



# LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL

PROJECT

22 February 2023

Dear resident,

## Vegetation removal in your area

We're removing the level crossings at Bedford Road, Ringwood and Dublin Road, Ringwood East and building a new Ringwood East Station to make Ringwood level crossing free.

At Bedford Road, we'll start site preparation works from February 2023. As part of these works we need to remove trees so we can start digging a trench to put the rail line under the road.

We understand that trees are highly valued by the community. We've taken the time to assess each and every tree in the project area and developed designs and construction methods that retain as many trees as possible.

Of the approximately 5,500 trees assessed in the Bedford Road project area, around 95% will be retained. About 120 trees are earmarked for removal and around 190 trees will require further investigation during works to confirm if they can be retained. Around 40% of the trees to be removed are within VicTrack-owned land.

At the conclusion of the project, we will install extensive new landscaping across both the Bedford Road and Dublin Road projects – with around 60,000 new trees, shrubs and grasses planted. In response to community feedback, we'll use a selection of plants that are native and/or indigenous to the area.

More information is available in the *Trees and Vegetation Fact Sheet*, which is available at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/level-crossing-removal-project/belgrave/bedford/fact-sheets/bedford-and-dublin-roads-trees-and-vegetation-fact-sheet-december-2022](http://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/level-crossing-removal-project/belgrave/bedford/fact-sheets/bedford-and-dublin-roads-trees-and-vegetation-fact-sheet-december-2022).

A map included with this letter shows the areas where trees will be removed, retained or where retention is subject to further investigation.

Where trees require further investigation, an independent arborist will assess the root systems and health of trees during construction works and provide advice about the viability of each tree.

We anticipate that most trees requiring further investigation will be able to be retained but will not be in a position to confirm until the roots of the tree are exposed and an arborist inspects the roots of the tree.

### Timing of works

Vegetation removal will start from February 2023 and continue to mid-2023. Our regular works alerts, which are distributed to letterboxes and published online will provide further information about works in your area.

## Contact us

If you have any questions about these works or any other aspect of the project, please call us on **1800 105 105** or email [contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)

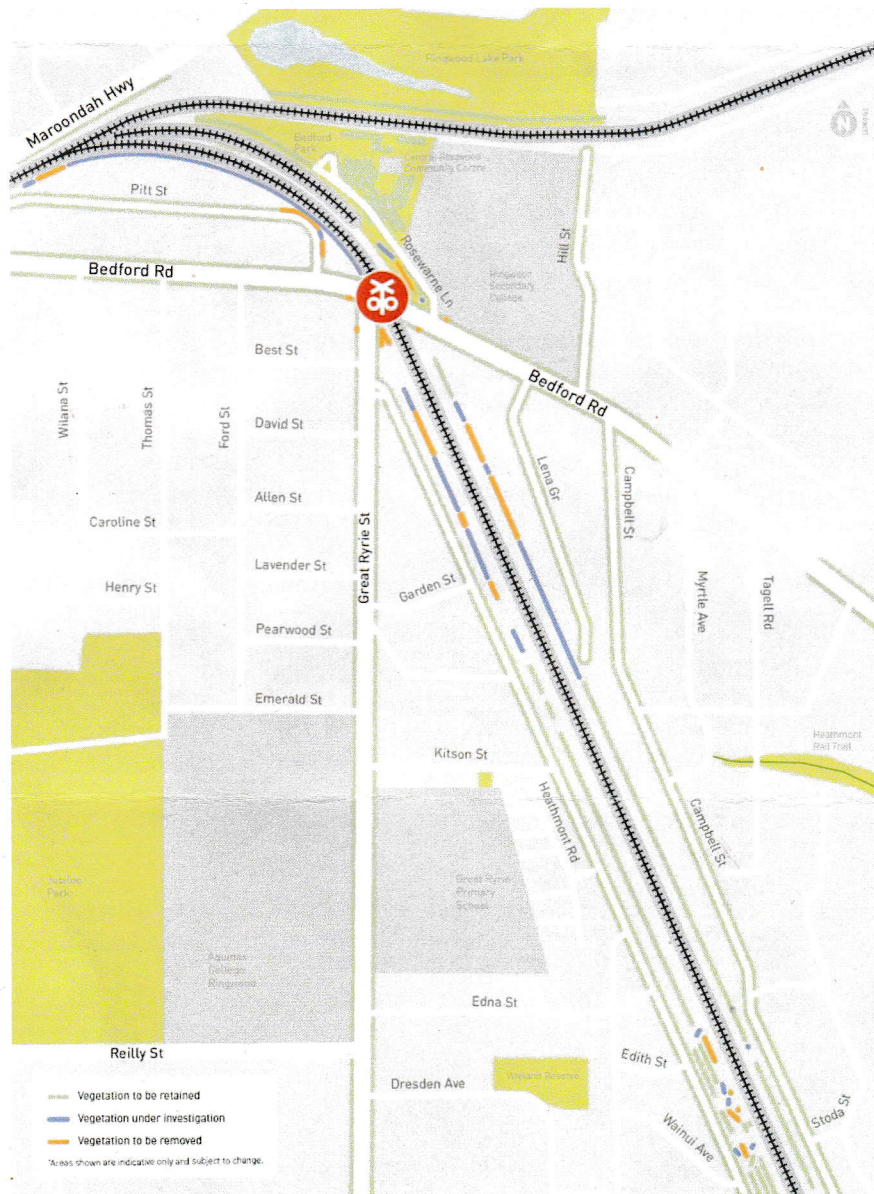
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You can also sign up to receive text message alerts for major traffic and construction impacts by texting '**RINGWOOD**' to **0428 387 902**.

Kind regards,

Ringwood Level Crossing Removal Project

Map 1 - Tree removal at Bedford Road



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