Traffic is flowing on the nation’s newest and smoothest freeway, the Northern Expressway, months ahead of schedule.

The Northern Expressway is the largest South Australian road project of the past 50 years. It is now taking around 20 minutes off a trip from the Barossa to Adelaide or the Port by linking the Sturt Highway with Port Wakefield Road and the Port River Expressway.

Project Director Luigi Rossi said the sheer size and scale of the project gave the opening celebration, attended by several thousand people, extra meaning and value for the local community.

“The locals have been remarkably patient and understanding while we have delivered this new expressway – I thank them for their support during the past few years,” he said.

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planning a better future

Here’s your chance to get involved in planning a better future for the state because South Australia’s Strategic Plan is to be updated.

This next update will make sure the plan still reflects our collective aspirations for the next decade and beyond. Now is your chance to contribute to South Australia’s future – we have so many different and fun ways you can get involved.

Get involved by:
• visiting www.saplan.org.au and check out when the consultation sessions are running
• joining us on facebook: www.facebook.com/YourFutureSA
• catching up on Twitter: www.twitter.com/YourFutureSA
• checking out our images on Flickr: www.flickr.com/photos/YourFutureSA
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an electric atmosphere

Adelaide is the only mainland capital city in Australia still operating exclusively with diesel trains, but times are changing.

It’s the centrepiece of a massive overhaul of suburban train operations, but just how will Adelaide’s railway lines be electrified and what will this $400 million plus undertaking deliver for you?

Put simply, electrification will see construction of an overhead wiring system along Adelaide’s rail corridors used to power brand new electric railcars.

But the construction task isn’t limited to the installation of poles and wires; it also covers the intricate and essential work to ensure the new system’s compatibility with existing infrastructure.

Work will be undertaken to build new substations, provide connections to the power grid and, importantly, implement a host of safety measures.

It’s already been described as arguably the most complex transport project ever undertaken in South Australia.

As Project Director Tim Warren explains, unlike many major road projects the team responsible for electrifying the rail network doesn’t have the luxury of a blank canvas.

“I guess in some ways what we are doing is a bit like restoring a vintage motor car,” he said.

“The track upgrades are underway – that’s not unlike putting a new set of tyres on the car – it’s a necessary first step.

“But specifically electrification is effectively installing the new engine.”

And it’s that new engine that will deliver a host of benefits to public transport customers, residents in the vicinity of rail corridors and the broader community.

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what’s happened

• Expressions of interest issued to design and construction consortia for major works late 2009.
• Three consortia shortlisted early 2010.

what’s next

• Major works package tenders close late 2010.
• Traction power tenders close late 2010.
• Major site work second half of 2011.

fast facts

• More than 100 km of track will be electrified.
• Electric trains are quieter than the diesel models currently in service.
• Overhead wires will carry 25,000 volts of electricity.
• Screening will be installed at all bridges and pedestrian overpasses.

working with the community

Electrification of our rail lines is a project that is significant for a broad spectrum of people across Adelaide – not just the thousands of commuters who use rail lines each day.

Project Director Tim Warren is keen that nearby property owners and the many people who may have opportunities to work directly or indirectly in the project delivery are aware of rail electrification activities.

“This promises to be a very exciting and rewarding project and one that will usher in a new era for rail in Adelaide,” he said.

“It’s a project for the whole of Adelaide in the sense that it brings our rail system up to a world-standard quality and may attract people to public transport who have never considered it before.

“It will also be a catalyst for urban regeneration along the reinvigorated corridors.

“We want to get people involved and make sure everyone knows what is happening, so we’ll be increasing our distribution of information about the project in the near future.”

The project team will provide updates on project progress and information on key aspects and areas of interest to the community.

“We’ll explain how anyone can get further information and, importantly, how feedback can be provided to the project team.”

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by Hook

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rail switch clears health home

Work on the brand new state-of-the-art Railcar Depot at Dry Creek is nearing completion, clearing the way for the North Terrace railyard site to become the centrepiece of South Australia’s health network.

