Stonnington news

Our drive to survive in lockdown

Stonnington is doubling down to meet the challenge of operating during uncertain times. Learn more about our recovery and support packages available – INSIDE.
A word from the Mayor

Welcome to this special edition of Stonnington News.

It comes at a critical time in the history of the City of Stonnington as we once again must come together to face down a significant health economic challenge. The need for this latest lockdown shows just how dangerous COVID-19 is, and how we must stay vigilant until it is beaten.

As we have seen in the past few months, the pandemic and its economic and social impacts have fundamentally changed the immediate and long-term outlook. As you will read in this edition, Council is facing a significant shortfall in revenue. We have responded with a draft Budget very much designed for the times.

You will also read about the many ways we are supporting Stonnington’s economy and community through this crisis, especially supporting businesses doing it tough. We are through this lockdown, the key to recovery will be the generation of economic activity.

Council is committed to stimulate this through infrastructure and investment in our open spaces, precincts, sports and community facilities.

We have responded once to this crisis and I am confident this community spirit will again help us get through, recover and prosper.

Cr Steve Stefanopolous
Mayor, City of Stonnington

Rates hardship support

If you’re experiencing hardship, we can help.

Our Rates Financial Hardship Policy helps people unable to pay their rates levies or charges, through deferral of rates, interest waiver or payment arrangement options.

Rates update

Due to a significant fall in revenue and a severely impacted economy as a result of the pandemic, the Draft Budget for 2020–2021 proposes a rate increase of 2 per cent, with a one-off 2 per cent discount for rates paid up-front and in full. This proposed increase is in line with those planned by other similar councils and within the State Government’s cap on rate rises. This proposed rise also helps meet Council’s obligations to the community recovery effort and helps secure long-term financial sustainability.

The proposed Budget is subject to community feedback, including expenditure, revenue, key projects and initiatives.

For more information, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/rates or email us at rates@stonnington.vic.gov.au

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ESSENTIAL SERVICES CONTINUE

Essential services in the City of Stonnington – such as waste and recycling collection, maternal and child health and immunisation programs – will continue despite metropolitan Melbourne being plunged into a second COVID-19 lockdown.

Mayor Cr Steve Stefanopoulos said he was confident of the community’s resilience and ability to adapt, after overcoming the last lockdown phase.

“Nobody wanted to re-enter COVID-19 restrictions and our challenge now is to make sure these six weeks are the last we experience,” he said.

“By now, we all know the rules – here are the only four reasons to leave home:

- to shop for food or other essential items
- to provide caregiving
- for outdoor exercise
- to work or study, if you cannot do this from home.

“Our essential services like waste and recycling, maternal and child health and immunisation programs, continue with strict health and safety protocols in place.

“Our community services teams will continue to check in with our most vulnerable residents.”

“If you have older neighbours, reach out to them to let them know you can help with shopping using our Stay Connected Stonnington RYER available at stonnington.vic.gov.au/stayconnected.”

Cr Stefanopoulos said all Stonnington residents should stay safe, check in with loved ones, remain at home and get tested if they experienced any COVID-19 symptoms.

“We have testing facilities at Prahran Town Hall and Chadstone Golfers Drive,” he said.

Cr Stefanopoulos encouraged the community to continue its support of Stonnington businesses.

“I call on everyone to help our businesses by observing social distancing if you are shopping and check in with your favourite café or restaurant to see if they’re doing takeaway or delivery.”

Important information is regularly updated on our COVID-19 hub. Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/covid19 or call us on 8290 1333

See p 12 for changes to our services.

Help for those doing it tough

COVID-19 has impacted all Victorians and significantly changed everyday life.

It is normal to feel unsettled, anxious or lonely in this challenging time. It's also important to do what we can to look after our safety wellbeing.

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 and Lifeline 131 114 have support services and information to help you and your family.

If you or someone you know is at risk of domestic or family violence, being at home may not be the safest place.

