

Footscray Renewal: Footscray Station Footbridge

Timeframe: Start: 2007
Completed: 2010

Cost: Part of the \$61.6 million
Footscray Central Activities
District: Footscray Renewal

Project description

The Footscray Station Footbridge project is now complete.

The project was part of the Footscray Central Activities District: Footscray Renewal project, an initiative to create high quality, well designed, living and working environments that are close to public transport.

The \$61.6 million investment provides for a program of works to renew central Footscray, these include:

- an upgrade of Nicholson Street mall and other main streets in central Footscray
- a new, modern pedestrian bridge and public forecourt at Footscray station to improve access and safety
- assistance with development of strategic sites in the station precinct
- a one-stop planning shop for the marketing and development of central Footscray

About the Footbridge

The new landmark footbridge at Footscray Station has been officially named *William Cooper Bridge*.

William Cooper was born in the 1860s in Joti-jota tribal territory. During his life he worked hard to fight for the rights of others. In the 1930s he organised a petition to the King seeking representation for Indigenous Australians and Torres Strait Islanders in Parliament.

A National Day of Mourning for Indigenous Australians was, in part, organised by William Cooper and he led a delegation to protest attacks on Jews in Germany in 1938. William Cooper was also the Honourable Secretary of the Australian Aborigines League. He resided in Footscray during the mid to late 1930s

The new footbridge opened to the community on Wednesday 7 April, providing stair and lift access to each of the station platforms and surrounding streets. Removal of the old footbridge has cleared the way for new forecourts to be constructed on Hyde Street, Irving Street and McNab Avenue.

Project benefits

The new footbridge provides commuters with:

- a fully accessible six metre wide footbridge, compliant with the *Disability Discrimination Act*, to improve pedestrian flow and cater for increased pedestrian traffic
- an architecturally designed canopy over the bridge and stairs to provide weather protection
- stairs and lift access on the footbridge to provide better connections from/to central Footscray, station platforms and Maribyrnong River arts precinct
- improved lighting and CCTV security cameras

Project videos

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