

## Getting around

## Cycling



### On the road

#### Is a bicycle a legal road vehicle?

Yes, bicycles are classified as vehicles under the Victorian road rules. This means that you have the same rights and responsibilities when you're on a bike as when you are driving a car.

#### Are the road rules the same when you're on a bike or driving a car?

Yes, except for a few differences and exceptions. Most of these are covered here, but for more details, visit:

[www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

#### What is a bicycle lane?

A bicycle lane is a marked on-road lane designated for bike riders. It is signed as a bicycle lane at the start of the lane and ends either where an 'end bicycle lane' sign appears, or at an intersection.

#### Am I required to ride within a bicycle lane if it is provided?

Yes, unless it is impracticable to do so.

#### Is it OK to drive a car in a bicycle lane?

Only for 50 metres or less and only in the following circumstances:

- When passing a vehicle turning right
- When entering or leaving a side street, another traffic lane or parking space
- When stopping or parking is allowed in the bike lane

Usual lane-merging road rules apply, which means drivers need to give way to any bicycles using the lane.

#### Why are some sections of a bike lane painted green?

To encourage cyclists and motorists to take extra care at these locations.

#### Are bicycles allowed to pass other vehicles on the left?

Yes, except when those vehicles are indicating and turning left. All vehicles should only turn left when it is safe to do so.

#### Who is at fault when a car door is opened into the path of someone on a bike?

The car driver or passenger who opens the door is at fault and can be fined. 'Car dooring' can cause life-threatening injuries to cyclists.



If all cars parked with their doors open, where would you place yourself on the road to be safe? That is where you should aim to be all the time – far enough out so that your handlebar would not clip an open car door. Don't be afraid to ride towards the right side of the bike lane.

#### Is it OK to occupy a whole traffic lane when I'm riding my bike?

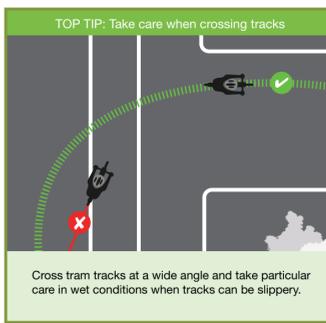
Yes, this may be necessary in narrow traffic lanes where there is not enough space for another vehicle to overtake a bicycle safely within the lane.

#### Is it legal to ride two abreast?

Yes, but you must not ride more than 1.5 metres apart.

#### What are the rules about waiting for stopped trams?

When the tram doors on your side of the road are open and there is no safety zone, you must wait at the rear

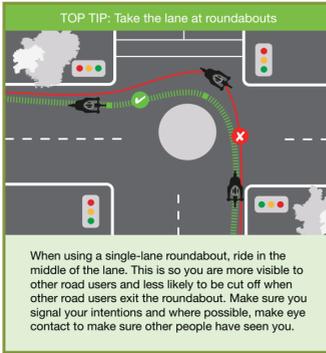


Cross tram tracks at a wide angle and take particular care in wet conditions when tracks can be slippery.

#### Do I need to signal all turns when I'm riding my bike?

You are required to give a hand signal when turning right or moving to the right.

Hand signals are not required when turning to the left or



When using a single-lane roundabout, ride in the middle of the lane. This is so you are more visible to other road users and less likely to be cut off when other road users exit the roundabout. Make sure you signal your intentions and where possible, make eye contact to make sure other people have seen you.

#### Why do some signalised intersections have special waiting boxes for bikes?

These line markings are designed to increase the visibility and safety of bike riders by placing them at the front of a traffic queue.

#### Drivers of motor vehicles may be fined for allowing any part of their vehicle to enter the designated bike area whilst waiting at the lights.

Eye contact is another great way to communicate to other road users.

If a normal right-hand turn leaves you feeling exposed in an intersection, try a hook turn. Bike riders are entitled to use a hook turn at any intersection unless signage specifically prohibits it.

This map provides detailed information about bike, walking and public transport routes in the City of Whittlesea, making it easier for you to choose a sustainable way to travel.

The road rules information contained in this publication is a guide only and does not intend to replicate or replace the Victorian Road Safety Act in any way.

For definitive information please refer to the Road Safety Road Rules 2015 (Victoria) at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

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### What are the requirements for cycling at night?

If you're riding at night or in other low-light conditions you must have a white light on the front of your bike and a red light on the rear. These lights may be flashing or static and must be visible from at least 200 metres. Your bike should also have a red rear reflector visible from 50 metres.

### Is it necessary to wear high-visibility clothing for night time riding?

This is not a legal requirement, but it is advisable to make yourself more visible on the road. Research has shown that it is particularly effective to wear reflective gear on moving parts of your body (such as your ankles).

### Do I need to wear a helmet when I'm riding a bike?

Yes. Whether you're on a road or path, you are required to wear a bicycle helmet that is fastened properly and meets Australian Safety Standards.

### Am I required to have a bell fitted to my bike?

Yes, it is mandatory to have a bell, horn or similar warning device in working order.

### What is a shared path?

A shared path is designed to be used by both pedestrians and bike riders. Signage indicates that the path is a shared path.