A range of specialist family violence services are available to help, including 1800 RESPECT and Kids Helpline 1800 531 800 and the Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria at dvrcv.org.au

For an emergency, call 000 (triple zero).

If you need some help with free or low-cost food, personal items, transport, pharmacy items, accommodation or legal support, there’s a list of support services on our website along with our hardship policy that outlines financial assistance and relief available to people, businesses and organisations in Stonnington.

We’re in this together; let’s help one another.

Find out more at stonnington.vic.gov.au/covid19

More than just coffee

Officine Zero is an Italian espresso bar that offers great coffee, wine and food, alongside authentic Italian banter.

Business owner Claudio Casoni has been operating in Stonnington since June 2014. He and his team have had to adapt the business model to ensure the continued success and security of the Hawksburn café in challenging times.

When restrictions started, the main purpose was to protect its most vulnerable employees who couldn’t access JobSeeker or JobKeeper programs.

By changing up the business offering – introducing an e-delivery platform, with free pick-up and coffee delivery, artisan pasta meals, desserts, wine and groceries and extending operating hours, it was able to continue trading through a new initiative – Officine Zero at home.

Claudia and the team are still working creatively to weather this period of business uncertainty. Drop in, buy a coffee or a meal, and support a great local business.

Q. What do you get when you put great coffee, Italian style, passion and charm, loads of experience, initiative and location together?

A. Officine Zero.

Officine Zero
534 Malvern Road, Hawksburn
Open daily, 7.15am–3.45pm and 5.30pm–8pm
officinezero.com.au

Stop the spread. Stay safe, stay at home and stay connected.

General COVID-19 information

Our Stonnington website has a dedicated COVID-19 community information page.

You can find updated information about the impacts on events, facilities, programs and services at stonnington.vic.gov.au/covid19

See p 12 for changes to services information.

How to contact us

Public-facing customer service centres are closed. Our team is receiving and responding to requests and questions via phone, email and social media.

Other ways to contact us:

stonnington.vic.gov.au
council@stonnington.vic.gov.au

facebook.com/stonningtoncouncil

8290 1333 (general enquiries) or 8290 3329 (planning specific enquiries)

Request a service online at stonnington.vic.gov.au/requests

Report an issue on Snap Send Solve snapsendsolve.com

Ways to connect, general assistance and helplines

Department of Health and Human Services
dhhs.vic.gov.au
1800 675 398

Australian Government Department of Health
health.gov.au

Centrelink, pension and health related services
servicesaustralia.gov.au

my.gov.au

Beyond Blue
1300 224 636

In an emergency

Triple zero (000)
Budget designed for local support, recovery

A special rates discount and a commitment to shovel-ready projects to revitalise the economy are among the features of the City of Stonnington’s 2020–2021 draft Budget.

Mayor Cr Steve Stefanopoulos said the Budget was designed to support local business, rebuild community confidence and strengthen the City’s long-term financial resilience.

“This draft Budget reflects a radically different set of factors that were simply unimaginable in March,” he said.

“While it outlines the many important services provided by Council, and details the funding required to deliver these, it does so amidst a significant decline in revenue of $9.6 million from the 2019–2020 forecast and a deeply impacted economic environment.”

“Thanks to many years of prudent financial management, Council is able to offer relief for residents and businesses, while remaining committed to critical long-term capital projects that create jobs and economic opportunity.

“It provides economic stimulus through shovel-ready capital works, such as the restoration of Prahran Town Hall, but equally many smaller projects across our neighbourhoods.

“It puts the local into local government by bringing forward investments in open space, facilities and infrastructure, while reflecting the significant revenue shortfall expected to result from the extremely challenging economic conditions faced by businesses.”

“It is a responsible draft Budget, balancing prudential financial management with the need to help kick-start the Stonnington economy.”

The draft Budget delivers on the strategies outlined in the Council Plan 2017–2021 and lays the foundations for the next four-year blueprint.

