

## Station on its way



An end view of the station looking south

Construction company Cooper and Oxley has been awarded the \$22million contract to build the station and facilities. This will include car parks on each side, the bus interchange area on the west and two platforms.

Work has started at the site north of the recently completed Butler Boulevard road-over-rail bridge.

Coniglio Ainsworth Architects has designed a modern contemporary station which will

provide an inviting, safe, convenient and easily-accessible public transport facility.

The station will feature a walkway that links the main car park on the east with the bus interchange,

western car park and future town centre development. Other features include landscaping, weather screening, public artwork, seating, natural and artificial lighting and toilets.

### Arch underbelly

It will eventually be back-filled and covered with a railway line. For the time being, 23 segments of arched pre-formed concrete have been lifted into place by crane to create an underpass for road traffic to access Nowergup railcar depot.

Bocol Construction and RJ Vincent and Co, coordinated a two-day precision perfect installation.



The finished arch underpass is six metres high with a span of 18 metres

A short video of the installation can be viewed on the PTA website Butler Extension Project page.

### Sleepers pile up

Most of the rail corridor earthworks are complete. A steady stream of the 28,000 concrete sleepers has been stockpiled, ready for installation scheduled for mid-September. Laying of the sleepers, ballast and rail will begin north of Clarkson Station and continue northward under Hester Avenue.



Benenden Avenue bridge walk

## Road-over-rail bridges

### Benenden Avenue bridge walk

A new bridge linking Benenden Avenue over the railway opened recently.

Local residents were invited to be the first to cross the bridge.

On Friday August 3, about 30 residents joined Mayor of Wanneroo Tracey Roberts and Member for Wanneroo Paul Miles MLA to celebrate the completion and official opening of the bridge.

The old bridge sat on a 'plug' of soil built as a temporary crossing prior

to installing the more specialised bridge for the trains to travel beneath. Benenden Avenue, which was closed at the bridge site to facilitate the work, is now open.

### Landbeach Boulevard bridge update

A similar situation exists at Landbeach Boulevard though this 'plug' bridge has remained open while the new bridge was built.

Work is now underway to align and link the new bridge with

surrounding roads. The intersection of Landbeach Boulevard and Amersham Crescent will be extended and the intersection will be closed for several weeks. Pedestrian access will be limited to the north side of the bridge while the work is done.

### Butler Boulevard bridge

This new bridge is complete and it will be connected to the road system as future development takes place in the surrounding area.



The path alongside Amersham Crescent and Manasota Approach

## An uninterrupted path

A significant feature of the project is the construction of a path for pedestrians and cyclists. The path will run from the southern end of Manasota Approach through to the station. It will provide a safe and comfortable journey alongside the

railway with no need for users to cross roads. In time, links from local streets will connect to the path.

The southern end of the path will link with the existing street footpath system heading south into Ridgewood.

## Planting seed

A total of 20,000 seedlings along with 20 kilograms of native seed were used to revegetate areas north of Hester Avenue. The locations were ripped to create stability and maximise water infiltration as well as weed controlled before installation.

The plants are species of Acacia, Banksia, Calothamnus, Melaleuca, Olearia and many others. Good rainfall since the planting took place in July has bedded the plants in well for a successful uptake.



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