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Travel Information

One area of meteoric growth is free apps **about** travel. Including maps, times and different options. To review just a few... There is a TAXI app to help you with hailing a cab, knowing where your driver is and paying for the trip. Then there is the taxi alternative UBER apps, similar in many ways to the Taxi app.

There is also the PTV - Public Transport Victoria app for planning a trip, and helping with comparing travel times by bus, tram and train. Very good, except one minor hiccup is that it doesn't react to service cancellations & alterations compared with the published timetables.

Then for air travel we have FlightRadar24 where we can watch a flight travel across the globe, and then MelbourneAirport to keep an eye on the Arrivals and Departures information boards as if you were at the airport. Although it doesn't yet estimate the time required through customs and immigration.

Of course not to forget Google Maps. Great for planning your trip by car, bike or walk, and best of all it does take into account traffic problem spots, stoppages and will redirect you another way to make a new fastest route.

All these apps, and many others, have the one common element of giving best information for you to make your own decisions. Like the information sign boards on freeways that display an estimated travel time to the xyz exit is 85 min. So if this is not what you were expecting, then you can think about alternatives.

The bottom line is - they set and manage expectations, probably the single most important factors in making travel easier and less stressful.

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