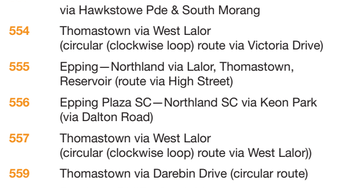
Getting around

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**



City of Whittlesea TravelSmart Map

This TravelSmart Map was developed as an initiative of the Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group (BUG) to provide sustainable transport information on a pocket sized complete street map with standard Melways references.

Whittlesea BUG gratefully acknowledges the support provided by Whittlesea Council, RACV Westfield Plenty Valley & Westfield Plenty Valley

Walking and cycling, like any physical activity should be undertaken using common sense. Stay within your abilities, wear protective clothing and follow any applicable laws.

For up-to-date public transport information and timetables visit **www.ptv.vic.gov.au**

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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

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 is it 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

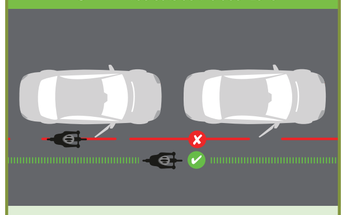
Usual lane-merging road rules apply, which means drivers need to give way to any bicycles using the lane.

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.

TOP TIP: Ride outside the door zone



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.

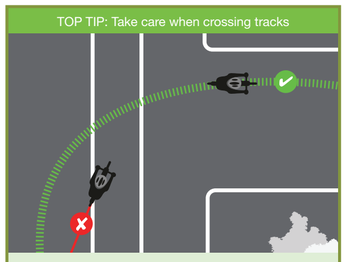
Is it OK to occupy a whole traffic lane when I'm riding my bike?
Yes, this may be necessary in narrow traffic lanes where there is not enough space for another vehicle to overtake a bicycle safely within the lane.

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 of the tram until the doors close and the road is free of crossing pedestrians. This rule is the same whether you are on a bike or in a car.

Are all road users required to stop at red lights?
Yes, this road rule applies whether you're driving a car or riding a bike. There are no exceptions.

TOP TIP: Take care when crossing tracks



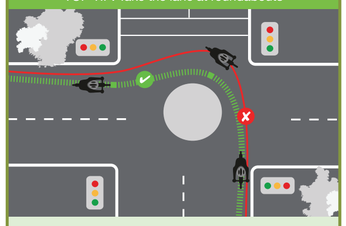
Cross tram tracks at a wide angle and take particular care in wet conditions when tracks can be slippery.

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 stopping, but you may choose to signal at these times to let other traffic know what you're doing.

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

TOP TIP: Take the lane at roundabouts

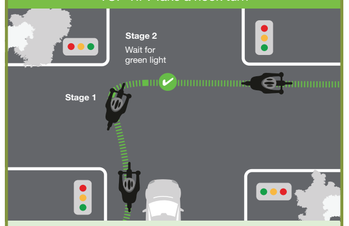


When using a single-lane roundabout, ride in the middle of the lane. This is so you are more visible to other road users and less likely to be cut off when other road users exit the roundabout. Make sure you signal your intentions and where possible, make eye contact to make sure other people have seen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

TOP TIP: Take a hook turn



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.

Cycling

Ready to ride

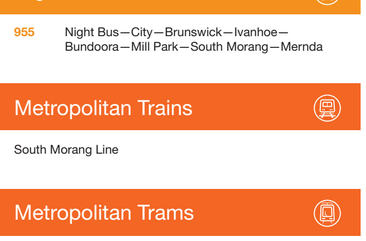
What are the requirements for cycling at night?
If you're riding at night or in other low-light conditions you must have a white light on the front of your bike and a red light on the rear. These lights may be flashing or static and must be visible from at least 200 metres. Your bike should also have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

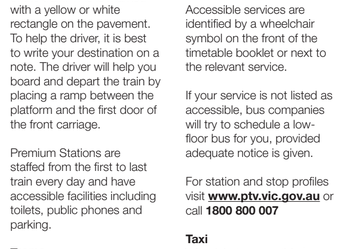
Am I required to have a bell fitted to my bike?
Yes, it is mandatory to have a bell, horn or similar warning device in working order.

TOP TIP: Lock your bike carefully



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.

TOP TIP: Avoid driver's blind spots



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

Pathway rules

You might be surprised to learn that use of shared paths and footpaths is covered in the Victorian road rules.

