

# Your Travel Guide into and around the City



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MELBOURNE

Swanston St.  
Walk



## The Changing Face of Melbourne



Melbourne is on the move.

The city is undergoing a period of great change designed to regenerate and revitalise Melbourne:

New shops, restaurants, amenities and nightlife make now the best time to rediscover and enjoy the city.

Part of that change includes the creation of Swanston St. Walk from March 28.

The new pedestrian precinct will be a great boost for the prosperity of our city. Shoppers, city workers and tourists will have a better environment to enjoy their time in town. Swanston St. Walk is a key link in the continuing evolution of Melbourne as a world class city.

This brochure provides a comprehensive guide to vastly improved city bypass and access routes, city car parks and public transport services. It demonstrates clearly that the needs of motorists are being met and that public transport continues to provide direct access to the city for commuters and shoppers.

Swanston St. Walk is part of a much broader plan to give the heart of Melbourne a tremendous service and retailing boost. It will be good for Melburnians, good for business and good for tourists.

Construction of Swanston St. Walk will include the installation of widened bluestone footpaths, the planting of trees and other substantial improvements. These changes will be completed in September 1992, when Swanston St. Walk will be officially opened.

It is symbolic that in the very heart of our city, we are creating the space for Melbourne's greatest asset – its people.

Melbourne Now is the world's most liveable city and a city for you!

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NOW



## City Bypass →

If you are driving and your final destination is **not** the city, the fastest way around is to use the nominated Bypass Routes by following the signs.

These routes are clearly indicated by new large Green and Yellow "CITY BYPASS" signs.

These signs are positioned on major streets to clearly advise you of the direction to take.

The Bypass Routes are:

**Eastern Freeway/Alexander Parade**

**Punt Road/Hoddle Street**

**Victoria Street/Parade**

**Lansdowne Street/Brunton Avenue**

**Kings Way/King Street**

**Footscray Road**

**Alexandra Avenue/**

**Swan Street Bridge/Batman Avenue**

### Why Use These Streets?

- The nominated Bypass Routes provide the most **direct** routes **around** the city.
- Traffic signals favour these routes rather than less important routes which cross them.
- These routes have been improved to cater for increased traffic by removal of parking, extension of clearway times, and provision for tow-away of wrongly parked vehicles.
- The City Bypass Routes provide connections between Freeways:
  - Punt Road/Victoria Parade/Flemington Road connect the South-Eastern Arterial to the Tullamarine Freeway.
  - Hoddle Street/Punt Road connect the Eastern Freeway to the South-Eastern Arterial.
  - Batman Avenue/Alexandra Avenue/Sturt Street connects the South-Eastern Arterial to the West Gate Freeway.





## City Access →

If you are driving, and your final destination is in the city, the quickest way is to use the improved Access Routes.

These routes are clearly indicated by new large Blue and Yellow "CITY ACCESS" signs.

These signs are positioned on major streets to clearly advise you of the direction to take.

The improved City Access Routes are:

**St Kilda Road/Southbank Blvd.**

**Queens Bridge/William Street**

**Wellington Parade**

**Albert Street**

**Royal Parade**

**The University end of Swanston Street**

**Latrobe Street**

**Lonsdale Street**

### Why Use These Streets?

- Special signs advising the location of city car parks will be placed on these routes.
- Traffic signals favour these routes.
- These routes have been improved to cater for increased traffic by extension of clearway times, and removal of parking.