The new depot will be a permanent home for the city’s trains and the heartbeat of the brand new electrified rail network.

what’s happened
> Testing and commissioning of depot facilities, including the train wash and train lift, began in August and will continue over the coming months.
> Complex new signalling systems installation work is underway.

what’s next
> Construction and commissioning of the new depot is due to be finished by the end of 2010 to allow the transition of the workforce to the new site and the demolition of the old depot to then proceed.

fast facts
When complete the Dry Creek site will feature:
- more than eight kilometres of railway track
- the capacity to stable up to 70 railcars
- eight buildings covering more than 15,000 square metres for workshops and administration
- an automated railcar wash
- interior cleaning platform
- refuelling and storage facilities.

Avantegarde research hub

In the new hospital precinct, co-located with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, will be a cutting-edge health and medical research facility that attracts the best researchers from across the globe to Adelaide.

Site works have already started on the Australian Government funded $200m South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, which is expected to be complete by the end of 2012.

The 25,000 square metre facility will feature fully-flexible space to the highest laboratory standard. The building will be world-class encouraging research collaboration through innovative design and delivering a number of ‘green’ design features.

It will be a modern and proud icon of South Australian science, promoting international research and providing 21st century facilities for the next generation of health and medical researchers.

Healthy progress

Planning and site preparation are well advanced for the new $1.7 billion state-of-the-art Royal Adelaide Hospital to be built on the existing railyard, alongside the recently extended tramline on North Terrace.

Executive Director, Statewide Service Strategy, David Panter said it’s a dream location for a city-based hospital with such easy access to trains, trams and buses coming from all over the metropolitan area.

“The tram running past the front door is definitely a bonus for what is going to be a hospital of the future – a model for the best practice in patient care from its expected opening date in 2016,” he said.

“The new Royal Adelaide Hospital will be one of Australia’s most ecologically sustainable hospitals and will be co-located with a new $200 million health and medical research facility.

“This means theory and practice will work side-by-side – creating a healthier future for South Australians.”

Construction of the hospital is due to start in 2011 and it is set to make a huge contribution towards rejuvenation of the city’s west end and provide new cultural and public spaces with links to surrounding parklands.

The final bids to finance, build and maintain the new Royal Adelaide Hospital have been received and are now being evaluated.

what’s happened
> Project planning and procurement of the new hospital.
> Site preparation.
> Begun SA Health and Medical Research Institute construction.

what’s next
> Relocation and rehabilitation of railyards.
> Appointment of private sector partner.
> Construction to start in 2011.

fast facts
The new Royal Adelaide Hospital will have:
- more than 80,000 same day and overnight admissions per year
- 800 beds (including 100 same day)
- an ambulatory care centre
- more operating theatres
- all clinical and non-clinical support services
- a facility for teaching and research.
free for all

Tram travel between the Adelaide Entertainment Centre and the city is to remain free – permanently.

Tram users can travel free between South Terrace and the Entertainment Centre – a distance of some 5.7 kilometres.

Total patronage on the entire tram line has grown by 55 per cent, based on patronage figures from July this year compared to July 2009.

It is estimated around 2,000 people a day board trams to and from the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

extension gives back to parklands

Thousands of square metres of prime green space initially earmarked for the tramline extension will now be returned to parklands.

Originally, some 22,000 square metres of parkland was approved for use on the project however, strategic design and efforts to minimise the impact on parklands meant about 35 per cent of this land was used.

In addition, Bonython Park is now the new home of the City of Rymill Garden, a renewed and reflective space to honour the generosity of organ donors and their families. It was developed together with DonateLife and donor family representatives.

It’s another example of how taking a ‘green’ approach to building infrastructure can benefit the community in more ways than just providing public transport.

park’n’ride - an instant hit

The Adelaide Entertainment Centre park’n’ride has been embraced by commuters looking for a relaxing way to get to work in the CBD.

