

Height Clearance on Roads

Introduction

This information bulletin contains maps showing locations where the clearance beneath bridges and overhead wires is known to be 4.6 metres or less.

The bulletin is provided to assist truck and bus drivers to plan their routes to avoid these low obstacles.

Legal requirements

The *Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009* allow certain types of vehicles to operate up to 4.6 metres in height. These include:

- car carriers
- hay trucks
- livestock trucks
- vans carrying light freight (separate information bulletins detail the operating requirements for these types of vehicles)

The *Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009* require drivers of these types of vehicles to carry a copy of this bulletin or the relevant gazette in their vehicle.

Additional safety requirements also apply to drivers and operators of these high vehicles and reference should be made to the Regulations and specific VicRoads' information bulletins for information about these requirements.

Low clearance

Truck and bus drivers must not drive or attempt to drive a vehicle beneath a bridge or overhead structure which carries a sign with the words "LOW CLEARANCE" or "CLEARANCE", if the height of the vehicle (including its load) is equal to or greater than the height shown on the sign.



Advance warning signs

Look out for advance warning signs which are erected alongside some roads which carry large numbers of heavy vehicles. These signs are to alert you to the presence of a low bridge in time for you to take an alternative route or to stop before striking the bridge.





Height detectors

Height detectors are installed at some locations. These detectors activate flashing lights or warning signs, warning truck drivers that their vehicle exceeds either:

- the clearance beneath a structure on the route; or
- the general height limit of 4.3 metres.

Overhead wires

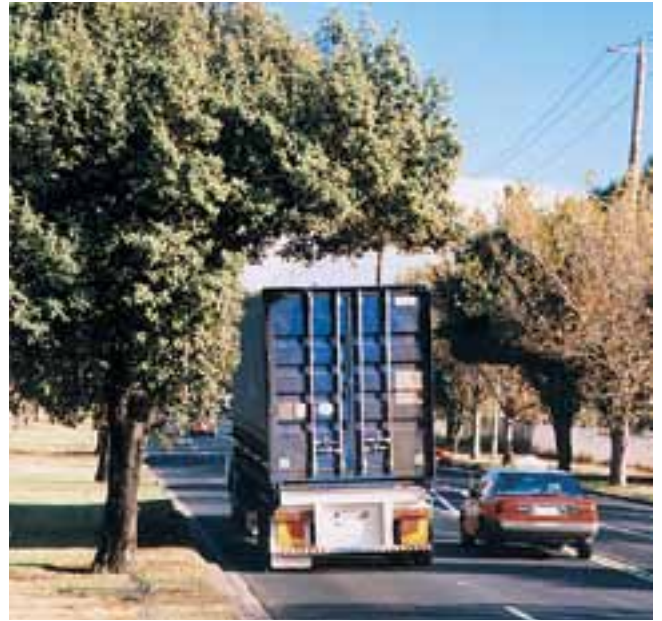
The maps show the known locations of low tram wires in Melbourne. It is likely that there are other locations where the clearance beneath tram wires, electricity wires and telecommunications wires is less than 4.6 metres, especially on minor roads in suburban areas.

Clearance beneath tram wires is often less than normal when approaching and exiting from underneath low bridges. Care needs to be exercised when operating a high vehicle in these locations.



Trees

You must be alert for trees projecting across roads.







Safe travel

The vehicle's registered operator and driver are responsible for planning any journey to ensure that:

- (a) the vehicle crosses bridges and negotiates curves in a safe manner, bearing in mind that some roads and intersections may not be capable of accommodating vehicles at the allowable dimensions;
- (b) the vehicle is not driven under a bridge or structure if the vehicle's height is the same as or exceeds the height limit on any sign;
- (c) the clearance to other overhead structures, cables, wires and trees is at least 200 mm greater than the height of the vehicle and sufficient to ensure safe passage; and
- (d) the vehicle is not driven on a road, bridge or structure if it would exceed any posted mass or dimension limit.