### Parking made easier

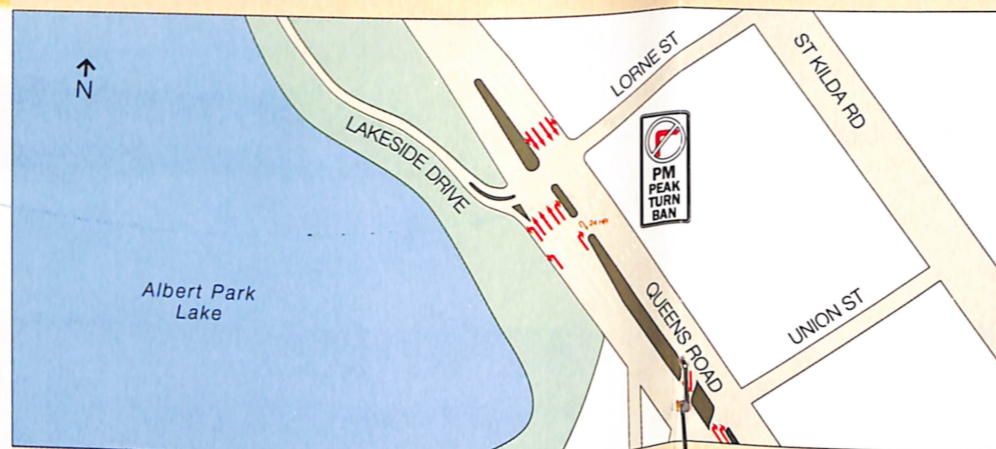
Central Melbourne has one of the most extensive inner city car parking networks of any city in Australia.

The car parks are located centrally on major streets with easy access and there is a lot of available car space in the city.

Some of the centre-of-road parking has been removed to help improve traffic flow, so if you drive to the city, plan the trip ahead to best utilise the car parks available.

Special signage will indicate where parking is available.

For additional information about Access and Bypass routes ring VICROADS Traffic Information Line 345 4500.

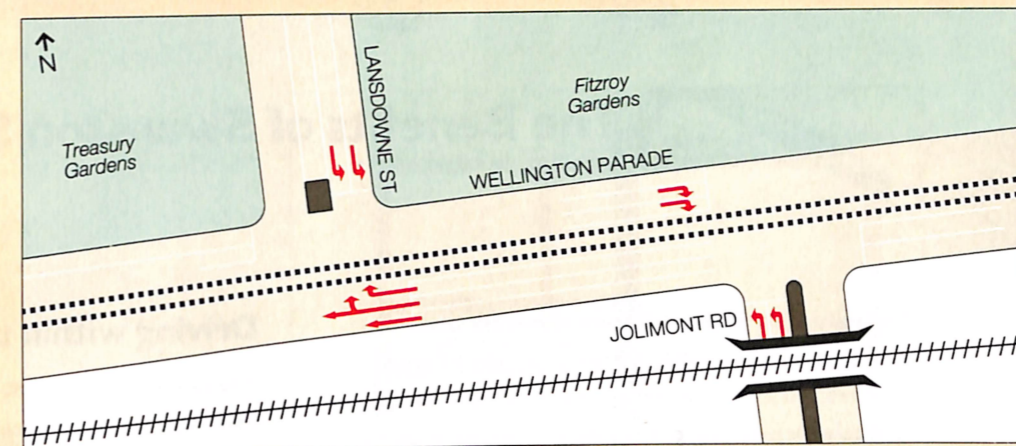


#### Queens Road

Motorists will not be permitted to turn right from Queens Road into Lorne Street in the evening traffic peak between 4 pm and 6.30 pm. Motorists are advised to turn right at Union Street to gain access to St. Kilda Road and other locations to the east. Similar right turn restrictions apply in Kingsway at Albert Road and Sturt Street in the morning and evening traffic peaks. Northbound motorists on Kingsway can still turn right at Park Street, and southbound motorists can still turn right at York Street.

