



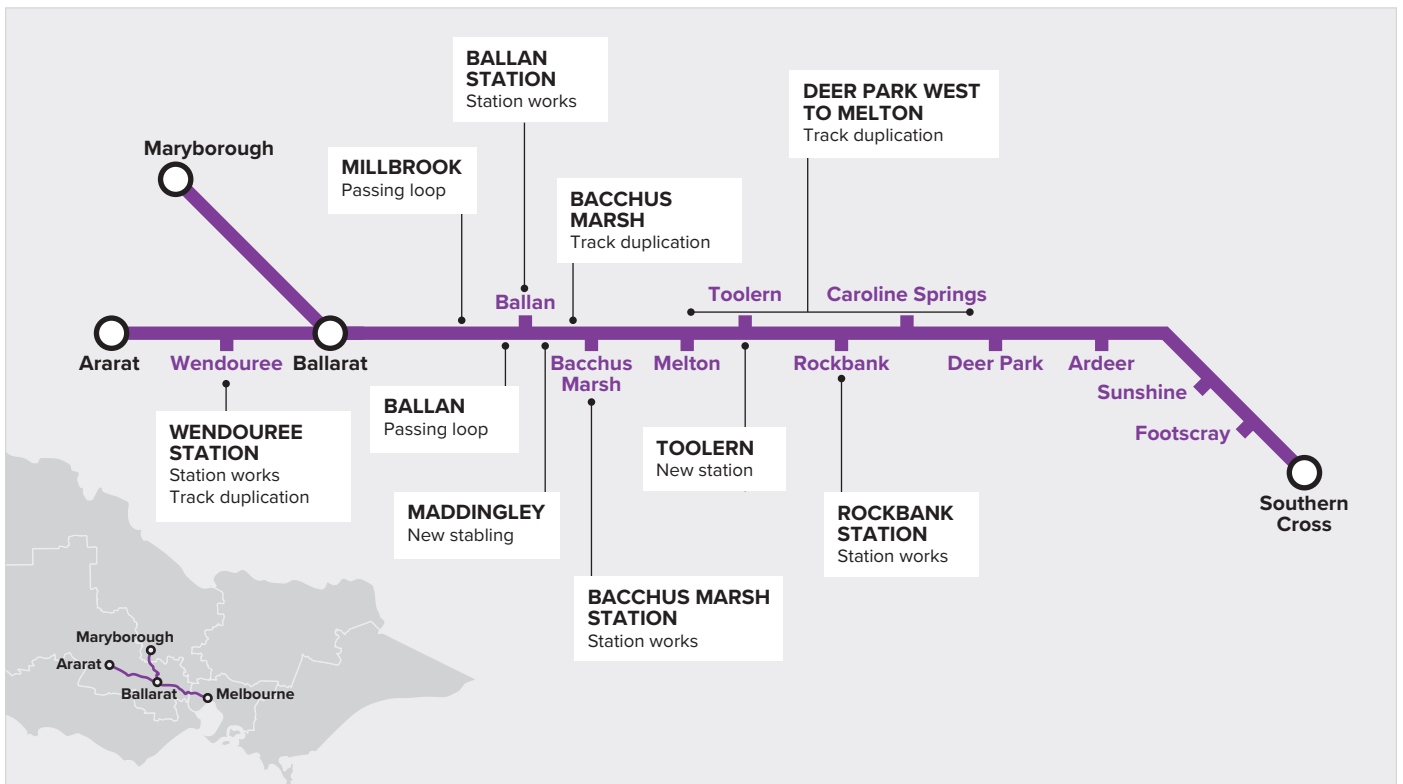
# REGIONAL RAIL REVIVAL BALLARAT

# BALLARAT LINE UPGRADE

The Australian and Victorian governments are upgrading the Ballarat line to deliver more trains and improved reliability for Melbourne's outer western suburbs, Melton, Bacchus Marsh, Ballan and Ballarat

The \$1.57 billion Regional Rail Revival program is a once in a generation investment that will deliver major upgrades to every regional passenger train line in Victoria and create over 1,000 jobs.

The Ballarat Line Upgrade will enable much-needed extra services in the morning and afternoon peak, and a train every 40 minutes off-peak for the growing communities along the line.



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## PROJECT SCOPE

The Ballarat Line Upgrade includes:

- duplication of 18 kilometres of track between Deer Park West and Melton
- upgrading Rockbank station and extending platforms, constructing a new pedestrian link between platforms and building a new car park
- additional platforms at Wendouree, Bacchus Marsh and Ballan stations, with new pedestrian links between platforms
- a new station at Toolern, between Rockbank and Melton, funded by the Victorian Government's Growth Area Infrastructure Contribution
- new stabling facilities at Maddingley, and the removal of stabling facilities at Bacchus Marsh
- duplication of three kilometres of track between Bacchus Marsh station and Maddingley stabling facilities
- a new 4.5 kilometre passing loop at Ballan
- track duplication and station upgrades at Wendouree
- a new four kilometre passing loop at Millbrook, making it possible to close the existing Bungaree loop and remove five level crossings.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The Ballarat Line Upgrade will enable much needed extra services in the morning and afternoon peak, and a train every 40 minutes off-peak.

Passing loops at Ballan and Millbrook will provide more options for trains to pass each other, which will allow more frequent services and help services recover from unexpected delays more quickly.

The second platform and new tracks at Wendouree station will create enough space for trains to pass each other for the first time, fixing the current problem that sees delayed services from Melbourne terminate at Ballarat and passengers forced onto replacement buses.

A new station at Toolern will cater to the region's growing population and take the pressure off Melton station. The upgrade will also allow for future electrification of the line to Melton, creating a new metropolitan train line into the city.

## PROJECT DELIVERY

The Ballarat Line Upgrade is being delivered by the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA).

MMRA is responsible for the planning and implementation of the Regional Rail Revival program on behalf of the State Government of Victoria.

A consortium comprising Lendlease, Coleman Rail and SMEC is the construction contractor for the Ballarat Line Upgrade, with MMRA and V/Line as alliance partners.

## NEXT STEPS

The project is now in the construction phase with works such as geotechnical drilling, site preparation, identification and relocation of utilities and vegetation removal within the rail corridor.

Site investigations required include ecological, traffic, noise monitoring and service location surveys. Commuters may notice more activity and people near the rail line as works ramp up.

Construction started in October 2017 with the project to be completed by late 2019.





## REGIONAL RAIL REVIVAL


The \$1.57 billion Regional Rail Revival program is a joint initiative of the Australian and Victorian governments and will upgrade stations, signalling and track across Victoria.

Further information:  
[ballaratlineupgrade.vic.gov.au/regionalrailrevival](http://ballaratlineupgrade.vic.gov.au/regionalrailrevival)

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