# How much soil and rock needs to be excavated?



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Working it out

A tunnel is basically a large cylinder. The volume of a cylinder is found by multiplying the area of the face (a circle) by the length of the cylinder.



Pi  $(\pi)$  is used to calculate the area of the face. Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Regardless of the size of the circle, Pi is always the same number, approximately 3.14.

Area of face =  $Pi(\pi) \times radius^2$ 

Or:

Area of face = 3.14 x R x R

Volume of cylinder = Area of face x Length of cylinder

Or:

Volume of cylinder =  $\pi r^2 \times L$ 

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There are <u>two</u> tunnels, one in each direction!

Note: The area and volume are in metres. The length of the tunnel is inkilometres





Find the radius Radius = Diameter ÷ 2 Radius = \_\_\_\_\_ m Area of the TBM face Show your working out

Area = n	n
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#### Volume of the tunnels Show your working out

#### Total volume of tunnels \_\_\_\_\_

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## What is the total volume of all the stations and tunnels?

North Melbourne + Parkville + State Library + Town Hall + Anzac + Tunnels = ??? m<sup>3</sup>

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About the Tunnel Boring Machine

#### Four giant Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) are needed to dig the Metro Tunnel.

### BIG AND BEAUTIFUL

At 120 m long, the TBMs are as long as 3 E-Class trams end-to-end. They weigh a whopping 1,100 tonnes, equal to the weight of around 150 elephants.

#### ROCK AND ROLL

TBMs bore through a variety of ground conditions from hard rock to sand, and travel around 10 m a day. The amount of excavated material removed would fill the MCG 1.2 times!

#### HEAVE-HO

Up to 14 people work in each TBM at any one time. Workers in the TBM include the operator, who drives the TBM, as well as tunnel and electrical engineers.

#### HOME SWEET HOM

Each TBM is manned and monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is fully equipped with facilities for staff, including an office, kitchen and toilets.



Note: All dimensions provided are indicative for educational purposes only.