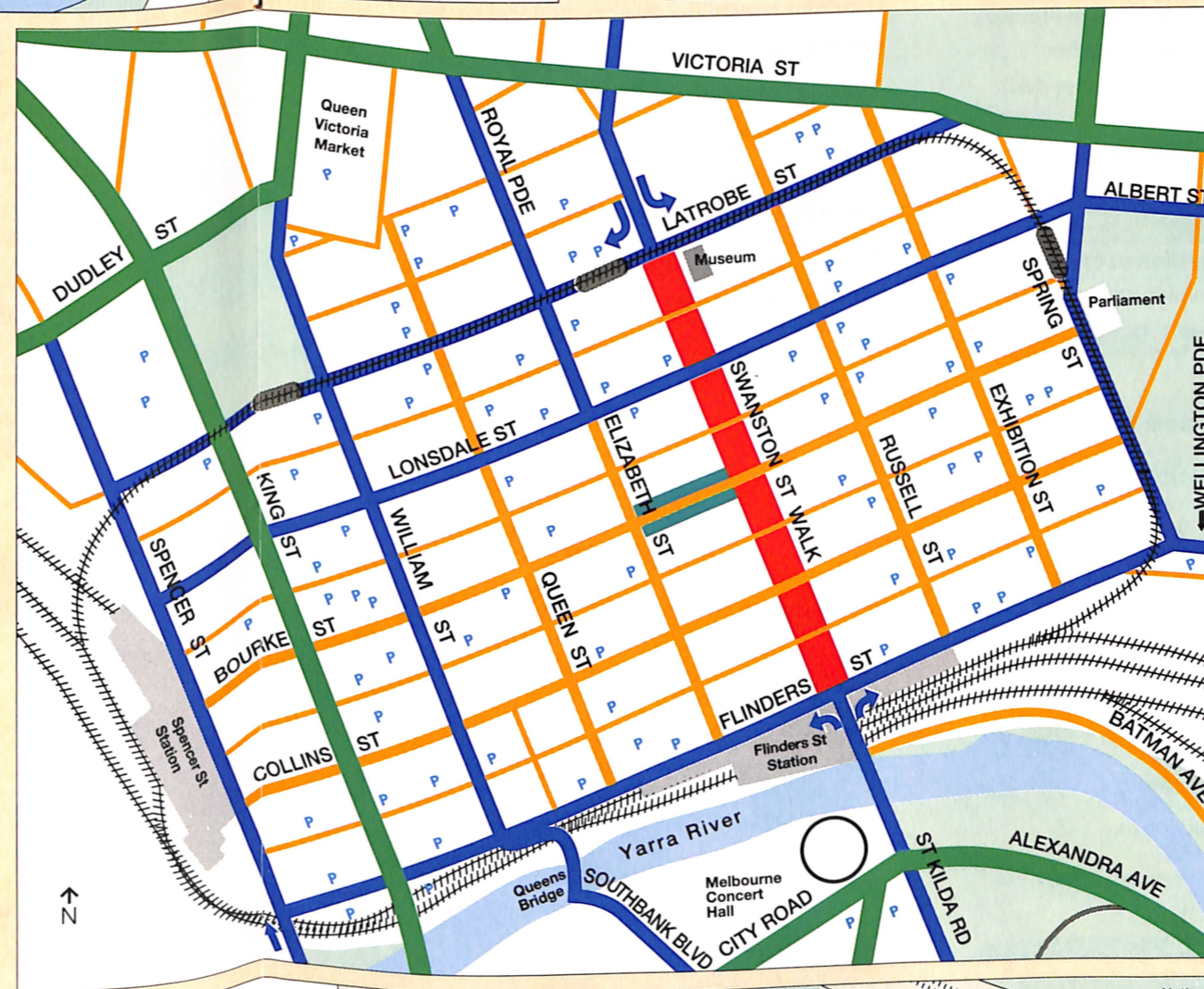
#### Queens Bridge

A total redesign and reconstruction of the intersections at the Queens Bridge area provides a big improvement to the level of service for all traffic and public transport. A new road link from William Street to Queens Bridge has been constructed and the tram tracks in Flinders Street have been relocated to provide an exclusive right turning lane into William Street.



#### Lansdowne Street

The role of Lansdowne Street as a bypass route has been enhanced by the removal of parking in the centre of the road, extending some "No Standing" zones and the banning of right turns from Lansdowne Street into Wellington Parade.