Have your say

Residents are invited to view the budget online and will have an opportunity to put their views direct to Council at a special session in August.

Following final consultation, the draft Budget will be considered for formal adoption on 31 August.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DRAFT BUDGET

**Rate relief**
- 2% early payment discount
- 0% no interest on late rates
- $14.5m no parking fees at selected carparks

**Focus on local projects**
- $14.7m local roads, footpaths, bridges and drainage works
- $20.9m community building renewal and improvement works

**Commitment to accessibility brings benefits to all**

An important focus for the City of Stonnington draft Budget for 2020–2021 is to build on Council's achievements in making open spaces and playgrounds as modern and accessible as possible.

These investments ensure families of all ages and abilities have equal access to the benefits of exercise and a sense of community.

East Ward Councillor Glen Atwell said he was delighted Council’s commitment to equitable access to leisure and recreation continued in the Budget.

“During this unprecedented period of lockdown and travel restrictions, our local playgrounds and parks have never been more important – for kids, families and carers,” he said.

“Exercising the body and mind is one of the best things we can do to cope during times of difficulty.

“I am proud to be part of a Council committed to investing in our playgrounds, and we are seeing a new and modern mix of equipment being installed that is both delightful and challenging our young ones.

“This ensures the simple delights of playtime are afforded to kids, but just as importantly to parents and carers.

“A standalone, accessible playground for Central Park in Malvern East, which is funded in this year’s proposed Budget, is a sign of that commitment.

“We have limited open space in Stonnington, so it is important we make every square metre of it count for the benefit of the entire community.”

Keep a look out on our website for budget information updates.
Rebuilding economy and community

A wide-ranging COVID-19 recovery support package was unanimously endorsed by Councillors at the 15 June Council meeting.

The program will be supported by two advisory groups comprising experienced community and business leaders who will lend local expertise to the recovery of their community.

Mayor Steve Stefanopoulos said the package would be guided by best advice and support the community on multiple fronts.

"COVID-19 has caused major disruptions to people’s lives and businesses in our community," he said.

"Council has been working urgently to address both community and business impacts.

"Stonnington's businesses and residents have shown incredible resilience and adaptability in how they responded.

"We are blessed to have a diverse range of business and community leaders who live and work in Stonnington."

Chief Executive Officer Jacqui Weatherill said work to form these committees began some time ago.

"Before the Victorian Government began easing restrictions we had been thinking about how we best support our community to recover from COVID-19," she said.

"These two groups will provide oversight and direction for how we do this, offering input and guidance on new or reviewed programs, investment, grant streams, campaigns, partnerships and advocacy."

"Our role is to facilitate a community-led recovery that asks people for their ideas, connects local agency networks, builds local capacity, supports our existing businesses and attracts new investment.

"We’ve formed two key committees to tap into community leaders, advocates and stakeholders to do this – a Community Recovery Committee and an Economic Recovery Committee.

"As we move out of the response period and into recovery, these two groups will work with Councillors and our Executive Team to make smart decisions with long term benefits for people who live and work in Stonnington."

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Seizing our opportunities to grow business together

Stonnington is well-known for being a desirable place to live, work and visit.

Famous suburbs such as Armadale, Glen Iris, Kooyong, Malvern, Prahran, South Yarra, Toorak and Windsor, are serviced by many retail precincts – from active high streets and smaller villages to medium and large-scale shopping centres.

North Ward Councillor Marcia Griffin said Stonnington’s precincts have evolved and reinvented themselves over time.

Cr Griffin said she believed reinvention would continue due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We recently launched See Opportunity, a partnership with precinct associations and local businesses, using case studies, stakeholder engagement, interviews, webcasts and workshops," she said.

“I am proud to say Council is united in our commitment to our local economy and to making local businesses prosper during the changes and upheaval in the retail environment.

“We must attract, retain and activate businesses so that they can be successful and resilient,” she said.

