

November 2025

Cardinia Shire Council

Pakenham

Revitalisation

Project

Pakenham's future starts now!

Construction is now underway on Stage 1 of the Pakenham Revitalisation Project.

The Stage 1 Main Street Gateway precinct works will include streetscape upgrades near the Pakenham train station line through to the Main Street roundabout and into Drake Place.

Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Jack Kowarzik was joined by Minister for Development Victoria and Precincts, The Hon Harriet Shing and Member for Pakenham, Emma Vulin, on 24 October 2025 to officially turn the first sod on the Main Street Gateway precinct.



Supporting your business

Cardinia Business Coaches Program

Our Business Coaches Program matches local businesses with a coach from our panel of business professionals and industry experts.

Coaches can provide a range of business support including:

- 3 x FREE 1-hour sessions
- One-on-one advice to meet individual business needs
- Grow the skills and capability of your workforce
- Gain access to resources in business management, strategic planning, finance and more

Cardinia Jobs and Skills Showcase 2026

We are excited to announce the return of the Jobs and Skills Showcase is coming back for its fourth year!

Sign up to be an exhibitor for only \$40 per table and connect with local job seekers, boost your brand and network with peers.

Wednesday 18 March 2026, 10am-12pm
Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham

To find out more, visit

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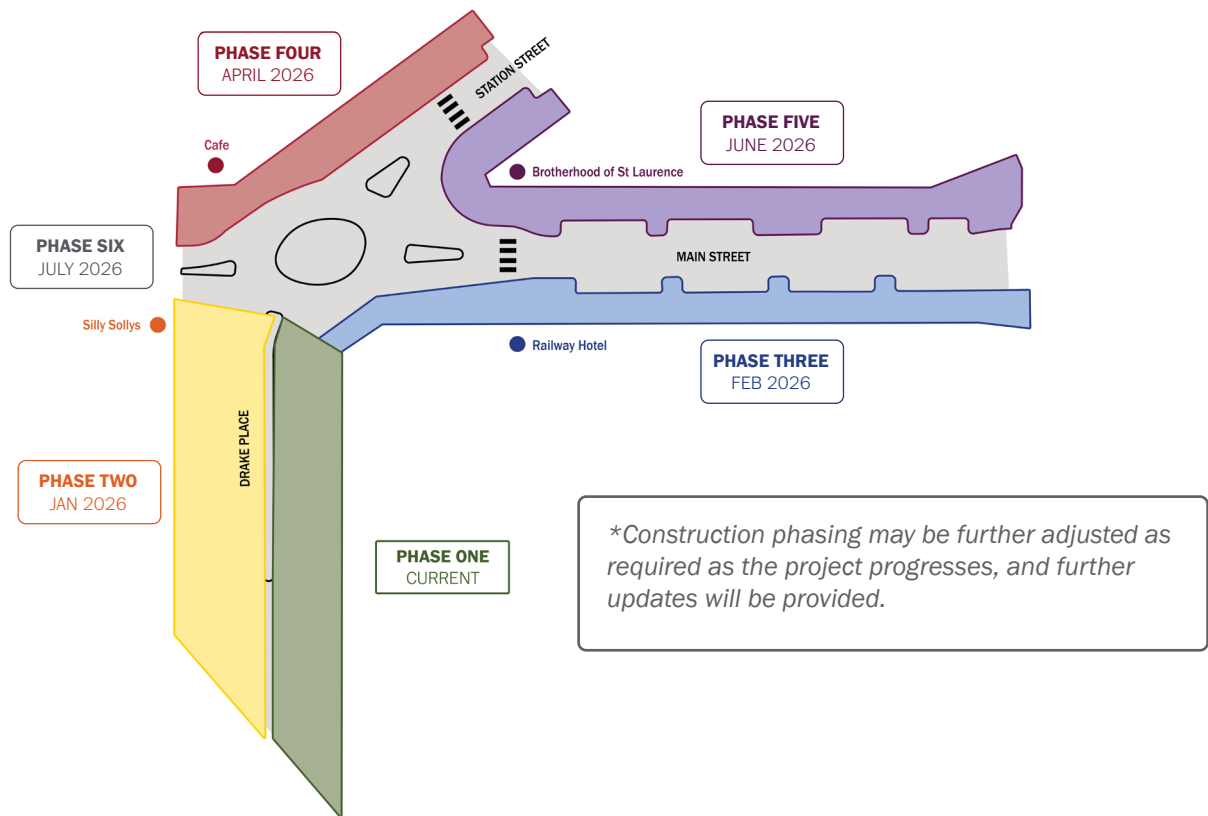


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Works underway

Local south-east Melbourne company, Blue Peak Constructions are currently working to deliver the Stage 1 upgrades on behalf of Council.

