



On the road

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

Yes, bicycles are classified as vehicles under the law which means that you have the same rights and responsibilities when you're on a bike as when you are driving a car. For exceptions, refer to the Road Safety Road Rules 2017 (Victoria) at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

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

Yes, unless it is impracticable to do so.

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.

Is it legal to ride two abreast?

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

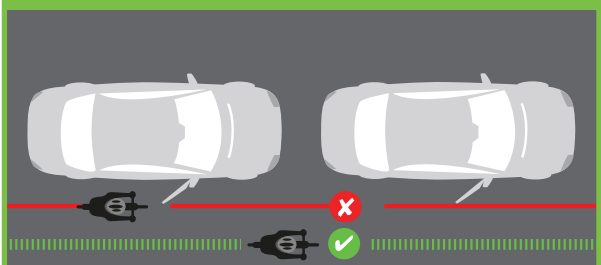
Is it OK to occupy a whole traffic lane when I'm riding my bike?

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. Some narrow streets have bike logos marked on the road to encourage riders to use the whole lane.

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. This is commonly known as "car dooring" and it can cause serious and potentially life-threatening injuries to bike riders.

TOP TIP: Ride outside the door zone

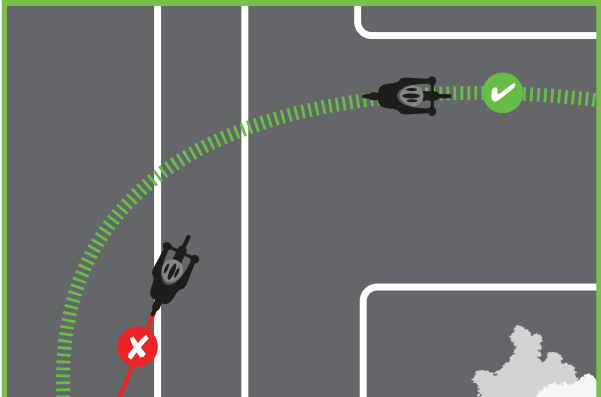


Aim to ride towards the right side of the bike lane. If cars parked with their doors open where would you place yourself on the road to be safe? That is where you should aim to be all the time — far enough out so that your handlebar would not clip an open car door. Don't be afraid to ride towards the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

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.

TOP TIP: Take care when crossing tram tracks



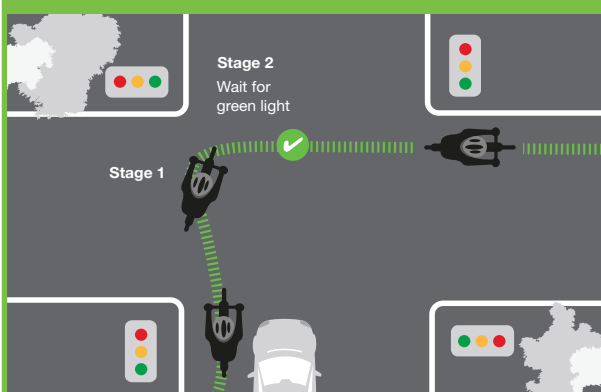
Cross tram tracks at a wide angle and take particular care in wet conditions when tracks can be slippery.

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.

On the paths

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?

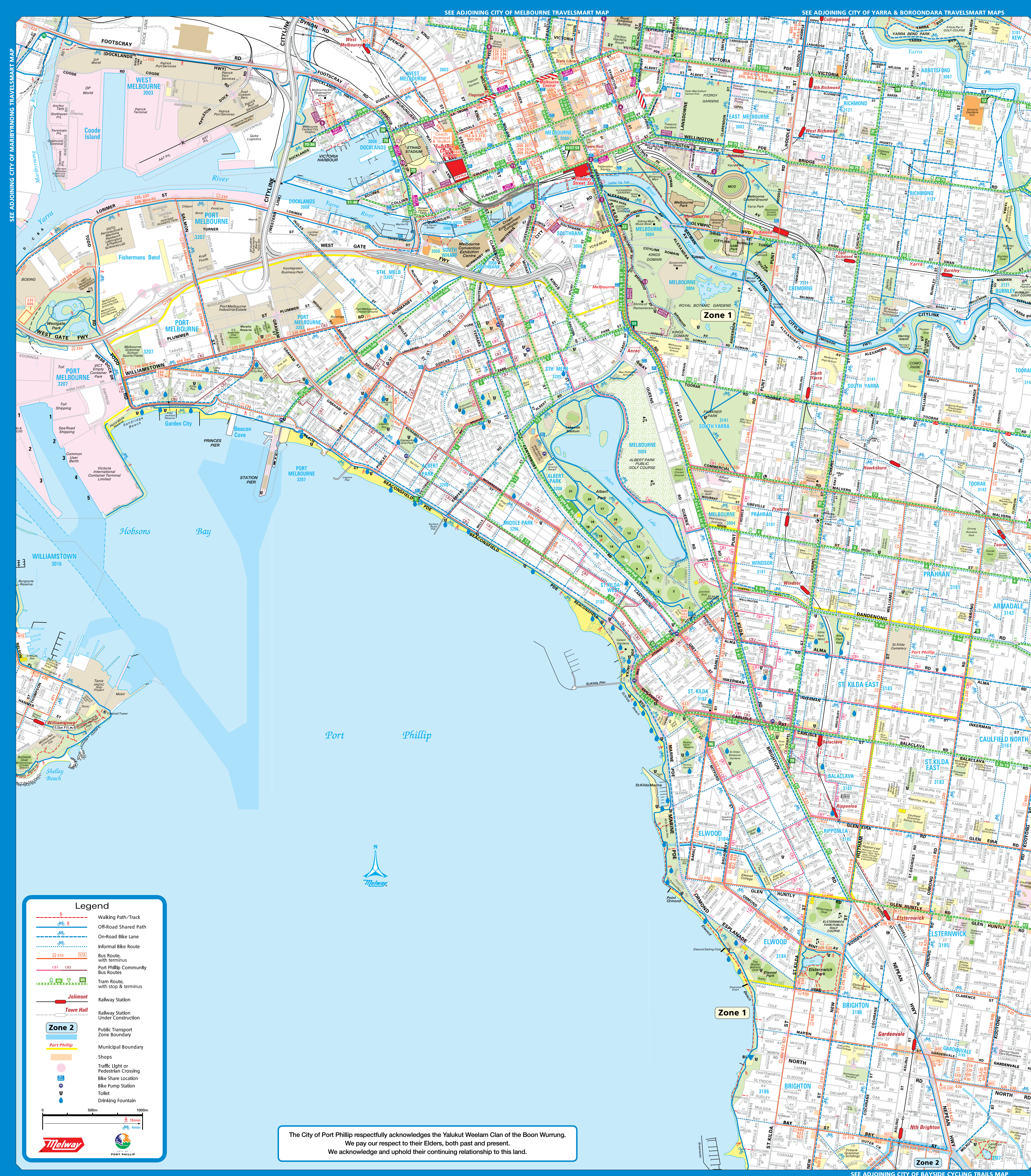
If you are riding a bike on a shared path or footpath you are required to give way to all pedestrians.

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.

What are the rules for use of motorised mobility devices?

Electric wheelchairs, mobility scooters and motorised buggies can only be used by people who are unable to walk or have difficulty walking. They must have a maximum speed of 10km/h on level ground and weigh no more than 110kg. If you are using a motorised mobility device you are classified as a pedestrian according to the road rules.



The City of Port Phillip respectfully acknowledges the Yalukitj Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respect to their Elders, both past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.