Every weekday sees hundreds of vehicles using the facility and enjoy cheap parking and a free ride to town on the already iconic tram line direct to the city centre.

Tramline extension Project Director, Manuel Delgado said it’s pleasing to see people responding so positively to Adelaide’s newest public transport link.

“Trams are such a popular form of public transport across the globe and this new link is no different, performing remarkably well during its first few months of operation,” he said.

“The combination of a park’n’ride and the new tram service has taken hundreds of cars off the road every day – delivering convenience and a host of associated environmental benefits.”

“We’ve further enhanced those benefits by recently opening a shared use bike and pedestrian pathway within Bonython Park.

“So you can now park your car at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre and walk or ride to the city centre on a dedicated path.”

The shared use path was opened officially on 29 August 2010 creating another section of sustainable and green infrastructure in Adelaide.

The new boulevard along Port Road includes mass plantings of new trees, shrubs and grasses and energy-saving LED lighting along its length. Plans are in place to extend the tramline further to Port Adelaide, West Lakes and Semaphore in between the period 2015/16 to 2019/19.

smooth sailing at seaford

The $291 million Seaford Rail Extension is accelerating ahead with major works expected to start well before the end of the year.

Works on the Goldsmith Drive bridge and the major drainage system between Lynton Terrace and Seaford Road are now complete and the next major milestone is the award of the main contract for design and construction.

Project Director David Bartlett said construction of the bridge at Goldsmith Drive allows the 5.7 kilometre extended railway line to be built underneath without disruption to local traffic.

“This traffic started flowing on the new Goldsmith Drive Road Bridge in mid-August, which means we can get on with the job of building new rail tracks beneath it as soon as the contract is awarded,” he said.

“We’re keen to limit the impact of construction on the community, while at the same time undertaking a rigorous work schedule to finish this project on-time and on-budget.

“The design and construction contract will be awarded soon and major works will naturally follow that milestone.”

“Over the life of this project we’re expecting to create more than 400 jobs.

“The project has a focus on engaging trainees and apprentices, Aboriginal people, people looking to upskill and local people with barriers to employment.

“They will all help deliver the Seaford Rail Extension in a way that can add real value to the community in the southern suburbs.”

Register your interest to take part in this exciting project via the City of Onkaparinga, the Industry Capability Network (see breakout article), Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology, or local employment agencies. Further information is available from www.seafordrailextension.icn.org.au

Interested businesses or organisations can register online at www.seafordrailextension.icn.org.au

what’s next

> Faslane design
> Commence major construction.
> Community engagement about final design and construction.

fast facts

> Travel time will be reduced by up to 10 minutes on a trip to Adelaide.
> Approximately 24,000 concrete sleepers will be used on the extended line.
> Passenger services on the extended line to Seaford are expected to start in 2013, following electrification of the Noarlunga line.

The Seaford Rail Extension team, in conjunction with the Industry Capability Network, has set up an on-line register for interested businesses or organisations.

The register will record the full details of each company and the products or services they provide. This register will be made available to the successful contractor for the Seaford Rail Extension.

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Flinders Medical Centre is undergoing a $163 million transformation to make it into a larger, greener, more efficient and more flexible hospital than ever before.

Interim Director, Support Services Brendan Hewitt said watching the medical centre transform before his eyes is a fantastic sight.

“When it comes to patient and staff care there is nothing better than being given the resources and opportunity to turn a good hospital into a great hospital,” he said.

The newly-completed three-storey wing is the centrepiece of the $163 million redevelopment and entrenches Flinders as the flagship hospital for southern Adelaide.

Flinders Medical Centre is a 580 bed hospital and is the major referral centre for acute care and emergency services in the southern region of Adelaide. It is one of two major trauma centres in South Australia providing an around the clock emergency retrieval service.

