

# Make Ivanhoe Station accessible for everyone

## We are seeking:

1. State Government investment to upgrade accessibility around Ivanhoe Railway Station to make it DDA\* compliant.
2. To prioritise the Marshall Street level crossing removal to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety and to connect in with the Ivanhoe Station accessibility works.

\*Disability Discrimination Act



The Ivanhoe Station precinct needs to be made safe and accessible for everyone on all approaches to the station entrances. Accessibility audits in 2019<sup>1</sup> (Norman Street pedestrian crossing) and 2022<sup>2</sup> (Ivanhoe Activity Centre) found that the precinct does not meet Australian accessibility standards.

## What is the situation

The busy Ivanhoe Station precinct includes Norman Street, Marshall Street and Waterdale Road. It has high daily road traffic volumes in a complex driving environment including a T-intersection on a bend and a level crossing.

There is significant daily foot traffic between the train station and bus stops, the three nearby schools, Ivanhoe shopping precinct and Marshall Street at the level crossing and station carpark entrance.

**“Pedestrian safety is inadequate at any road point surrounding the rail crossing. There are no designated pedestrian crossings of any type at the road rail precinct.”**

Local resident, April 2021

Pedestrian access between the City-bound and Hurstbridge-bound platforms is via a steep wooden step bridge.

People with mobility issues, wheelchairs, mobility scooters or prams must cross at the level crossing on Marshall Street then travel to the station platform through the Marshall Street carpark.



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### Problems identified by the accessibility audits include:

- Uneven surfaces, unaligned kerb ramps and trip hazards around the station precinct
- Locations in Marshall Street that are “inherently risky for road users” and difficult crossing locations:
  - Difficult pedestrian access from the eastern side of Marshall Street to the station
  - No footpath on the eastern side of Marshall Street across the railway crossing
- The level crossing is very close to the intersection with Sherwood Road.
- Traffic banks across the level crossing.

**“Pedestrians are putting themselves and drivers at risk in order to reach the station platforms on both sides.”**

**Local resident, November 2020**

## Accessibility solutions

To address the serious accessibility issues and resident concerns around the Ivanhoe Station precinct, Council has constructed pedestrian facilities on Marshall Street and Norman Street to provide an alternate path for pedestrians travelling north on Marshall Street.

The proposed Marshall Street level crossing removal should also be prioritised to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists.

**“This is a dangerous intersection for pedestrians particularly during the peak traffic periods when the volume and speed of vehicles is clearly placing pedestrians at risk. Those at greatest risk are the children and elderly who are not able to “scurry” as quickly across Marshall Street between the speeding vehicles.”**

**Local resident, August 2021**



**“This whole sector between Maltravers Road and Norman Street is one big life-risking roulette. I consider myself a fit person but crossing these three lanes is a mental and physical challenge on a daily basis. This stretch is an even greater risk for slower walking people, people with mobility assistance, the elderly, parents with prams or distracted teenagers walking to local schools.”**

**Local resident, May 2021**




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<sup>1</sup> Norman Street Pedestrian Crossing Accessibility Audit (Sterling) December 2019

<sup>2</sup> Ivanhoe Activity Centre Safe Access Audit (Banyule City Council) August 2022