



Left: Frankston North residents discuss noise wall locations at the 15 July information session.

An evening with the experts

Community information evenings held recently in Baxter, Frankston North and Moorooduc have given local residents and businesses an opportunity to meet with members of the Peninsula Link project team.

Project experts including representatives from Southern Way, Abigroup and Linking Melbourne Authority, were on hand to discuss a range of community interests such as fence alignments, freeway design, noise walls, environmental management and traffic management.

People at the information sessions were keen to see how Peninsula Link would look as it passed through their area and the potential construction impacts. Peninsula Link's Community Team will soon host information sessions in other locations along the construction corridor and the wider Mornington Peninsula area.

Moorooduc Valley 'Paint Out'

A group of about 20 artists have gathered near Loders Road in Moorooduc to paint the valley before construction of Peninsula Link gains momentum. Artists armed with paints, brushes, canvases and cameras braved the elements to set up their easels and tripods to record their impressions.

The 'Paint Out' organised by Moorooduc resident Judy Reekie was held over the last weekend in July. The project's aim was to capture the views down this valley in a range of artistic mediums.

The results of the 'Paint Out' will be exhibited at Box Stallion Winery commencing 9 October 2010. Abigroup has sponsored first prize with local businesses also supporting the event. For more information on the exhibition contact Judy at auraval@bigpond.net.au.

For more information on these events visit www.peninsulalink.com.au.

Next events:

Carrum Downs Information Display

6.00pm-9.00pm, 8 September 2010
Lyrebird Centre, 203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum Downs (Melway Ref: 100 F5)

Frankston Information Display

6.00pm-9.00pm, 16 September 2010
Peninsula Link Info Hub
Level 1, 405 Nepean Highway, Frankston (Melway Ref: 100A D5)



Above: Local artists paint the Moorooduc valley before earthworks commence later this year.

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Third Saturday of the month: 10am-1pm



If you require the assistance of an interpreter please phone (03) 9280 0753



Abigroup employees move into their new Seaford home.

Abigroup sets up shop in Seaford

Abigroup workers have made Seaford their new home, with its main Peninsula Link site office in Oliphant Way opening in July and more workers set to join the project team leading into spring and summer.

Hundreds of construction jobs are on offer for the \$759 million project and while work started on the ground earlier this year, now is the perfect time for local people to register their interest for labour jobs ahead of major earthworks.

There are already around 220 people working on the project and around a third of contracts let so far are local to the area. Abigroup is looking for more carpenters, concreters, fencers, drainage engineers, heavy equipment operators and general labourers. Appropriately qualified people are encouraged to register their interest at www.peninsulalink.com.au.

Peninsula Link is starting to take shape with Abigroup making progress on detailed design and site establishment in the first half of the year. The site office in Seaford will house around 170 workers and is one of several being established along the project corridor, with other offices to come at Cranbourne Road and the southern end of the project.

Right: Minister for Roads and Ports Tim Pallas and Frankston MP Alistair Harkness talk with Abigroup staff at the opening of the Seaford office.

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Community connections

What's online

The Peninsula Link website contains a wealth of information on the Mornington Peninsula's largest road project. The website contains the latest updates on traffic management, construction, project news, contacts for employment and information on the design and construction of Peninsula Link.

You can also find information on the project's environmental initiatives, including the Environmental Management Strategy and management plans. Importantly, you can subscribe to receive email notifications of changed traffic conditions and updates on construction progress.

Visit www.peninsulalink.com.au to learn more.

Meet the team

► **Did you know that Abigroup has a team dedicated to working with the local community and keeping you informed about construction?**

The main role of the team is to answer questions, provide information and address any concerns the community might have during the delivery of the project.

We've already spoken and met with hundreds of local people, dropped thousands of construction updates to homes and businesses and held community information sessions in Baxter, Frankston North and Moorooduc.

As well as responding to queries, the Community Team publishes regular updates about construction and traffic impacts happening as part of the project. These updates are available at www.peninsulalink.com.au or by registering your email address, so drop us a line at the email address below if you would like to be added to our distribution list.

We already have more community information sessions planned in Frankston and Carrum Downs, so come along and meet the team (see page 8 for details). You can contact the Community Team on the **24 hour community information line 1300 453 035** or via email at contact@peninsulalink.com.au.

