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1. Introduction

Melbourne Sustainability Consultants has been commissioned to prepare a Green Travel Plan for the proposed hotel development located at 253 Barnard Street, Bendigo.

A Green Travel Plan is a strategic document that outlines measures and initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable transportation choices within a specific development. Its primary objective is to reduce the environmental impact associated with travel by encouraging the use of eco-friendly modes of transportation.

This plan provides value to the occupants by informing them on sustainable transport options like walking, cycling, public transit, and carpooling. The GTP aims to minimise reliance on single-occupancy vehicles and promote greener alternatives.

Success of GTP implementation relies on effective monitoring and coordination. The Owner's Corporation is responsible to ensure that the strategies and actions outlined in the plan are being correctly implemented and producing the desired outcomes. Regular monitoring and coordination help identify any potential issues or areas for improvement, allowing for adjustments to be made and ensuring that the plan continues to function effectively over time.

2. Green Travel Plan Purpose

The following specific objectives for the development have been identified:

- Encourage residents, employees, and visitors to utilise public transportation options.
- Encourage the use of walking and cycling by providing secure bike space.
- Secure bicycle facilities provided and maintained on an on-going basis.
- Increase carpooling wherever possible.
- Provide occupants with relevant information to be aware of sustainable transport alternatives.

The main objective of this Green Travel Plan is to reduce the number of single-occupancy car trips to mitigate the carbon emissions produced by private car travel associated with the building.

This Green Travel Plan will strive to achieve the following benefits by achieving its objectives:

- Reduced Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.
- Improved opportunities for those without access to a car.
- Reduce pressure on local road networks and on-street parking.
- Reduce environmental noise.
- Promote active travel and healthy form of transport.

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3. Site Description & Proposed Development

The site is located at 253 Barnard Street, Bendigo within Bendigo local authority.

The proposed development is comprised of a 3-storey hotel and associated car park and a retained heritage residential building.

4. Sustainable Transport

a. Walking

The site achieves a 'Walk Score' of 74 points (out of a possible 100) and is described as a 'very walkable, indicating that daily errands can be accomplished by foot.. A site's walk score is calculated based on the walking distance to local amenities, such as supermarkets, school, parks, public transport, etc.

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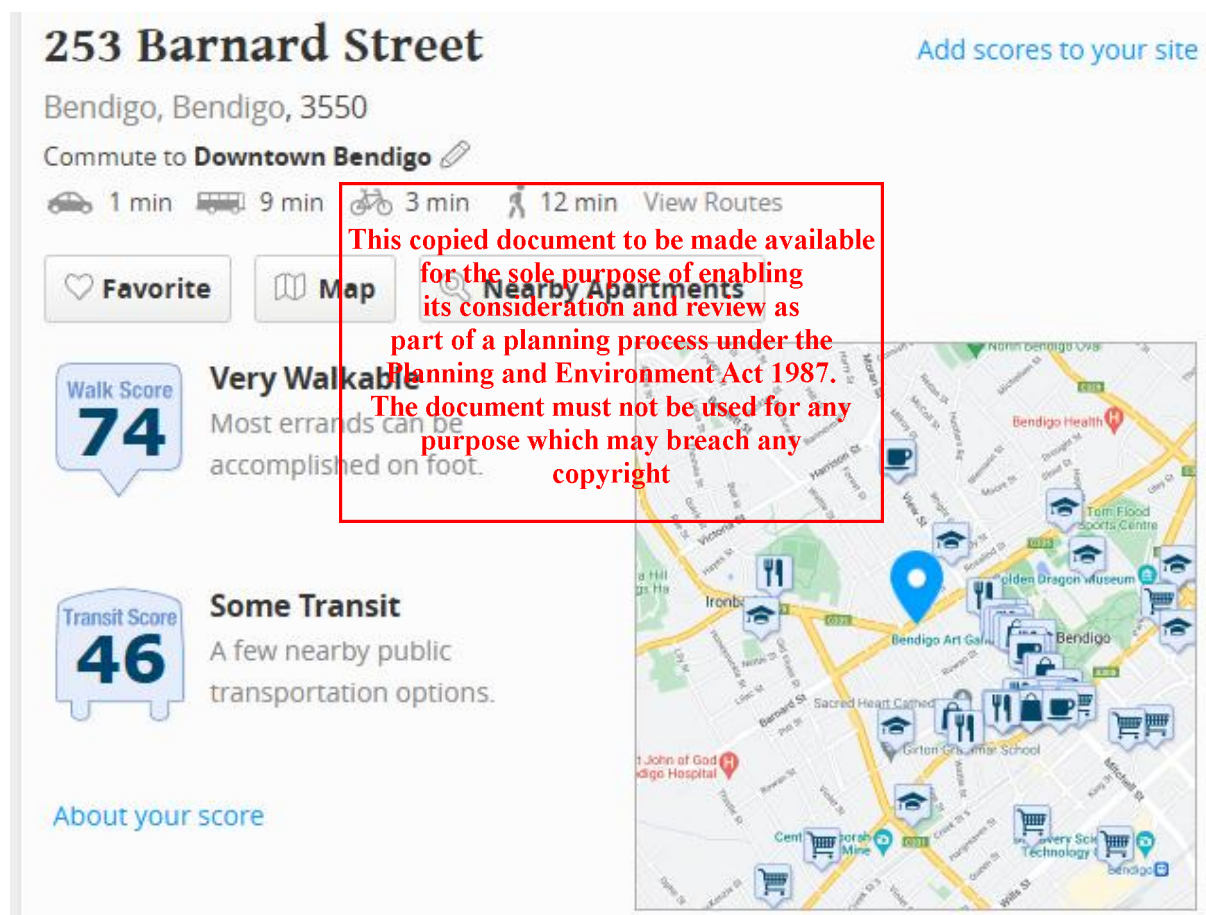