Map symbols

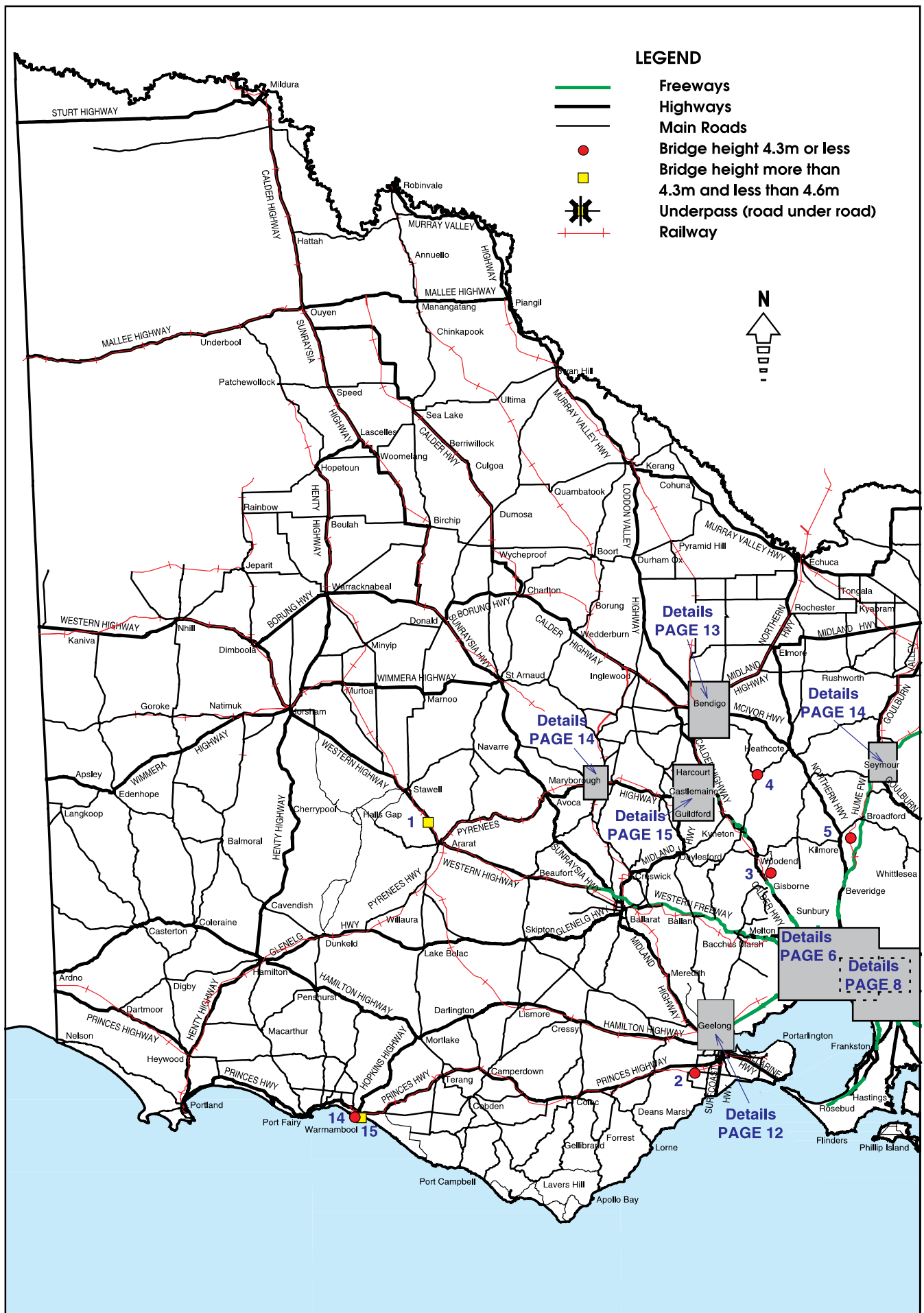
	Less than 4.3 metres clearance to an overhead rail bridge, pedestrian bridge or bridge truss.
	Less than 4.3 metres clearance to an overhead road bridge. This is where a road goes underneath another road.
	Over 4.3 metres but no more than 4.6 metres clearance to an overhead rail bridge, pedestrian bridge or bridge truss.
	Vehicles up to the general height limit of 4.3 metres can travel under these bridges and structures.
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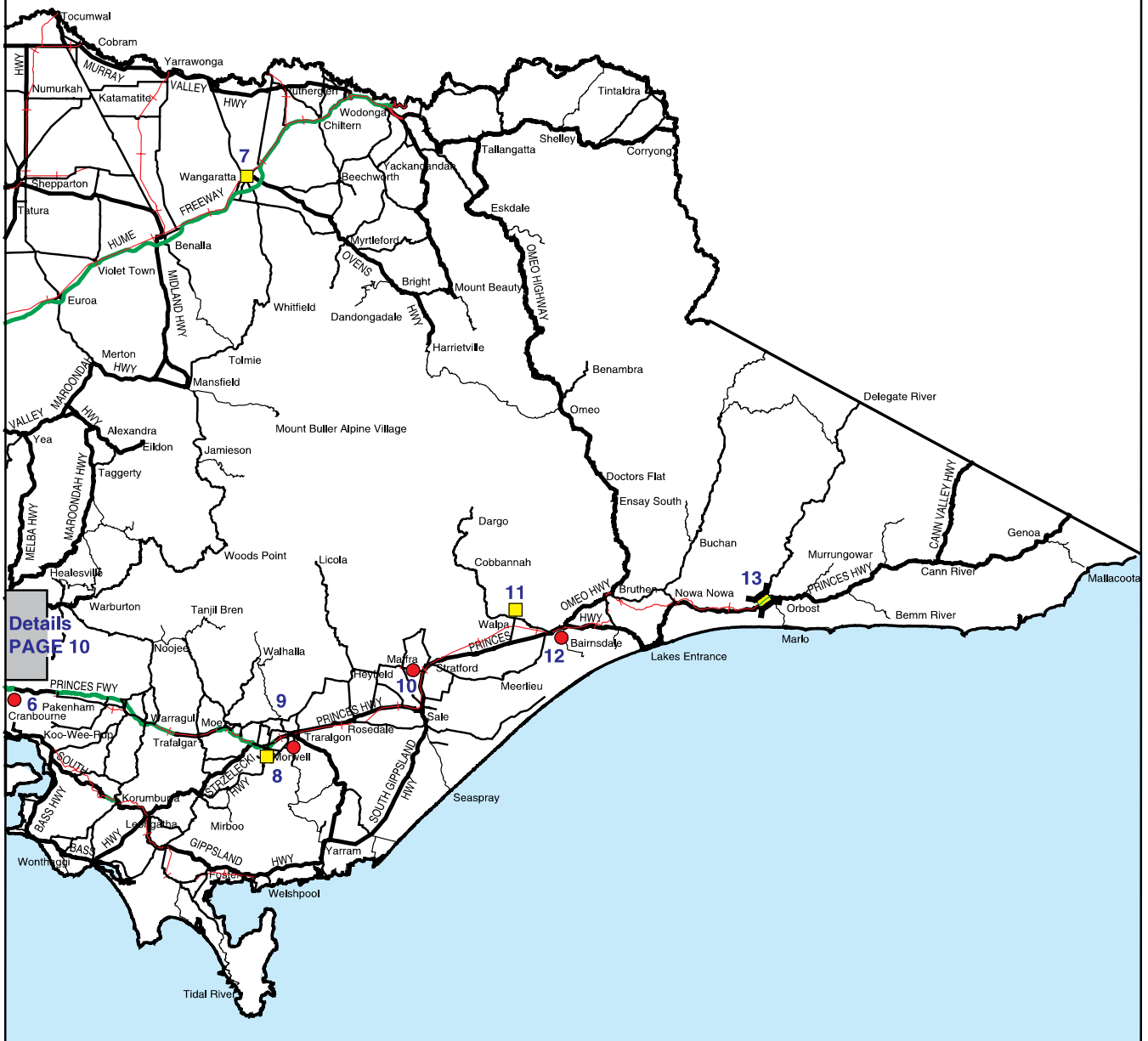
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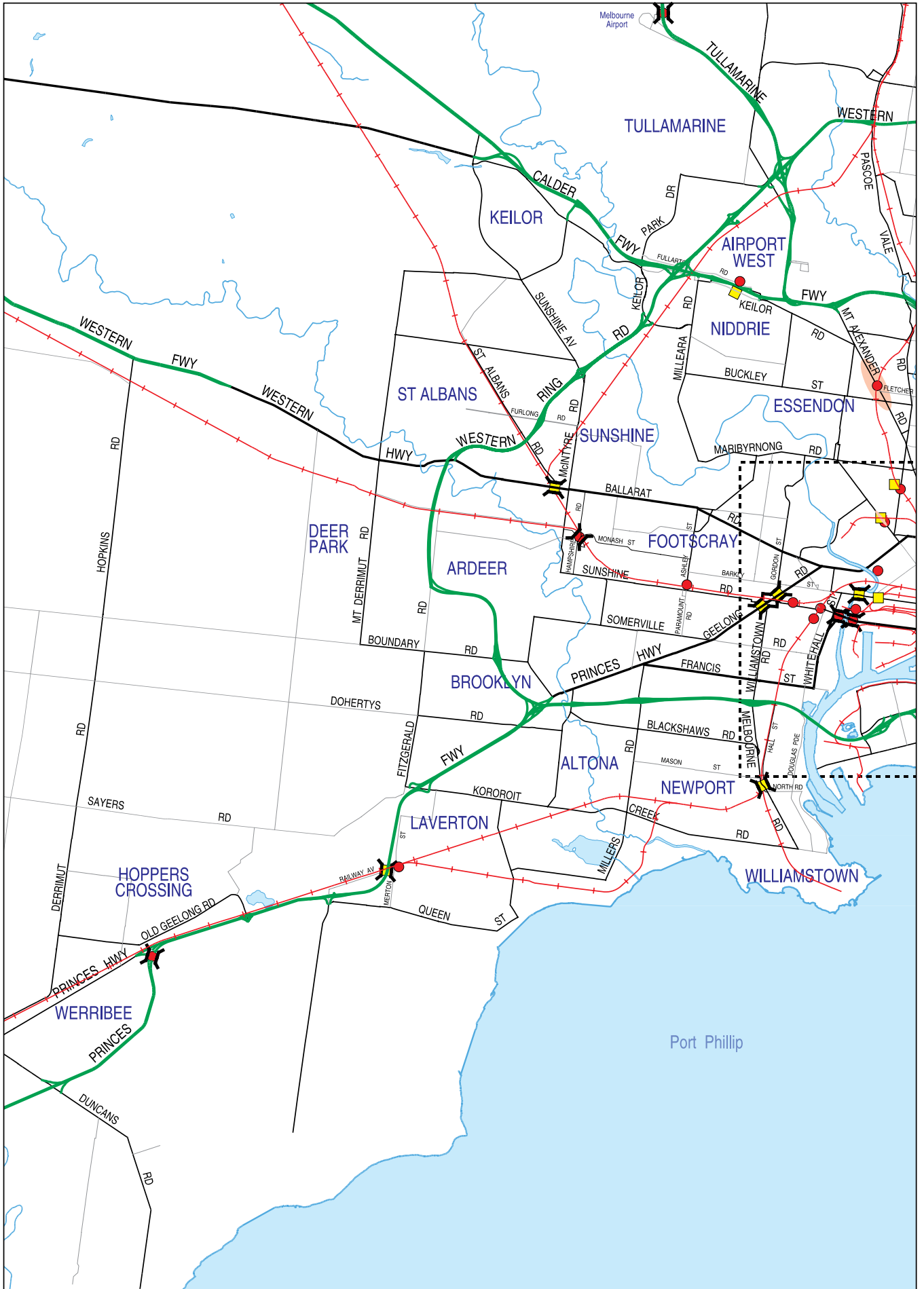
