West Gate Tunnel Info Centre opens its doors

A virtual reality ride through the new West Gate Tunnel Project veloway, and an interactive model of Melbourne’s west in 2022 are just some of the features you can check out at the new West Gate Tunnel Project Info Centre.

Visitors to the Info Centre will also see a scale model of the five-storey, 90-metre long tunnel boring machines that will dig the twin tunnels between the West Gate Freeway and the Maribyrnong River.

Located at the project’s tunnelling hub site on the corner of Whitehall Street and Somerville Road in Yarraville, the Info Centre is open to the public through the construction period until 2022.

People are invited to drop in any time during opening hours, and group visits can be arranged for organisations keen to learn more about the project.

Parking and pedestrian access is available on site via Somerville Road.

Quick Facts

- Over 2.07 million hours have already been worked so far
- Over 3,000 people currently working on the project
- Major construction underway across seven sites

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 10am-5pm (excluding public holidays)
Saturday: 10am-4pm

More information, including how to book group visits, can be found at westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/contact

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Construction update

Work is well underway on the West Gate Tunnel Project with construction happening at a number of major locations. The key work happening at the moment is widening the West Gate Freeway and digging the holes where the tunnel boring machines will start tunnelling from next year.

Legend

- **Tunnels**
- West Gate Tunnel Project alignment
- Established site compounds
- Future site compounds

### West Gate Freeway precinct

- 25 overhead gantries and 78 light poles removed to make way for four extra lanes
- New inbound exit ramp under construction at Williamstown Road to make way for the southern tunnel portal
- Works at Fogarty Avenue to relocate utilities and create room for the West Gate Freeway expansion

### Port to City precinct

- Former Melbourne Market site demolished
- Construction team establishing the site
- Works underway to build a new cycling path on Footscray Road to make way for elevated road

### Tunnels precinct

- Works underway to relocate 600 metres of the North Yarra Main Sewer with shafts being excavated
- Major excavation works underway for the northern portal
- Works underway to build a massive shed at the tunnelling hub to store rock and soil from tunnelling before it is trucked away

### Program of works

- **2018**
  - West Gate Freeway widening commenced

- **2019**
  - Elevated road construction commences

- **2020**
  - Tunnel boring machines launched

- **2021**
  - Tunnel portals complete

- **2022**
  - Tunnels fit out and freeway management technology installed

- **End of 2022**
  - Cycling and open space upgrades complete
North Yarra Main Sewer diversion underway

Works to divert the North Yarra Main Sewer are progressing well. You may have noticed construction crews hard at work on Whitehall Street excavating the deep access shafts so we can launch our mini tunnel boring machine (TBM) to divert the sewer before tunnelling begins on the West Gate Tunnel.

Over the next 12 months, the mini TBM will build 600 metres of new sewer, moving it safely out of the way of the West Gate Tunnel.

Whitehall Street is now closed northbound between Leek Street and Somerville Road for 12 months while the sewer relocation is underway. During this time, northbound traffic is being detoured via Leek Street, Hyde Street and Somerville Road before re-joining Whitehall Street.

Whitehall Street is also reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction between Parker Street and Somerville Road.

Contact us

Do you have a question about the project? If you need more information or would like to provide feedback, please get in touch.

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