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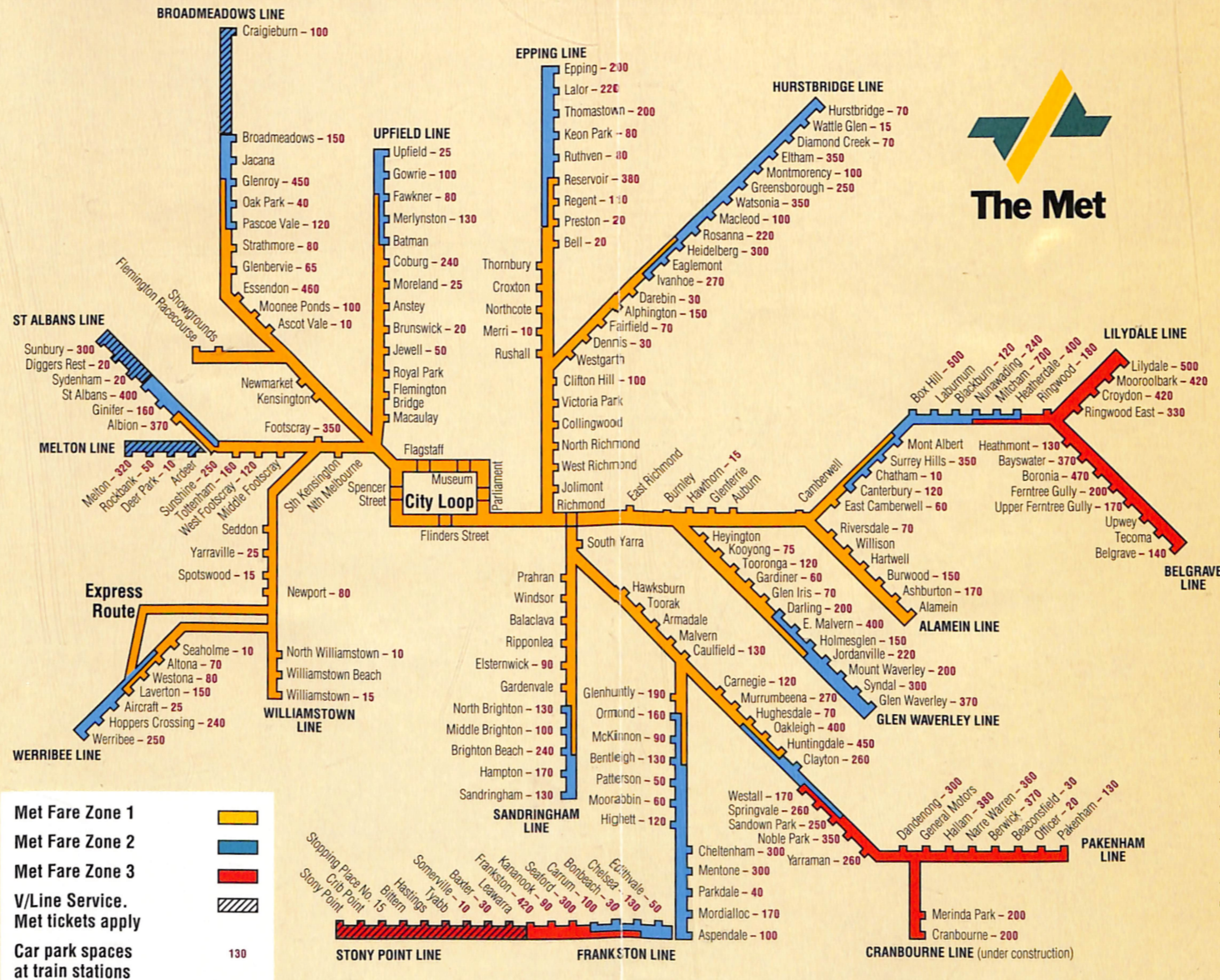
The City Access Group has prepared this brochure to improve public information about travelling around the City and to provide details of several major initiatives.

The City Access Group was formed to look at car parking and public transport and their impact on the rejuvenation of Melbourne City.

The Group is convened by Melbourne City Marketing Ltd and chaired by the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria, with representatives from the City of Melbourne, Victorian Parking Industry Association, Public Transport Corporation, Building Owners and Managers Association, Retail Traders Association of Victoria, and Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry/ Melbourne City Chamber of Commerce.