### Up to what age can children legally ride on the footpath?

Children under 12 years are allowed to ride on the footpath. Adults who accompany children can also legally ride on the footpath.

### Who has right of way on shared paths and footpaths?

Pedestrians. If you are riding a bike on a shared path or footpath you must give way to all pedestrians.

### Keep an eye out for all pedestrians, especially children and dogs as their movements can be unpredictable

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- Encourage children to do so
- Use your dog on a lead when walking along shared paths
- Help children to keep to the left, explaining that bike riders can come from both directions.

### On foot:

- Keep to the left of the path and walk in a predictable manner
- Keep your dog on a lead when walking along shared paths
- Help children to keep to the left, explaining that bike riders can come from both directions.

### Walk and Talk Walking Group

Norris Bank Reserve at skateboard ramp 135 McLeans Road, Bundoora [bethandfrank3083@hotmail.com](mailto:bethandfrank3083@hotmail.com) Ph. 9467 2539

### Pacific Epping Mail Walkers

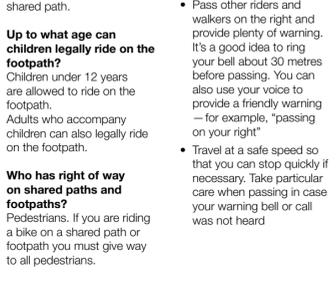
Customer Service Desk/Pacific Epping Corner High Street and Cooper Street, Epping [staijp@gpcc.com.au](mailto:staijp@gpcc.com.au) Ph. 9401 4111

### Happy Feet Seniors Walking Group

Meeting Room Epping Memorial Hall 827 High Street, Epping [waubr@bigpond.com.au](mailto:waubr@bigpond.com.au) Ph. 0408 201 002



For maximum security, buy a D-lock or heavy chain Lock up to designated hoops where available and take care to secure any removable parts.



When riding beside moving traffic avoid staying in drivers' blind spots to the side and next to their back doors.



Pedestrians & cyclists versus magpies	
During the Spring breeding season; about six to eight weeks between July and November, some birds such as magpies and plovers, are highly protective of their eggs, nest and young and will swoop as a warning to intruders in their territory.	The best strategy is to avoid swooping hotspots completely, if possible. A magpie will only defend its nest within a 'defence zone'. For pedestrians, this is usually an area within 110m and for cyclists it is 150m.
Unfortunately, swooping is normal behaviour for these birds and little can be done about it as they are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975 and must not be harmed.	For more information <a href="http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/wildlife/swooping-birds">www.delwp.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/wildlife/swooping-birds</a> or <a href="http://www.magpiealert.com">www.magpiealert.com</a>

## Bus routes on this map

- 356 Epping Station—Wollert East via Hayston Blvd
- 357 Wollert West—Thomastown Station via Epping Station
- 358 Epping Station—Wollert via Epping Plaza SC
- 381 South Morang Station—Diamond Creek Station via Doreen
- 381-382 combined Whittlesea/Diamond Creek Station—South Morang Station—Northland SC
- 382 Whittlesea—Northland SC via South Morang Station
- 383 Palisades—University Hill
- 384 Kinglake—Whittlesea via Humevale
- 385 Whittlesea/Mernda North—Greensborough
- 386 Mernda West—Bundoora RMIT via Cravens Rd & South Morang
- 386-387 combined Mernda North—Bundoora RMIT
- 387 Mernda North—Bundoora RMIT via Hawkstowe Pde & South Morang
- 554 Thomastown via West Lalor (circular (clockwise loop) route via Victoria Drive)
- 555 Epping—Northland via Lalor, Thomastown, Reservoir (route via High Street)
- 556 Epping Plaza SC—Northland SC via Keon Park (via Dalton Road)
- 557 Thomastown via West Lalor (circular (clockwise loop) route via West Lalor)
- 559 Thomastown via Darebin Drive (circular route)
- 564 Bundoora RMIT—South Morang
- 566 Lalor—Northland via Plenty Road, Childs Road, Grimshaw Road
- 569 Epping Plaza SC—South Morang
- 570 Thomastown—RMIT Bundoora
- 575 Epping North—Thomastown Railway Station
- 577 Epping Plaza SC—South Morang Station via Findon Rd

## Night Bus network

Night Bus is the all night bus service that runs on 21 routes on Friday and Saturday nights.

Ten routes run to and from the city about every 30 minutes. Eleven routes run from suburban stations every 60 minutes to connect with trains. There are 21 Night Bus routes, 10 routes run from the city and 11 routes run from suburban stations to connect with trains.

You can get off a service at any bus stop or kerbside tram stop, and get on at flagged Night bus stops.



## Uber

Uber is a convenient, inexpensive and safe taxi service. For more information visit [www.uber.com](http://www.uber.com) or to download the Uber app visit the Google Play store

## Access and mobility

**Trains**  
All train stations are wheelchair accessible. Metropolitan stations have ramps or lifts to enter the station and platforms.

However, at some stations assistance may be required for those with a mobility aid.

