

## SAFER ROADS FOR DAREBIN

### Safe Roads

The safety of all road users is a priority for us and our key travel strategies call for Council to advocate for safer speed limits on local roads that we manage, and around activity centres.

Speed limit changes have primarily been implemented to increase the safety of all road users. The changes also create consistency for these roads as part of the broader road network.

Higher vehicle speeds are a major threat to the safety of vulnerable road users, not only causing substantial harm in the event of a crash, but can act as a deterrent to people walking and bike riding for transport.

### Darebin Council's Strategic Approach

Darebin City Council has been a leader in transport demand management and promoting safe and sustainable transport (walking, riding and the uptake of public transport) through the *Darebin Transport Strategy* (2007-2027) and the *Safe Travel Strategy* (2010-2015).

Darebin Council's *Safe Travel Strategy 2010-2015* takes a proactive approach to road safety by focusing on vulnerable road users (pedestrians and bike riders, older adults and children) and contains many actions to encourage and protect vulnerable road users including advocating for reduced speed limits.

Our approach is in line with the *Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2013-2022* which nominates reduced speeds as providing safer conditions for those who are walking or riding a bike.

There is increasing concern from all levels of government for safe travel, health and wellbeing. Providing for and encouraging active transport (walking and bike riding) is not only a great way to improve physical health, accessibility and to reduce congestion, but it also creates more environmentally sustainable and connected communities.

### How We Travel

Higher numbers of Darebin residents walk, cycle, and take public transport to work than the Melbourne average of 22.5%. The most recent census data tells us that 32% of Darebin residents commute using these sustainable modes, with only half our residents driving to work. As our community shifts from driving cars as a primary mode of transport to using more sustainable forms, Darebin Council has a strong commitment to protect our vulnerable road users.

The speed limit changes below have been made with the support of VicRoads and Victoria Police.

## SPEED LIMIT CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE

Street	Between	Previous speed limit	Current speed limit	Date of change
Dunne Street, Kingsbury	Plenty Road and Bolderwood Parade	60km/h	50km/h	September 2012
Sumner Estate, Northcote	Neighbourhood southwest of Arthurton and St Georges Road intersection	50km/h	40km/h	October 2013
Dundas Street, Thornbury	High Street and Chifley Drive	60km/h	50km/h	July 2014
Chifley Drive, Preston	Murray Road and Dundas Street	60km/h	50km/h	July 2014
Raglan Street, Preston	Victoria Street and Albert Street	60km/h	50km/h	July 2014
Massey Avenue, Reservoir	Hughes Parade and Broadhurst Avenue	60km/h	50km/h	August 2014
Banbury Road, Preston	Broadhurst Avenue and Edwardes Street	60km/h	50km/h	August 2014
Edwardes Street, Reservoir	Banbury Road and Newlands Road	60km/h	50km/h	August 2014
Newlands Road, Reservoir	Edwardes Street and Henty Street	60km/h	50km/h	August 2014
Hughes Parade, Reservoir	Mahoneys Road and High Street	60km/h	50km/h	August 2014
Victoria Road, Thornbury/ Northcote	Dundas Street and Westgarth Street	60km/h	50km/h	September 2014
Jeffrey Street, Northcote	Westgarth Street and Heidelberg Road	60km/h	50km/h	September 2014
Newcastle Street, Thornbury	Dundas Street and Mansfield Street	50km/h	40km/h	October 2014
Broadway, Reservoir	High Street and east of Dennis Street	60km/h	40km/h 8am to midnight	July 2015
Arthurton Road, Northcote	Merri Creek and High Street	60km/h	50km/h	September 2015
Gilbert Road, Preston/ Thornbury	Edwardes Street and Burgess Street	60km/h	50km/h	February 2016
Edwardes Street, Reservoir	Gilbert Road and Compton Street	60km/h	50km/h	February 2016
Edwardes Street, Reservoir	Compton Street and Spring Street	60km/h	40km/h	February 2016
Regent Street, Preston	Gilbert Road and High Street	60km/h	50km/h	February 2016
Gilbert Road and Miller Street Thornbury	Burgess Street and Devon Street	60km/h	40km/h	February 2016
Miller Street Thornbury	Devon Street and St Georges Road	60km/h	50km/h	February 2016

## SPEED LIMIT CHANGE APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Street	Between	Previous speed limit	Current speed limit	Status
Neighbourhood precinct in southern Northcote	Bordered by Clarke Street in the north of the precinct, Merri Creek to the west and south, and Victoria Road to the east.  NB. These speed limit changes will not apply to High Street or Westgarth Street.	50km/h	40km/h	June 2016
Fairfield/Alphington	The area south of the Hurstbridge train line and north of Heidelberg Road, between Victoria Road in the east and the Darebin Creek in the west.	50km/h	40 km/hr	September 2017