

**KEEPING YOU INFORMED** 

Construction will begin in early 2017 and will be completed in 201<u>9.</u>

We'll keep up our conversations with you throughout the construction phase so you can stay up to date with the project's progress and hear about any potential construction works well in advance. This will help you plan your journeys and prepare for any other disruptions.

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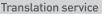








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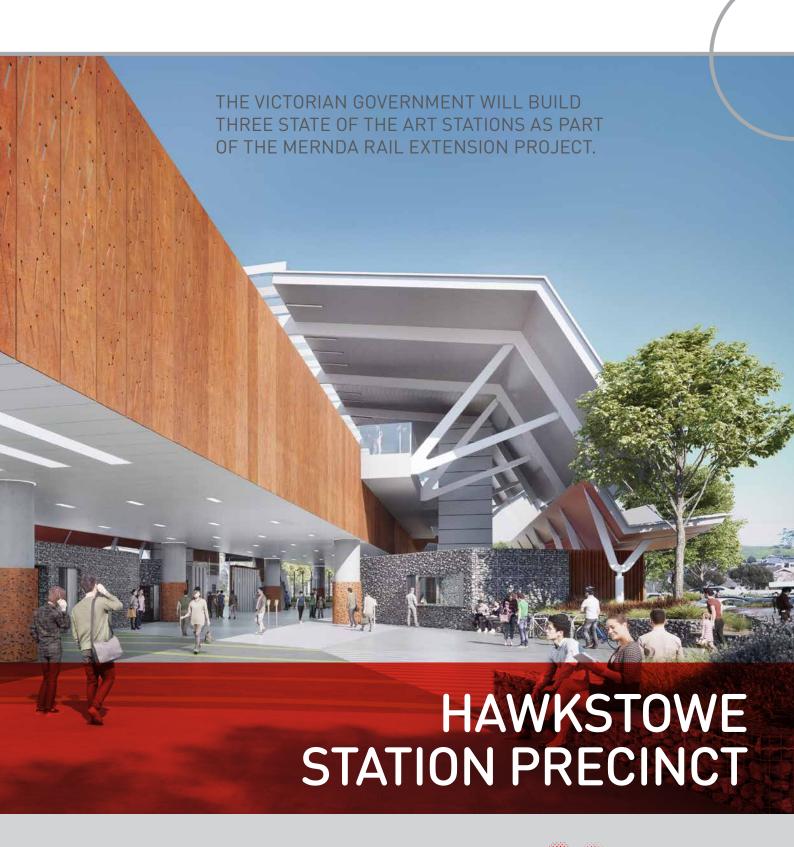


view of the main entry from the forecourt to the south.

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# The Mernda Rail Extension Project will build the extra station at Hawkstowe that the community asked for.

Integrating to the natural surrounds and nearby residential areas, the station will provide uninterrupted views over Plenty Gorge parkland from the platforms while protecting the privacy of nearby homes.

With more than 350 parking spaces and a direct connection to neighbouring parkland, the station will be easy to access by car, bike, taxi, bus and on foot.

# HAWKSTOWE Plenty Gorge Park SOUTH MORANG MARYMEDE

Three new stations will service the local community along the new rail line.

### THE DESIGN

The design for Hawkstowe station shifts the platforms further south over Hawkstowe Parade, securing privacy for residents along Mount Eccles Way.

Moving the station platforms means the elevated rail section will come to ground sooner and stay at ground level for longer north of Hawkstowe Parade. Passengers on the platform will not overlook nearby homes, instead enjoying clear views of the Plenty Gorge parkland.

The station design continues the style established at Marymede station, incorporating similar materials and the same rural-inspired design approach.

To capitalise on natural light, a skylight will be cut into the roof over the tracks, and glazed portions will allow views of greenery from the stairs and platforms.

# ARRIVING AT THE STATION

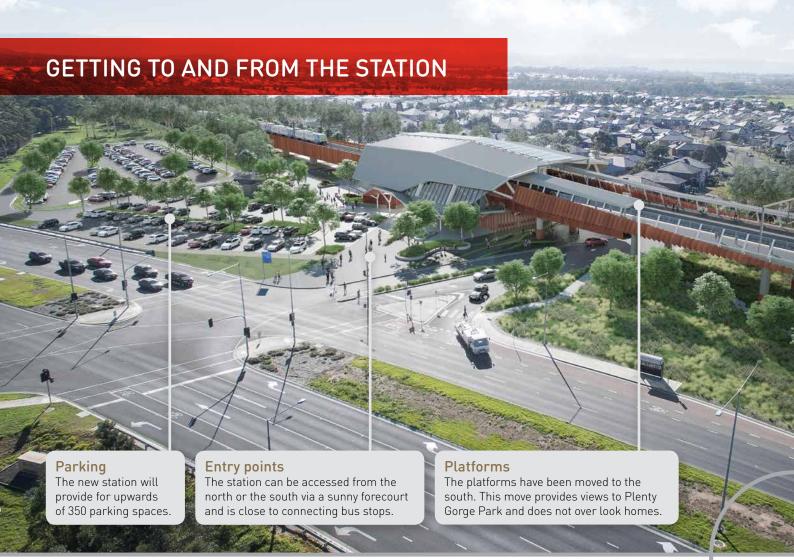
Station entries from the north and south will connect to a landscaped forecourt, spilling out into parkland space that surrounds the area.

A pedestrian crossing will enable entry from Mount Eccles Way, aligning with an informal path at the southern end of the street.

The station will provide universal access for all, which includes the elderly, people travelling with children and people with disability.



Hawkstowe station from Plenty Road.



# STATION FORECOURT AND LINEAR PARK

A sunny station forecourt will be protected from Plenty Road and Hawkstowe Parade by the station building and landscaping.

A shared path running along the rail corridor will connect the station with nearby homes, existing parks and the local walking and cycling path network.

# **PLATFORMS**

The platform roof will provide shelter from the weather for passengers.

Clear screens will allow views across Plenty Gorge Park while protecting passengers from the elements.

The Mernda bound platform will offer views to the distant Quarry Hills skyline, with steel fins partially obscuring Plenty Road beyond.

# **PARKING**

The precinct will provide:

- 350 park-and-ride
- six accessible spaces

# **SAFETY**

Lighting and CCTV in the car park and surrounds will help maintain safety, as will the presence of Protective Service Officers each night after 6pm.



Hawkstowe platform with view of Plenty Gorge Park.