
Advocating for Stonnington



City of
STONNINGTON

We acknowledge we are meeting on the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nations and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We acknowledge their living connection to Country, relationship with the land and all living things extending back tens of thousands of years.

CITY OF STONNINGTON: AN OVERVIEW

The City of Stonnington is located in Melbourne's inner south-east, alongside the Yarra River, covering an area of 25.62 square kilometres. Stonnington takes in the suburbs of Armadale, Kooyong, Malvern, Malvern East, Prahran, Toorak and parts of Glen Iris, South Yarra and Windsor.

Stonnington is primarily a residential area, with some commercial, industrial, office and institutional land uses. We are well known for shopping, dining and lifestyle precincts, parks and gardens, leafy streets and historical architecture.

The estimated resident population in 2021 is 123,031. It is anticipated that the municipality will experience population growth of approximately 16.44 per cent to 2036.

Stonnington has a culturally and economically diverse population. The housing stock ranges from some of Melbourne's finest mansions, to large blocks of public housing; an indication of the community's contrasting lifestyles, needs and expectations. Nearly one-quarter of the community speak a language other than

English at home, with the top five non-English languages being Mandarin, Greek, Cantonese, Italian and Spanish. Almost one-third of the community was born overseas, and the top five nations of origin are China, the United Kingdom, India, New Zealand and Greece.

Stonnington has 3,463 residents who have a disability requiring assistance with core activities, and almost one in 10 residents act in the role of unpaid carer for a person with a disability

At present, Stonnington has the second lowest amount of public open space per person in any Victorian council.

The City of Stonnington is situated in two electorates: Malvern and Prahran.

COUNCILLORS

North Ward



Cr Kate Hely

First elected 2020.
Mayor 2020–21.

South Ward



Cr Melina Sehr

First elected 2002, re-elected 2004,
2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020.
Mayor 2003–04, March – November
2004 and 2010–11. Deputy Mayor
2020–22.

East Ward



Cr Jami Klisaris

First elected 2012, re-elected
2016 and 2020. Mayor 2016-17
and 2021-22.



Cr Matthew Koce

First elected 2012, re-elected 2016
and 2020. Mayor 2012–13.



Cr Nicki Batagol

First elected 2020.



Cr Alexander Lew

First elected 2020.



Cr Marcia Griffin

First elected 2016, re-elected 2020.



Cr Mike Scott

First elected 2020.



Cr Polly Morgan

First elected 2020.

SUMMARY

Our Council Plan 2021–2025 identifies key advocacy priorities of:

- » **Sustainable growth and development, while protecting our unique character and liveability**
- » **Deliver and advocate for sustainable and enjoyable pedestrian, cycling and public transport options to enable our 20-minute neighbourhoods, and**
- » **Support and advocate for the health and wellbeing of those in our community.**

The City of Stonnington is seeking support for the following initiatives, projects and programs which have been identified as in line with these priorities.

HAROLD HOLT POOL ELECTRIFICATION

Harold Holt Swim Centre is the single largest user of natural gas in the City of Stonnington, accounting for over half of Council's gas consumption annually. In a typical year of operation, gas use at Harold Holt contributes approx. 1,350 tonnes CO2-e. By comparison, Council's corporate emissions in 2019/20 were 11,593 tonnes CO2-e, with Harold Holt gas contributing 12% of the total.

Council formally adopted its Climate Emergency Action Plan on 20 September 2021. The plan commits Council to the urgent reduction of carbon emissions from its assets in order to achieve a net zero target by 2030. A significant focus area of the plan is the transition of Council operations from gas to zero carbon electricity, underpinned by the purchase of renewable electricity from 1 July 2021 through the Victorian Energy Collaboration.

The City of Stonnington seeks to transition Harold Holt Swim Centre away from fossil fuels through identifying opportunities to retrofit gas plant with electric alternatives showcasing innovative leading design.

Council priority:
Community sport & environment

What we are seeking

Council is seeking assistance to undertake a feasibility study to identify suitable electric heat pump technologies which can be procured to replace current gas assets without compromising the performance or affordability of facility operation. Budget estimates will be developed for the replacement equipment, inclusive of installation works. The study would also quantify expected changes to energy use, carbon emissions and operational costs.

