

About your

# Roads, Drains, Footpaths & Kerbs

The roads, drains, kerbs and footpaths in Latrobe City are regularly assessed for any faults. If you discover a fault that needs our attention, please let us know as soon as possible.

We respond to your requests as soon as we can and a determination is made by us on the priority for *reconstruction or maintenance*.

This brochure contains answers to some Frequently Asked Questions about roads, drains, footpaths and kerbs in Latrobe City.



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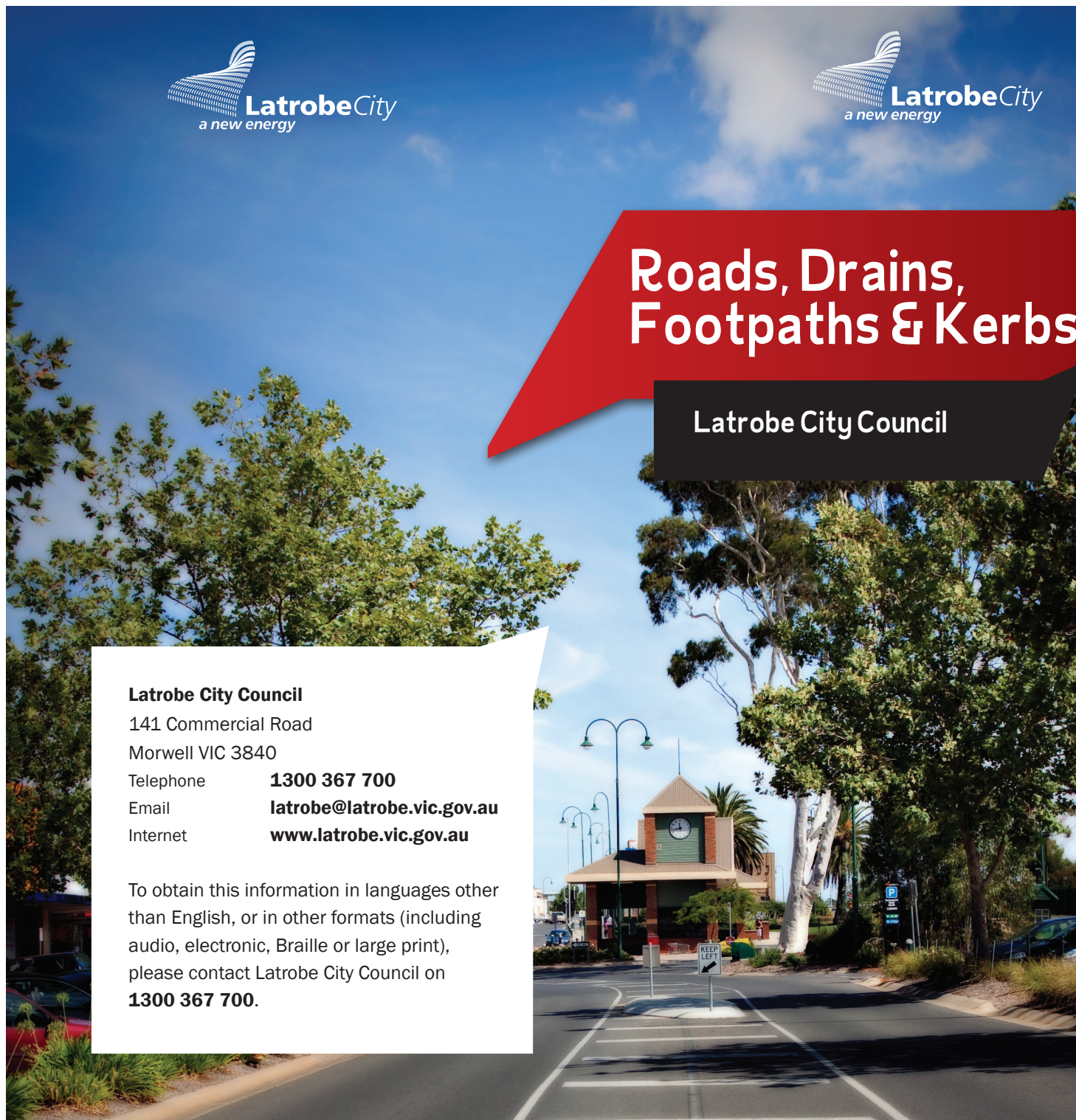
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## What if my street needs maintenance?

We will assess the urgency of the maintenance and prioritise the work to be carried out.

Works may be scheduled to be undertaken at a later date.

## What if my street needs reconstruction?

You will receive a mail out including;

- A draft plan for your street and
- An opinion form

You can have your say on the draft plan by returning the opinion form to us in the reply paid envelope by the required date.

Your opinion will be considered and your ideas will be accommodated where possible.

## Did you know?

**Latrobe City maintains 1,558 km's of roads and 711 km's of footpaths.**

# Frequently asked questions

## About maintenance

### There are cracks in my footpath. When will they be fixed?

Once reported, we will assess a footpath.

Repair works will be prioritised according to the extent of the damage and risk to users.

As an alternative to footpath replacement and where practical, we may grind the footpath to remove a hazard.

### I live on an unsealed road, when can it be graded?

Our unsealed roads are routinely inspected and graded. If your road needs attention please contact us to report any hazards.

### How can you slow traffic in my street?

We have found that road humps are the most practical way of slowing traffic. They are also the only traffic control measure that does not limit parking in your street.

### My car scrapes when entering my property, can you improve this?

Contact us to discuss the options to address the issue of your car scraping. Usually the costs associated with these works must be met by the landowner.

### Our street floods, can you improve the drainage?

Measures to address localised flooding can include:

- Installation of additional stormwater drainage pipes and pits and
- Connection of roof drainage directly to stormwater pipes

For more complex flooding, an extensive investigation has to be undertaken.

## About reconstruction

### Why change the width of my street?

Safety. Traffic studies by various authorities show that generally the average traffic speed tends to be higher on wider streets with low traffic volume.

### Will my driveway be affected?

When the kerb and channel is replaced, your driveway will also be replaced between the road and the footpath to the current standard.

The driveway inside your property line should not be affected.

### Can my driveway be widened or repaired in some other way?

Yes, you can engage the contractor directly at your expense.

Any works undertaken in the road reserve must have prior written approval.

### What will happen to the trees in my street?

We understand that your street's trees are important.

If the trees in your street will be affected by the reconstruction works, the removal and replacement should be part of the consultation process.

### What happens if the opinions of owners and residents cannot be accommodated?

All opinions will be considered.

Suggestions that enhance the plan within the limits of budgeting and engineering constraints will be incorporated.

If the majority in the street are not in favour of the plan, the project will be referred to a Council meeting.



**Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 1300 367 700 or visit [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)**