Victoria	4,5
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Inner Melbourne City	8,9
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Bendigo	13
Maryborough	14
Seymour	14
Castlemaine Area	15
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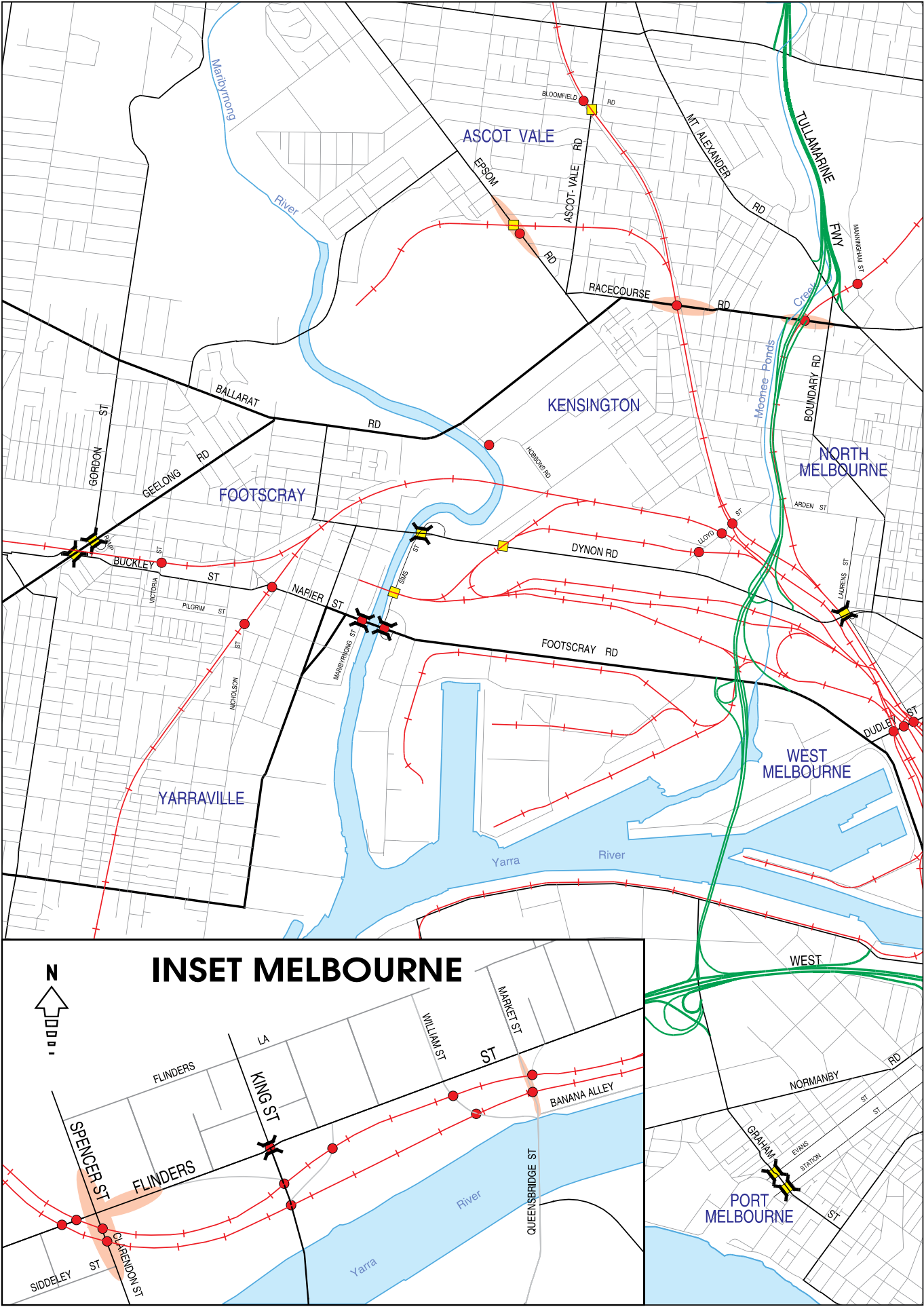
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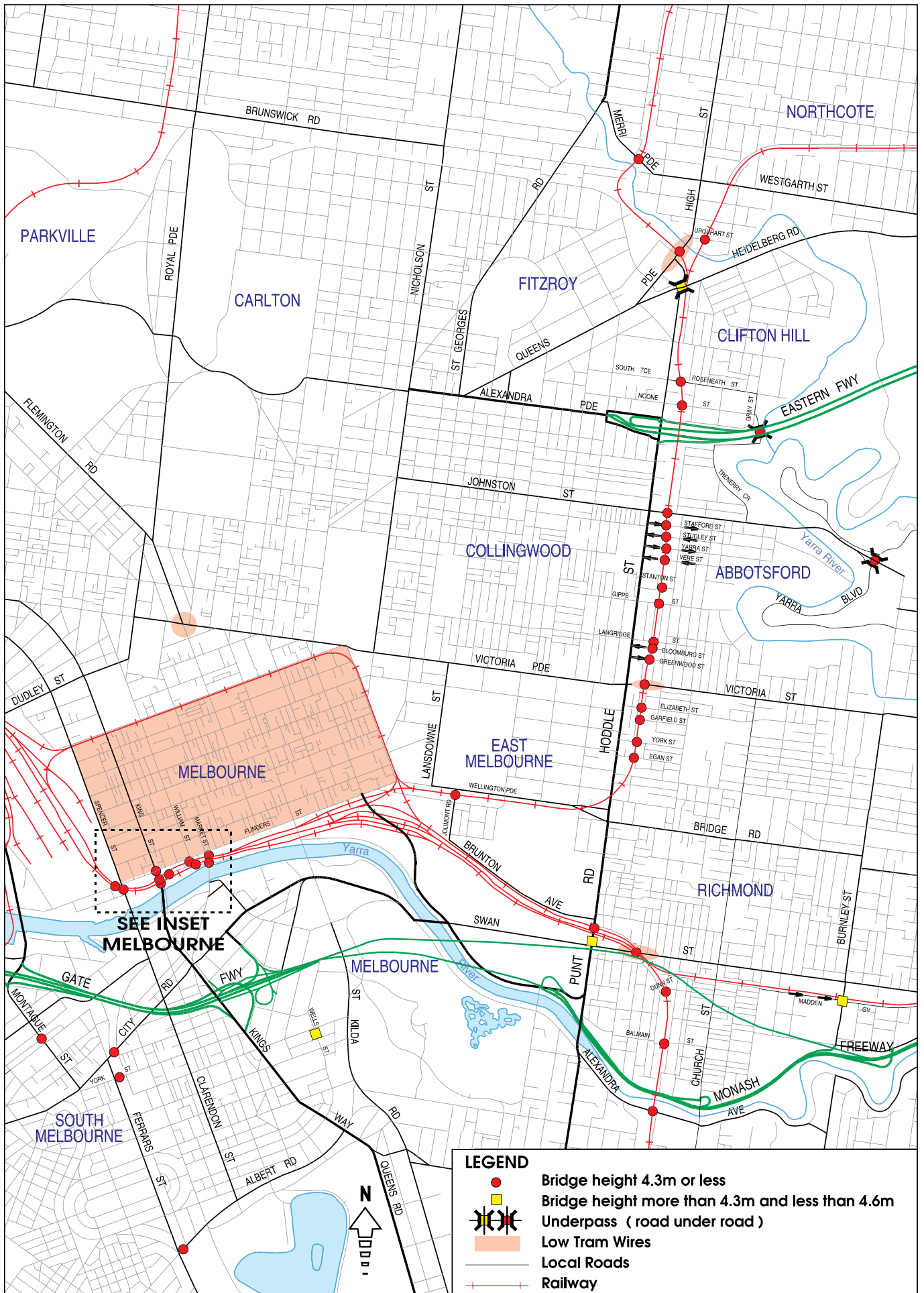
1. Western Highway at Armstrong (rail) - detour via Military Bypass Road
2. Mt Duneed Road at Pettavel (rail)
3. Mt Macedon Road at Gisborne (rail)
4. Heathcote - Kyneton Road at Redesdale (gantry)
5. Kilmore East Road at Kilmore East (rail)
6. Beaconsfield Avenue at Beaconsfield (rail)
7. Wangaratta - Yarrowonga Road (Rowan Street) at Wangaratta (rail) - detour via Green Street
8. Monash Way at Morwell (rail) - detour via Tramway Road
9. Hyland Highway at Traralgon (rail) - detour via McNairn Road or Minnidale Road
10. Stratford - Maffra Road at Stratford (rail)
11. Lindenow - Glenaladale Road at Wuk Wuk near Mitchell River (truss)
12. Bairnsdale - Paynesville Road at Bairnsdale (rail and road)
13. Marlo Road at Orbost (road under Princes Highway)
14. Simpson Street at Warrnambool (rail)
15. Flaxman Street at Warrnambool (rail)

