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Shared Paths

Minor Investments for Major Gains

Presentation to ACRS
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- Take Home Points
- Real Life Incidents
- Ways to Identify Problems
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Injured cyclist John Monty at the scene of his accident. Picture: CHRIS EASTMAN. N39MC309

A CYCLIST has been awarded \$229,000 after a sickening accident on a Beach Rd path left him permanently injured.

John Monty successfully sued Bayside Council for negligence after his bike hit the bluestone edge of a Black Rd path, throwing him into a ditch.

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- Cannot close left eyelid
- Facial Palsy
- Impaired Shoulder
- Hearing Loss
- 10 days in hospital
- 2 operations

"I do not know how I survived it," Mr Monty said.

The former Parkdale resident, who was wearing a helmet, was returning home after a Sunday ride to Sandringham when the accident occurred at Quiet Corner, south of Fourth St. A wind gust caused his bike to veer to the left, the front wheel hitting the bluestone.

County Court Judge Phillip Coish ruled the council breached its duty of care by approving installation of the bluestone edge, which was a "significant hazard".

Judge Coish said a fence, warning signs and safety inspections could have alleviated the risk.

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Bike victim settles lawsuit

BY WILLIAM WRIGHT AND DANICA HARRIS
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A BORONIA cyclist who became a quadriplegic after a crash with another rider on a bike path settled his lawsuit against defendants including Knox Council last Friday.

Before the settlement, the Supreme Court heard Vladamir Koubek was riding on the left side of the bike track along Dandenong Creek on November 21, 2001, when he saw cy

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Mr Koubek was suing Mr Port over the accident as well as Knox Council, which designed the tunnel; Maroondah Council, whose predecessor, City of Croydon, built and maintained the tunnel; and Melbourne Water, which owns the land.

Mr Koubek's solicitor, Barrie Woollacott, of Slater & Gordon, said the parties to the legal proceeding had reached an agreement, subject to confidentiality. "We alleged the path was badly designed and was not in compliance with the construction guidelines that operate throughout Australia."

Mr Woollacott said the path was made more dangerous by vegetation and shrub overgrowth.

"Councils and those authorities responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of these paths and construction of new paths really have a high level of responsibility to those who use the paths, to make sure they are properly maintained."

He said people should not "take things for granted and assume it's safe".

"You need to take appropriate precautions to make sure you're not placed in danger."

Mr Woollacott said his client was relieved the legal proceedings were finally over after six years.

None of the defendants were found liable.

Mr Koubek and Knox Council refused to comment.



Relieved: Vladamir Koubek outside the Supreme Court last week.

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The Vermont South bike track where cyclist Philip Davies fell and died on May 2. Pic: STEVE TANNER

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PARKS Victoria was warned about a dangerous stretch of bicycle track two years before it claimed a father-of-four's life.

Experienced cyclist Philip Davies, 50, was on his weekly ride with his wife when he failed to negotiate a turn on the Dandenong Creek trail in Vermont South.

Police said Mr Davies, 50, fell off the elevated boardwalk on Sunday, May 2.

..claimed a father-of-four's life.

Bicycle Victoria facilities manager said he told Parks Victoria the elevated boardwalk track was dangerous in late 2008.

Mr den Hollander said wooden tracks were slippery, sometimes even in dry conditions, and this was compounded at this stretch because it was littered with sharp twists and turns.

He said he showed Parks Victoria representatives the stretch of track and recommended a safety upgrade in late 2008 before the nearby EastLink trail opened.

"Bitumen or concrete is a far safer surface for bikes," Mr den Hollander said.

"It is quite an old track and there is no way if we were building it today it would be built like that."

The track has chicken wire to provide some grip for cyclists, but it does not have a safety railing.

A Parks Victoria spokeswoman said it would not make a comment until the coroner's report was released.

