



Newport Rail Yards

Transport infrastructure landscape



Project Specs

- Client:** Downer
- Location:** Newport, Victoria
- Date:** Construction completed 2018

Our Approach

In 2017 Downer announced the start of a \$16 million upgrade to its Newport facilities to support the Victorian Government's \$2.3 billion High Capacity Metro Trains (HCMT) Project.

The Newport Rail Facility, Victoria's historical home of rolling stock manufacturing, required a new logistics transfer structure to support the storage and fit out of the new High Capacity Metro Train, the largest train order in Victoria's history.

A key component of the approval for the upgrade was ensuring that the facility was adequately screened with vegetation. Since its establishment in the 1880's in a relatively greenfield site, the draw of jobs has seen the site become surrounded by urban development.

Carfeul site recording and evaluation of existing vegetation informed a landscaping proposal that provided low-level vegetation screening that was effective, drought tolerant and low maintenance

The brief was subsequently expanded to include site carparking, and the first HCMT train set was completed before the end of 2018, revitalising the state's 100-year-old manufacturing industry to emerge as a future rolling stock supplier to Australia and the world.



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