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## Park 'n' ride

Another alternative! The Met provides nearly 25,000 free car parking spaces at metropolitan train stations (see map below). You may find it costs less, reduces travel time and is more relaxing and convenient than driving for the full extent of your journey. The Met has nominated 'Premium Stations' which are staffed from first to last train for added safety.



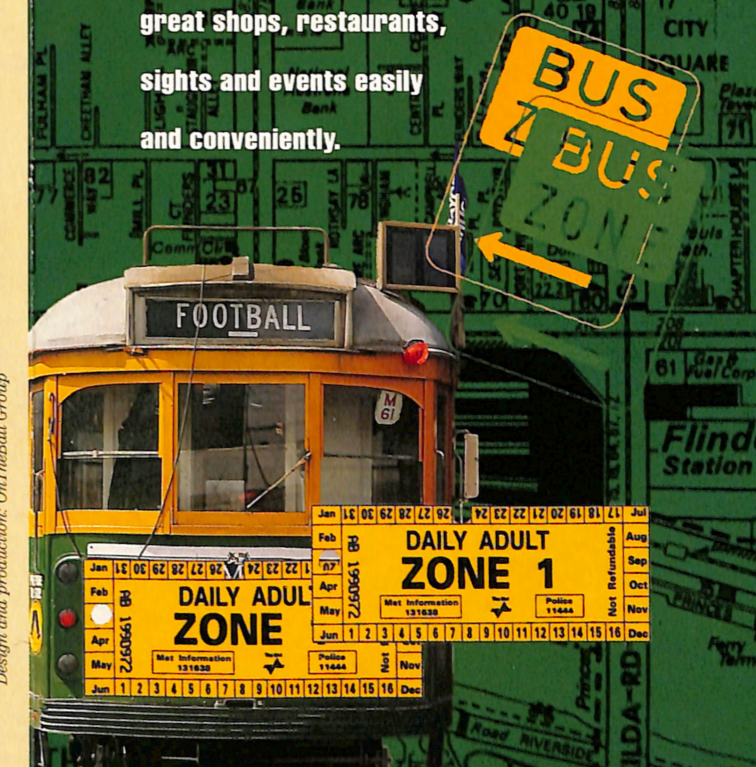
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An introductory guide to Melbourne City's

extensive and effective public transport system, enabling you to take

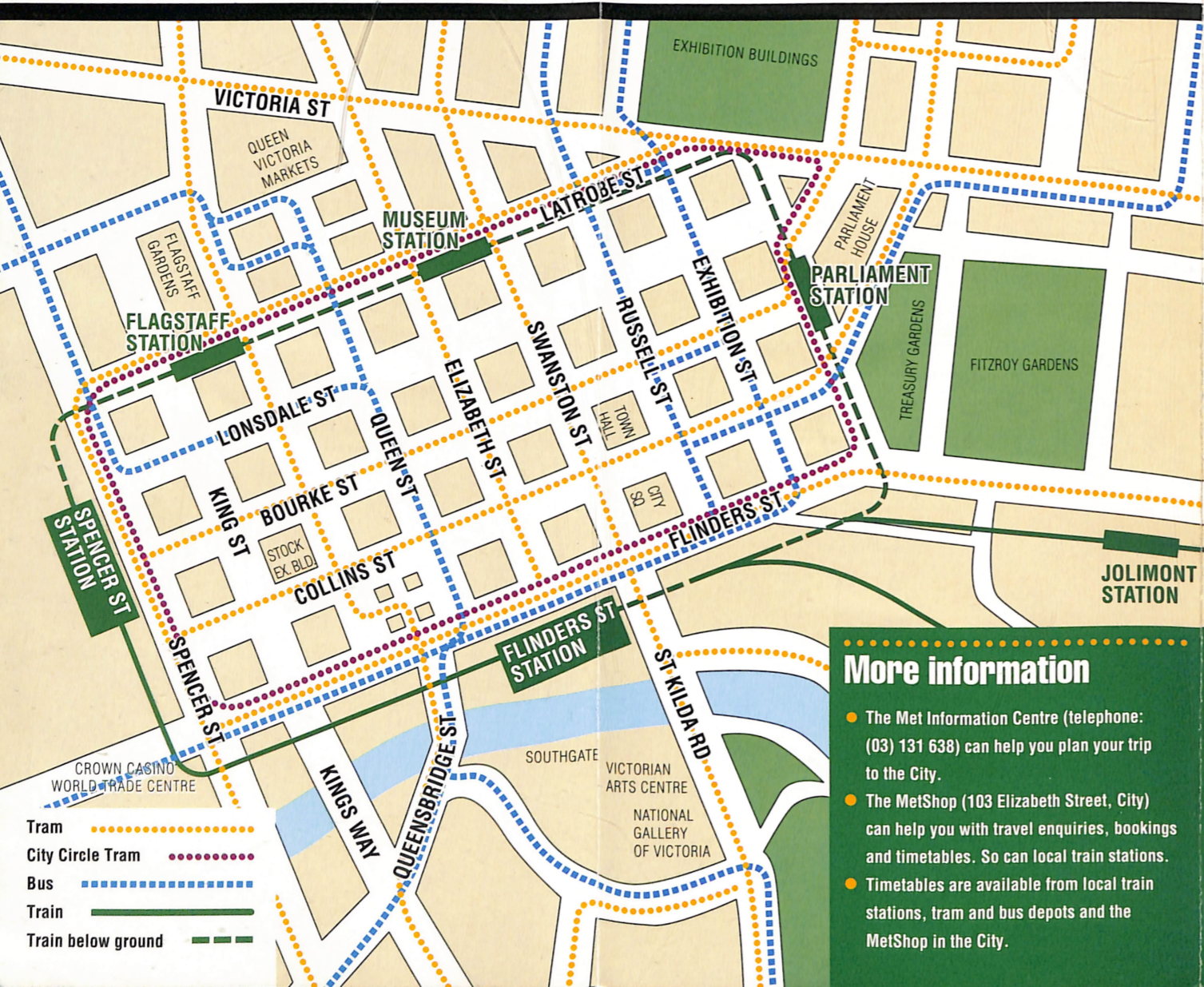
advantage of the City's great shops, restaurants, sights and events easily and conveniently.