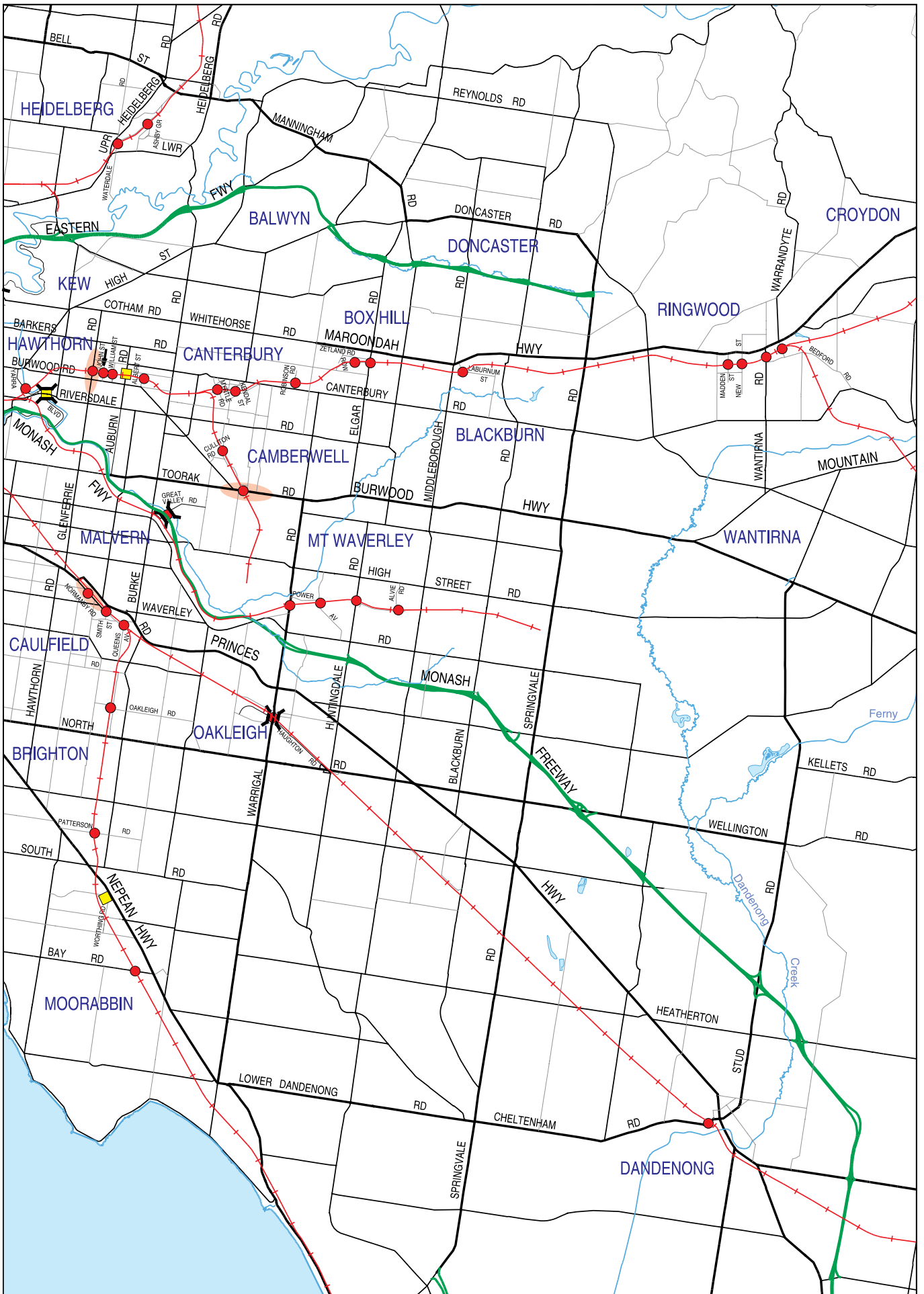


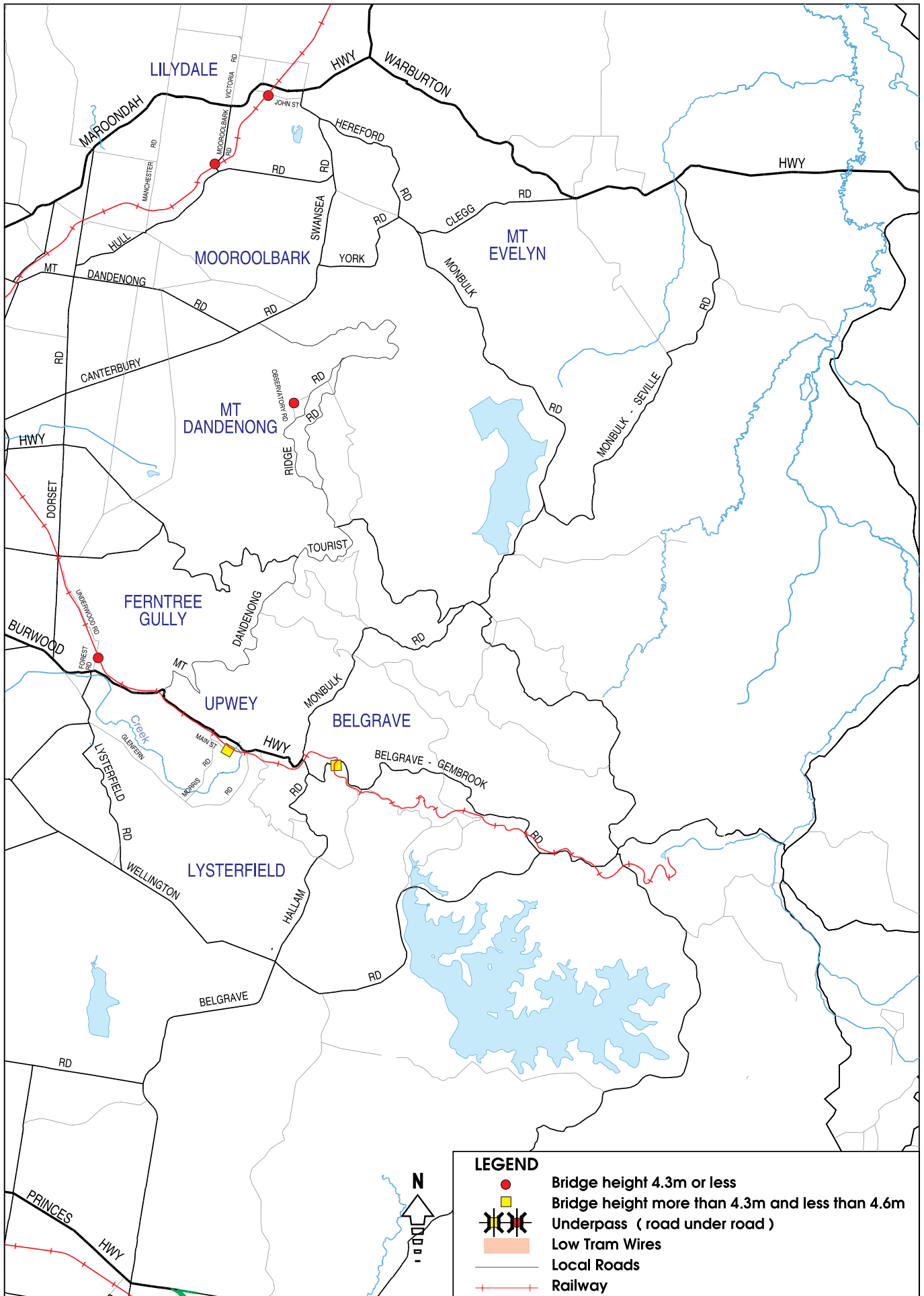


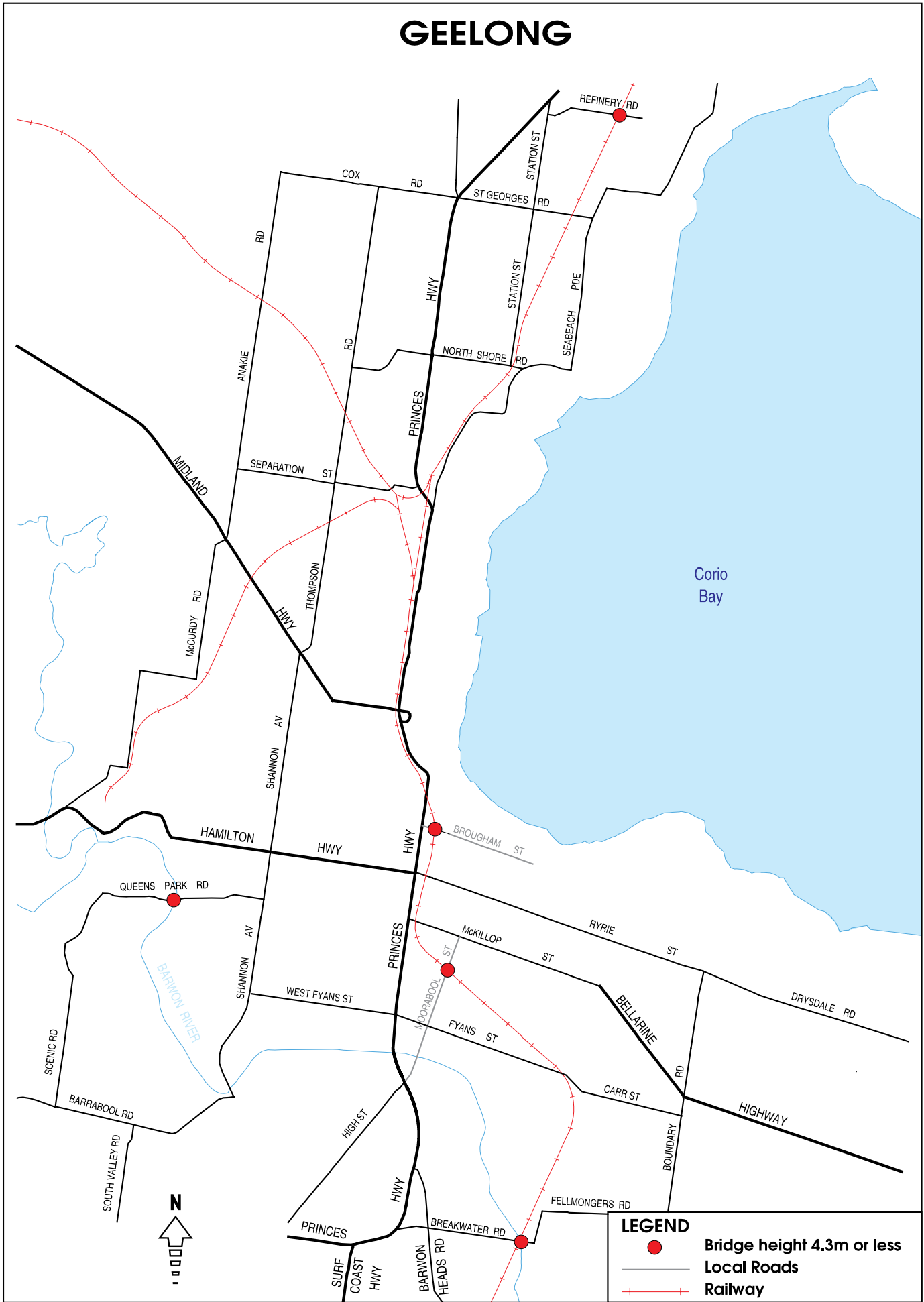




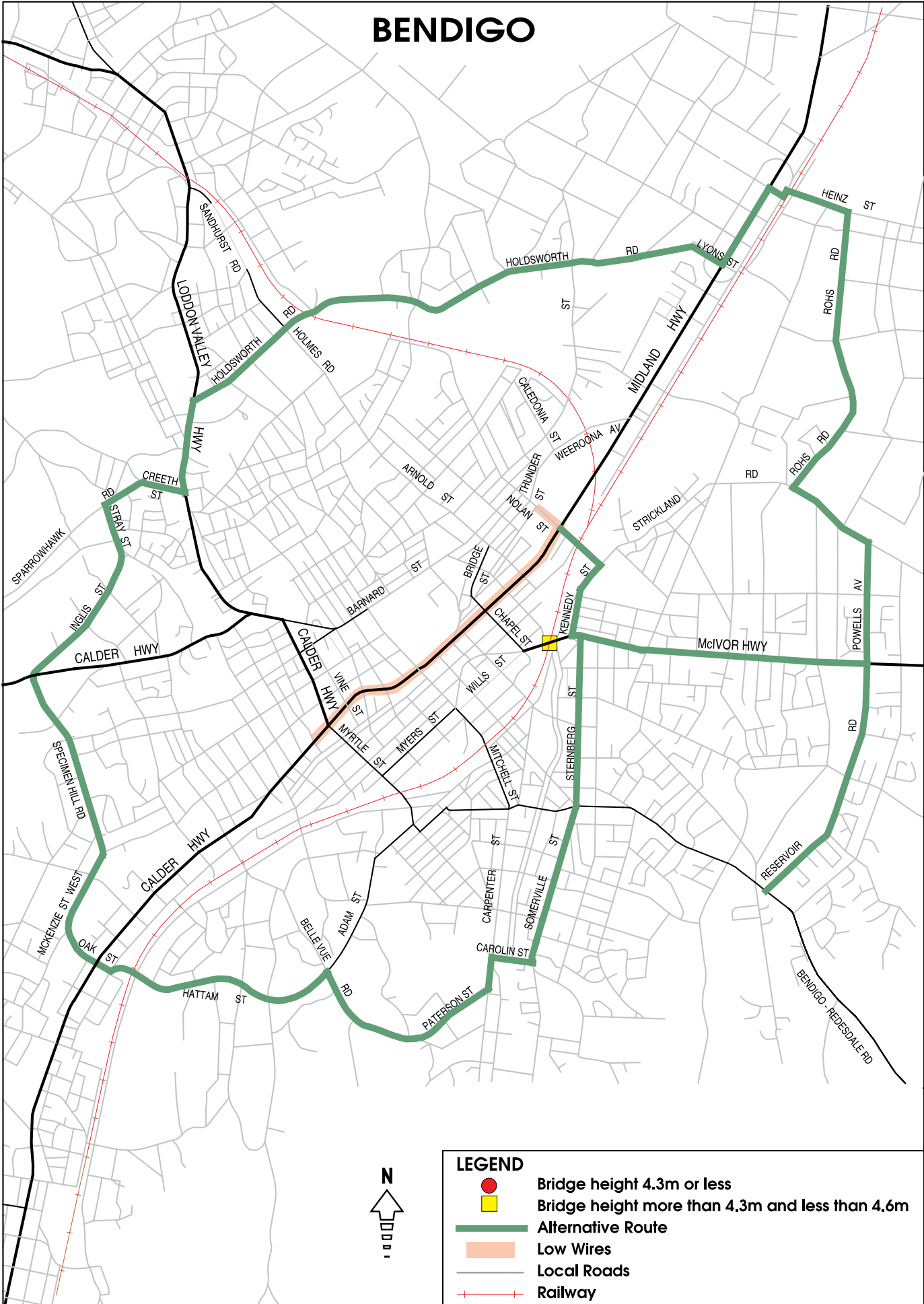


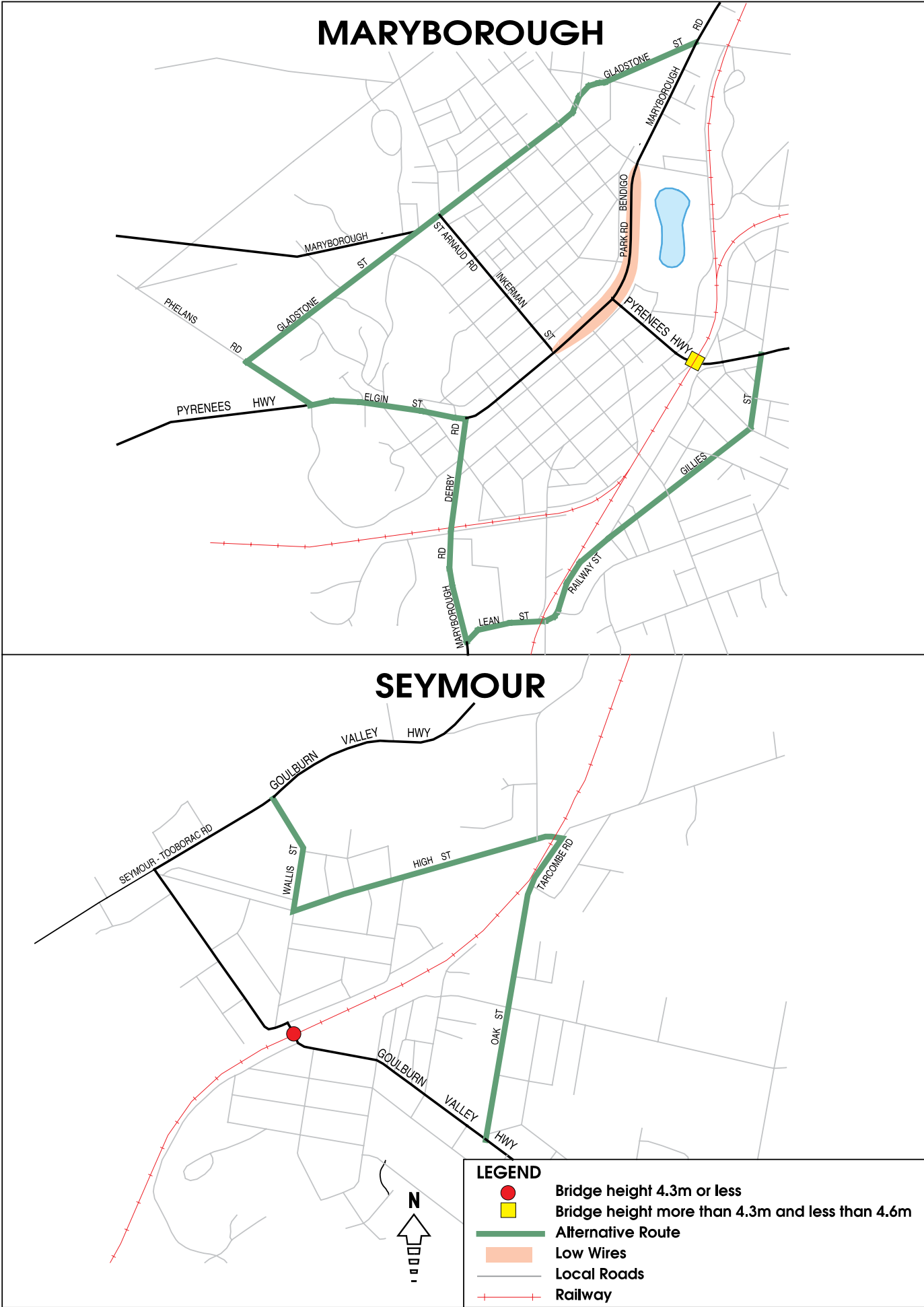


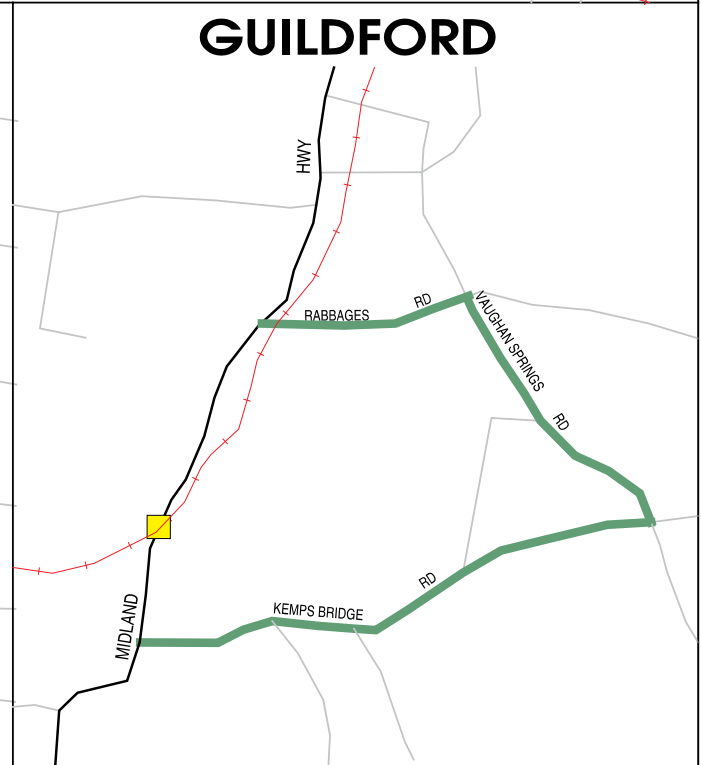
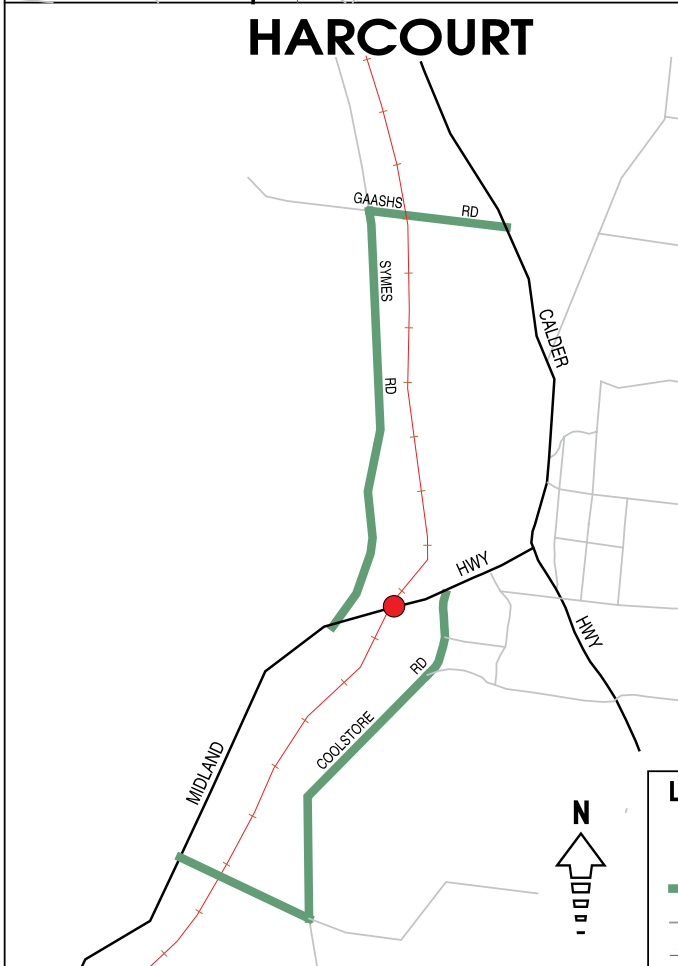