Funding request: \$2.56m
(Total project \$5.12m)



BERT HEALY PAVILION UPGRADE

The City of Stonnington is seeking funding support to upgrade Bert Healy Pavilion in Malvern East, including the development of female changerooms.

The pavilion currently supports a number of local sporting clubs including De La Salle Old Collegians Football Club, East Malvern Tooronga Cricket Club and German Shepherd Dog Club. Redevelopment will ensure the facility meets current standards and the needs of the tenant clubs and the wider community.

In 2018 Council secured a \$200,000 funding agreement with Sport & Recreation Victoria for an upgrade to the home and away change rooms to ensure the facilities are safe and functional for female use. Currently the home and away change rooms have shared amenities.

Councillors requested design to be carried out on a full pavilion redevelopment, instead of just an upgrade of the change rooms in November 2019 and in July 2020 approval of \$4.3M was given in Council's capital works budget for the pavilion redevelopment, to commence in 2022/23.

The design process started in 2021, however the project has been deferred in the draft budget from 22/23 to 25/26. Currently, a timing variation for the \$200,000 grant (to deliver interim change room upgrade works) is being reviewed by SRV.

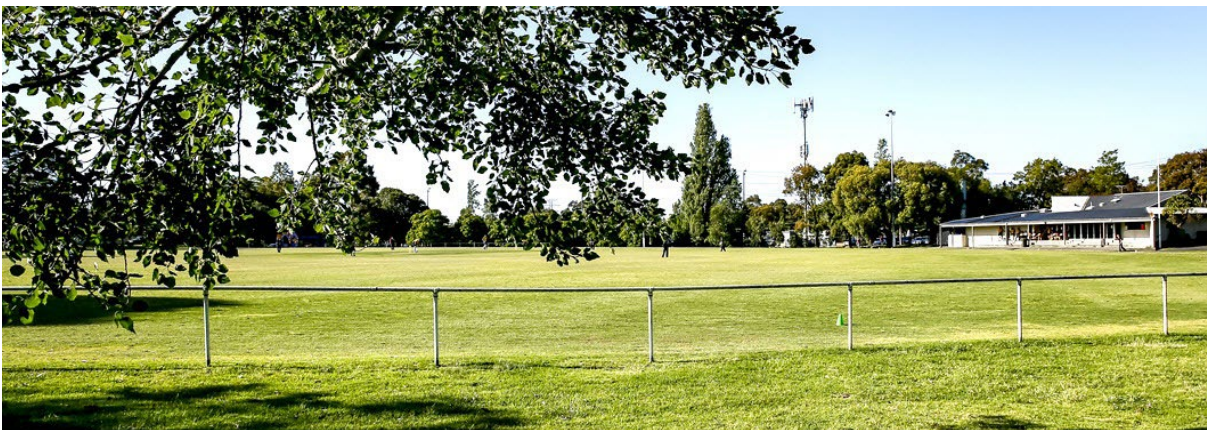
**Council priority:
Community sport & female participation**

What we are seeking

We are seeking funding support to undertake a full pavilion redevelopment, incorporating:

- » 4 x change rooms (can be configured as two larger change rooms)
- » Unisex amenities
- » Umpire change rooms
- » Kiosk
- » Public amenities
- » Storage
- » Social room and kitchen
- » Player gym
- » Office / board room
- » First aid room

Funding request: \$2.7m
(total project \$7m)



EAST MALVERN TENNIS CLUB

The East Malvern Tennis Club is situated at 15 Moira St, Glen Iris and has more than 1000 members. It is urgent need of an upgrade as facilities no longer meet current standards.

Council commenced redevelopment consultation with the club in October 2020 and appointed a design consultant in July 2022, at the same time approving an increased sum for the project in our capital works budget, from \$2.8M to \$3.34 million.

Redevelopment of the facility will include:

- » Tennis pavilion redevelopment
- » New lighting for four courts
- » New line marking / reconfiguration of courts
- » Court resurfacing
- » New fencing
- » New court drainage and irrigation
- » Landscaping

This project is likely to take 12 months to complete.

