increasing survival chances for heart attack patients.

The Budget includes funding to commence the recruitment of 450 additional career firefighters.

In addition, a two-year support service is being provided for firefighters suffering from post traumatic stress disorder.



## Police

The Labor Government will put hundreds more police on our streets, investing **\$226 million** to keep our community safe and give families peace of mind. The Budget invests **\$148.6 million** to recruit 400 custody officers to guard prisoners at 20 police stations across Victoria, allowing 400 police officers to return to the front line.

A permanent police presence is coming to Melbourne's growing north, with **\$15 million** to build a new police station in Mernda.

To keep our roads safe and reduce the danger and use of ice, the Budget invests **\$15 million** to provide Victoria Police with new booze and drug buses to improve road safety.

New fire stations  
for Plenty and  
Edithvale

**\$15 million for new  
Mernda Police  
Station**





# Transport

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with the projects our state needs, so we can get people home to their families safer and sooner.

Projects funded in the Budget will transform our public transport system, increase services in the outer suburbs and reduce congestion on the busy local roads we use every day.

## Removing level crossings

The Andrews Labor Government is removing 50 of our most dangerous and congested level crossings to save time and save lives.

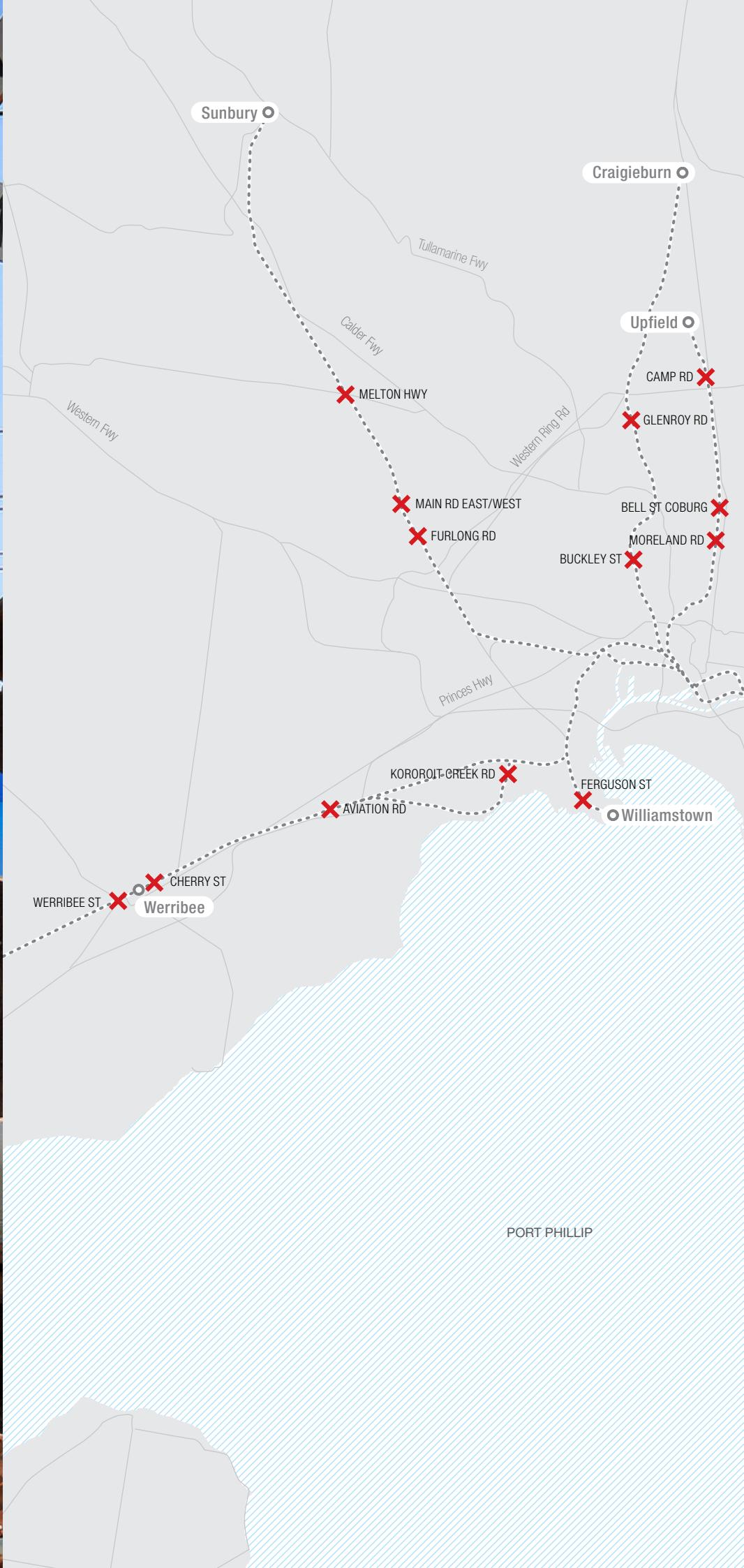
The Budget commits **\$5–\$6 billion**, including **\$2–\$2.4 billion** over four years, to implement this commitment.