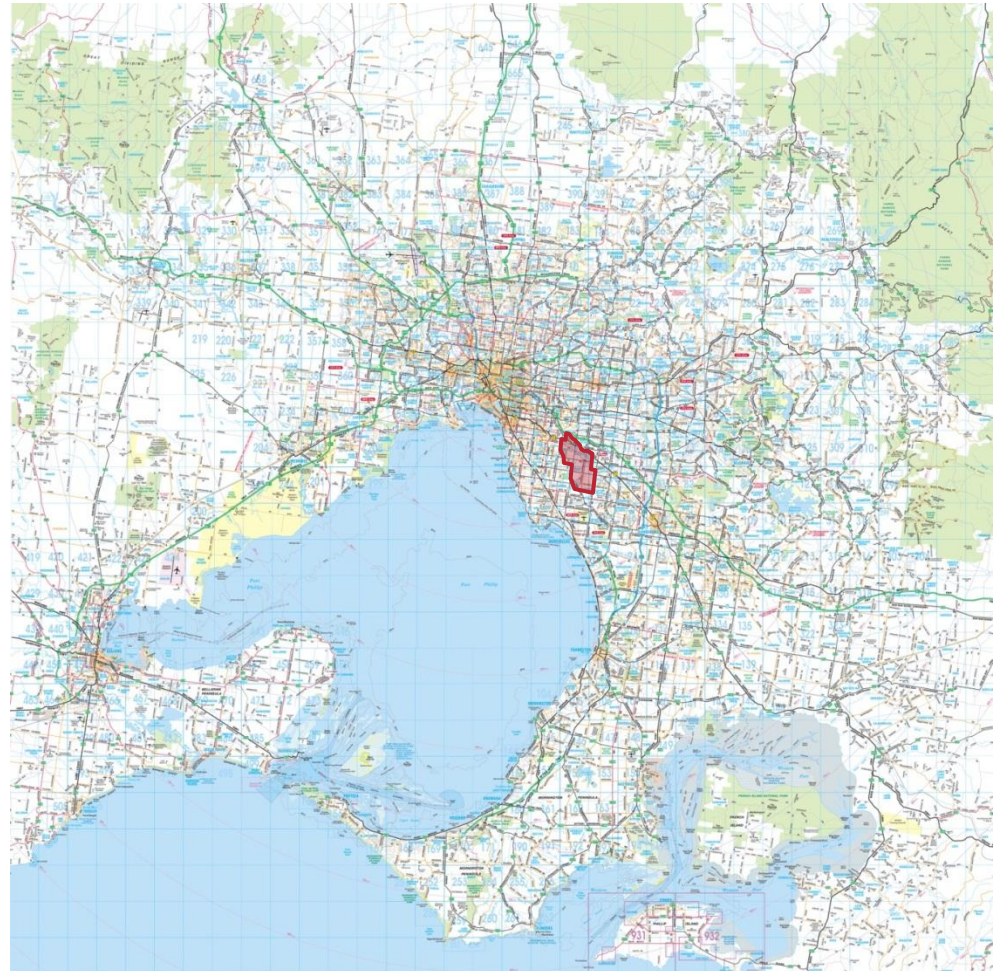
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3 Ways to Identify Problems

- Routine Maintenance
- Customer Feedback
- Safety Audit
 - Feasibility
 - Design
 - Existing Conditions



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3 Design Problems

1. Path Width



3 Design Problems



2. Alignment – Horizontal and Vertical



3 Design Problems

3. Intersections



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3 Existing Condition Problems

1. Clearances – Horizontal and Vertical



3 Existing Condition Problems

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3 Existing Condition Problems

2. Obstacles within the path



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2. Obstacles within the path



3 Existing Conditions Problems



2. Obstacles within the path



3 Existing Condition Problems

3. User Mix



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Dog off-leash areas

Dogs make wonderful companions to people of all ages. Owning a dog can help boost self-esteem, provide stress relief and improve health. They can provide hours of fun, relaxation, happiness and unconditional love. However, along with these benefits comes certain responsibilities to our pets and the community.

Where to exercise your dog

The City of Glen Eira recognises that dog off-leash areas are beneficial for the health and wellbeing of dogs. With this in mind many parks have designated dog off-leash areas. Please see the table on the reverse of this page for a dog off-leash area near you.

Dog owners' obligations in off-leash areas

All dogs must be properly restrained by way of a collar or leash, whenever they are in public places in the City of Glen Eira. This includes roads, streets, footpaths, parks or any parks or reserves. The exception is if you are within a designated off-leash area.

Dogs must also be under effective voice control at all times and kept on a leash that does not exceed 1.5 metres in length.

Dogs must not be off-leash within 20 metres of barbecues and picnic areas, children's playgrounds, the Duncan Macdonald athletic track and netball facilities, Packer Park, velodrome, sporting events, sports preparation and organised public meetings.

Council's animal management officers regularly patrol parks and reserves during the day, evening and at weekends.

Owners who fail to comply with Council's order under the Domestic Animals Act, the provisions relating to dogs in parks and recreational areas can be subject to fines in a court action.

Cleaning up after your dog

It is your responsibility to clean up after your dog at all times.

Leash requirements

Dogs must be kept on a leash that does not exceed 1.5 metres in length.

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