The team

Donna Mongan, Stakeholder Communication Manager. Donna has over 20 years experience working on major infrastructure projects throughout Australasia. Donna is the community liaison for the northern half of the project (EastLink, The Pines and Karingal zones).

Jay Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager. Jay recently moved across to major infrastructure after working with Australia's fire services. Jay is the community liaison for the southern half of the project (Baxter, Moorooduc and Devillbend zones).

Louisa Derrico and Samantha Court, Community Engagement Coordinators. Louisa and Samantha both previously worked on major projects such as the Wonthaggi Desalination Plant and the Albury-Wodonga Hume Highway Project.

Below left: The Communication and Community Relations Team from left to right - Jay Gleeson, Samantha Court, Donna Mongan and Louisa Derrico.

Below centre and below right: Monitoring of water quality will be ongoing throughout the project.



Managing the environment

Like most major roads projects, the construction of Peninsula Link will create some environmental challenges. Abigroup, the Peninsula Link constructor, is committed to managing these issues and where possible enhancing the environment along the freeway corridor.

The project's Environmental Management Strategy outlines our approach to the management of environmental issues for Peninsula Link. The Strategy is supported by 10 management plans covering specific areas, such as Flora and Fauna, Soil and Water and Weed Management. The Environmental Management Strategy and management plans are available for viewing on the Peninsula Link website at www.peninsulalink.com.au.

At this stage of the project there is strong focus on environmental management including:

- ▶ flora and fauna surveys conducted prior to work commencing
- ▶ native flora species seed collection (the seeds are stored in a seed bank for revegetation programs, landscape planting and enhancement plantings)

- ▶ salvaging of native plants in specific areas prior to vegetation clearing
- ▶ relocation of fauna species by qualified wildlife carers
- ▶ establishment of fenced and signed 'no go' zones around protected vegetation and heritage areas.

For locations such as The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve and the Belvedere Reserve, Abigroup is working with community members and using their local knowledge to assist with plant salvage and relocation. Abigroup is working with local councils and community members to find appropriate locations for these plant species.

On the project

- ▶ 1.5 million plants trees and shrubs planted
- ▶ new wetlands to treat excess water from the roadway
- ▶ extensive use of retaining walls to minimise the amount of bushland affected
- ▶ wildlife underpasses to allow fauna to travel from one side of the freeway to the other
- ▶ revegetation of around 16 hectares of The Pines
- ▶ realignment of Tamarisk Creek to restore natural water flow.



Shared use path

Peninsula Link's other 'Links'

More than 25 kilometres of new walking and cycling paths will be built as part of the \$759 million Peninsula Link project.

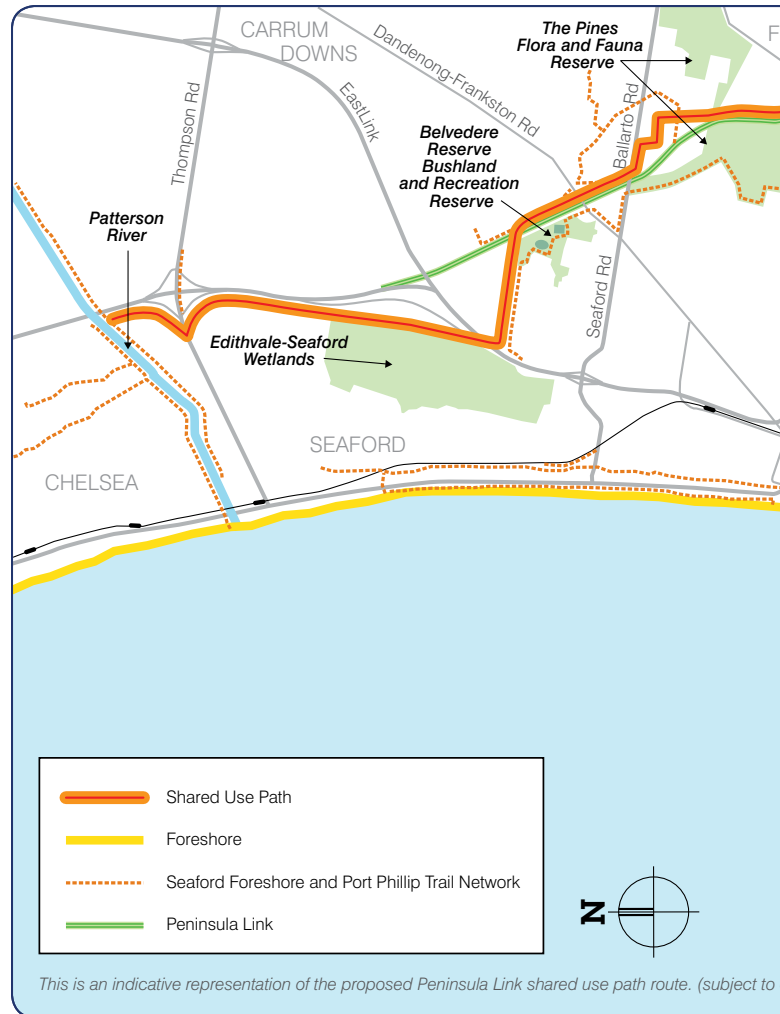
The biggest addition to Melbourne's shared use path network since the EastLink Trail, Peninsula Link's comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian facilities will create cycling and walking connections to schools, activity centres and popular trails.