The redevelopment will include an expanded emergency department and an operating theatre suite. “There has been some disruption for patients, staff and volunteers during construction,” he said.

“I thank them for their understanding and cooperation while we progress some great improvements to patient care and facilities.”

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A-plus
Put simply, it makes sense. The best of health care should be located right in the heart of the communities that need it.

That’s why new GP Plus Health Care Centres and GP Plus Super Clinics are being built across South Australia and at several locations in Adelaide – such as Noarlunga, Modbury, Marion and Elizabeth.

General Manager, Primary and Sub Acute, Chris Seiboth said the new health care centres and clinics will cater for families and clients with easy access to a wide range of services.

“Getting good health care should not be hard – that’s why these clinics and health care centres are about having the services in place and ready to deal with people when they need it and where they need it,” he said.

“They’ll provide a broad range of services available including health-promotions, disease prevention, early-intervention, treatment and specialist medical services.”

30 GP Super Clinics will be established around the nation over the next five years at a cost of $275.2 million.

Going for good health
The brand new State Aquatic Centre and GP Plus Health Care Centre at Marion are rapidly taking shape with the new facilities expected to open early next year.

Project Director Steve Woodrow said it will be a world-class sport and health-hub that allows people to get fit by exercise or keep well by visiting a health centre all at the same convenient location.

“The State Aquatic Centre will be FINA compliant and capable of hosting major state, national and selected international aquatic events,” he said.

The GP Plus Health Care Centre will offer a broad range of health care services to the community with a range of professionals working together to help people stay healthy.

The Marion Domain site will also see the development of Adelaide’s first new Community Mental Health Centre to be co-located within the GP Plus Health Care Centre.

The State Aquatic Centre will be operational in early 2011 and has already been successful in attracting a number of major events, including the 2011 Australian Age Swimming Championships, 2012 World Life Saving Championships and the 2012 World Junior Diving Championships.

For general enquiries, please call 1300 653 680

What’s happened
> Aquatic Centre roofing installation underway.
> Structural steelwork erection nearing completion.
> Fit out of the GP Plus Health Care Centre underway.

What’s next
> Installation of main pool wall panels.
> Filling competition, dive and waterpolo pools.
> Commission of water slides.

Fast facts
> The GP Plus Health Care Centre has 7,500 square metres in floor area spread over four levels.
> The State Aquatic Centre building will have a footprint of approximately 10,000 square metres and will be 15 metres high. It will provide all-year round aquatic facilities for the community, athletes and major events.
> Over 530 car parks will be provided across the site in an undercroft and in the multi-deck car park as well as on ground level.
> The State Aquatic Centre includes over 1,000 square metres of recreational water to meet the varied needs of swimmers of all ages.
Five bridges along the Northern Expressway have been named in honour of some of Australia’s most famous military battles.

Hamel, Tobruk, Kokoda, Kapyong and Long Tan are sacred places for all Australians, having once shaped the very future of our nation they remain etched in our history forever.

It’s for that reason South Australia has paid its own tribute to the service and sacrifice made in these theatres of war by naming five fantastic new pieces of infrastructure in their honour.

The French town of Hamel was the site of a significant Allied gain during World War I while Tobruk and Kokoda represented triumph and tragedy for Australia during World War II. Kapyong was the site of a fierce battle during the Korean War, while near the village of Long Tan, during the Vietnam War, 108 Australian and New Zealand soldiers fought more than 2,000 enemy troops.

The named bridges are Hamel Bridge (Penfield Road), Tobruk Bridge (Heaslip Road), Kokoda Bridge (Curtis Road), Kapyong Bridge (Angle Vale Road) and Long Tan Bridge (Two Wells Road).