We've been listening to your concerns regarding disruptions in the area, and we are continuing to adjust our construction schedule to best support you. Stage 1 works have been rephased and sequenced into 6 smaller sections to further minimise disruption and support trade.

Works are well underway along Drake Place, with construction starting on the Railway Hotel carpark side of the street.

Completing Drake Place first will support traffic flow along Main Street and provide a brand-new footpath connection to enhance connectivity to the precinct while other works progress.

Works already completed or underway on Drake Place include:

- Drainage
- Conduit work for new lighting and underground services

In the coming weeks our works will focus on the south-east side of Drake Place and include:

- Kerb and channel for the road
- Driveway for the Railway Hotel
- Footpath
- Centre median works

From 8 – 19 December, minor drainage and underground service works are also scheduled to occur on John Street and Henty Street, Pakenham.



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Supporting you over Christmas

Council and Blue Peak Constructions are committed to supporting local businesses, which may include adjusting our construction schedule where possible.

We know December and early January is a busy time for businesses in Pakenham's town centre, so we've planned our works with this in mind.

From Monday 8 December, works on Drake Place will be paused to encourage the community to shop local and reduce disruptions from Council over Christmas. Contractors will also reinstate two-way traffic in and out of Drake Place to improve access and reduce congestion around the town centre.

To reopen Drake Place temporarily, the centre median and pedestrian crossing will be removed. These works will happen in the coming weeks, and temporary measures will be installed so the road and footpaths can reopen.

In the new year, we're combining Phases 1 and 2 on Drake Place to ensure that construction remains on track. Both phases are expected to restart from mid-January 2026.

It's expected that when works restart that Drake Place will need to be fully closed to traffic for about 4 weeks, so we can work on both sides of the road. We'll share more updates and advice once the schedule is confirmed.

Disruptions

Council acknowledges the significant level of construction activity currently taking place in Pakenham and sincerely appreciates your continued patience.

We remain committed to minimising disruption wherever possible and ensuring safe and convenient access for shoppers throughout the duration of these works. We will also keep you informed as works progress.

During Stage 1 works, please be aware that the following may occur:

- Increased traffic in and around the work zone
- Additional noise and dust during active construction hours
- Temporary footpath detours or pedestrian diversions
- Temporary lane closures on Drake Place with reduced turning movements

- Reduced speed limits and traffic controllers onsite

The angled parking bays along Drake Place have been closed off to allow for construction of the new drainage, lighting and footpath.

This section of parking will be reinstated with parallel bays once phase 1 and 2 works are complete in Drake Place.

Other works continuing around Pakenham

Henty Street – Private developer works

- Parking restrictions and increased noise expected to continue throughout November while private drainage rectification works and pavement repairs are underway.

Main Street – Private works

- Be mindful of an increase in construction vehicles, dust and noise due to private demolition works at northern end of Main Street between John and Roger Street.

Drake Place – Pakenham Community Hospital - Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA)

- The exterior hospital structure has been generally completed. Works are now shifting to the internal fit out and installations in readiness for completion in 2026.
- Essential sewer upgrade works will be undertaken by South East Water during December 2025 on John Street between Main Street and Treloar Lane, as part of the hospital construction.

Healesville-Koo Wee Rup, Bald Hill and Racecourse Roads – Big Build – Pakenham Roads Upgrade

- Bald Hill Road remains closed on the eastern side of the Racecourse Road intersection until mid-February 2026 as the team complete the new signalised intersection.
- Racecourse Road remains closed between Cameron Way and Henry Street until mid-December 2025 as the team complete the vital flood mitigation works.

For more information on projects being delivered by the Victorian Government, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au



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