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New Western Gateway



Cheltenham Rd the new western gateway into Dandenong is now 80 per cent complete and on track for completion in September 2008.

The Cheltenham Rd realignment will connect with the future George Street Bridge and give a direct pedestrian, cycle and vehicular link into central Dandenong. The newly aligned Cheltenham Road will also make it a smoother run for motorists exiting off Eastlink and heading into central Dandenong avoiding the current traffic bottleneck in the Foster Street area.

The new Cheltenham Road realignment and George Street Bridge will provide a conduit for Grenda's bus services from

Cheltenham Road into central Dandenong and access to Princes Highway via Robinson Street.

Final works are now taking place on asphalt, kerbing, footpaths, services, street lighting, traffic signals and landscaping. It is anticipated that traffic will be diverted onto the new east bound lanes by mid-May and both the east and west bound lanes are expected to be in full operation by mid-June 2008.

Once traffic is diverted, finishing works will commence on kerbing and footpaths, removing the old section of Cheltenham Road and landscaping beautifications will be finalised.

A New Face around town

This month we welcome the newest member to VicUrban's revitalising central Dandenong team – Martin Reich as Development Manager - Asset and Tenant Management. He joins us after spending five years in a similar role on the Southern Cross Station redevelopment in Melbourne.

In particular, Martin will be consulting with retail tenants occupying premises in the redevelopment area north of Dandenong and assisting them to trade during redevelopment. He can be contacted on 8317 3554.

Martin holds a Bachelor of Business in Land Economics, is an Associate of the Australian Property Institute and has extensive experience in property and retail management.



Moved by Grenda's

Hundreds turned out in April to catch a final glimpse of Grenda's historic site in Foster Street and marvel at the inspiring and radical work of seven artists who had been working at the site in its last week.

The site specific artworks were created during a week of frenzied activity and spanned all areas of the depot from the board room, to the mechanics pit to the upholstery repair workshop.

At the opening the crowd witnessed the spectacle of seeing the disused bus wash loaded with paint and used to create a mechanical action painting of a large white box constructed to replicate the scale of a bus.

Other artworks were constructed using the materials left behind at the site in contemporary reflection of the buildings uses and years of service delivered to the Dandenong community.

A colour publication entitled Moved by Grenda's capturing the art project and including photos of the depot before, during and after demolition, together with interviews with staff will be released in the middle of the year. For a free copy call 9239 5134.

For more information on the Depot project held in April go to www.depot-installation.blogspot.com



Further information

The Revitalising Central Dandenong initiative is being delivered by the Victorian Government, through VicUrban, in partnership with the City of Greater Dandenong. As work commences to make the vision a reality, we will bring you regular updates to keep you informed of progress.

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