The Veterans’ Advisory Council, including the Returned and Services League were closely consulted in selecting the names. Each bridge will feature interpretive signs to help people to learn more about the battles.

what’s happened

> The Northern Expressway was opened to traffic on September 13.
> Thanks to generous sponsors, a community celebration was held on September 12 to celebrate the opening.

fast facts

- The Northern Expressway is:
  - already saving commuters up to 20 minutes
  - a new four-lane, divided roadway
  - a full-speed connection linking with the Gawler Bypass
  - entry to the expressway via interchanges
  - overpasses along the length of the expressway
  - changes to the local road network
  - a recreational cycle and pedestrian pathway
  - an upgrade of Port Wakefield Road.

Other activities included:
- planting trees at the Curtis Road Interchange
- colourful fun for children with free face painting, glitter artists, a balloonist and jumping castles
- defence and emergency services exhibitions
- vehicle rescue demonstrations
- cooking demonstrations.

The free guided coach tours from the Northern Expressway to display homes at Playford Alive were a popular part of the celebration. It showcased how infrastructure investment and development supports local and surrounding communities.

battles
honoured

“Now the expressway is open, the considerable benefits of easy, safe and quick access to the northern regions of our state will be felt by many – with opportunities for social and economic investment opened up as well.”

A community day was held on Sunday, September 12 to celebrate the many successes of this project. On this day, among the headline acts was a 47 kilometre cycle race on Australia’s smoothest new road.

A community ride was also held for a gold coin donation, with all donations going towards junior cycling development.

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Preliminary work continues across the project area with roadworks on an alternate north-south link between Grand Junction Road and Regency Road and vital service relocation work (electricity, water, sewerage, gas and communications) underway.

Simultaneously, the project team is assessing two tender submissions for the contract to design and build the superway proper - expected to be awarded later this year.

Keeping traffic moving when major construction work gets underway on South Road next year is being addressed by both the local road network transformation and a commitment that two lanes on South Road remain open during peak times throughout construction of the elevated roadway.

The local road upgrades, designed with land owner and business operator input to ensure minimal disruption to the commercial and industrial businesses within the region, will be finished later this year, weather permitting.

Mick Mason, Operations Manager at local business Rand Refrigerated Logistics said being kept fully informed of the work program has been a significant bonus.

“We can live with the road works as you do the upgrades, that’s fine,” he said.

“What’s good is people making the time and effort to come out here in person and tell us about what’s going on – it’s great.”

Meantime, construction of the South Road Superway will, in part, require the manufacture of large concrete segments.

Lot 201 South Road, Angle Park, is where the segments will be cast and stored. It is an ideal location, near to the alignment with direct access to South Road ensuring great efficiency, particularly when transporting these items.

In the coming months, the site will be prepared by making best use of damp winter soils minimising dust to neighbouring properties.

Nearby the project site office at Grand Junction Road, Angle Park will, at its peak, be the workplace for around 300 people ranging from road and bridge designers to local employment coordinators and environmental experts.

During the coming months, temporary offices will be erected on site with people due to arrive later this year.

Project Director, Luigi Rossi said he was looking forward to the establishment of project headquarters.

“This is such an exciting civil works project. When completed it will save time and money for industry as well as make road and rail freight transport safer in this area,” he said.

“With a concentration of the state’s industry based in this area and with most export products passing through to get to customers interstate or overseas, keeping disruptions to a minimum during construction is critical.

“Investing in this piece of infrastructure now will attract additional industries to this region including those aligned with the air warfare destroyer and naval ship activities, cast metals, waste resource recovery, horticulture, automotive, technology and general manufacturing.”

“This project also complements new infrastructure like the Port River Expressway and all of South Australia’s network improvements plus awarded the contract and started these upgrades.

Identified the depth of services like water, communications and gas along South Road and tested foundation pile types.

The elevated roadway will make road and rail freight transport as well as commuter travel safer in the area that is home to around 25 per cent of the state’s industry.

The $127 million South Road Superway project – the second of the north-south corridor upgrade – is South Australia’s most complex infrastructure project and the state’s largest single infrastructure investment.

Final asphalt surfacing works will be completed by mid 2010 while we completed such an important transport project and started these upgrades.