Starting south of the Patterson River, the dedicated shared use path will take in many different types of environments, including wetlands, parklands and natural reserves, before revealing the grandeur of the Moorooduc Plains.

Several locations will be connected to the Peninsula Link Trail, including Kurrawa Crescent and the Eel Race Drain paths at Patterson Lakes and the Baxter Trail. The trail will also feature a number of architecturally designed overpasses, specifically built to take walkers and riders safely over busy roads, including at Thompson Road, Patterson Lakes.

The existing Baxter-Frankston Trail near the Stony Point Rail Line in Frankston, will be realigned further north from its present location and a new pedestrian bridge will be built to maintain important east-west access for residents and cyclists. Spanning the freeway on a diagonal between Ferndale Drive and Willow Road, the bridge will connect the current trail to Baxter on the eastern side of the freeway. The bridge design comprises a three metre wide pedestrian crossing and a separate section for the carriage of Melbourne Water pipes.

Upon its completion, Southern Way will maintain the Peninsula Link Trail to a high standard. As part of its operational agreement with the State, routine maintenance, repair and removal of graffiti will be undertaken on the sections under the management of Southern Way. The construction of the trail has the potential to temporarily disrupt a number of local bike paths. We are working closely with local councils to ensure alternative routes are available and to keep the community informed of any necessary detour routes.



Above: While most of the three metre wide shared use path is to be constructed of concrete or asphalt, sections in The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve are to be on a raised boardwalk to protect the sensitive environment.

Attractions

There will be many attractions along the way available to walkers and cyclists, including:

- ▶ Patterson River
- ▶ Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands – these wetlands are listed under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, commonly known as the Ramsar Convention

- ▶ Seaford Foreshore and Port Phillip Bay Trail network
- ▶ Belvedere Reserve Bushland and Recreation Reserve
- ▶ The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve
- ▶ Mornington Tourist Railway at Moorooduc Highway