Some of the key rules appear below:

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.

Do I need to keep to the left when riding on a shared path or footpath?
Yes, it is a legal requirement that you ride on the left unless it is impracticable to do so.

Using shared paths is more about courtesy and common sense than rules. Here are some tips to keep in mind.

On bike:

- Pass other riders and walkers on the right and provide plenty of warning. It's a good idea to ring your bell about 30 metres before passing. You can also use your voice to provide a friendly warning — for example, "passing on your right"
- Travel at a safe speed so that you can stop quickly if necessary. Take particular care when passing in case your warning bell or call was not heard
- Keep an eye out for all pedestrians, especially children and dogs as their movements can be unpredictable
- Encourage children to keep to the left and join you in warning other path-users of your approach.

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.

Walking groups

Walk and Talk Walking Group
Norris Bank Reserve
at skateboard ramp
135 McLeans Road,
Bundoora
bethandfrank3083@hotmail.com
Ph. 9467 2539

Pacific Epping Mall Walkers
Customer Service
DeskPacific Epping
Corner High Street and
Cooper Street, Epping
staipi@pgoc.com.au
Ph. 9401 4111

Happy Feet Seniors Walking Group
Meeting Room
Epping Memorial Hall
827 High Street, Epping
waubra@bigpond.com.au
Ph. 0408 201 002

Plenty Valley Retirement Village Walking Group
Plenty Valley Retirement
Village, Community Centre
208 McDonalds Road,
Epping
rob.esposito@bigpond.com
Ph. 9401 6767

Mill Park Heights Leisure Walkers
Mill Park Heights
Primary School
87 Pindari Avenue, Mill Park
Ph. 0419 103 078

Walk and Talk Walking Group—Mill Park Lakes
Westfield car park, outside
the Woolworths entry
415 McDonalds Road,
Mill Park
Ph. 9436 6231

Westfield Walkers
Outside Woolworths,
Westfield Plenty Valley
415 McDonalds Road,
Mill Park
janice.boswell@bigpond.com
Ph. Lorraine 9404 1984
or Janice 0412 132 914

Whittlesea U3A—Cross Country Walkers
South Morang
City of Whittlesea car park
25 Ferres Boulevard,
South Morang
Ph. 9464 2613

Cycling groups

Kaleidoscope Neighbourhood House—Whittlesea Walkers
Whittlesea Community
House
92A Church Street,
Whittlesea
wchi@whittleseach.com.au
Ph. 9716 3361

Whittlesea Walkers Plenty Valley Community Health
40 – 42 Walnut Street,
Whittlesea
pattybarber@hotmail.com
Ph. Patricia 9716 1319
or Robert 0417 822 958

Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group (Whittlesea BUG)
whittleseabug@gmail.com
www.whittleseabug.org.au

Whittlesea Cycling Club
whitcyclingclub@gmail.com

Bicycle Network Victoria
Ph. 1800 639 634
www.bicyclenetwork.com.au

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.

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.

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.

For more information
www.delwp.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/wildlife/swooping-birds
or **www.magpiealert.com**

Bike parking at train stations

Lockers
Bike lockers are available at Premium Stations across Victoria. They can be rented free after paying a bond of $100 for a new locker with a built in lock or $50 for lockers that require you to supply a lock.

You can hire a locker at Premium Stations for up to three months at a time and renew without paying any additional bond. Items stored in lockers remain your responsibility.

For more information visit
metrotrains.com.au/bike facilities

Bike Lockers
South Morang
Epping
Thomastown
Reservoir
Preston

Cages
Parkiteer bike cages can be found at stations across Melbourne and key regional centres. The bike cages provide undercover, free and secure parking for around 26 bikes.

To access a **Parkiteer** cage you will need to register for a swipe card. Cards are available for a $50 refundable deposit.

For more information and to register visit
parkiteer.com.au

Bike Cages
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Bus routes on this map

- 356 Epping Station—Wollert East via Hayston Bvd
- 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

SmartBus

- 901 Frankston—Melbourne Airport
- 902 Chelsea—Airport West

Night Bus

- 955 Night Bus—City—Brunswick—Ivanhoe—Bundoora—Mill Park—South Morang—Mernda

Metropolitan Trains

South Morang Line

Metropolitan Trams

Tram route **86**

For more information, visit **www.ptv.vic.gov.au** or call **1800 800 007** (6am to midnight daily)

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.

