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Upgrades at Jolimont Railway Station, along the Yarra River and surrounding parks

About the Yarra Precinct

The Yarra Precinct contains some of Melbourne's key sporting and cultural venues – like the MCG and Olympic Park – as well as some of the inner city's best public gardens.

With this gateway set to be a major focus during the 2006 Commonwealth Games, the Victorian Government is investing in three projects to improve access and safety.

About these projects

Improvements at Jolimont Railway Station – a new ramp, better entrances and wider platforms are among upgrades to this station, which brings thousands of people to the MCG and will be a key public transport hub during the Games.

This upgrade will make getting to venues easier and safer, particularly at peak times and for people with a disability. Work is due for completion in mid-2005.

Yarra lighting upgrade – lighting in the parks and gardens of the Yarra Precinct is being improved in time for the Games. Parts of the Fitzroy Gardens, Treasury Gardens, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Yarra Park, Alexandra Gardens, Birrarung Marr and the Domain will be made brighter and safer by the end of 2005.

Yarra River pontoons – four new permanent pontoons (or landings) are being installed along the Yarra River at Swan Street, Southgate, Crown Entertainment Complex and Melbourne Exhibition Centre.

The landings will make it easier for people to access the city via its iconic waterway during the Games and beyond. They'll also broaden the scope of water-based transport services, as well as improving access for people with a disability. Work on the project is expected to finish in late 2005.

Additional information

Access to the Yarra Precinct will also be improved by a new pedestrian bridge, spanning 525 metres from Birrarung Marr to the MCG.

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