“Not only are we seeing an improvement in road safety and the reliability of the road itself but also significant economic benefits driven by greater efficiency for freight movement,” he said.

“We are also greatly enhancing amenity and access to tourist destinations such as the Barossa Valley and the Rivierland.

“I’m proud of the way we have achieved these goals while keeping the road open to traffic throughout construction and maintaining access for the local community.

“I would like to say a big thank you to the community for their patience and understanding while we completed such an important transport project.”

Final asphalt surfacing works will be completed over the summer months.
badge of honour

A long lost World War I ‘Returned from Active Service’ badge has been uncovered at a rail level crossing site - and we need your help to track down the rightful owner.

Contractor Daryl Copley was working on Cormack Road, Wingfield level crossing upgrade lifting away asphalt when he saw something shiny on the ground, initially disregarding it as a half penny.

It wasn’t until he noticed the crown at the top and the markings indicating where a pin once was that he realised he had uncovered something far more.

“I thought it was just a dinged up half penny at first, it’s about the same shape and size,” he said.

“But it was the crown symbol that caught my attention and then on closer inspection I saw the Rising Sun emblem and some defence engravings.”

“I couldn’t believe it – to think a WWI badge could have been buried beneath the asphalt for years like that.”

It was later confirmed that his find was a WW1 badge issued by the Department of Defence to Members of the Australian Defence Force in 1919 in their return to Australia from active service overseas.

The WW1 Soldier would have worn it proudly on Cormack Road, Wingfield level crossing upgrade lifting away asphalt when he saw something shiny on the ground, initially disregarding it as a half penny. The WW1 badge would have worn it proudly as the badge marked you as a Digger.

Daryl Copley said he would love nothing more than to see the badge returned to its rightful owners.

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But according to Project Director, Tim Warren, customer feedback suggests the substitute bus service exceeded expectations by providing an efficient and direct alternative route to the city.

“Replacing the train service during the Gawler line closure was always going to be a challenge, so we were pleased to receive complimentary comments from passengers,” he said.

“The bus service was efficient because passengers stepped off a train and walked a few metres to a waiting bus going direct to the Adelaide Station.”

“It was a longer trip by bus, but that just serves to highlight the rail service customers will enjoy when the new rail is all down and electric trains are running on it.

“Word got around about the quality of the substitute bus service and as a result we saw an upward trend in passenger numbers over time.

“Passengers have understood the need for some short-term inconvenience to gain a much more modern and efficient train service in the longer-term.

“We thank customers for their patience and understanding throughout this stage of the rail revitalisation project and for their positive feedback.”

The line reopened on Monday 4 October 2010.
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new buses for busiest routes

Commuters on Adelaide’s busiest bus routes are now enjoying more frequent services with 20 new buses in service across the city.

The latest batch of buses bolsters capacity on existing timetables and provides about 160 extra services – 90 extra services each weekday and more than 70 extra weekend services.

The new buses have been deployed on some of the city’s busiest routes including:

- O’Bahn – 21 additional weekday services, 45 additional weekend services
- Main North Road – 31 additional weekday services
- Sir Donald Bradman Drive – 11 additional weekend services
- Glen Osmond Road – 26 additional services

Other major routes to receive additional services include Prospect Road, Goodwood Road, Paskeville Road, Torrens Road, Magill Road and Mt Barker Road.

Buses carry about 75 per cent of Adelaide’s public transport users who since 2008 have been benefiting from a four year program bringing 20 extra buses on-line annually.

That program has already delivered 60 new buses into service across Adelaide with another 20 to come next year.

In addition to these, 30 more buses will come onto the network after July 2011 – 20 servicing the outer north and outer south and another 10 allocated to the busiest routes.

The buses are also helping to support local jobs as part of a $118m contract awarded to Saabbus and its Royal Park-based contractor Custom Coaches.

new look depot

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northern health hub

The GP Plus Health Care Centre at Elizabeth will soon begin delivering comprehensive health services to the people of Adelaide’s north.