Within the City of Whittlesea is Route 955: City, Brunswick, Ivanhoe, Bundoora, Mill Park, South Morang, Mernda.

For more information and timetables visit
www.ptv.vic.gov.au
www.ptv.vic.gov.au/route/view/8959,
or call **1800 800 007**,
TTY users call
(03) 9619 2727

Night Bus

Uber

Uber is a convenient, inexpensive and safe taxi service. For more information visit www.uber.com or to download the Uber app visit the Google Play store

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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 accessible to passengers using mobility aids. The majority of services on routes 96 and 109 are low-floor trams.

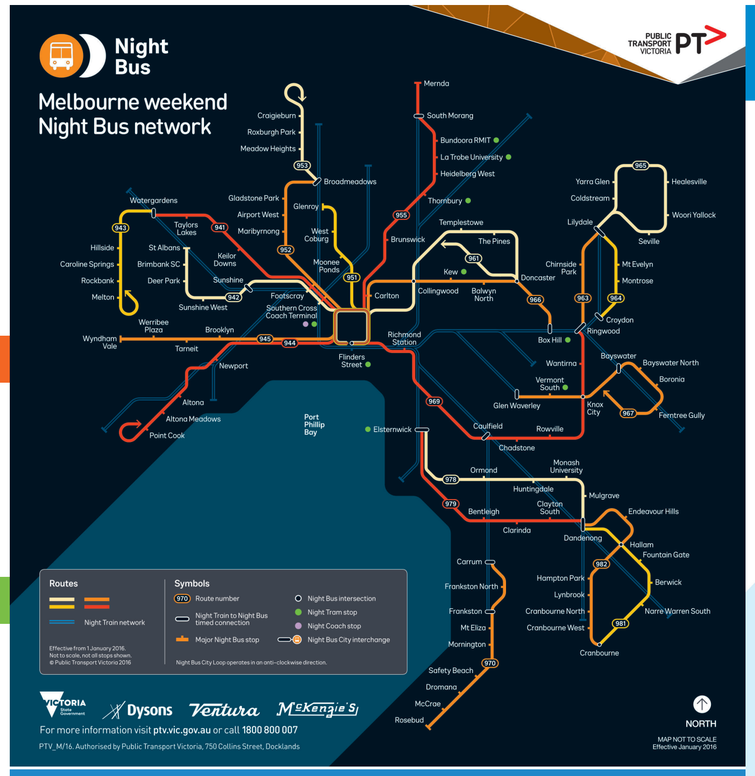
Buses
More than 80 per cent of Melbourne's bus services are wheelchair-accessible on weekdays, and more than 95 per cent on weekends and public holidays.

Accessible services are identified by a wheelchair symbol on the front of the timetable booklet or next to the relevant service.

If your service is not listed as accessible, bus companies will try to schedule a low-floor bus for you, provided adequate notice is given.

For station and stop profiles visit **www.ptv.vic.gov.au** or call **1800 800 007**

Taxi
Wheelchair accessible taxis can be booked through Silver Top Taxis on **131008** or Yellow Cabs on **132227**



For more information visit **ptv.vic.gov.au** or call **1800 800 007**

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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
or download the PTV iPhone or Android app, Tram Tracker app from the Google Play store.

Metro trains metroNotify
Get on board with Metro's new app, metroNotify. The new app allows you to personalise Metro's live service updates to receive the information you want at the times that you need it. New information about your selected train lines, sent directly from Metro's Control Centre, will arrive on your device as a push notification. For more information visit
www.metrotrains.com.au/metronotify