Cr Griffin said Council encouraged innovation and entrepreneurship.

“The pandemic has hit business hard and we need to nurture the next generation and help build resilience.”

Learn from our city’s best and brightest

Our See Opportunity – Growing Business Together video series is all about turning business dreams into a reality.

Hosted by Emma Vosti from Channel 7, the series offers you the opportunity to hear from some of Australia’s brightest business minds with a presence in Stonnington about getting to and staying at the top of their market, as well as how they’ve survived and thrived during COVID-19 restrictions.

Visitt stonnington.vic.gov.au/seeopportunity to hear from the people behind these amazing Stonnington businesses: BodhiY Prahran and South Yarra, BODA Hair Boutique, House of Lulu White, JAGGAD, Mr. Miyagi and WHITEFOX Real Estate.

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To find out more about our support packages available, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/covid-19/recovery

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Alfresco – touching base, is our program tailored for people aged 55 years or older or for people with a disability, and their carers.

The program aims to help maintain community connections and raise spirits while staying at home during this challenging time.

A land line phone or mobile phone is all that’s needed to stimulate your mind with brain teasers – join in the fun with a small group chat with fellow trivia enthusiasts in our Armchair Quiz Game, or jump onto a Zoom trip in our Armchair Day Trips Around the World.

Take the opportunity to meet new friends virtually, maintain fitness and wellbeing or join in for a regular phone chat.

We also encourage you to reach out to your neighbours, friends and family to stay connected and for support.

Call out for volunteers

Prahran Citizens Advice Bureau, a not-for-profit organisation, has been supporting Stonnington residents in need for 50 years.

Even in COVID-19 times, it is providing emergency support and referrals remotely. The Bureau is on the lookout for new volunteers. Full training is provided.

Call 9804 7220

Congratulations from Council

We congratulate East Malvern community bank branch – Bendigo Bank, which recently celebrated 20 years of service and support for the Stonnington community.
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"Unfortunately, during the drought of 2002, it was turned off permanently because it used potable tap water."

In 2016, several residents lamented to Cr Davis the waterfall remained silent. The following year, Council officers reinstated it through a reticulation system, using the onsite water bore.

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Stonnington Libraries are continuing to respond to State Government restrictions, so our services may look a little different.

We will reopen when it is safe to do so, with social distancing, health and cleaning measures in place to ensure the safety of our staff and community.

We’ve been busy adding to our collections and have tonnes of new items available for you to reserve and enjoy, including our popular Read Now collection. With more copies and less time to wait, featuring old favourites, debut authors, fact and fiction, this collection is now available to reserve and borrow.

Keep up-to-date with changes to our services by subscribing to our newsletter, following us on social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) and visiting the News page on our revamped website.

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Stay connected
We can assist you with accessing our eLibrary, basic tech help, research and reading enquiries.

Become a library member to access the library in person, and from home, or download the app for easy access.

Call us between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday
Malvern Library: 8290 1366
Phoenix Park Library: 8290 4000
Toorak/South Yarra Library: 8290 8000

library@stonnington.vic.gov.au

Direct message on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter

Find out more at stonnington.vic.gov.au/library

What’s Your Story? Writing Competition
1 August – 30 September
Budding and experienced writers of all ages are invited to submit their short stories, poems and creative writing to What's Your Story?
Prizes are awarded in adult and youth categories and will be presented as part of our upcoming literary festival, [untitled]: our writers, readers and stories, 13 – 15 November.

The Art of Mending
Erin Lewis-Fitzgerald, professional mender and author of Modern Mending, shares simple techniques to give new life to worn out clothes.
13 August, 6.30pm
online – Zoom, bookings required.

LIFE AS A ROMANCE WRITER
Bestselling authors Victoria Purman and Nicole Hurley-Moore talk about their lives as romance authors.
17 September, 6.30pm
online – Zoom, bookings required.

