

## How you can help

### **PTUA encourages you to attend one of the community workshops organised by the Doncaster Rail Study Team**

The purpose of these workshops is to explain how the options are being developed and assessed, and to gain community input on key issues and opportunities emerging from the initial assessment.

[www.doncasterrailstudy.com](http://www.doncasterrailstudy.com)

#### **North Balwyn community workshop**

**28 March**

Marwal Centre, 11 Marwal Avenue  
Balwyn North

Wednesday 28 March 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

RSVP to [info@doncasterrailstudy.com.au](mailto:info@doncasterrailstudy.com.au)  
by 21 March

#### **Richmond Town Hall**

**26 March**

33 Bridge Road, Richmond

Monday 26 March 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

#### **Manningham City Council**

**29 March**

Function Room 1, Level 1

699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Thursday 29 March 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

RSVP by 21 March to

[info@doncasterrailstudy.com.au](mailto:info@doncasterrailstudy.com.au)

## About the PTUA

Founded in 1976, the Public Transport Users Association (PTUA) is a non-profit, voluntary organisation with no political affiliation, which lobbies governments and public transport authorities in the interest of all users of public transport.

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## Other ways you can help

### • **Join the PTUA**

[www.ptua.org.au/join](http://www.ptua.org.au/join)

### • **Attend the North Balwyn community workshop**

Marwal Centre, 11 Marwal Ave  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 6:30-9:00 pm

### • **Doncaster Rail Feasibility Study**

Look at the options and understand why PTUA recommends Option 1.

Make your own submission.

Contribute your views on facebook and twitter

[www.doncasterrailstudy.com](http://www.doncasterrailstudy.com)

### • **Write to the papers**

The Age

[letters@theage.com.au](mailto:letters@theage.com.au)

Herald Sun

[hsletters@heraldsun.com.au](mailto:hsletters@heraldsun.com.au)

Progress Leader [progress@leadernewspapers.com.au](mailto:progress@leadernewspapers.com.au)

Manningham Leader

[manningham@leadernewspapers.com.au](mailto:manningham@leadernewspapers.com.au)

Melbourne Weekly

[yourvoice@fairfax.com.au](mailto:yourvoice@fairfax.com.au)

### • **Call talkback radio**

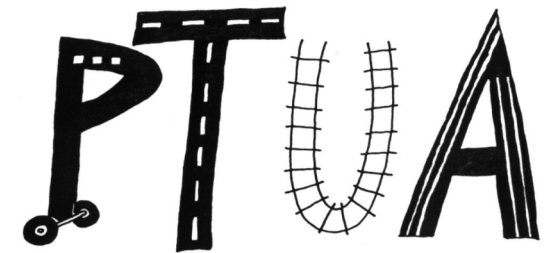
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**A rail line to  
Doncaster**  
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**PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS ASSOCIATION**  
Standing up for passengers since 1976

The Victorian government is undertaking a study to provide a train service between Doncaster and the Melbourne CBD. The PTUA strongly supports a rail service to Doncaster as a vital link in Melbourne's public transport network.

Few Balwyn North and East Kew residents use trains, because the closest service is too far away. According to the 2006 Census only about one in forty residents catch a train to work. Most residents drive cars most of the time.

This must change. There are 140,000 motor vehicles a day on the Eastern Freeway between Doncaster Road and Burke Road. Increased traffic runs into Burke Road, Bulleen Road and Doncaster Road and residential streets.

While trams and buses are valuable in conjunction with trains to build a proper network, they cannot match the carrying capacity and travel time of trains to compete with car travel over long distances.

Rail services would be a huge benefit for local residents, giving access to the entire rail network and linking tram and bus services right across Melbourne.

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### **Other benefits of a Doncaster rail service**

Traffic noise is increasing on the Eastern Freeway which is threatening the liveability and value of the area. The rail service would stabilise freeway and road traffic. Noise is of relatively minor significance to those living adjacent to well-built passenger railway lines.

### **Further benefits would include:**

- a sizeable saving in household transport costs because of reduced car ownership and running costs;
- significant improvements in mobility for younger and older people in particular, reducing isolation;
- a reduction in the volume of public and private space that is devoted to transport; and
- an increase in transport energy efficiency and reductions in greenhouse gases.

### **Service options for a Doncaster rail service**

Three potential corridor options are proposed for the service, including one along the Eastern Freeway reservation. Similar to recent successful rail development in Perth, WA, it could include a quick and easy first stage as far as Bulleen as a demonstration project for the remainder of the project. This would likely be far cheaper, faster and more useful than the other options proposed.

Of the two other options, one is a line via Kew Junction and Doncaster Road that is the equivalent of putting the route 48 tram underground. The other is a rail link between Doncaster and Box Hill which has been suggested as a possible first step towards building an outer orbital rail line, but would not really improve travel options from Doncaster to the inner east and the City.