Council priority:
Community sport

What we are seeking

The City of Stonnington seeks funding support to redevelop the East Malvern Tennis Centre pavilion, courts and floodlights to meet current standards, improve safety and meet the needs of the club's 1,000+ members.

Funding request: \$500,000
(Total project \$3.34m)



BIRRELL RESERVE SYNTHETIC FIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Birrell Reserve is a heavily used natural turf soccer field at Sir Zelman Cowan Park in Kooyong. Twelve sports clubs use Sir Zelman Cowan Park, supporting 2,000 registered club members and participants to lead physically and socially active lifestyles. The primary use is junior soccer training and competition.

The park is also heavily used by the Stonnington community for active recreation and transport, with the Gardiner's Creek Trail adjacent to the northern side of the park.

The field's surface quality is poor, and lighting does not meet standards for football. Converting the field to a synthetic surface and upgrading the floodlighting will dramatically increase the capacity for training and competition (an estimated increase of 100%, from 21.5 hrs per week to 43 hours p/w), and for recreational community use.

Additionally, there are 14 schools within a 2.5km radius of Birrell Reserve, many of which do not have extensive outdoor space to facilitate their physical activity programs.

The City of Stonnington seeks to redevelop Birrell Reserve as a synthetic surface and upgrade floodlighting to increase the capacity for sporting club and casual community use.

**Council priority:
Community sport**

What we are seeking

We are seeking funding assistance to redevelop this field which will consist of the following:

- » Construction of a synthetic soccer field of 100m x 60m (play area 94m x 54m, 3m runoffs to field surrounds)
- » Redevelopment of the floodlighting to LED sports lighting to 100 Lux, with varied switching
- » Construction of a public toilet block adjacent to the field

Funding request: \$2.5m



EARLY YEARS AND COMMUNITY HUB AT PRINCES CLOSE

The City of Stonnington seeks to redevelop the current Princes Close Children’s Centre as a contemporary Early Years and Community Hub that will meet the current and future needs of children and families in the eastern end of the municipality.

A flexible design will ensure spaces can be utilised to support the delivery of the most needed services to the community. This may range from support for those experiencing family violence to youth mental health.

This new and exciting facility would provide for:

- » 3 and 4-year-old kinder
- » Childcare services for families
- » Child and Maternal Health Services
- » Multi-purpose community meeting spaces
- » Consulting suites to support a range of allied health and community support services.

Council priority:
Early years, health and wellbeing

What we are seeking

Support is required through a state government contribution towards this project.

Funding request: \$4.8m



ORRONG ROMANIS REGIONAL ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

The Orrong Romanis Reserve is one of four sites identified in Council’s 10 year capital program to develop regional accessible playgrounds.

The sites will be specifically designed to maximise access and inclusion and cater for a range of ages and abilities.

They will include not just physical access but also inclusive play spaces for children with different sensory needs.

Council priority:
Health and wellbeing, open space, inclusion

What we are seeking

Council seeks funding to design and deliver a regional accessible playground at Orrong Romanis Reserve that maximises access and inclusion for people of all abilities and caters for children of a wide range of ages.

*Funding request: \$550,000
(Total project \$1.1m)*



PRAHRAN ARTS AND EDUCATION PRECINCT (INCLUDING PRAHRAN TOWN HALL)

Prahran Campus is a creative precinct in the heart of Melbourne’s visual and performing arts communities and located within Chapel Street. The creative educational site is centrally located within one of Melbourne’s designated creative neighbourhoods that includes Prahran Square, Chapel Off Chapel and the redevelopment of the Prahran Town Hall as a creative hub.

Stonnington is advocating for funding to help develop and invest in the site as an educational precinct.

The current site is an arts educational facility and is being divested by Swinburne University, of which the site is being purchased by the State Government.

Melbourne Polytechnic along with the State Government are working to redevelop the theatre and site as an arts education precinct, with a focus on performing arts.

The estimated cost of this redevelopment is \$100m.

