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Three views of the Ringwood to Croydon duplication project. (Top) The groundwork for the construction of the second track is carried out on the far side of East Ringwood Station. (Centre) A different view from the Station of the same work. (Below) The double track has already been laid at the Dublin Street level crossing down from the Station.



A two-way stretch

Duplication of the five-kilometre section of line between Ringwood and Croydon is on the way.

Several major works will be undertaken over the next few months so the two tracks can be brought into service later this year.

Intensive work on this section follows completion of duplication works between Ringwood and Bayswater on the Belgrave line last December.

The completion of this 5.17 kilometre section between Ringwood and Bayswater means that this Belgrave line is now duplicated as far out as Ferntree Gully.

Commuters using the Belgrave line now have an improved service with the introduction in January of an additional evening peak train to Upper Ferntree Gully, two additional peak hour services in the morning from both Belgrave and Upper Ferntree Gully, and with the additional tracks delays on one line will not affect trains travelling in the opposite direction.

Commenting on the completion of this stretch of track the Minister of Transport, Mr. Crabb, said a further improvement had been made with the commissioning of boom barriers at the Bedford Road level crossing in Ringwood.



"The installation is part of the State Government's \$9.4 million four-year plan to equip 70 dangerous level crossings throughout the State with boom barriers", he said.

Works to be carried out on the Ringwood/Croydon section include laying of new track, station works at Croydon and installation of boom barriers at East Ringwood.

Already completed are bridge works to cater for double tracks at both Mt. Dandenong and Eastfield Roads between Croydon and East Ringwood and construction of an island platform at East Ringwood station.

At several locations alignment of the existing track will be slightly relocated. The new line is being constructed with concrete sleepers and heavyweight rails. The existing line will also be reconstructed using these heavy 60 kg per metre rails.

Engineering works to be completed include installation of overhead wiring necessary to supply power to trains, construction of two new station buildings and a new platform at Croydon, provision of boom barriers, and pedestrian boom barriers at Dublin Road level crossing, East Ringwood, and replacement of existing timber overhead wire support structures with steel structures.

Other works in this program included installation of boom barriers at Bedford Road, Ringwood and Scoresby Road, Bayswater and provision of a new platform for trains going to Melbourne and Heathmont.

A new timetable on the Lilydale and Belgrave lines will commence when the Ringwood—Croydon duplication track work is completed.

ANZAC MARCH

The assembly point for the Victorian Railways Returned Servicemen's Section on Anzac Day, Monday, April 25, will be outside Flinders Street Station. All taking part should be there by 10 a.m. A reunion will be held in the VRI Ballroom after the march to the Shrine of Remembrance.