Shared use path



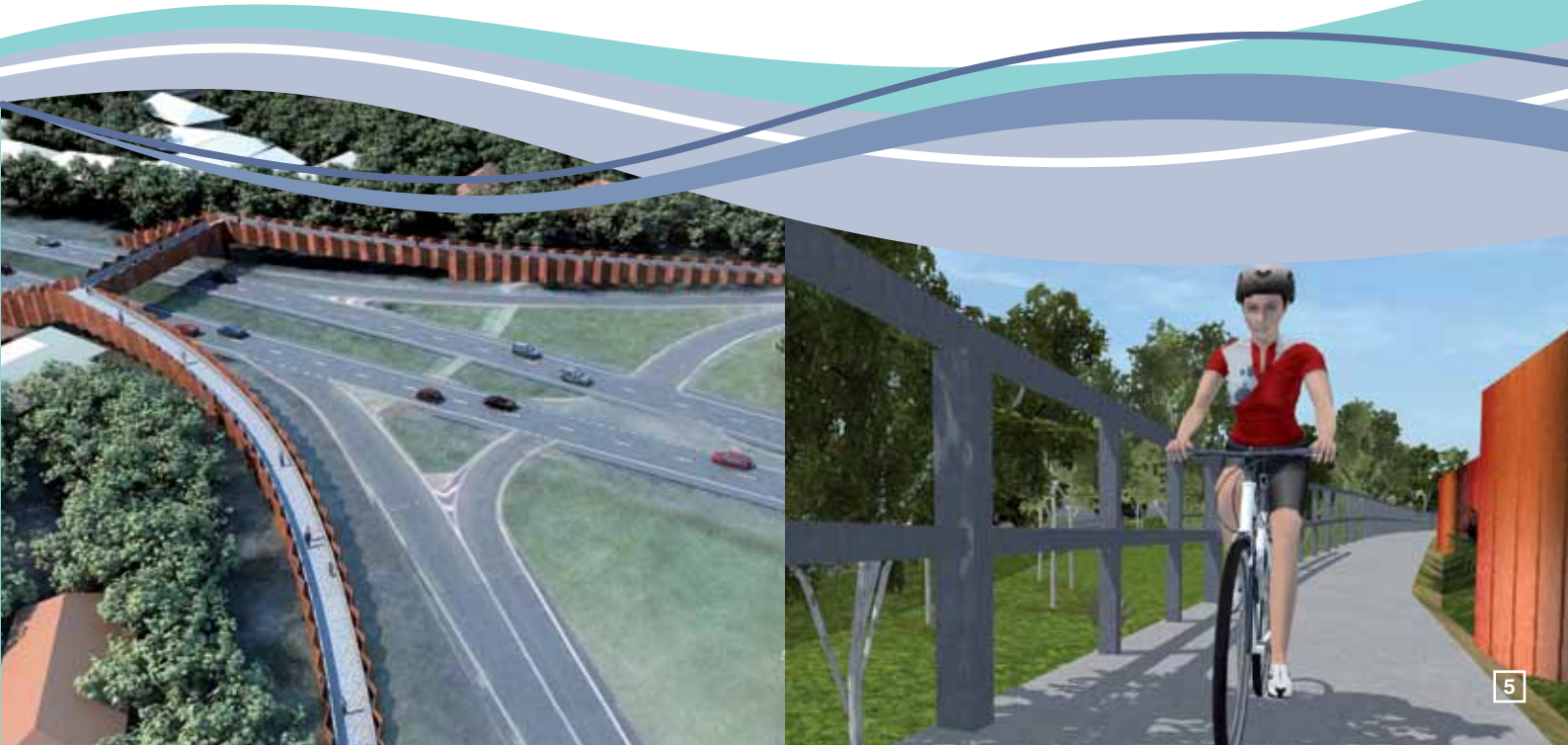
Key features

Key features of the Peninsula Link Trail are:

- ▶ Over 25 kilometres of pedestrian and bicycle path from Patterson Lakes to Moorooduc
- ▶ Access to parklands and natural reserves
- ▶ Provision of public artworks
- ▶ Connections to designated car parking near trail-linked reserves
- ▶ Links to well established trails throughout south-eastern Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula.

Below left: Artist's impression of the Thompson Road Pedestrian Bridge.

Below right: Artist's impression of the noise wall, landscaping and shared use path.



Construction

Zones

Abigroup has divided Peninsula Link into six construction zones with construction occurring in each zone simultaneously to minimise the time required to complete the freeway.

Updates on construction progress and timetables are available at www.peninsulalink.com.au, including photos which document our progress. You can also subscribe to receive these updates via email.



ZONE A – “EASTLINK”



ZONE B – “THE PINES”



