Station works commence

Construction has commenced to build an additional 470 car spaces at Belgrave Station, as part of the Victorian Government's Car Parks for Commuters program.

Contracts have been awarded and work shortly commencing at Upper Ferntree Gully, with construction to be completed over the next year.

Belgrave Station's existing car park will be closed throughout construction.

Commuters who usually park at Belgrave Station are advised to use a new car park constructed at Upwey high school, which is within walking distance to Upwey station.

Alongside car park works, Belgrave station's revamp will include CCTV and lighting for safety, a public announcement system, 16 new accessible parking spaces and an undercover pick up and drop off area.

Monbulk MP James Merlino and Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll visited Belgrave Station and the temporary car park at Upwey high school to announce the start of construction.

"The new car park will considerably increase the parking available in Belgrave's town centre, taking commuters off surrounding streets and making it much easier for shoppers, traders and visitors to find somewhere to park," Merlino said.

"While there will be some disruption as these works are carried out, once the car parks are complete people driving to Belgrave, Yarraman, Upper Ferntree Gully, Nar Nar Goon and Drouin stations will find it much easier to connect to public transport and get to where they need to go."

Monbulk MP James Merlino MP and Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll alongside VicTrack representatives and construction workers.
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New secure Parkiteer bike storage facilities will also be installed at Upper Ferntree Gully and Yarraman. The projects will also plant around 14,000 new trees, shrubs and grasses across the four sites.

For more information on the Car Parks for Commuters program visit carparks.vic.gov.au

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By Elle Cecil

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