

# Our vision



Cardinia Shire Council visioning  
**Pakenham Level Crossing Removal Project**





Under the LXP (Level Crossing Removal Project) the Victorian Government plans to remove three level crossings in Pakenham (McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road) and build a new Pakenham railway station. The new station will include better bus connections and improved car parking, with a third platform and dedicated V/Line track to ensure an easier interchange with regional services.

Cardinia Shire Council will work with the LXP and advocate to the Victorian Government for the project to:

- improve support and enhance opportunities for existing and future businesses
- integrate train station, bus interchange and car parking with the town centre and surrounding communities, including improved pedestrian connections
- provide safe, functional, and maintainable community spaces
- improve amenity, including landscaping throughout the precinct
- provide improved traffic flow, including integrating new pedestrian and bicycle connections with existing paths
- minimise disruption to local businesses and our wider community during construction.

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# Context

The LXP provides significant opportunities to create a new public open space corridor through the heart of Pakenham; potentially delivering increased public space and connectivity.

This corridor, following the rail line from McGregor Road to Racecourse Road, runs through a range of built environments; residential, commercial, station and boulevard. Development of this corridor would ideally be responsive to these different land uses, be appropriate to the surrounding areas and support their current function.

This project will remove what has been a significant barrier for north-south movement and create new opportunities for connection across the suburb. New crossing points, will also provide potential for new public spaces, promoting a range of activities and uses previously not possible.

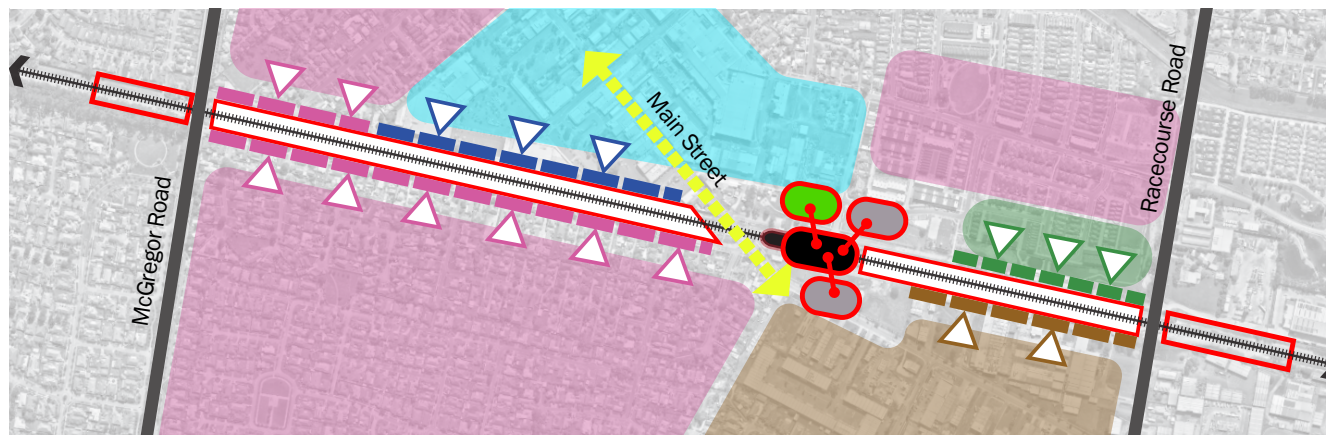










Illustration showing existing land use.

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|  Town Centre |  Current Pakenham rail station            |
|  Residential |  Bourke Park                              |
|  Urban water |  Car parking                              |
|  Industrial  |  Interface between land use and rail line |

# Precinct principles



Council has explored the areas along the LXP corridor and developed a vision for the built environment which we will advocate for on behalf of the Cardinia Shire community. We have been guided by a desire to fully integrate the project with the urban spaces it passes through, to maximise opportunities to benefit those locations and our community.

The project comprises an extensive area through the very centre of Pakenham and impacts multiple urban environment types. Council believes each of these environments has the potential to influence the design of the project; the corridor should be seen as a collection of precincts not a single entity and have a range of primary identities and functions responding to these different neighbourhoods.

Each of the four neighbourhoods (Residential, Commercial, Station and Boulevard) has a separate group of users and interfaces, each with distinct requirements. By separating the corridor into precincts, the unique requirements of each space can be prioritised to create distinct places, responsive to community needs, and a unique identity – bringing choice and diversity to the overall space.

# Residential

Council will advocate to include exercise equipment, playgrounds, multi-use courts, seating and community gardens.



Cardinia Shire Council residential precinct vision

**Amenity** – create a high amenity public realm orientated towards the needs of a residential community.

**Safety** – maximise passive surveillance of the space.

**Accessibility** – create a linear park offering recreation elements connected by a universally accessible and safe path network.

**Connectivity** – maximise physical and visual linkages to surrounding neighbourhood to integrate the public realm into the wider surrounding neighbourhood.



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Examples of LXRP developments

# Commercial

Council will advocate for 'gathering' spaces, such as formal gardens and landscaping, seating, and outdoor dining.



*Cardinia Shire Council commercial precinct vision*

**Vibrancy** – design inclusive and welcoming spaces facilitating community connection, engagement and interaction; a space that responds to and enhances future development and actively supports revitalisation and growth.

**Identity** – create memorable spaces with distinct local identity and opportunities to stay and enjoy the space in comfort.

**Safety** – create spaces that feel safe and generate positive use and care for the environment.

**Connectivity** – design spaces that interact with the surrounding town centre and create opportunities for the public realm to engage and integrate with commercial spaces, to support each other and enhance enjoyment of using the space.



*Examples of LXP developments*

# Station

Council will advocate to include a civic space and station entrance, transport interchange, public art, car park, and retail buildings.



Cardinia Shire Council station precinct vision

**Connectivity** – provide transport options that are integrated and complementary; create a system that enhances walking, cycling and public transport use and design a clear hierarchy of paths and spaces that effectively support intuitive wayfinding.

**Accessibility** – design for universal accessibility and equality in the public realm by minimising obstacles and elements that may impair access and movement through the space.

**Identity** – provide an integrated design that responds to community aspirations as documented through local policies and create spaces that signify the gateway nature of the locality and the connection between the local area and the wider metropolitan environment.

**Vibrancy** – create a space that integrates with, is a catalyst for, and supports future urban renewal.

**Sustainability** – design and integrate infrastructure to respond and contribute to unique and valued social, cultural and built aspects of the locality and achieve sensitive interface treatments with the surrounding built environment.



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Examples of LXP developments

# Boulevard

Council will advocate for flood mitigation, car parking, interpretative signage, and visual screens to the industrial area.



*Cardinia Shire Council boulevard precinct vision*

**Sustainability** – design and construct environmentally sustainable places that consider biodiversity and precinct-wide impacts and include opportunities to design for climate resilience by incorporating mitigation for extreme weather events.

**Connectivity** – identify opportunities to create unique experiences in an urban context that connect to the wider environment.

**Vibrancy** – provide opportunities for educational experiences and interactions.

**Access** – plan and design to enable and encourage active transport movement through and beyond the precinct.

**Amenity** – design spaces that respond appropriately to improve visual amenity and enhance the experience of travelling through the space.



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