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

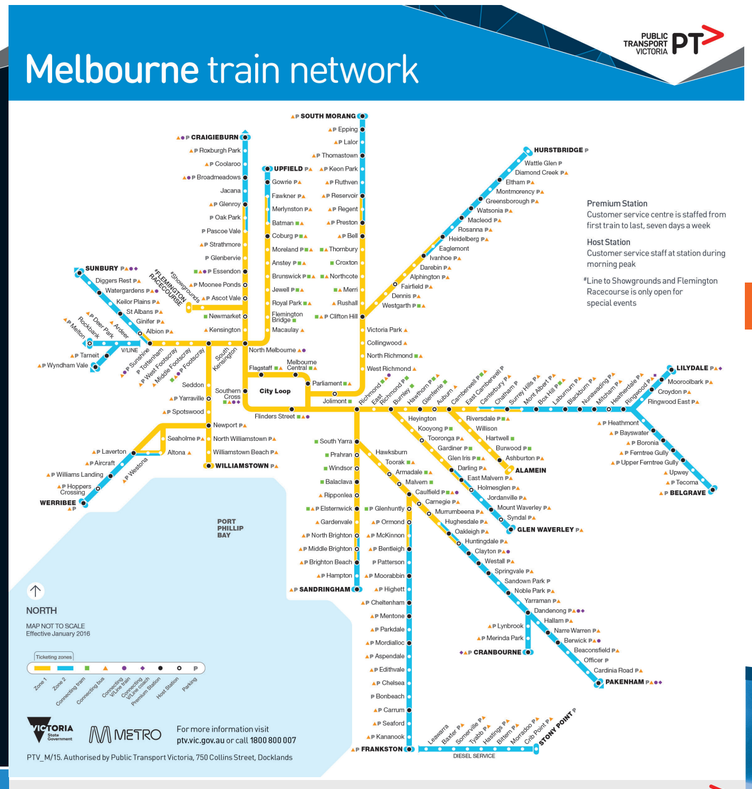
Shuttle bus
A number of shuttle bus services operate between metropolitan and regional centres and Melbourne Airport.

Airport Bus Dandenong **www.airportbusdandenong.com.au**

Melbourne Northern and Eastern Suburbs Airport Bus Eastside
www.airportbus.com.au

For detailed information about bus shuttles to and from Melbourne Airport visit
www.melbourneairport.com.au/ to-from-the-airport/other-bus-services/other-buses

Melbourne train network



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General information

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.

Need more information?
For more information, visit **www.ptv.vic.gov.au** orcall **1800 800 007**
(6am to midnight daily.)

Information in other languages
Public transport information is available in a variety of different languages. For public transport telephone enquiries, dial the number next to the language in the table.

Arabic	9321 5440
Cantonese	9321 5441
Croatian	9321 5442
Dinka	9321 5452
Greek	9321 5443
Italian	9321 5444
Macedonian	9321 5445
Mandarin	9321 5454
Somali	9321 5446
Spanish	9321 5447
Sudanese	9321 5453
Turkish	9321 5448
Vietnamese	9321 5449
All other languages	9321 5450

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
www.whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au/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** 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**

For more information on Victoria's taxis visit
www.taxi.vic.gov.au
or call **1800 638 802**