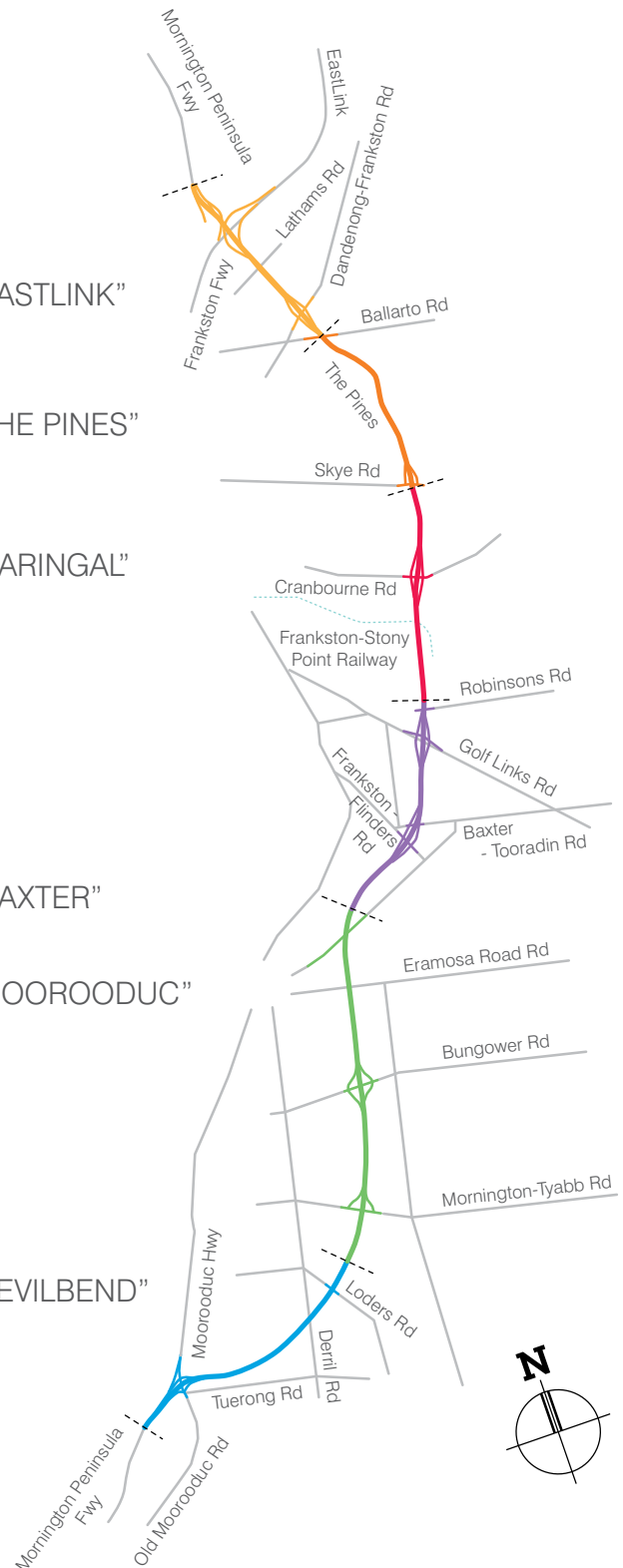
ZONE C – “KARINGAL”



ZONE D – “BAXTER”

ZONE E – “MOOROODUC”

ZONE F – “DEVILBEND”



Looking ahead

Construction activities September to November 2010*

► Zone A: EastLink/Seaford

- Clearing *September-October 2010*
- EastLink bridges *Commencing October 2010*
- Earthworks *Commencing October 2010*
- Freeway bridge over Frankston-Dandenong Road *Commencing October 2010*

► Zone B: The Pines

- Earthworks *Commencing October 2010*

► Zone C: Karingal

- Stony Point Rail Bridge *Commencing August 2010*
- Cranbourne-Frankston Road Bridge over freeway *Commencing September 2010*
- Earthworks *Commencing October 2010*

► Zone D: Baxter

- Earthworks *Commencing November 2010*
- Robinsons Road Bridge over freeway *Commencing November 2010*

► Zone E: Moorooduc

- Clearing *Ongoing through to September 2010*
- Freeway bridge constructed over Mornington Tourist Rail Line *Ongoing through to January 2011*
- Mornington-Tyabb Road Bridge over Peninsula Link freeway *Commencing October 2010*

► Zone F: Devilbend

- Peninsula Link over Derril Road ... *September-December 2010*
- Clearing *September 2010*
- Freeway bridges over Devilbend Creek *Commencing September 2010*

* Construction activities are subject to weather.