Passengers who need help boarding trains should wait on the platform near the front of the train. This is marked with a yellow or white rectangle on the pavement. To help the driver, it is best to write your destination on a note. The driver will help you board and depart the train by placing a ramp between the platform and the first door of the front carriage.

Premium Stations are staffed from the first to last train every day and have accessible facilities including toilets, public phones and parking.

**Trams**  
With 100 low-floor trams and more than 360 accessible stops, Melbourne's tram network is increasingly

## Melbourne train network



## Mobile phone tools

There are a number of mobile phone tools to provide you with personalised train, tram and bus service information to your mobile.

**PTV iPhone or Android app**  
The free PTV iPhone app lets you view service times, use the journey planner and set your favourite stops throughout Victoria for faster access to public transport information on the go.

With built in tramTRACKER® functions, the app gives you real-time departures and arrivals for all tram stops.

For more PTV iPhone or Android app information visit [www.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au)

## Melbourne train network



## Traveling to Melbourne Airport

**SkyBus**  
SkyBus offers an express bus service to and from Melbourne Tullamarine International Airport.

For more information call 1300 759 287 or visit [www.skybus.com.au](http://www.skybus.com.au)

**Shuttle bus**  
A number of shuttle bus services operate between metropolitan and regional centres and Melbourne Airport.

**Airport Bus**  
Dandenong [www.airportbusdandenong.com.au](http://www.airportbusdandenong.com.au)

**myki money**  
With myki money, you pay as you go. Once topped up, your myki will automatically calculate the lowest fare possible according to the zones you travel within as you touch on and off.

You can also set Auto Top Up and link to a nominated credit card or bank account, and automatically top up your credit whenever your myki money balance falls below a nominated amount.

**myki pass**  
myki pass is a great option if you're planning on travelling regularly. Simply choose the zone/s you wish to travel in and the number of consecutive days of travel you need.

You can buy a 7-day myki pass, or anywhere between 28 and 365 consecutive days of travel.

Once you have a myki pass, you can travel as many times as you want in your chosen zone/s for the duration of your pass.

## Community transport

The Whittlesea Community Transport Service is for people who live in the City of Whittlesea and provides a door to door service to local shopping centres, gentle exercise programs, excursions, community centres and libraries.

It is available to residents who are frail, aged or have a disability and do not drive or are unable to access public transport.

An assessment process is conducted to determine eligibility and appropriateness for this service.

Whittlesea Connect Community Transport vehicles can be hired by Not-for-Profit organisations for the benefit of their clients and staff.

For more information, contact Whittlesea Community Transport Service on [03 9401 6666](tel:0394016666) [www.whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au](http://www.whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au) / [community-transport](http://community-transport)

## Taxi services

Melbourne's taxis are a convenient way to get around and operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you are planning to catch a taxi it's recommended that you book in advance. You can use one of the taxi booking companies listed on [www.taxi.vic.gov.au](http://www.taxi.vic.gov.au) search online or use one of the smartphone apps available. You can also use a taxi rank or hail a taxi safely from the side of the road.

Always get a receipt at the end of your trip.

Prepaid fares apply between 10pm and 5am.

Estimate the cost of your trip at [www.taxi.vic.gov.au/fareestimator](http://www.taxi.vic.gov.au/fareestimator).

For more information on Victoria's taxis visit [www.taxi.vic.gov.au](http://www.taxi.vic.gov.au) or call [1800 636 802](tel:1800636802)

## General information

Need more information?	For more information, visit <a href="http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au">www.ptv.vic.gov.au</a> or call 1800 800 007 (6am to midnight daily).
Arabic	9321 5440
Cantonese	9321 5441
Croatian	9321 5442
Dinka	9321 5452
Greek	9321 5443
Italian	9321 5444
Macedonian	9321 5445
Mandarin	9321 5454
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Spanish	9321 5447
Sudanese	9321 5453
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Vietnamese	9321 5449
All other languages	9321 5450

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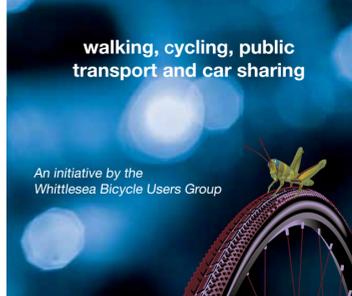
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## TravelSmart Map

**City of Whittlesea**  
Mernda, Doreen, Yan Yean, Woodstock

walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing

An initiative by the Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group



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For more information visit [www.metrotrains.com.au/metronotify](http://www.metrotrains.com.au/metronotify)

For more information visit [www.melbourneairport.com.au/to-from-the-airport/other-bus-services/other-buses](http://www.melbourneairport.com.au/to-from-the-airport/other-bus-services/other-buses)

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**Legend**

- Walking track
- Off-Road Shared Path
- On-Road Bike Lane
- Informal Bike Route
- Bus Route, with services
- Tram Route, with stop & terminus
- Tram Stop
- Railway Station, with access to City
- Shops
- Traffic Light or Pedestrian Crossing

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