TravelSmart Map
better ways to go

Melway

City of Whittlesea

Mernda, Doreen, Yan Yean, Woodstock

walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing

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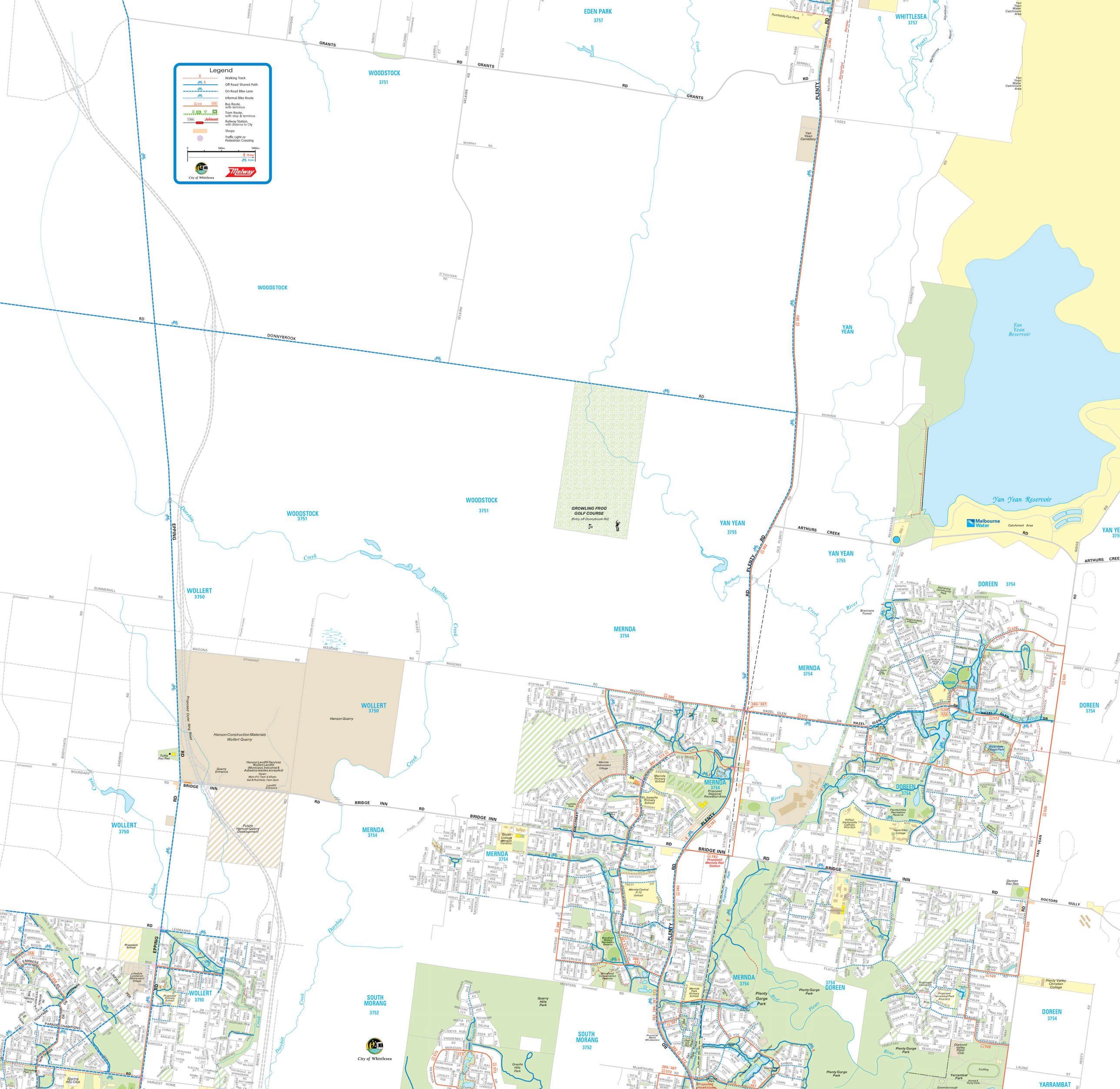

Legend
Walking Track
Off Road Shared Path
On-Road Bike Lane
Informal Bike Route
Bus Route, with terminus
Tram Route, with stop & terminus
Railway Station, with distance to City
Shops
Traffic Light or Pedestrian Crossing
City of Whittlesea
Melway
EDEN PARK 3757
WHITTLESEA 3757
WOODSTOCK 3751
GRANTS RD
PLENTY RD
DONNYBROOK RD
YAN YEAN
Yan Yean Reservoir
GROWLING FROG GOLF COURSE
(Entry off Donnybrook Rd)
YAN YEAN 3755
ARTHURS CREEK RD
Melbourne Water
Catchment Area
DOREEN 3754
WOLLERT 3750
MERNDA 3754
Hanson Quarry
Hanson Construction Materials Wollert Quarry
Future Hanson Quarry Development
BRIDGE INN RD
EPPING RD
SOUTH MORANG 3752
Plenty Gorge Park
YARRAMBAT
Yarrambat Park
Plenty Valley Christian College
Doreen Rec Res
Yan Yean Cemetery
Funfields Fun Park
Quarry Hills Park
Granite Hills Park
Proposed Mernda Rail Station
Proposed Regional Recreation Area
Mernda Retirement Village
Mernda Primary School
St Josephs Primary School
Mernda Central P-12 School
Woodland Waters Recreation Reserve
Woodland Conservation Reserve
Lifestyle Lyndarum Retirement Village
Proposed School
Epping RSL Club
Tuttle Rec Res
Hazel Glen Rd
Laurimar
Waterdale Village Park
Painted Hills Recreation Reserve
Hazel Glen College
Proposed Yarrambat Park Prim Sch
Diamond Valley Pistol Club
Trotting
Yarrambat Park
Horse & Pony Club
Greensborough
Proposed Hawkstowe
Proposed Mernda Rail Station
Proposed Outer Ring Road
Darebin Creek
Plenty River
Barbers Creek
Findon Creek
Yan Yean Water Catchment Area
Melbourne Water Aqueduct
Plenty Water
Dismantled Railway