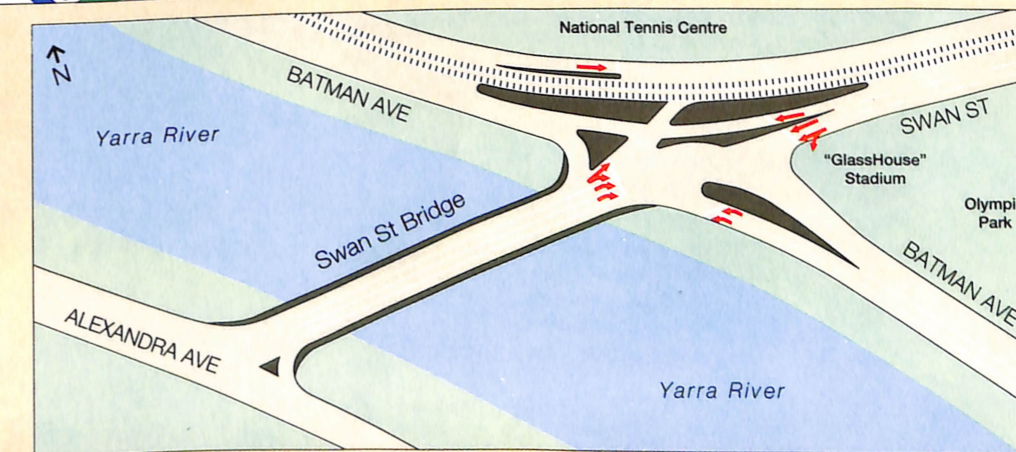


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#### Batman Avenue at Swan Street

Batman Avenue traffic can no longer cross the Swan Street intersection and continue along Batman Avenue. Motorists heading into the city on Batman Avenue can still turn left onto the Swan Street Bridge. Motorists can enter the South-Eastern Arterial from the city using the existing route of Alexandra Avenue, Swan Street Bridge and Batman Avenue. The changes at this intersection have resulted in less delay and congestion on this route.





## The Benefits of Swanston St. Walk

Swanston St. Walk will have sidewalk bistros, cafés, specialty shops, a green canopy of trees, flowers, outdoor entertainment for the people and tourists of Melbourne to enjoy. It will be a pedestrian promenade from Flinders Street to LaTrobe Street, with space for public transport, bicycles, and when needed, emergency and authorised vehicles. Swanston St. Walk will be a magnificent showpiece for visitors, from the country, from interstate and from overseas. It will be an outstanding addition to Melbourne's charming streets, city laneways and arcades and connects to the development of walk ways along the Yarra.

### Spectacles, Festivals and Events

April 1992	Event/Venue
March 30 – April 18	The Melbourne International Comedy Festival – Various Locations
April 2 – 18	Sidney Nolan 75th Birthday Exhibition – National Gallery of Victoria
April 3 – May 2	The Nutcracker – The Australian Ballet – State Theatre
April 18	Fitzroy Gardens Concert
April 26	Sussan Women's 10km Classic – Bourke Street Mall
April 27 –	Adriana Lacouvreur – The Australian Opera – State Theatre
<b>May</b>	
May 7 – 13	Caravan and Camping Show – Royal Exhibition Building
May 15 – 31	Next Wave Youth Arts Festival – Various Locations
May 31	Qantas Melbourne Marathon – Olympic Park
<b>June</b>	
June 4 – 16	Richard III – Bell Shakespeare Company – Athenaeum Theatre
June 5 – 21	41st Melbourne International Film Festival – Various Locations
June 5 – Aug 21	Winter In The City – Various Locations
June 11 – 14	Holiday and Travel Show – Royal Exhibition Building
June 15 – 27	Sydney Dance Company – State Theatre
<b>July</b>	
July 2 – 9	National Boat Shows – Royal Exhibition Bldg
July 3 – 19	Melbourne Food and Wine Festival – Various Locations
July 15 – 19	Great Australian Science Show – World Congress Centre
July 26 – 30	Young Australian Expo – Royal Exhibition Bldg