Removing level crossings:

- ▶ **Reduces congestion.** Level crossings make up almost half of the RACV's traffic hotspots in Melbourne. Boom gates can stay down for up to 80 minutes over the morning peak.
- ▶ **Means more trains can run on every line.** At present, the addition of services on major train lines would cause traffic chaos on surrounding streets.
- ▶ **Helps reduce the road toll.** There were over 240 crashes at level crossings over the decade to 2013. That's not good enough in the road safety capital.
- ▶ **Grows our economy.** The projects will create 4500 jobs, save tradespeople money and time and help businesses transport goods more efficiently.

**\$5–\$6 billion for level crossing removal**

**Reducing congestion, increasing train services**



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# Removing our 50 worst level crossings





\$9–\$11 billion for  
Melbourne Metro

\$9 million for  
Mernda Rail Link

## Transport

### Melbourne Metro

The Andrews Labor Government will transform our public transport system by building Melbourne Metro – the biggest overhaul to the train network since the construction of the City Loop.

It's the foundation for the future of public transport in Victoria. It's also the first step to extending the train network into outer suburban areas.

The Budget commits **\$9–\$11 billion** to deliver the Melbourne Metro Rail Project, including **\$1.5 billion** over the next four years to complete the planning, design and early works of the project and to commence major construction by 2018.

### Cranbourne-Pakenham rail corridor upgrade

The Cranbourne-Pakenham rail corridor is Melbourne's busiest. The Labor Government will ensure this rail line is transformed by:

- ▶ Removing every level crossing between Caulfield and Dandenong
- ▶ Purchasing 37 new high-capacity trains for the rail corridor
- ▶ Increasing passenger capacity on the line by 42 per cent

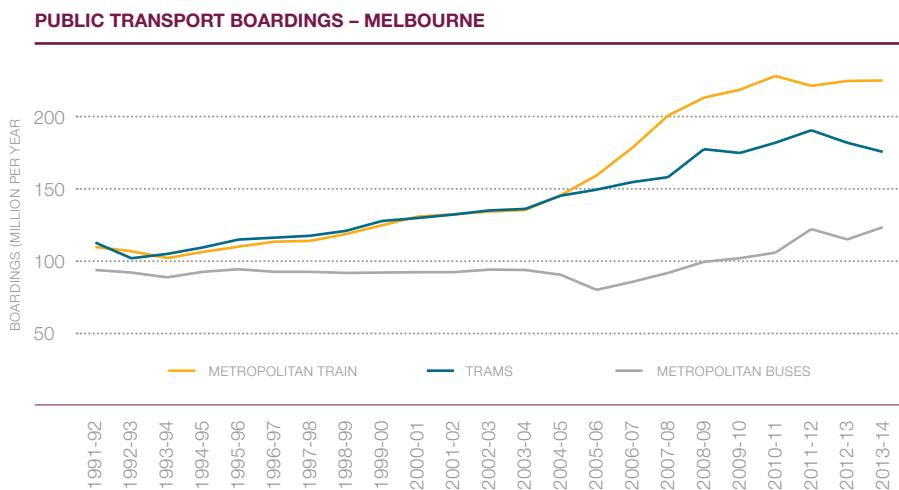


## Mernda Rail Link

The Budget provides **\$9 million** to get started on the much needed Mernda Rail Link this year for locals who want to catch a train, fast tracking planning and commencing land acquisition.

