

MELBOURNE 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

CYCLING ROAD RACE – SATURDAY 25 AND SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2006

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Cycling Road Race

Traffic and access arrangements – City Road, Southbank

Athletes' Familiarisation Session

Saturday 25 March 2006 – 8am to 10am

Competition Day

Sunday 26 March 2006 – 9am to 6pm



Event details

The Cycling Road Race will be held around Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens, along the edge of the Yarra River and through the steep surrounds of Punt Road Hill, south of the CBD. The Cycling Road Race route runs along Alexandra Avenue under St Kilda Road to City Road, Southbank where cyclists will perform a u-turn and return along the same route.

Athletes will familiarise themselves with the course on Saturday 25 March from 8am to 10am and the race will occur on Sunday 26 March with men completing 15 laps and women completing nine laps.

Road closures and traffic changes

City Road – Alexandra Avenue (Southbank Boulevard to Swan Street Bridge)

- Saturday 25 March: closed 4am to midday
- Sunday 26 March: closed 4am to 7pm
- This section, which forms the Road Event course, will have No Stopping – Tow-Away restrictions. Please pay close attention to parking signs in the days before, during and after this event to ensure vehicles are not left in restricted areas. Vehicles parked on the course in breach of parking restrictions will be towed away.
- Properties located on the south side of City Road between Southbank Boulevard and St Kilda Road will only be accessible from the rear on Fawkner Street or Fanning Street while City Road is closed.
- There will be no access to properties on the north side of City Road between Southgate Avenue traffic lights and the St Kilda Road overpass. Properties on the north side of City Road can be accessed via the undercover section of Southgate Avenue while City Road is closed.

Sturt Street (City Road to Kavanagh Street)

- The one-way section of Sturt Street will be closed on Saturday 25 March from 4am to midday and on Sunday 26 March from 4am to 7pm, as vehicles will be unable to enter Alexandra Avenue during the Familiarisation Session and the event.

Southgate Avenue

- Access will be restricted to locals and those wishing to access the Kings Parking Southgate underground car park on Saturday 25 March from 4am to midday and on Sunday 26 March from 4am to 7pm.
- One-way sections of Southgate Avenue will be changed to two-way operation under the direction of a traffic controller during City Road closures. This will allow residents to access the parking areas of Quay West and 28 Southgate apartments that would usually be accessed from City Road.
- Local traffic can access Southgate Avenue from either the City Road/Southbank Boulevard intersection or the City Road/Southgate Avenue intersection (see red arrows on map on reverse for local access routes).

Southbank Boulevard

- On Saturday 25 March from 4am to midday and on Sunday 26 March from 4am to 7pm, traffic cannot turn left or right into the closed section of City Road.

COURSE FAMILIARISATION FOR THE CYCLING ROAD RACE

Athletes are required to become familiar with the Cycling Road Race course before the race. This will occur from 8am to 10am Saturday 25 March. The course will be established on the road prior to the Familiarisation Session.

CITY ROAD SECTION OF THE CYCLING ROAD RACE COURSE



Parking

Vehicles will not be allowed to park on the course during set up or competition for the Cycling Road Race and Familiarisation Session.

Diversions

Traffic travelling along City Road will be diverted:

- right into Power Street and through to CityLink*; or
- right into Southbank Boulevard and through to Sturt Street or St Kilda Road.

* Please note: all sections of CityLink will be toll free for journeys started and completed between 4am to midday on Saturday 25 March for the Familiarisation Session and from 4am to midnight for the Cycling Road Race on Sunday 26 March. Visit CityLink website www.citylink.com.au for further information.

ROAD EVENTS – NEED TO KNOW

- Road Events are free events and are expected to be popular with spectators.
- Vehicles will not be allowed to drive or park on the course during set up or competition for the Cycling Road Race and Familiarisation Session.
- Temporary signs will be installed, indicating access and parking restrictions. All vehicle access and parking restrictions will be removed as quickly as possible once events have finished and equipment has been removed.
- Access to all properties will be maintained at all times for emergency services and pedestrians.