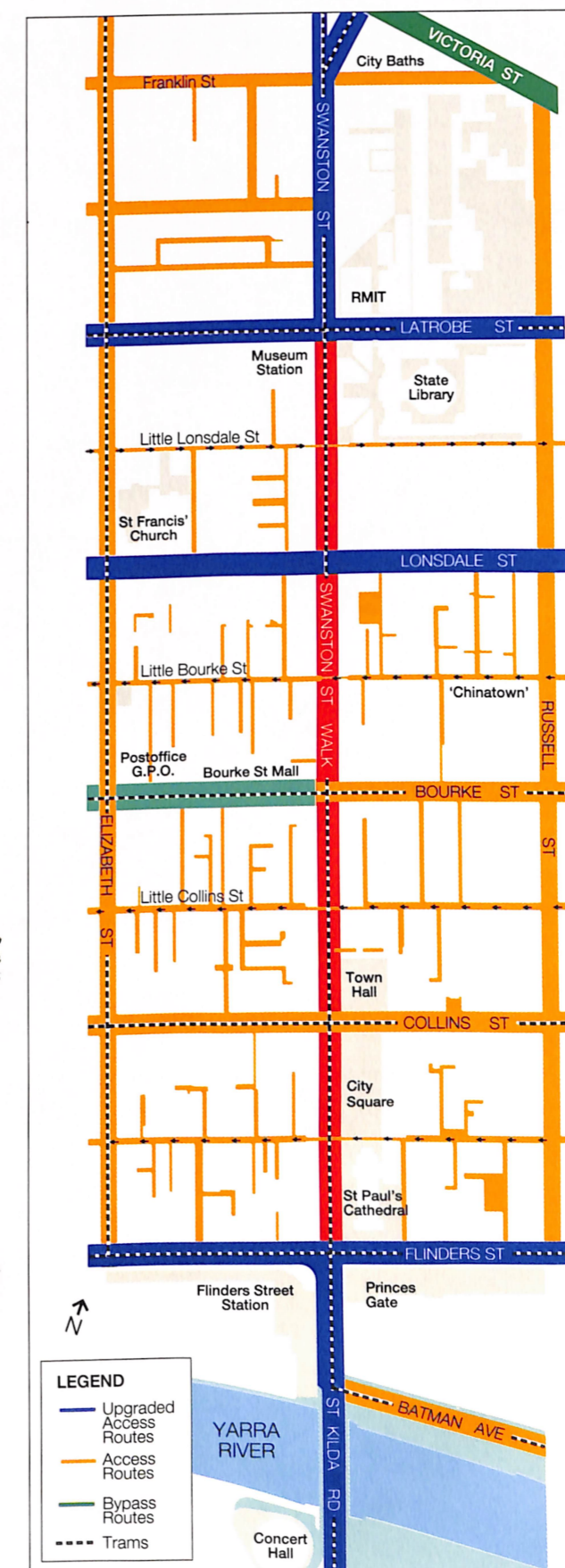
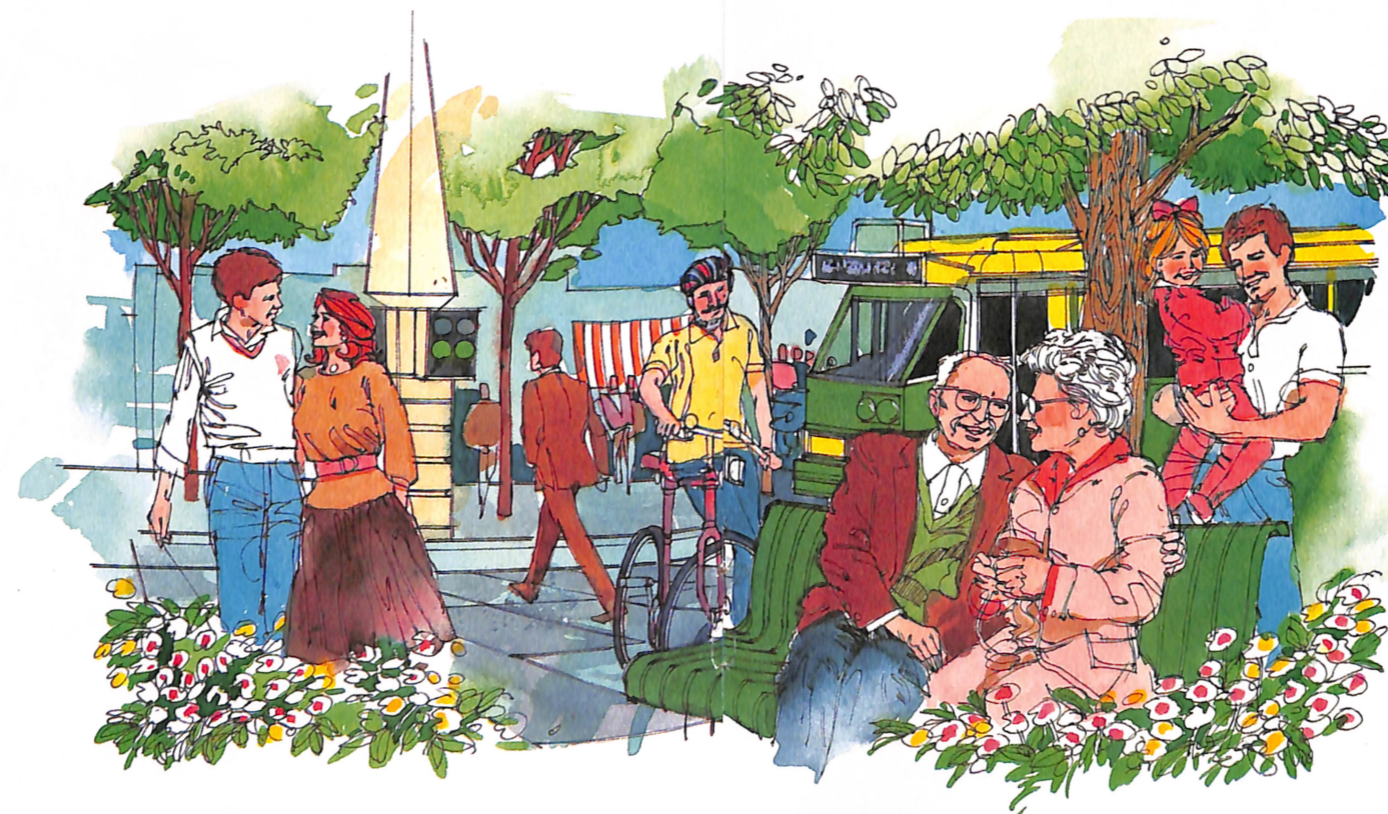
### Driving within the City

You can still drive across Swanston St. Walk along the east/west streets. There is no restriction on traffic circulating around the other central streets and crossing Swanston St. Walk.

Traffic can circulate much more easily with the removal of unnecessary through traffic from Swanston Street.

Restricted access is allowed for authorised vehicles such as taxis to enter Swanston St. Walk.

For information about access for deliveries contact Melbourne City Council on 658 8570.





# Public Transport into and around the city



The easiest way to get into and around the city is on The Met.

The Met runs thousands of tram, train and bus trips in and out of the city each day with plenty of connections to local services in the suburbs.

There are frequent tram services on most major streets in the central city, making travel to work, shops and entertainment easy.

Free park and ride facilities are available at many suburban stations.

— TRAIN — TRAM — BUS  
 ■ Indicating Suburb Direction Only

Special "Keep Clear" zones will be an important feature of each tram stop in Swanston St. Walk. No service vehicle or taxi may enter these zones while tram commuters are boarding.

Free train travel for bikes off-peak, weekends and public holidays.

**For timetable information and a destination guide ring 617 0900**