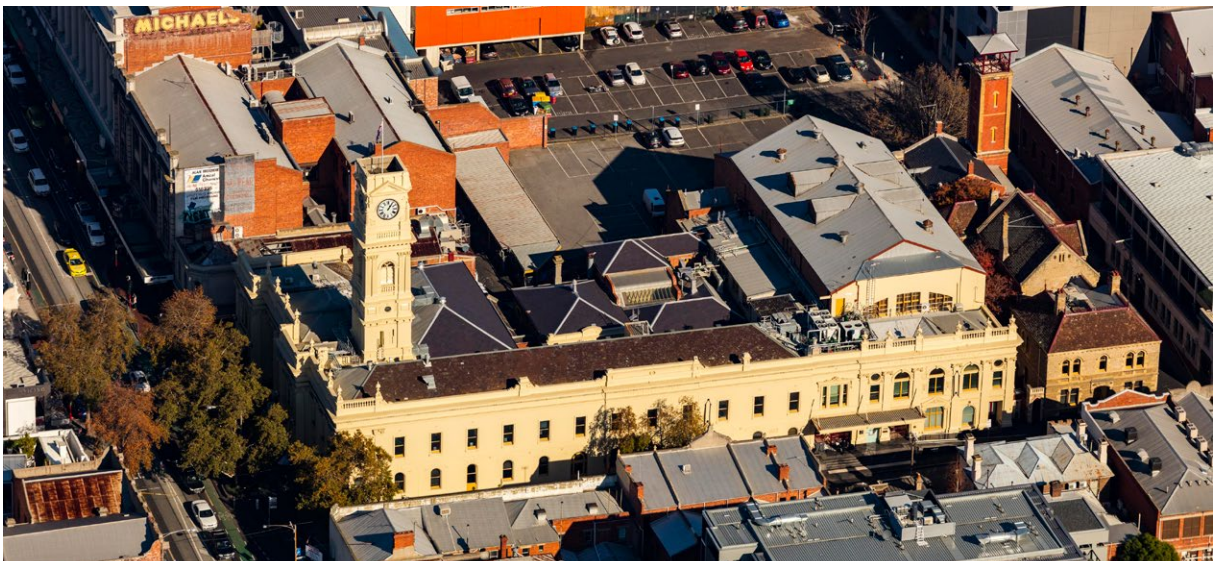
What we are seeking

The City of Stonnington seeks support to redevelop the Prahran Town Hall as an art, cultural and community facility. Comprehensive design work has been completed by William Ross Architects featuring library, cultural and community spaces.

The site will become a key driver of the day and night-time economy through the delivery of a contemporary arts, cultural and community facility that responds to local, State and global imperatives and challenges.

Stonnington is advocating for considerable funding to help develop and invest in the overall site as an educational precinct.

Funding request: \$150,000 to develop a business case for Treasury to consider more significant funding to develop the site as a creative hub in addition to Council’s current commitment of \$30 million.



PRAHRAN MARKET SUSTAINABLE FUTURE PROJECT

Prahran Market is Stonnington Council's largest and most popular community asset with more than three million visitors a year. Supporting over 70 Victorian local businesses Prahran Market focuses on local produce, fresh food and a quality shopping experience makes it the perfect local and visitor shopping destination. The Prahran Market, founded on its present site in 1881, is one of the oldest surviving public marketplaces in Melbourne. With a beautiful heritage façade on Commercial Road, it is a building that is much loved and well recognised.

With the need to focus on sustainability, the green economy and reducing the carbon footprint of the Market, it is critical to upgrade its ageing infrastructure to support solar and water harvesting.

Having operated for over 100 years, the entire Market roof is now in need of a total replacement. A new roof will allow and support many essential green initiatives and also bring the structure up to current building standards, allowing this valued asset to continue for another 100 years.

Proposal

The City of Stonnington seeks funding to undertake a significant upgrade to the Prahran market in order to ensure the future of the Market.

This includes:

- » Making the Market more energy efficient and prevent heat and cooling loss
- » Providing the correct infrastructure and loading to apply solar panels
- » Facilitating water harvesting for use in Market operations
- » Greatly improving the visitor/shopper experience
- » Providing sealed shelter and waterproofing protecting the interior of the Market for many years to come.

The project will be delivered in three stages.