Project Manager, Wendy Sutton explains services will come on-line progressively to ensure benefits are realised as soon as possible.

“We’re starting with dental services and breast screening, and ultimately delivering a full range of services to the local community,” she said.

“Having all these health services on one site means people will not need to be referred by a GP, they can just walk through the door or ring for an appointment according to their health needs.

“It’s all about providing a modern, high quality facility that provides a comprehensive range of easily accessible health services – from the basic GP appointments through to more complex and specialised support services.

“ariously great for the local community having all these easy-to-access health services right on their doorstep – providing seamless integrated health services for all.”

The centre’s service model integrates GPs with a broad range of allied health, ambulatory and primary health care facilities, providing a holistic approach to health.

Director GP Plus Healthcare Strategies, Lynn Kassman says this GP Plus Super Clinic is being set up around what’s called a ‘hub’ and ‘spoke’ model – with the hub being at Modbury and the spoke at Gilles Plains.

“The Modbury hub will provide a range of private GPs and allied health services while catering for chronic diseases and seeking to prevent health issues at their earliest stages,” she said.

“Complementing this, the Gilles Plains ‘spoke’ service will reach out to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and have a particular focus on children, their families and early intervention services.”

Stage one of the Modbury GP Plus Super Clinic is due to be completed at the end of October 2010 and completion of the full project, including Gilles Plains, is expected by September 2011.

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The second part of the works, starting in 2011, is about housing staff who take care of trams in a new operational facility that includes flexible and multi-use work spaces. Elements of the new building will meet the five star energy rating level with energy efficient facilities and designs contributing to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Community engagement efforts on the Glenelg Tram Overpass project have been recognised at a national level.

The project was highly commended for its public participation innovation at the annual International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Australasia 2010 Core Values Awards.

These awards encourage excellence, quality and innovation in public participation, and recognise projects at the forefront of community engagement across Australia and New Zealand.

Project Director Paul Galston said the project team’s winning idea was to use animation technology.

“It was similar to a computer game and allowed community members to experience a virtual walk through of a 3D interactive model, so they could better understand the scale and scope of the project,” he said.

“We could experience the project from the perspective of a resident, a pedestrian, a car driver and even a tram driver and passenger.

“And the project team used the technology as a design tool to make sure the overpass was as user-friendly as possible.”

super clinic

Modbury is getting a new ‘super’ breed of health service that both the State and Australian governments want at the health frontline.

What’s happened

Construction is complete with services starting in an incremental manner.

What’s next

> Open dental services and BreastScreen SA.
> Start primary health care services.
> Begin general practice services and health treatment clinics.

Fast facts

The GP Plus Health Care Centre at Elizabeth will:

> link acute, ambulatory and primary health care providers.
> promote health and illness prevention measures.
> provide a community resource for self-management of chronic diseases.
> increase teaching, training and educational opportunities.

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As a first step industry was invited to submit their credentials and ideas to redevelop one of South Australia’s most valuable assets – the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The redevelopment is an integral part of unlocking the potential of the city’s riverbank precinct.

The registration of interest process called on industry to assemble teams with a strong commitment to excellence in design and a vision for expanding the facility, so it maximises the functional and economic potential of the area.

The redevelopment of the Adelaide Convention Centre will ensure the facility continues to compete nationally and internationally for events and conventions. It will include:

- an additional 4,200 square metres of multi-purpose convention floor space
- replacement of the original plenary building and provision of a new 2,500-3,000 seat meeting facility
- additional meeting rooms and supporting infrastructure.

Those bidding were encouraged to investigate links with the broader riverbank precinct, including with the Festival Centre, Intercontinental Hotel, Sky City Casino and the redeveloped Adelaide Oval and new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Stage one of the Convention Centre is expected to be complete in 2014 with stage two on-line 12-18 months later.

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