



Companion Card

The Companion Card is for people with a significant permanent disability, who always need a companion to provide attendant-care support to attend community venues and participate in activities. The card allows the holder to be charged only one admission fee. For more information call the **Companion**Card Program on the toll free number 1800 650 611

Multi Purpose Taxi Card Program

The Multi Purpose Taxi Card gives members half price taxi fares, paying up to \$60.00 per trip. To be eligible, you must have a disability that restricts your ability to access public transport on your own without assistance. For more information call **Victorian Taxi Directorate** on the toll free number 1800 638 802

Cycling is a great way to get to work, the shops or school and is a great way to get exercise and get to know your town. Pump up your tyres, grab your helmet and you're ready to go! For riding routes, tips or support visit Bicycle Network Victoria on **www.bv.com.au** or call on toll free **1800** 639 634

Walking

Walking is easy, social, fun and free! People walk for many reasons, to relax, for exercise, to get somewhere, because the dog needs it, because it's cheap or just to get out of the house. Walking around the town centre is a great way to travel and it's something you can start doing right now.

For walking information, tools and support visit Victoria Walks website on **www.victoriawalks.org.au** or call on (03) 9667 1326

Getting Around Newstead

Newstead is situated on the banks of the Loddon River and offers a mix of historic and contemporary experiences, including several events and popular walking tracks.

Castlemaine Bus Lines runs buses between Castlemaine and outlying areas. 5472 1455
www.castlemainebuslines.com.au

V/Line coaches travel to Maryborough, Bendigo and Ballarat with stops in many places, including Newstead. Visit **www.ptv.vic.gov.au/route/view/1775** for the Melbourne - Maryborough via Castlemaine route which stops at Newstead. Call **1800 800 007** for information.

Newstead and District Community Bus Services offers transport for residents of Newstead and surrounds to Castlemaine and Maryborough. Phone the Newstead Rural

Transaction Centre **5476 2360** or visit **newstead.vic.au/service/newstead-community-bus Castlemaine Taxis** provide services on demand throughout the Shire. Call **131 008**

Loddon Mallee Region

Commonwealth Carelink Centres target their support services towards individuals, clients, carers, general practitioners, health professionals and service providers. For more information and guidance call the toll free number 1800 052 222

Travel and Accommodation Subsidy Program

The Victorian Patients Transport Assistance Program (VPTAS) is available to provide partial reimbursement of expenses, for people who need to travel a distance of at least 100km one way to attend a specialist medical appointment. For more information call the **VPTAS Claims Office** 1300 737 073

MAKING IT EASIER TODAY.

This easy town map is designed to highlight transport, access, mobility, amenities, walkability, attractions and other facilities of interest to locals and visitors to the region.

The Getting Around Project is funded through the Victorian Government's Transport Connections Program, a cross-government initiative to help communities with limited transport options improve access to services and activities.