Figure 1: Walkscore results for the development location.

The walking and cycling route between the site and Bendigo's City Centre traverses gently undulating terrain typical of the central Bendigo goldfields plateau. Site levels range from approximately RL238–240m, while Bendigo's city centre sits at approximately RL231m. This is a difference of under 10m over a walking/cycling distance of approximately 1.2–1.7km, equating to an average grade of less than 1%. This is consistent with Bendigo's broader topography, where significant grade changes are generally associated with outlying areas (e.g.

Kennington, Quarry Hill, Ironbark) rather than the CBD-Barnard Street corridor. On this basis, the previously cited Walk Score (74 – "Very Walkable") and cycling commute time (3 minutes) are considered a reliable indicator of accessibility, as they are not undermined by adverse gradient.

b. Public Transport

The subject site is located in Bendigo and has limited access to public transport such as train and bus services. Please refer to the table below for a summary of public transport around the site:

Mode	Route No.	Route Description	Nearest Stop / Distance
Train		V-Line – Melbourne to Bendigo	Bendigo Station (1.7km)
Bus	53	Bendigo Station – Eaglehawk	Barnard Street (50m)
Bus	55	Bendigo Station – Kangaroo Flat	Barnard Street (50m)

c. Cycling

There are some bicycle-friendly features around the site location, such as designated bike lanes and ample bike parking throughout East Bendigo. Here's a quick summary of the main bike routes in the area:

- On-road bicycle lanes along Eaglehawk Road and Barnard Street in front of the site provide a connection to Bendigo's centre and suburbs

Bicycle network infrastructure is shown in the image below:

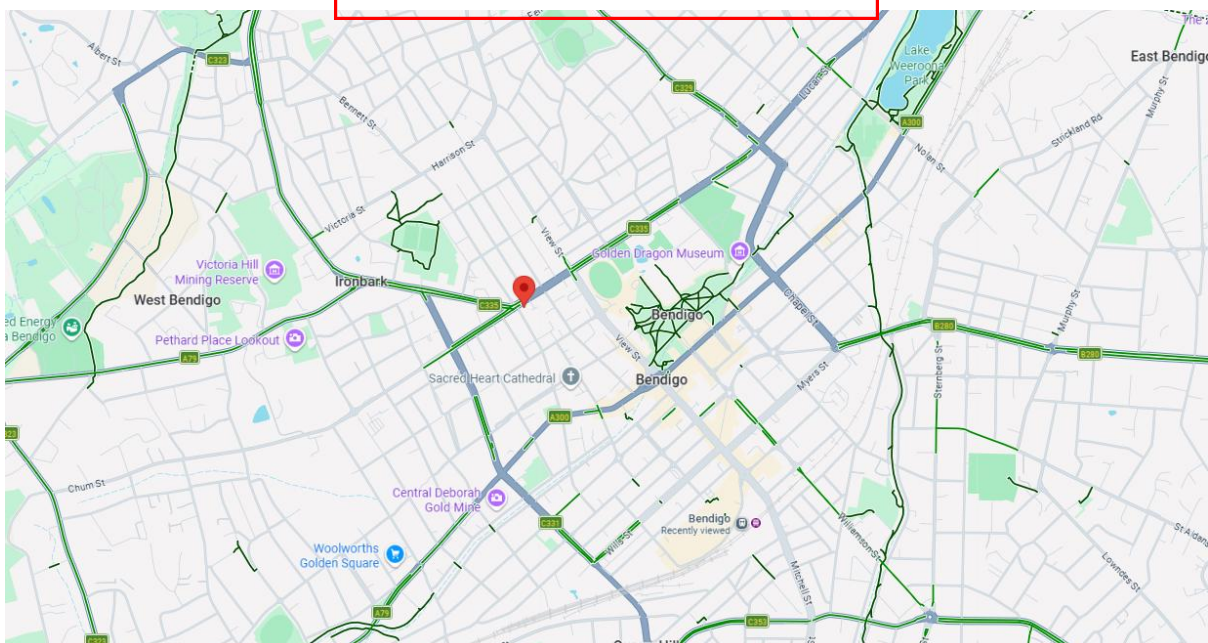


Figure 2: Cycling map of the area (source: Google Maps).

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d. Car Sharing and Rideshare

Car Sharing

Car sharing services provide occupants of densely populated area with access to shared vehicles on a pay-per-use basis, eliminating the need for individual car ownership. This offers several benefits to building occupants, including reduced parking requirements, cost savings on car-related expenses, and increased convenience for occasional transportation needs. Car sharing appeals to occupants of densely populated area due to its flexibility, affordability, and sustainability, allowing them to conveniently access a car when needed without the responsibilities and expenses of owning one.

There is available Uber Car Share vehicles near the site location. Exact location can be found here:

- Uber Car Shar: <https://www.ubercarshare.com/>

Car-sharing apps are also available either from the App Store on smart phones or tablets.

Rideshares

Rideshares such as Uber are companies that connects passenger with driver through an app-based platform. Rideshare businesses provides a convenient, on-demand transportation services to users. Some of the major benefits of their service include ease of use, quick access to rides, and the ability to track your driver's location in real-time. The app allows for cashless transactions, offers a variety of vehicle options, and provides a reliable and efficient alternative to traditional taxi services. There is several options for rideshare around the site location:

- Uber – Visit the Playstore or Appstore to download the app.
- DiDi – Visit the Playstore or Appstore to download the app.
- Ola – Visit the Playstore or Appstore to download the app.

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5. Green Travel Initiatives

Outlined below are the Green Travel Initiatives that the are committed to be implemented in the proposed development. These initiatives are designed to encourage the use of pedestrian, bicycle, and public transport for transportation to and from the site.

a. Bicycle facilities & End-of-Trip facilities

The development will be provided with bicycle park for staff and visitors. A minimum 50% increase on minimum statutory requirement will be provided. Two spaces for staff and 1 for visitor will be provided if there is not minimum requirement.

b. Welcome Pack

All occupants will be provided with a Welcome Pack upon purchase or start of their lease. As a minimum, the Welcome Pack will contain the following information:

- Transportation Options Guide: Information on walking, cycling, public transit, and carpooling options.
- Public Transit Information: Timetables, routes, and fares for buses or trains.
- Carpooling and Ridesharing Resources: Info on services for sharing rides with others.
- Sustainable Travel Tips: Suggestions for eco-friendly commuting practices.

c. EV Charging

10% of car spaces on site will be provided with electrical infrastructure provision for the implementation of future EV chargers (Level 2, 32Amp).

6. Monitoring and Reporting

The OC will be responsible for the ongoing management, monitoring and assessment of the Green Travel Plan.

The application of the Green Travel Plan should results in an increased usage or green travel option such as public transport, walking and cycling.

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Appendix 1 – TravelSmart Map

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