

# Media Release

**The Hon Jacinta Allan MP**  
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## **BUILDERS ON BOARD FOR BENDIGO AND EAGLEHAWK STATION UPGRADES**

Bendigo and Eaglehawk Stations will soon be safer and more accessible with the Andrews Labor Government awarding the contract for the design and construction work.

Downer Group will lead the design and construction work which will deliver a new pedestrian bridge with lifts, ramps and stairs, making it easier for passengers of all abilities and people with prams and luggage to transfer between platforms and connect with local buses and taxis.

Before construction begins in the middle of the year, a detailed design for the new bridge, will be developed in consultation with the City of Greater Bendigo.

The detailed design of the bridge will acknowledge the precinct's heritage and will not impact on the operations of the adjacent Bendigo VRI Bowling Club.

The upgrades at Eaglehawk Station will see an extended platform to accommodate longer trains and a new 60-space car park with taxi and drop off areas, meeting the needs of Eaglehawk's growing population.

The works are part of the Labor Government's investment of \$15.8 million to make the much needed improvements to both Bendigo and Eaglehawk stations, delivering real results for the local community.

Further upgrades planned for Bendigo Station this year will see improvements to the station building, including a refresh of the waiting area, toilets and customer service areas, to enhance commuter comfort, access and amenity.

Both the Bendigo and Eaglehawk station upgrade packages will be completed in 2019 and are in line with the City of Greater Bendigo's integrated transport and land use strategy *Connecting Greater Bendigo*, the *Bendigo Station Improvement Plan* and the *Eaglehawk Station Precinct Master Plan*.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Public Transport Jacinta Allan**

*"We're getting on with improving access and making it easier for passengers at Bendigo and Eaglehawk stations."*

*"These upgrades will make it easier for locals to get where they need to go and help grow Bendigo's economy even further."*

### **Quotes attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards**

*"We have been working closely with the local community as we deliver these upgrades, which will improve safety and access for residents and visitors to our city."*

*"As a result, we are now moving ahead with this critical piece of infrastructure that will serve the Bendigo community for years to come."*

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