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Public transport can take you to Melbourne City's major shops, public buildings, offices, entertainment and sports venues. On an average week-day more than 200,000 people use trams, trains or buses to travel to the City. Public transport minimises pollution and road traffic congestion – ensuring that Melbourne is one of the world's most livable cities.



## Did you know?

Most public transport services operate from around 5 am until 1 am, with the last services leaving the City around midnight. In the early hours of the morning the NightRider bus service (on weekends) and taxis continue to provide transport.

## Trams

- A fleet of around 500 trams operates on 26 radial routes which provide frequent services to and from the City.
- Most parts of the City can be reached by tram, with pick-up points in almost all City blocks. Within the City boundaries, trams are the most common form of transport for workers, shoppers and sightseers.

**Free travel on CITY CIRCLE Trams**

## Trains

- More than 200 suburban stations from all points of the compass provide convenient access to the metropolitan rail system. Trains connect directly with Flinders Street, or they link with the four other City Loop stations (Parliament, Museum, Flagstaff and Spencer Street), providing easy access to all parts of the City.

## Buses

- Buses also service the City from country districts and from parts of Melbourne.
- Most suburban bus services link directly with train services.
- After midnight (on weekends), the NightRider buses operate hourly services from the City on nine routes. The last bus is at 4.30 am.

## Taxis

- Taxi ranks are located throughout the City centre.
- A computerised service enables quick pick-ups for telephone bookings.

## Ticket tips

- There are three zones in Melbourne. Tickets can be purchased for single zones or multizones.
- The Met system is multimodal and so most tickets can be used on trains, trams and buses – so one ticket is all you need.
- Tickets can be purchased at the MetShop, at stations, on trams and buses, and at all retail outlets displaying the Met ticket sign.

### Ticket options include:

- City Saver tickets allow for travel on trams and buses in the City. City Saver Cards allow for 10 trips at a discounted price.
- A short trip card allows for 10 trips on trams and buses in Zone 1.

## Handy tips

- Timetables are available from train stations, tram and bus depots, and the MetShop (103 Elizabeth Street, City). The MetShop can also help with travel enquiries and bookings.
- The Met Information Centre (telephone: (03) 131 638) can help you plan your trip to the City.

- The two-hour ticket allows for unlimited travel on trains, trams and buses in the specified zone for two hours.
- Daily and weekly tickets are good options which provide substantial savings.
- Discounted all-day tickets are available for travellers who are over 60 years old.
- The Met operates a commuter club for regular travellers. Ask your employer or the Met for details.
- Off-peak tickets, Family tickets and Group Get-A-Bout tickets offer travellers discounts from their normal ticket. Ask the Met for more details.

## New developments

### City Circle Tram

- The City Circle Tram travels along the perimeter of the City and provides a free and convenient way for shoppers, office workers and families to travel to major attractions, shops and City activities.
- 330 customer service employees are being recruited to travel with customers on the Met.