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REVIEW | GPS

## Lost and found

The Mio Digiwalker C720, \$649, is about three-quarters the size of a CD case and comes with audio directions, touch screen options and features such as the POI (Points of Interest) setting. Do a search of, say, a pub or the zoo and it'll get you there. In Victoria, it also comes with the fancy Traffic Management Channel. The system will warn you of heavy traffic and roadworks. You can set it to automatically recalculate a route around the traffic nasties, or, if you know better, leave it on manual.

Its first task was to get from Moonee Ponds to a restaurant in Williamstown. As far as directions go, the journey is a no-brainer. Get yourself on to Maribyrnong Road, turn left down the street that passes Highpoint Shopping Centre, hang a right at Teddy Whitten oval and left again down Williamstown Road. The Mio Digiwalker got us most of the way down this familiar path then led us on a journey of discovery and wonder through the back of Seddon, Footscray, maybe a bit of Yarraville and an unexpected grand entrance to Newport under the West Gate Bridge. It took us about twice as long.

It seems there's a big difference

choosing the Shortest Journey and Fast Journey settings. Calculating a Short Journey the software finds the shortest distance from A to B regardless of the type and quality of road.

On a later trip, the Digiwalker tried to send me along a dirt road at the back of Rye because it was the shortest way.

I wouldn't have walked that road on foot, let alone driven my pride and joy on it.

If I had read the instructions prior to setting I might not have fallen into that trap, but then I wouldn't have experienced driving under the West Gate at dusk on a pristine summer evening.

There were a few other examples similar to the above that left me thankful I had an idea where I had to go.

The Mio Digiwalker is a great gadget. For taxi drivers and couriers, it'd be a more than useful navigational tool and it's certainly safer to use than having the Melway spread over your lap.

I wouldn't mind one. I'm just not sure I need one.

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— RUSSELL HANSON

**GAME REVIEW | SCENE IT?**  
**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION (PG)**  
**PUBLISHER |** Microsoft  
**PLATFORM |** Xbox 360  
**RRP |** \$119.95  
**RATING |** ★★★★★

Microsoft's answer to Sony's *Buzz* quiz series focuses on film trivia and, like most movies, it screams sequel.

The game comes with four "big button" wireless quiz buzzers, sturdy AA battery-powered units that look, feel and are official Xbox controllers.

It is simple enough — players select answers from a multiple choice list or buzz in to answer first.

There are a wide variety of quizzes — movie clips that players watch and then answer questions about, general trivia, name that celebrity and cryptic clue rounds.

The game awards achievement points for answers to questions from various decades, but does not let players limit questions to particular eras and can therefore leave young players in the dark.

Without a doubt there'll be quiz game sequels making use of the quiz controllers.

— MATT SUN