For further information and bookings, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/library

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A favourite Stonnington sporting institution, Malvern Valley Golf Club (MVGC), is back for golf.

MVGC was guided by GolfVictoria and Golf Australia and closed its course as mandated, reopening under the prescribed conditions.

Like many organisations, it was an abrupt way to go - open one day and then quickly closed the next.

The closure was extremely tough for most of their staff who suddenly had no work and had to wait it out until an unknown time.

Reopening has taken a bit of adjustment. Many golfers are classified as vulnerable members of the community during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The club has been quite strict in terms of maintaining the social distancing rule.

MVGC looks forward to seeing all the golfers back on the green.

”It is not a nice feeling telling senior citizens how to behave after a lengthy lockdown period, but people are happy to be back and have their weekly round of golf.”

— Sean Gammon, Manager Malvern Valley Golf Club

Did you know?

Built in 1934, the Malvern Valley Golf Course and Hub is located off the Monash Freeway, next to Gardiners Creek.

Set in tranquil surroundings, it is a haven from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

In recent years, Council spent more than $3 million in renovations including significant building upgrades to improve facilities that included a pro-shop, café, bar and function centre, No.1, that overlooks the gardens and grounds.

The 18-hole public golf course offers games and lessons for all levels. It is an important green corridor in an increasingly urbanised area, perched on one of Stonnington’s key biodiversity sites. It provides a habitat and food for wildlife.

Stay active, stay safe and get back on the green at malvernvalleygolf.com.au

1 Golfers Drive, Malvern

Ride like the wind

Get out and be counted by our recently installed cycle totem – beside the Main Yarra Trail on Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra.

Stay active, stay safe and get back on the green at malvernvalleygolf.com.au

View the full Stonnington cycling map at youareheremaps.com.au/stonnington/cycling/map.html

Our great outdoors and pocket parks help to build resilience

Stonnington's open spaces, pedestrian and cycle paths have experienced record use this year, underlining the importance of recreation to physical and mental wellbeing.

North Ward Councillor and keen sportsman Matthew Koce said he was delighted to see so many people using open spaces to maintain fitness and a sense of community connection.

”It has been gratifying to see the increased use of our parks and gardens, and our walking and cycling paths, because exercise is an essential part of building community resilience,” he said.

”Even our small pocket parks have come into their own.

Thanks to Council’s Open Space Strategy – adopted in 2013 when I was Mayor – we have been able to transform dilapidated old sites into wonderful parks for people to enjoy, such as the corner of Balmoral and Perry Street Prahran – a wonderful new gateway site to the iconic Prahran Market.

”I am also thrilled to see community sports on the way back.

”I hope this ‘rediscovery’ of the benefits of exercise continues well into the future.

”It’s really disappointing we have had to once again close our pools, but I look forward to the pools reopening. I also look forward to reconnecting with my fellow swimmers when we have overcome this major challenge.”

— Cr Matthew Koce, North Ward
Prime time for award nomination
If you haven’t yet heard, Stonnington’s very own Chapel Off Chapel was recently nominated as part of the Time In Awards, a reader-voted celebration of the best responses to the COVID-19 lockdown.

Up against some tough competition, Arts Centre Melbourne, NGV, Australian Ballet and ACMI, we congratulate Chapel on its achievement.

See entertaining interviews with past performers directly in your living room through Instagram, as the Chapel Off Chapel team continues the magic with its Check in with Chapel series.

Congratulations to Chapel Off Chapel on their illustrious and magnificent 25 years in the business of entertainment.

Stonnington celebrates one of Melbourne’s leading and most-loved live entertainment venues, bringing the best in music, cabaret, comedy and theatre, and more recently, the popular Check in with Chapel series to audiences.

City of Stonnington proudly supports Chapel Off Chapel’s 25 years. Here’s to the next 25 years and beyond.