## Homesafe

The Budget provides **\$50 million** for a one year trial of 24-hour public transport services on Friday and Saturday nights – on every train line and on selected tram lines – to help shift workers and late night revellers get back home safely.





# Transport

## Busy roads

Busy local and arterial roads in Melbourne's outer suburbs haven't kept up with growth. The Budget invests **\$574 million** to build or upgrade roads.

The Western Ring Road is at breaking point, causing delays, hassle and congestion for motorists in Melbourne's west. More lanes are needed to help families in this fast-growing area.

The Budget provides **\$150 million** to undertake the next stage of the M80 Upgrade, to widen the road and install traffic management equipment from Sunshine Avenue to the EJ Whitten Bridge and to install safety barriers on this bridge.

The Budget also provides **\$110 million** to duplicate the Chandler Highway Bridge over the Yarra and **\$90 million** to fix key congestion points around Melbourne.



## West Gate Distributor

The West Gate Distributor will take 5000 trucks a day off the West Gate Bridge, helping families and businesses travelling from Melbourne's outer west.

The new road will take trucks directly into the Port of Melbourne from the West Gate Freeway, bypassing the West Gate Bridge, CityLink and inner-suburban residential streets.

The Budget invests **\$40 million** in the first stage of the West Gate Distributor project.

**\$150 million for  
M80 Upgrade**

**5000 trucks off the  
West Gate Bridge**

## Fast-tracked projects

The Budget provides funding to fast track planning and development work for the following road projects in the outer suburbs, so work can start as soon as possible:

- ▶ Duplicating the dangerous and congested Yan Yean Road in Plenty
- ▶ Duplicating Thompsons Road in Melbourne's south-east
- ▶ Upgrading Bolton Street in Eltham, in Melbourne's outer north

## More buses, more routes

The Budget also provides **\$100 million** to improve bus services by introducing new and expanded routes, restoring services and fixing missing links in growth areas.

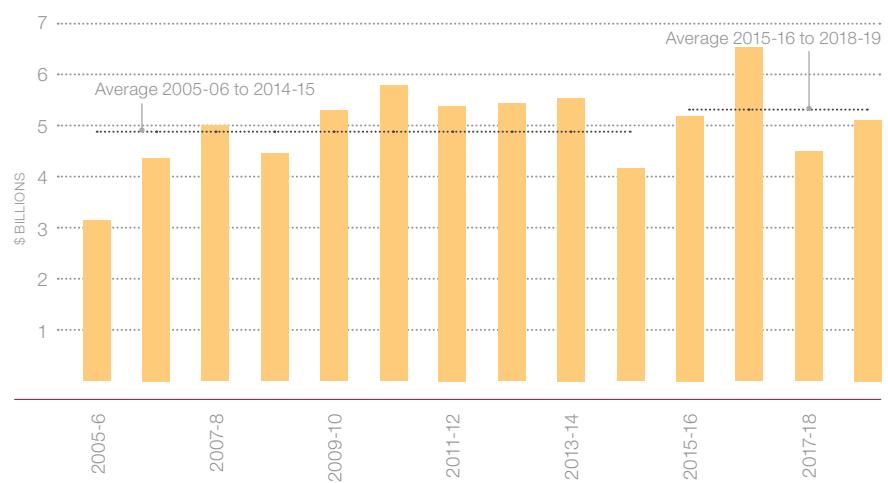


## Communities

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with the projects our state needs, addressing the problems identified by the interface councils serving outer suburban areas.

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