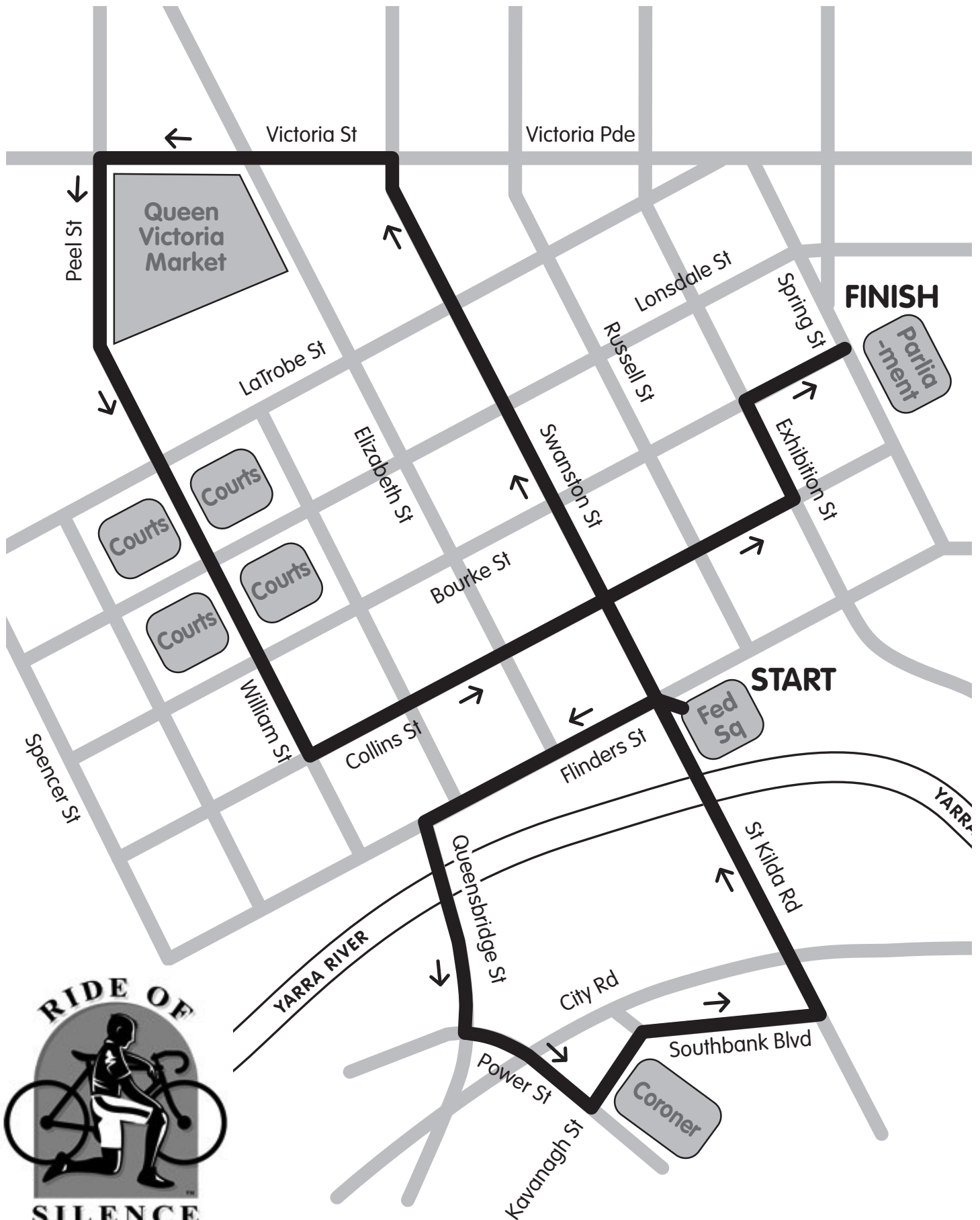


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About the Ride of Silence

In May 2003, Chris Phelan organised the first Ride Of Silence (RoS) in Dallas USA, after endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and was killed. The ride was a solemn event, to remember Larry and all cyclists killed while riding their bikes. It was only supposed to be a onetime event, but as word got out about the ride, many cyclists contacted Chris with the desire to participate in this event. Although cyclists have a legal right to share the road with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves.

In 2006 the worldwide Ride of Silence will take place in the USA, Australia, Canada, China, New Zealand, Scotland and the United Kingdom. This ride has several goals:

- To HONOR those who have been injured or killed
- To RAISE AWARENESS that we are here
- To ask that we all SHARE THE ROAD

The Melbourne ride started in 2005, and every Ride of Silence we do is a positive step to raise awareness and remember the sad fact that too many cyclists have died and continue to die and suffer injury on our roads.

Simon Gillett will be present at the Melbourne Ride of Silence. In July 2005, a horrific road accident in Germany killed his wife Amy Gillett-Safe and left five of her Australian cycling teammates badly injured. All of Australia grieved with Simon and also with her family and friends. **Amy Gillett Foundation website: <http://www.amygillett.org.au/>**

Today we are riding in memory of Russell Mockridge, Deborah Gray, Anthony Marsh, Amy Gillett-Safe, Luke Harrop, Darren Smith, Matthew Cole, Penny Croft, Allan Scott, Ian Humphrey, Aaron Butler and Saul Pasque, as well as all others who have been killed.

In Australia, an estimated 35 cyclists are killed each year while cycling. A further 2500 cyclists are injured, and possibly more incidents go unreported. Most of these incidents occur in our cities and suburbs. With this ride, we hope to educate motorists that cyclists have the legal right to the road and to watch out for us.

In 2006 the Ride of Silence will also take place in Sydney and Brisbane, further details on the **International Ride of Silence website: <http://www.rideofsilence.org/>**

Ride Protocol

Please follow the RoS map you have been given. Maximum two abreast, stop at red lights, obey all traffic laws, no blocking traffic or riding in bunches, please move slowly at speed of funeral procession, wear black armbands, wear any signage you think appropriate to stop carnage against cyclists. The Ride of Silence is similar to a funeral procession. The ride will be slow (max 20km per hour). There will be no talking, (except for safety reasons) only silence, to remember our fallen brothers and sisters. Black armbands are worn in memory of those who have been killed; red armbands are worn for those injured while riding. Please be tactful and remain neutral when dealing with motorists and pedestrians. Please follow directions from RoS marshalls (wearing green armbands) and the police.

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