



## WEST GATE TUNNEL

# Guide for Ballarat, Melton and Bacchus Marsh

The West Gate Tunnel will open in late 2025, providing a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge and improving Victoria's entire transport network.

The new road will deliver a number of benefits to those travelling from Ballarat, Melton and Bacchus Marsh, including:

- a new way to travel to and from Melbourne
- more lanes and state-of-the-art road safety technology to keep traffic moving smoothly, reduce congestion and improve on-road safety
- improved links to Melbourne's hospital, education and research precincts, and
- smoother travel to regional events from Melbourne such as Ballarat's Begonia Festival and Sovereign Hill.

### What you'll notice has changed

- Four more lanes on the West Gate Freeway between the M80 Ring Road and the West Gate Bridge
- Three dedicated express lanes in each direction on the West Gate Freeway that provide quicker and smoother travel to and from Ballarat.
- Tunnel entries and exits in the West Gate Freeway and near the Maribyrnong River
- Bridges providing new connections and destination options for drivers
- New freeway entry and exit ramps and direct connections to Melbourne's port for the freight industry.

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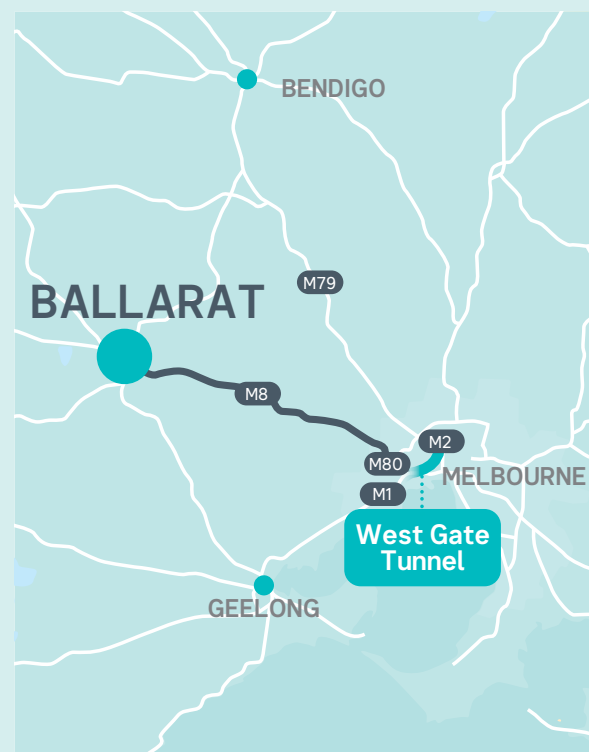
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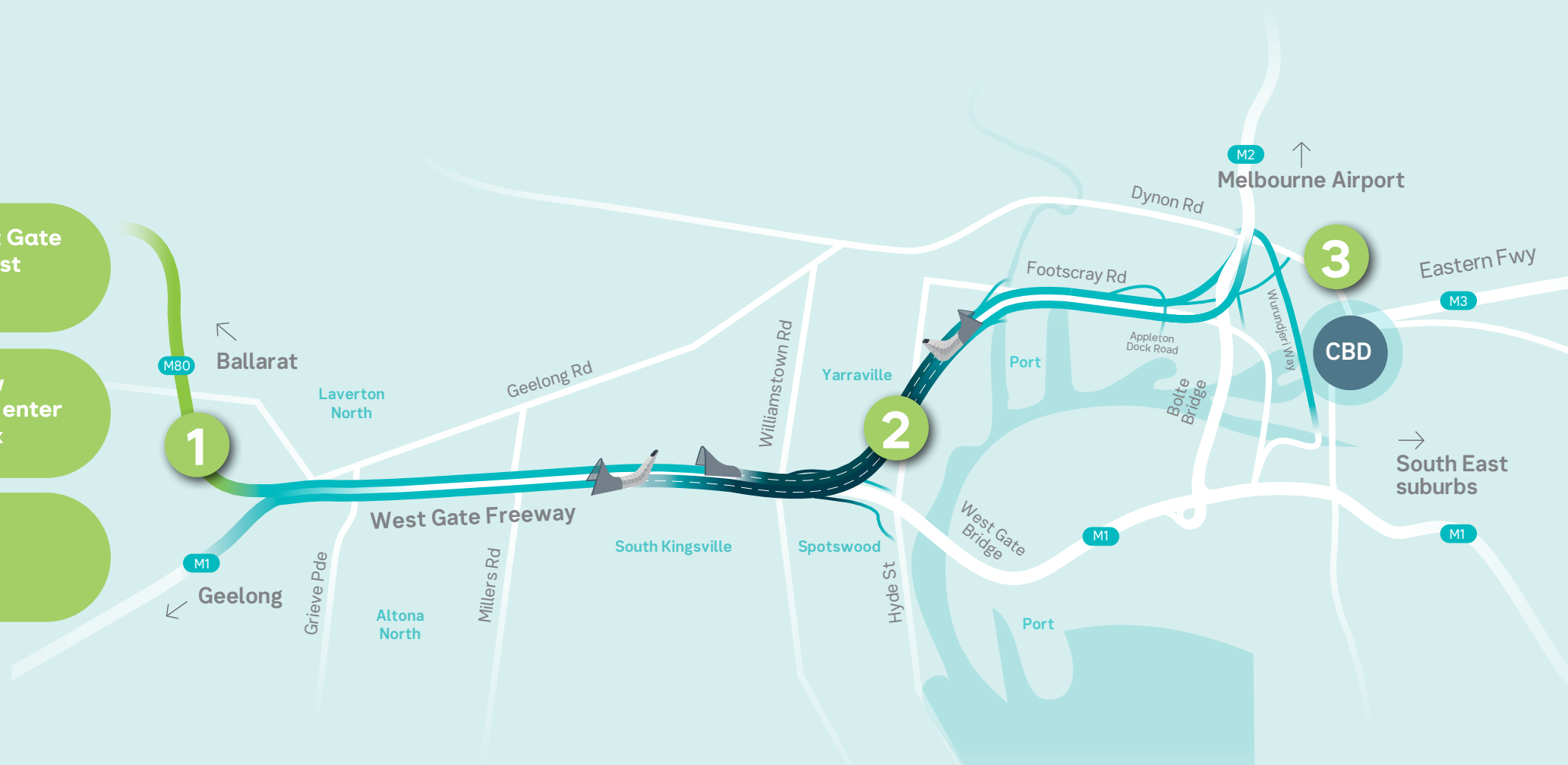
# Plan your drive in 3 simple steps