Check in with Chapel at chapeloffchapel.com.au

Keep informed and subscribe to our newsletter to receive updates or go to chapeloffchapel.com.au

@chapeloffchapel

Join the choir and sing your hearts out
In a time of lockdown, loneliness and isolation, the People’s Choir has reached out to the community to connect, lift spirits and bring joy through music and song.

The People’s Choir is usually based in a Malvern East hall but, due to COVID restrictions, now meets weekly on Zoom.

After some initial technical lessons required for some of the 50 plus chorus, each session became amazingly successful.

Members fully embrace the chance to sing like no one is listening.

Sessions are pre-planned, ordered and tightly managed by choir director Bettina Spivakovsky, who briefs members in advance by email.

The choir has an illustrious history and an exciting new website is underway.

There are no auditions, no subscriptions, casual membership and no classics.

The choir – for all ages and all abilities – sings rock, pop and musicals together.

It’s loads of fun and laughs and supper is included.

New members are always welcome.

The choir meets at 7pm on Tuesdays via Zoom.

Sound like you?

Call John 0419 521 468 or David 0407 198 196

Visit mycommunitylife.com.au/community/people39s-choir
I am proud of the emphasis we have placed on preserving what we have, as well as continuing to add to our natural environment, even in our most built-up urban areas.”

— Cr Judy Hindle, South Ward

Plant a tree or three this winter

Stonnington’s trees are one of our most significant community assets, providing environmental, social and economic benefits.

South Ward Councillor and keen gardener Councillor Judy Hindle said the City of Stonnington’s year-round planting program provides a long-term legacy, including cooling and shade, habitation for native species and a level of urban amenity for which Stonnington was famed.

“I am proud of the emphasis we have placed on preserving what we have, as well as continuing to add to our natural environment, even in our most built-up urban areas,” Cr Hindle said.

“In the past year alone, the City of Stonnington has planted approximately 2200 trees in our streets, parks and reserves, 11,000 plants in our streetscape projects, 10,000 Indigenous plants in our parks and reserves, and 44,000 native plants and trees along the Yarra River, Scotchmans Creek and Gardiners Creek.

“As a Council, we are responsible for ensuring we continue to protect these valuable assets for generations to come. I am proud of the strong, united and practical way we have approached sustainable development in Stonnington.”

Our annual tree planting program is being rolled out now to take advantage of the cooler months. We will notify residents if a new tree is planted near them.

For more information, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/trees

Shaping the future of Gardiners Creek

Running over 8km from Toorak to Malvern East, Gardiners Creek is one of Stonnington’s most important locations for recreation, relaxation and our natural environment.

Following community consultation last year, we’ve developed a draft masterplan to regenerate Gardiners Creek and the surrounding area through extensive revegetation and biodiversity works, water sensitive urban design, shared path upgrades and, improvements to enhance passive and active recreation.

Check out the draft masterplan at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/gardinerscreek

For more information, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/waste

Fortnightly recycling collection calendar

**JULY TO DECEMBER 2020**

Don’t know what to recycle or when? Check out our handy fortnightly recycling collection calendar.

- Garbage (green lid) is collected weekly.
- Recycling (blue lid) is collected fortnightly on the same day as garbage.
- Work out whether your property falls within a blue or green area on this map and check the calendar.

To download this calendar, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/waste or to find out more about what goes into each bin, call us on 8290 1333.

We’re developing a calendar that incorporates our garbage, recycling and food and green waste services for 2021; check out a future Stonnington News for this information.

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Our Councillors, your representatives

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Council meetings livestreamed
Under current restrictions, all Council meetings are conducted remotely via Zoom and can be watched live via our livestreaming service. Meetings and agendas are published the week before.

Find our more at stonnington.vic.gov.au/council

**Stay Home STONNINGTON**

What are YOU doing to prevent the spread of COVID-19?
City of Stonnington urges our community to be vigilant and follow this important advice during lockdown:

- Stay safe
- Stay home
- Wash your hands
- Wear a mask or face covering
- Check in with loved ones
- Get tested if you have symptoms
- Stay 1.5m apart
- Stay kind

Together, we can all get through this.