In Focus:

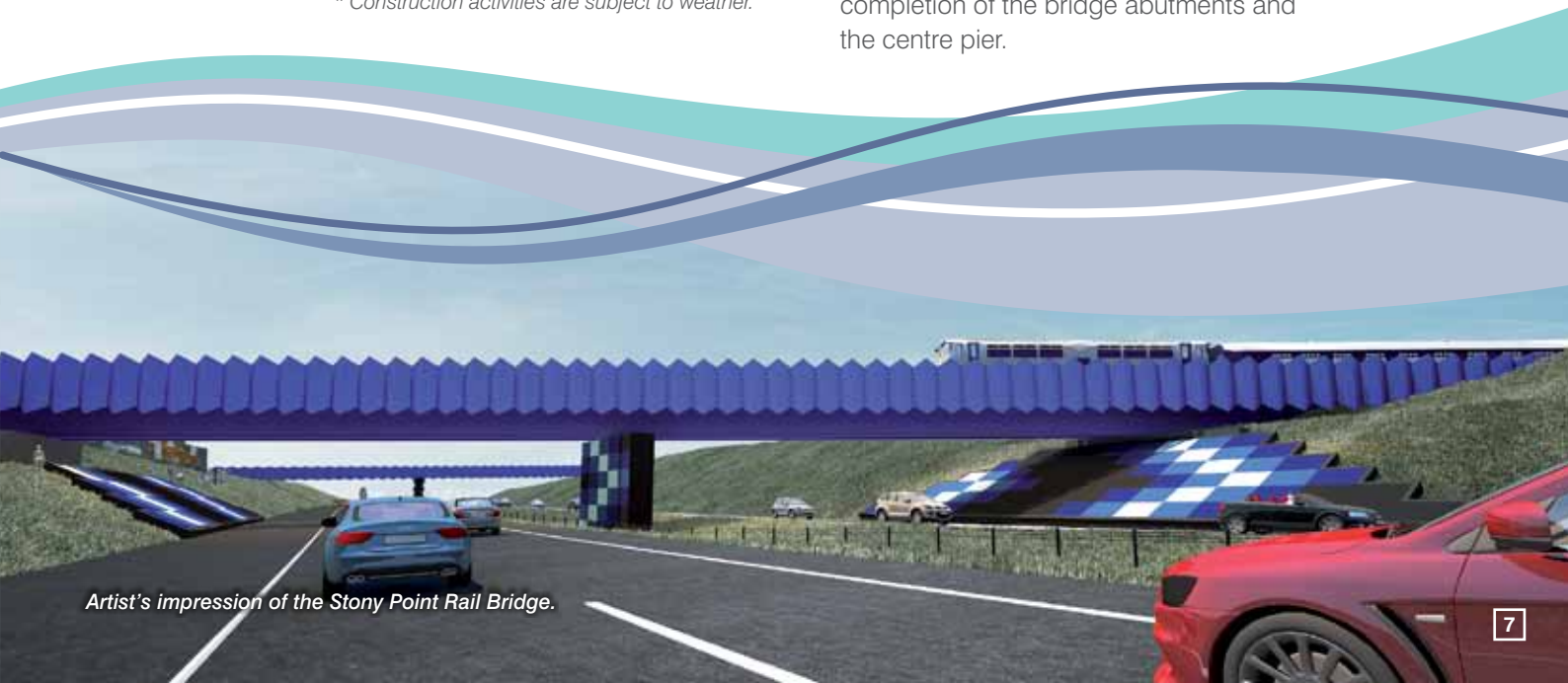
Stony Point Rail Bridge

The Stony Point Rail Bridge will be the one of the first structures to be built on Peninsula Link. Located near Willow Road, Frankston, the bridge will provide rail access over Peninsula Link.

Due to the importance of this rail line, and the need to minimise disruption, installation of the bridge will occur during a 72-hour closure of the rail line.

To achieve this, a braced steel railway bridge structure will be constructed in three stages:

- **Stage one** will consist of pre-track occupation preparatory works involving construction of bored piles and assembly of the composite braced steel and concrete deck superstructure (the main bridge). This superstructure will be built on a temporary support structure clear of normal track operations allowing unimpeded train access through the area.
- **Stage two** will be the bridge installation during the 72-hour track closure. During this period the existing track will be dismantled, the rail embankment excavated and the precast bridge support structures installed. The 34-metre long bridge superstructure will then be jacked into position and the tracks reinstated in time for the recommencement of railway services. Metro Trains Melbourne and the Department of Transport were consulted on the scheduling of the track closure which is planned for December 2010.
- **Stage three** works will take place after the track closure. The works will include realignment of utility services within the structure, further excavations beneath the bridge and completion of the bridge abutments and the centre pier.



Artist's impression of the Stony Point Rail Bridge.