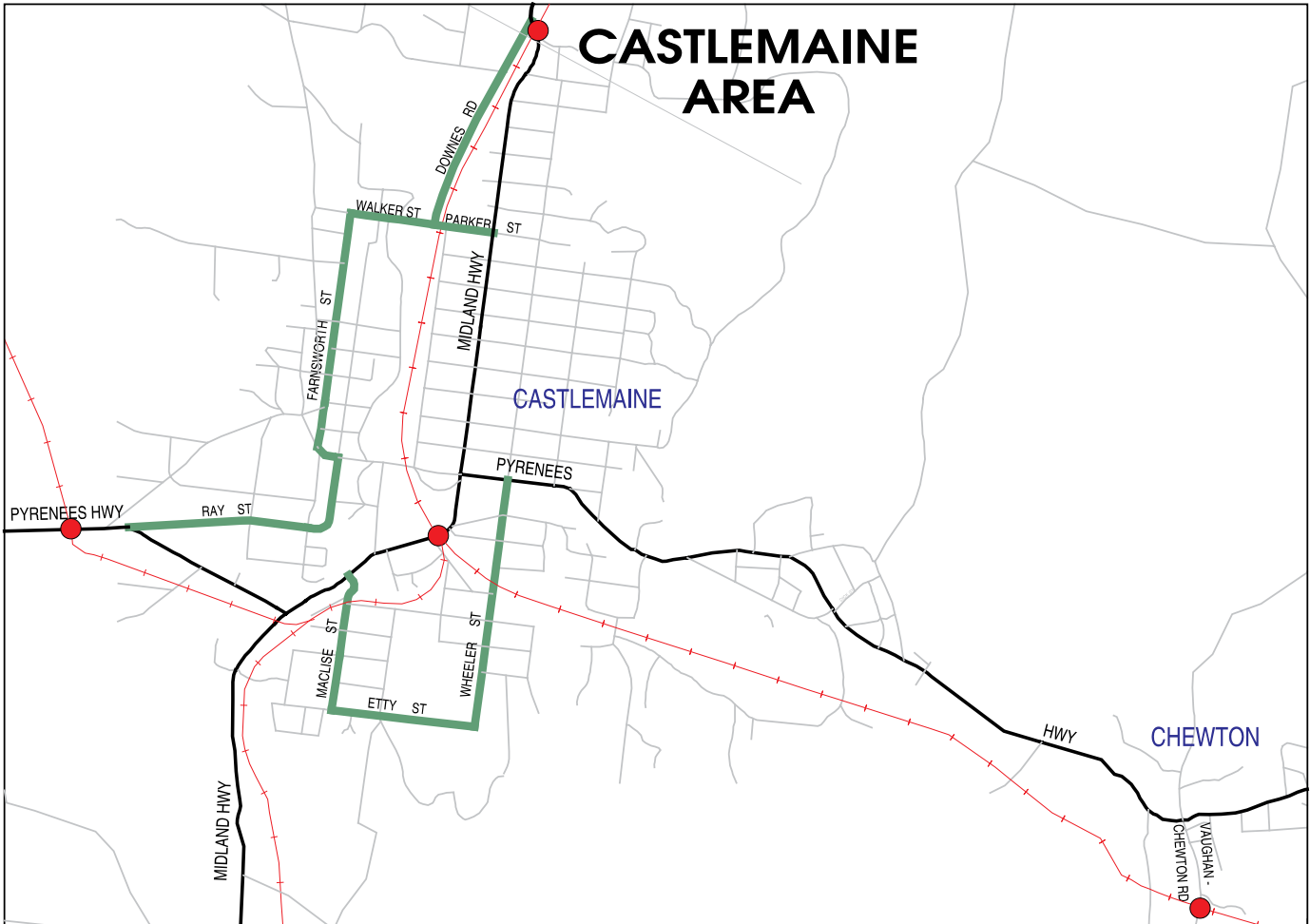




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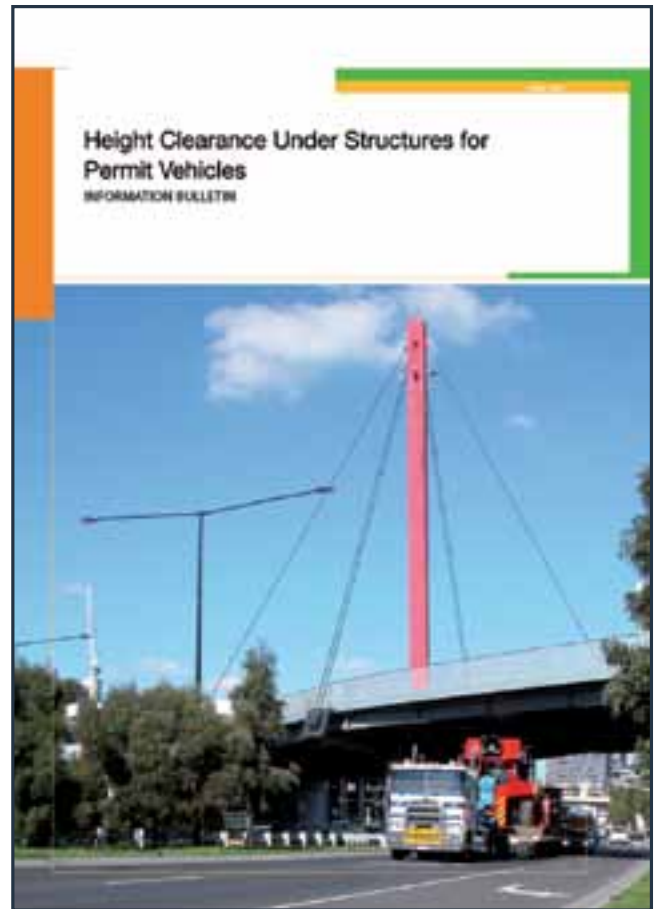


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- Bridge height 4.3m or less
- Bridge height more than 4.3m and less than 4.6m
- Alternative Route
- Local Roads
- - - Railway

Further information

The VicRoads' information bulletin *Height Clearance Under Structures For Permit Vehicles*, provides further details of structures crossing all roads within the Melbourne metropolitan area, and declared roads (Freeways, Highways, Main Roads, Tourists' Roads and Forest Roads) in rural Victoria. This information bulletin details the location, type of structure and the available clearance and is available on the VicRoads website.



For further information please contact VicRoads' Manager – Statewide Permits by phoning **9881 8852** or visit **vicroads.vic.gov.au**

