

STATE BUDGET Highlights

State Budget 2014

This Budget includes an infrastructure program that will deliver generational change in how we move around our state. We're supporting families with roads and rail services to ensure local communities meet the needs of a growing population.

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The new \$250 million Monash Children's Hospital will begin construction this year after receiving further funding in the 2014 State Budget. This state-of-the-art facility will provide 230 beds within a dedicated child and family friendly environment for the South-eastern suburbs, including residents of Burwood. The new Hospital's service profile will include:

- 96 Acute Paediatric Inpatient beds
- 10 Paediatric Intensive Care Unit beds
- 64 Neonatal Care beds (ie Monash Newborn)
- 20 Same Day Medical and Surgical beds
- 12 Same Day Oncology beds
- 8 Neurodevelopmental Psychiatry beds
- 20 Early in Life Mental Health Service beds
- 3 Operating Theatres plus a dedicated Endoscopy Suite
- Outpatient Consulting and Allied Health Therapy spaces
- 3 Imaging Modalities including 1 MRI and Mock MRI, 2 X-ray and 4 Ultrasound.

The Napthine Government has invested \$447.5 million in the redevelopment of Box Hill Hospital. The project began in November 2011 and includes the construction of a new clinical services building, followed by some refurbishment of the existing buildings.

The new facility, which opens this year, will include:

- 621 beds (an increase of more than 200 beds)
- A larger and more efficient Emergency Department with the capacity to treat over 80,000 patients each year
- A dedicated women's service, linked to the children's ward
- 11 new operating theatres
- A new 18-bed intensive care unit
- Specialist cardiology services
- Inpatient and day beds for cancer and renal patients
- Two floors of public underground parking.

The Napthine Coalition Government will build the complete East West Link. This landmark project is an 18 kilometre cross-city road connection extending across Melbourne from the Eastern Freeway to the Western Ring Road.

It will improve connectivity across Melbourne, provide more direct routes to key destinations including the airport and the port, alleviate pressure on the Monash Freeway and improve Melbourne's traffic flow.

Completion of this project will mean that commuters will spend less time in traffic and more time with their families.

The Napthine Coalition Government is committed to delivering the rail and road infrastructure required for 21st Century Victoria.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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STRONG PLANS FOR BURWOOD
BUILDING A BETTER VICTORIA
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Budget delivers Burke Road rail crossing removal

Over 26,000 vehicles, 158 trains and 186 trams use the Burke Road crossing daily.

The Burke Road level crossing has been consistently rated in the top 5 of the RACV's Redspot survey as a major source of frustration for road users.

The congestion created by the Burke Road level crossing affects the traffic flow on the Monash Freeway and back up High Street, well into Glen Iris. The Napthine Government will alleviate this frustration by removing the Burke Road level crossing.

This congestion-busting Budget will also remove the level crossing at Blackburn Road, Blackburn. These projects come on top of announcements for Clayton Road, Murrumbeena Road and many more.

"The Napthine Government has the largest level crossing removal program on record, with funding for delivery or planning of 40 level crossing removals and grade separations."

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Melbourne Rail Link will transform our rail network and create 3700 new jobs at the peak of its construction, helping to provide more services to more people, more often.

- **New twin tunnels** from Southern Cross to South Yarra, which will provide 30 extra peak hour services.
- **New underground stations** at Fishermans Bend (Montague) and Domain and **new underground platforms** at Southern Cross and South Yarra stations.
- **Train-tram interchanges** at Southern Cross, Montague, Domain and South Yarra stations.
- **A rail link to Melbourne Airport**, with services departing from Southern Cross Station **every 10 minutes during peak hours** taking approximately 25 minutes to get to the airport.



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Free CBD trams and better public transport

Cheaper fares and free CBD trams
Zone 1 + 2 travel for the price of a Zone 1 fare and **FREE** tram travel in Melbourne's CBD and Docklands.

- A commuter who pays for a Zone 1 + 2 ticket each day will **save around \$1200** a year, or, if using an annual myki pass, will **save more than \$750**.

All commuters around Melbourne will benefit. People travelling wholly within Zone 2 will continue to pay the current discounted fare.

Parking closer to home
Commuters will be able to park closer to home rather than driving to stations in the Zone 1 area. This helps ease congestion and reduces petrol and vehicle running costs.

Level crossing removals
The Napthine Government is undertaking the largest program of level crossing removals and grade separations in the State's history. Funding has now been allocated for planning and/or construction for 40 level crossing removals or grade separations.

\$2-\$2.5 billion Cranbourne-Pakenham Rail Corridor Project
Melbourne's outer east will benefit from significantly improved rail services on the Dandenong, Cranbourne, Pakenham Rail lines. This project will boost services by 30 per cent and provide 25 new trains.

More news...



Safer Stations for Burwood
As part of our plans to make public transport safer, Protective Services Officers are now stationed at Burwood, Box Hill, Surrey Hills, Jordanville, Holmesglen and Camberwell train stations from 6pm until after the last train, every night.



War on Graffiti
Recently I have walked along most of our local streets and have noticed graffiti. We need to take action on this issue. If you also notice graffiti in our area visit my website for advice.



Planning for Burwood
New planning laws introduced by the Napthine Government will provide greater certainty, while giving planning responsibility back to councils. Boroondara, Whitehorse and Monash councils are preparing new residential planning zones.



"I have been working with the Minister for Education to ensure that families in Burwood have access to the best education facilities."

The Ashwood College redevelopment will be fully funded with an additional allocation of \$5 million in the 2014 State Budget.

\$10.5 million is already being invested in the first phase of the redevelopment of Ashwood College, which will result in a rejuvenated educational environment for students, teachers and parents.

The Coalition Government has already made a steady stream of capital investment in the Burwood electorate with construction at Wattle Park Primary, Hartwell Primary and Ashburton Primary schools completed or near completion.

The funding for Ashwood College forms part of the Napthine Government's schools package, investing:

- \$271 million in school upgrades and improvements
- 12 new schools
- \$564 million to raise performance, with targeted funding for disadvantaged students
- \$273 million to provide more resources for students with disabilities
- \$691 million to help schools cater for more students as a result of population growth
- \$32 million to provide transport for students with disabilities



"The Coalition's Budget delivers a bold and visionary infrastructure program that will create thousands of new jobs and drive economic growth.

Through responsible economic management my government is delivering better services with record funding for health, education, community safety and support for the most vulnerable in our community.

To support a growing population and increased demand on existing infrastructure and services we have a clear plan to invest in Victoria's future; building a better Victoria and stronger local communities."

Denis Napthine
Premier



Building a better Victoria.

Strong Plans to deliver growth, jobs and opportunities



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