**1** Choose the West Gate Tunnel or the West Gate Bridge

**2** Choose your new options to exit & enter freeway network

**3** Choose final destinations for quicker journeys



## Travelling to Melbourne

Travelling from Ballarat and surrounds, you need to decide on the M80 Ring Road if you want to take the West Gate Tunnel or West Gate Bridge.

### West Gate Tunnel

Stay in the left lanes from the M80 Ring Road to the West Gate Freeway and enter the tunnel near Williamstown Road, just before the West Gate Bridge.

#### Choose your exit

Once you leave the tunnel you'll need to choose your exit. Follow signs to either:

- CityLink
- Dynon Road in West Melbourne
- Wurundjeri Way or Footscray Road in Docklands

### CityLink

Exit here for Melbourne and Essendon Airports, and the northern suburbs

### Dynon Road

Exit here for North and West Melbourne and places like the University of Melbourne, hospitals and the Queen Victoria Market

### Footscray Road

Exit here for Docklands or the southern part of the city

### Wurundjeri Way

Exit here for Marvel Stadium, and Flinders Street and Southern Cross stations

### West Gate Bridge

Stay in the right express lanes and travel over the West Gate Bridge. Travelling from Ballarat via the West Gate Bridge remains a free journey for light vehicles (such as cars, motorbikes and light commercial vehicles).

#### Choose your destination

- Continue onto the south-eastern suburbs
- Travel to the city via Montague Street or Power Street

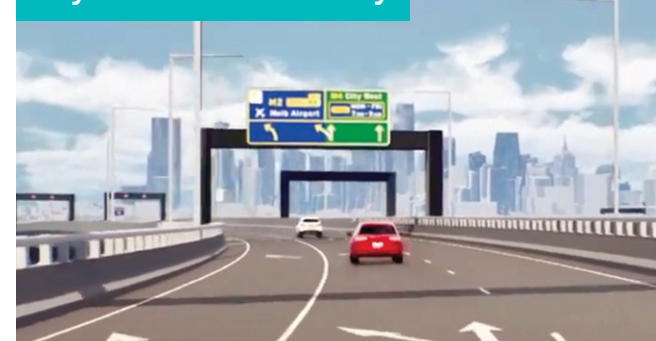
New express lanes



Tunnel entry and exit near Maribyrnong River



CityLink northbound entry



### Plan your trips in advance

Get familiar with the new road before you head out on [westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/drive](https://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/drive)





## For more information

To find out more about our project, please visit [westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/drive](https://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/drive). Drop by our Information Centre at the corner of Somerville Road and Whitehall Street, Yarraville, or catch up with us at one of our community engagement events.

Alternatively, please contact us on **9209 0147** if you need information in a language other than English.



## Tolls

Once the West Gate Tunnel is open, you can choose between travelling on roads that are tolled and those that aren't. Visit [transurban.com](https://transurban.com) for more information, including toll points and toll prices.

Image – New express lanes on the West Gate Freeway

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