Stay connected at stonnington.vic.gov.au/covid19

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Speak and listen users, call 1300 555 727, then ask for 8290 1333

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- Mandarin
  - 9280 0730
- Cantonese
  - 9280 0731
- Greek
  - 9280 0732
- Italian
  - 9280 0733
- Polish
  - 9280 0734
- Russian
  - 9280 0735
- Indonesian
  - 9280 0737
- Vietnamese
  - 9280 0748
- All other languages
  - 9280 0736

Acknowledgements
We acknowledge that Stonnington is on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land, offering our respects to elders past and present.
## Council service changes during restrictions

### Early years services (child care)

**At this stage, all our early years services are operating as usual.**

Please be mindful to not bring your child to a service if they are sick. Cleaning measures are in place in accordance with Department of Health and Human Services guidelines.

### Immunisations

**Our immunisation program is being delivered from Malvern Town Hall.**

Strict health and safety measures are in place, all services must be pre-booked. Book online or call 0420 1333.

### Maternal and child health

**Development assessments, consultations and parent support groups all continue via phone or online.**

Face-to-face appointments (15 minutes) are available for families with babies aged up to four months or with high needs. Cleaning and social distancing measures are in place in accordance with Department of Health and Human Services guidelines. More information for families is available on our website.

### Middle years and youth services

**Our Middle Years and Youth Service office is closed for drop-ins.**

Young people can access youth worker support via phone, video-chat or email. Call 8290 7020 during business hours to make an appointment.

All other programs are being delivered online. Check out Stonnington Youth Services on Facebook for information or contact us.

### Open space, parks and reserves

**Our open spaces, parks, gardens and reserves are open and being used more than ever as people stay closer to home.**

If you are exercising, please observe social distancing and keep 1.5m between yourself and others.

Stonnington has close to 30 parks and gardens and more than 20 reserves and ovals.

If the open space closest to you is crowded, consider an alternative. We also have 27 parks and reserves where you can walk your off-lead.

All playgrounds, public fitness equipment, skate parks and BBQs are closed. Public toilets within parks and activity precincts will remain accessible.

### Gym and pools

**Both the Harold Holt Swim Centre in Glen Iris and Prahran Aquatic Centre are closed.**

**Basketball courts, outdoor fitness equipment, playgrounds, skate parks**

Our outdoor basketball courts, fitness equipment, playgrounds and skate parks are closed – please do not use these.

**Prahran Square**

Prahran Square is open.

Please enjoy the space, continue to support nearby businesses and keep 1.5m from other people. Organised events and activities are on hold.

**Sporting club facilities, pavilions and Malvern Valley Golf Course**

All community sport facilities are closed for organised club use – except for tennis courts and Malvern Valley Golf Course.

Both sports must be conducted within strict health and social distancing protocols. Sports grounds and ovals remain open for exercise. Ensure you are using these while adhering to social distancing restrictions.

### Libraries

**Our libraries and return chutes are closed.**

Items on loan have been renewed automatically and overdue charges will not apply. Our click and collect service for reservations have been suspended. If you’re not already, become a library member to access our extensive digital library.

Our team is providing a number of services online. Like our Stonnington Libraries page on Facebook or visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/library to find out more.

### Community centres and RSLs

**City of Stonnington community centres and Prahran RSL are closed, including:**

- Orrong Romaines Recreation Centre (ORRC)
- Phoenix Park Community Centre (PPCC)
- Malvern Community Arts Centre (MCAC)
- Prahran RSL

### Functions and venue hire facilities

**Our events and function spaces are closed, however we are happy to respond to your queries regarding future availability.**

Email our venues team on venues_booking@stonnington.vic.gov.au

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For updates on changes to our services during lockdown, go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/covid19