PRAHRAN MARKET SUSTAINABLE FUTURE PROJECT (CONTINUED)

Stage one: Heritage roof restoration (1891 building)

Designs have been completed to completely replace the current heritage roof, which leaks significantly and has resulted in office below being un-leasable.

Processes that will be completed include:

- » Design works
- » Obtaining permits
- » Engaging a builder
- » Relocation of tenants
- » Installation of scaffolding and public protection infrastructure
- » Replacement of the roof, its structure, windows, improve the integrity of the building structure and render/repaint

Expected delivery 22/23

Stage two: Market Hall, Meat and Poultry Hall and Market Square roof replacement

Drafting the design to replace the Market Square roof is in progress. Council will also engage the design team to prepare a design and methodology to replace the remaining sections of the roof including Market Hall and Meat and Poultry Hall. Ultimately, there will be a design and methodology to conduct a full roof restoration of a roof that currently has structural, water and environmental damage, leaks significantly and does not thermally insulate – cool or heat the building. The water leaks create safety hazards during heavy rainfall for staff, tenants and more importantly the public, whilst they shop at the Market.

Processes that will be completed include:

- » Engagement of a design team
- » Investigation and preparation of a design brief and a methodology to replace the roof safely with minimal disruption.

It is critical to replace the roof in two stages to minimise the impact on the Market.

Expected Delivery: FY 23/24

**Stage three:
Solar panels and water
harvesting**

Market operations consume a significant amount of both water and power every day. Moving to solar power to power the lights, automatic doors, air-conditioning and other Market operations would significantly reduce the Market’s carbon footprint and take significant steps forward to making the Market sustainable.

Once the Market roof is replaced Council will install solar panels and water tanks to harvest the water that will be fed back into market operations and make the Market sustainable, greener and more economical.

Processes that will be completed include:

- » Engaging a design team for the solar and water harvesting
- » Investigation and preparation of a design brief and a methodology to install the maximum number of solar panels safely with minimal disruption.
- » Procurement and appointment of contractors

It is critical to replace the roof in two stages to minimise the impact on the Market.

Expected Delivery: FY24/25

Funding request:

Stage one: \$1.2m

Stage two: \$2.5m–\$3m

Stage three: \$1.2m



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

The City of Stonnington is committed to expanding the local network of electric vehicle charging stations, both fast and standard, to meet the growing demands of the community and support those residents without off-street charging.

Promoting uptake of electric vehicle charging stations is in line with 'Victoria's Zero Emissions Vehicle Roadmap' and supports our residents without off-street parking that find it difficult to charge their vehicles with the current public transport network which is inadequate.



What we are seeking

Council is seeking support to install a number of 50kW fast chargers across Stonnington. This includes unit cost, installation and commissioning contingency. Each facility will have the capacity to provide a 60km charge range per 15 mins of charging.

Council managed locations:

- » Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park
- » Harold Holt Swim Centre (Edgar St Car Park)
- » Elizabeth Streetcar Park
- » Prahran Square Carpark
- » King Street carpark
- » Drysdale Street carpark
- » T.H King

Non-Council managed locations:

- » East Malvern Station
- » Waverley Oval Carpark
- » Darling Railway Station
- » Holmesglen Railway Station
- » Tooronga Railway Station
- » Kooyong Railway Station

**Funding request:
\$100,000 per station**

POCKET PARKS

Supporting our ‘Strategy for Creating Open Space’, support to develop new pocket parks across the municipality is sought.

The City of Stonnington has the **second lowest amount of open space in Victoria**, and it is critical we find additional opportunities to futureproof our city by creating new open space.

Open space helps improve our health and well-being, supports biodiversity, and mitigates the impacts of climate change.

What we are seeking

The City of Stonnington is seeking financial support to develop new pocket parks within the municipal boundaries.

These include:

- » Grattan St, Prahran
- » West St, Armadale
- » Wilson St, South Yarra

Funding request: \$1m for all three locations



SUPPORTING OUR SHOPPING PRECINCTS

The City of Stonnington is working with our local business precincts to make our unique retail areas more vibrant and help to build long-term sustainability and resilience.

