

Community Update

August 2025

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The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and Yarra Trams are upgrading the Brunswick Tram Depot to support the addition of larger trams to the fleet, additional trams in the depot and provide improved accessibility and safety. These upgrade works have been ongoing since last year and are progressing well.

New substation as part of the Brunswick Tram Depot Upgrade

As part of the project, we are building a new tram substation near the rail corridor on Cameron Street. This will support the upgraded facility and the increased capacity of the future tram fleet. The substation will be built in four stages and is on track to be finished on mid to late 2026. Works are expected to begin in August.

Most of the work will occur **7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and 7am to 3pm, Saturday**. For any work outside of these hours, we will provide advance notification.

Stage one: Early service installation and site mobilisation.

Works will involve:

- Mobilisation of the site at the rear of the Brunswick Tram Depot on the west side of Cameron Street, setting up protection fencing around the worksite and completing the service relocating scope using non-destructive digging methods. Excavators will also be onsite.
- Installation of services such as water, electrical and communications conduits, stormwater drainage and earthing.
- Fencing works and the installation of an access crossovers from Cameron Street to the layover area for construction vehicles and equipment. The installation of the crossovers will also involve the removal of some of the vegetation.

As we complete stage one works, noise will not exceed normal construction noise.

Stage two: Construction of new substation building and the installation of electrical equipment.

This work will involve:

- Construction of structural footings and foundations.
- Construction of the substation and building façade. The final design of the substation façade will be released soon.
- The installation of new electrical equipment.

- Undertaking pre-commissioning works in preparation for use of the substation.

Stage three: Testing and commissioning.

Once the substation building is complete and all equipment is installed, testing will commence, and the substation will be commissioned.

Most of this work will occur inside the substation so there will be minimal impacts to residents and traders during this time.

Stage four: Demolition of existing substation.

Works will involve:

- The removal of the existing substation situated on Colebrook Street and reinstatement of the area.

Shared User Path

Vehicle movements over the access crossover and in and out of the construction layover area will have brief impacts to the Shared User Path and will be traffic managed by contractors onsite.

We're also developing a landscaping plan for the Brunswick Tram Depot precinct and will plant native trees and vegetation to improve amenity and urban cooling. We'll share this plan with the community when it's finalised.

For more information about the project visit yarratrams.com.au/projects or call **1800 800 007**.

Authorised by the Department of Transport and Planning, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne.



Brunswick Tram Depot administration building upgrade and refurbishment

Operations and administration of the depot have successfully shifted to temporary facilities located on the site of the old depot car park.

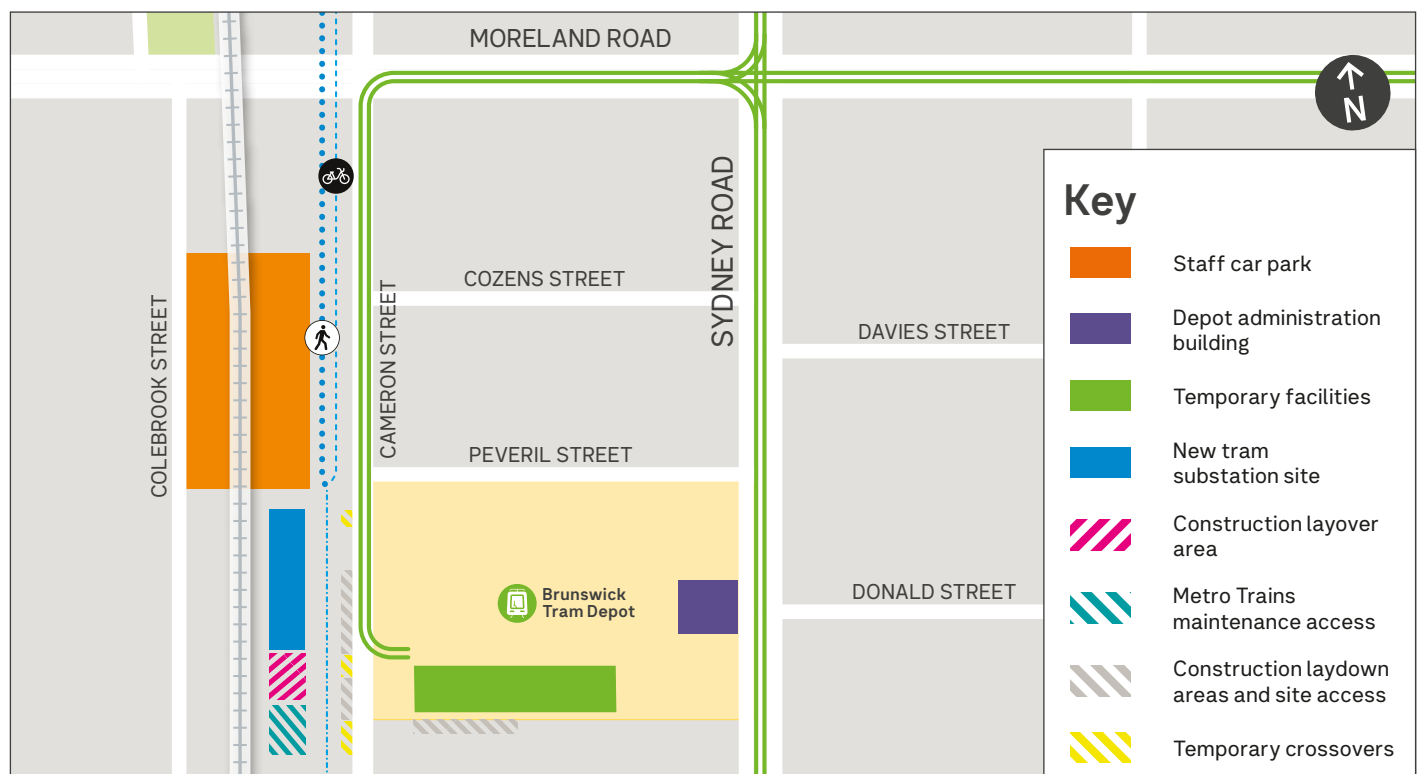
Works to demolish part of the existing administration building are now completed and works are now underway to upgrade and refurbish the existing depot building. The external white facade facing Sydney Road will be retained.

When?

- Ongoing 7am to 4pm (Monday to Friday only).
- The upgraded and refurbished depot administration building is expected to be complete early 2026.

We will continue to provide community updates on these upcoming works.

For more information on the Brunswick Tram Depot Upgrade please go to: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/brunswick-depot-upgrade>



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