

BallaratLine

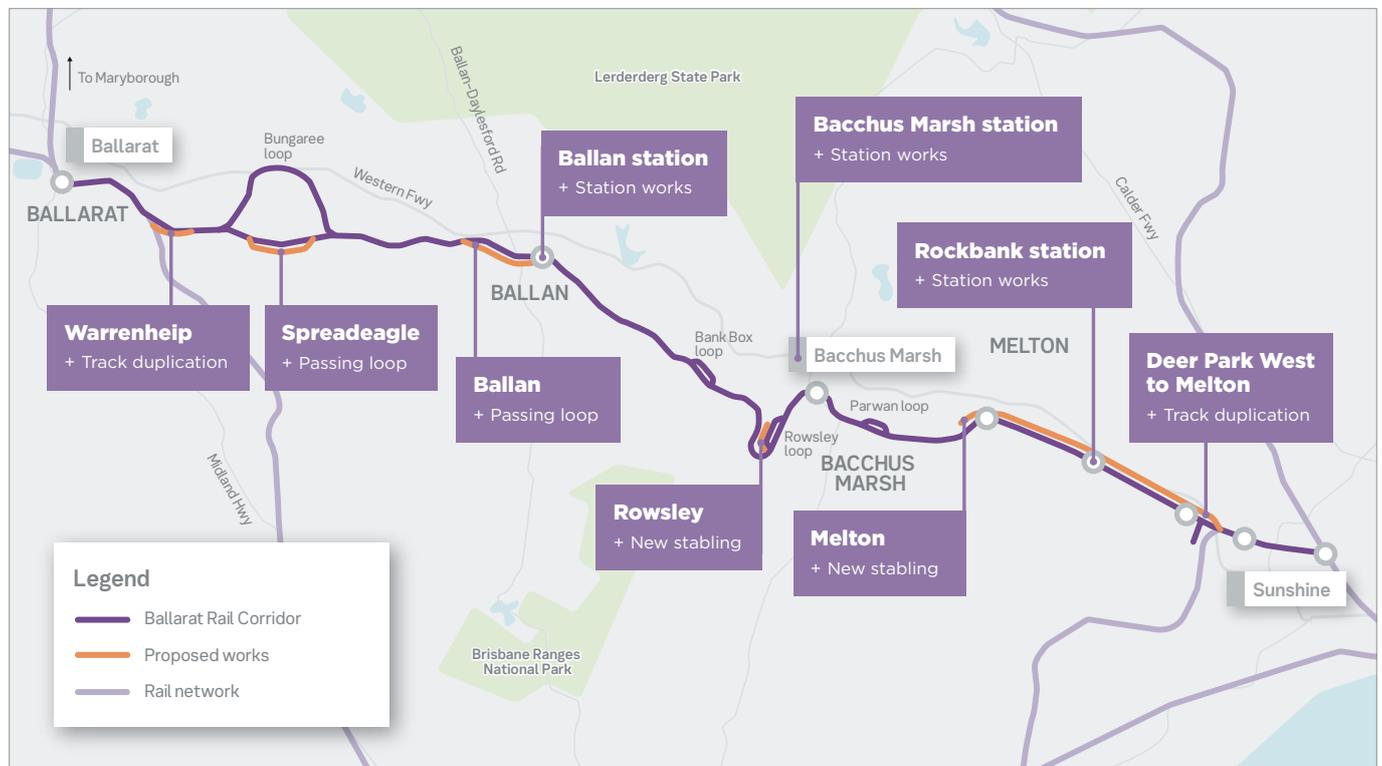
UPGRADE

The Victorian Government is upgrading the Ballarat line to deliver more trains and better punctuality and reliability for Melbourne's outer western suburbs, Melton, Bacchus Marsh, Ballan and Ballarat.

IMPROVING TRANSPORT FOR A GROWING REGION

The number of people choosing to live in Melbourne's outer west is growing, with Melton one of Australia's fastest growing municipalities and Ballarat representing Victoria's third-most populated city.

The \$518 million Ballarat Line Upgrade will enable much-needed extra services in the morning and afternoon peak, and a train every 40 minutes off-peak for these growing communities, and all others along the rail corridor.



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PROJECT SCOPE

The Ballarat Line Upgrade will include:

- duplication of 17 kilometres of track between Deer Park and Melton
- a replacement carpark at Rockbank station
- additional platforms at Bacchus Marsh and Ballan stations, and extended platforms at Rockbank station with new pedestrian links between platforms
- new stabling facilities at Melton and Rowsley, and the removal of stabling facilities at Bacchus Marsh
- a five kilometre passing loop at Ballan
- a four kilometre passing loop at Spreadeagle which will make it possible to close the existing Bungaree loop and remove five level crossings
- duplication of three kilometres of track east of Warrenheip Junction.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Passengers will spend less time on platforms and more time where they want to go.

The upgrade will also pave the way for future electrification of the line to Melton, creating a new metropolitan train line into the city.

Passing loops will provide more places for trains to pass each other, which will help services recover from unexpected delays more quickly, boosting reliability and punctuality.

The removal of five level crossings as part of the decommissioning of the Bungaree loop will also improve safety for motorists and the local community.

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PROJECT DELIVERY

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

MMRA has some of Australia's most experienced rail experts and is also delivering the Metro Tunnel, Victoria's biggest infrastructure project since the City Loop was built in the 1980s.

Together, the Ballarat Line Upgrade and the Metro Tunnel will enable future electrification of the line to Melton – creating a brand new metropolitan train line into the city.

DID YOU KNOW?

The direct rail line from Ballarat to Melbourne opened in 1889. Before then trains travelled via Geelong to access Melbourne.

NEXT STEPS

Planning and design is now underway, and early works such as site investigations will be carried out along the rail corridor from early 2017.

Site investigations will include site surveys and geotechnical works. Commuters may notice more activity and people near the rail line as information is gathered to inform the design and planning process.

Major construction will commence in early 2018 and be completed in late 2019.



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