Council has developed the ‘Vacant to Vibrant’ action plan because we recognise that our diverse and vibrant shopping precincts and strips are integral to our identity and liveability.

The action plan has been developed in consultation with businesses, landlords, real estate agents, retail experts and business associations.

The initiatives are designed to attract new tenants to Stonnington, retain existing tenants by helping them remain commercially successful, or activate tenancies and spaces to improve the experience of shoppers.

What we are seeking

Council seeks to develop a marketing campaign to support our shopping precincts. Through the M9 Council will work in partnership with intermediary agencies to identify and deliver the most relevant model of intervention for each identified shopping strip.

Funding request: \$2.7m to sponsor M9 Councils to deliver tailored temporary leasing or vacant shopfront programs. (\$300k per municipality)



BIG HOUSING BUILD PROGRAM

The Big Housing Build agenda is the biggest social housing investment in our states history and is strongly supported by the City of Stonnington.

An increase in social housing in our community will create a safety net for low-income and vulnerable Victorians as well as address the increasing risk of homelessness, particularly for women fleeing domestic and family violence.

There are a number of projects currently underway in Stonnington. These include:

Bangs Street, Prahran – 445 new homes, including social, affordable and private rentals.

The design for Bang Street incorporates input from the Prahran community and will feature contemporary designs with improved open space and other features for locals to enjoy.

Simmons Street, South Yarra – This project will be located on Homes Victoria land in South Yarra with \$160m in investment from the Victorian Government to progress the development. It will include 310–330 homes and is out for current community consultation.

Horace Petty, South Yarra – Replacing the low-rise housing at South Yarra with modern, energy efficient and environmentally sustainable homes, with open spaces.

A mix of social, affordable and market rental homes, with disability accommodation forms the basis of this quality project.

Completion expected in late-2025

Essex Street, Prahran – This project will transform the area into a well-connected and welcoming place with quality open spaces.

What we are seeking

We urge this project to be continued and expanded in the future with on-going discussions with local councils about the needs of the community and ensuring open space and liveability are at the forefront of all decision making.



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS

The City of Stonnington seeks continued support for the Level Crossing Removal program across the Gen Waverley line, providing a range of opportunities to realise desired local community outcomes combined with State objectives around transport network improvements.

What we are seeking

The City of Stonnington seeks to work collaboratively with the State to take a corridor approach to the removal of the remaining crossings along the Glen Waverley Line, including High St, Glen Iris. The corridor approach should commit to removing all three level crossings (including Glenferrie Road and Tooronga Road) to minimise disruptions and impacts to the community.

We ask that the project of all three level crossings includes the following components and or outcomes:

- » Community engagement, working with affected local communities during project planning (after feasibility studies on the design options are concluded and prior to making any decision) and construction
- » Better connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists
- » High-quality streetscaping and incorporating innovative and locally appropriate street furniture
- » Creation of additional green open spaces that are safe, inviting and publicly accessible, that include playgrounds, sports facilities, new dog parks and or lawns
- » Incorporate sustainable materials for design practises
- » Urban greening that includes extensive tree planting and protection of existing flora and fauna

- » All new stations to be well-designed and incorporate best practise design and consistent with the heritage of the location. Integrate historic trees, forecourts, and public spaces with the local environment
- » Ensure a well-lit environment where everyone, including women, children and people of all abilities and languages other than English can feel safe



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We are a national relay service friendly organisation. If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS):

- » **TTY users** call 133 677, then ask for 8290 1333
- » **Speak and listen users**, call 1300 555 727, then ask for 8290 1333
- » **Internet relay users**, connect to the NRS, then ask for 8290 1333

Community languages

Call the Stonnington Community Link, a multilingual telephone information service.

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| Mandarin | 普通話 | 9280 0730 |
| Cantonese | 廣東話 | 9280 0731 |
| Greek | Ελληνικά | 9280 0732 |
| Italian | Italiano | 9280 0733 |
| Polish | Polski | 9280 0734 |
| Russia | Русский | 9280 0735 |
| Indonesian | Bahasa Indonesia | 9280 0737 |
| Vietnamese | Tiếng Việt | 9280 0748 |
| All other languages | | 9280 0736 |



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