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# A word from the Mayor

Your voice can shape the future of your neighbourhood.

As I am relatively new to Council, I can still vividly contrast what I know now versus what I knew before. I didn't previously appreciate the full breadth of the important social and economic work Council does in our community – for our children, our youth, our vulnerable, our sports groups, our elderly, our lonely, our arts, and our businesses. I also didn't realise how much Council wanted to hear from me as a resident, for me to give feedback on ideas and to help find opportunities to enhance my community.

Going forward you will begin to notice a change in the frequency and way that Stonnington asks you for your ideas and input into the decisions of Council. We will be looking for new ways to

collaborate with our residents, businesses, and community leaders to make sure that we are delivering on the needs and desires of our current and future communities.

So when Stonnington seeks your opinion on ideas – please participate in the discussion. Tell us about the hopes, desires, and future you want to see in your community. Tell us about the gap between what you see now and what you want to see. Tell us about what you think we need to act on now to make sure we thrive into the future. Tell us what you love. Tell us what would make you even more proud to live here.

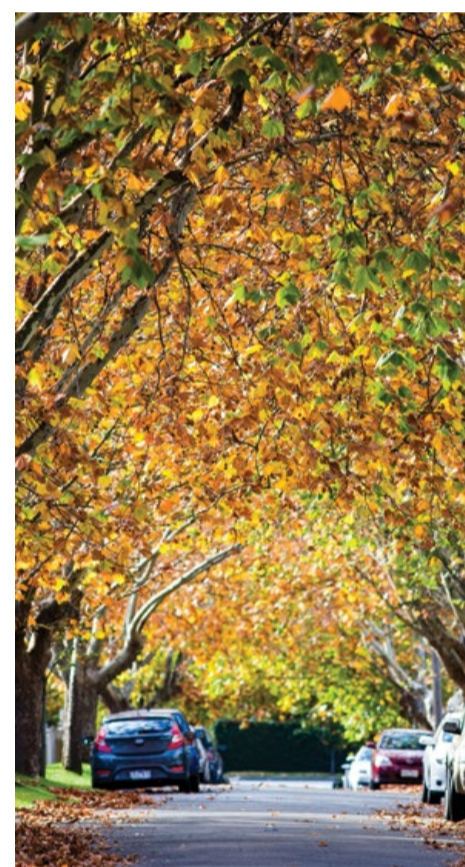
**Cr Kate Hely**  
Mayor City of Stonnington

## SHARE YOUR IDEAS TO HELP SHAPE YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

From March to May, visit [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au) to share your views on important projects.

- » **Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan:** tell us what can we do to create a healthier community.
- » **South Yarra Village Square:** share your vision for a village square in the heart of Chapel Street.
- » **Development Contributions Plan:** share your views on a plan for developers to contribute to capital projects.
- » **Neighbourhood Activity Centres:** help us develop a planning framework for our local shopping strips.
- » **Active Transport:** help us understand what we can do to improve safety, accessibility and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.
- » **Thomas Oval Dog Park:** share your views on a draft concept to inform the final dog park design.

*Use your voice to shape our future.*



### New wall builds on safety

A new retaining wall at Sir Robert Menzies Reserve in Malvern will improve structural stability and enhance safety.

The old retaining wall is being replaced with a sturdier two-tier construction with an open-concrete design that allows for more greenery.

Construction has started and is expected to take around six months to complete.

As part of the project, we are improving landscaping in and around the wall and within the next few months will be inviting you to help inform the landscaping design.

Visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au)

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We're developing our *Community Engagement Policy* to put into place when, why and how we engage with our community.

Find out more at [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au)

### Rates reminder

If you opted to pay your rates in instalments, the next instalment is due by **31 May**.

To find out more, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/rates](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/rates)

### Financial difficulty?

We recognise COVID-19 has caused financial stress for many people and businesses.

For information about support available, including deferment, payment plans, financial counselling and no-interest loans, through our partnership with not-for-profit organisation Good Shepherd.

Call us on **8290 1333** or visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/COVID-19-updates](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/COVID-19-updates)

### Local roads to get federal funding boost

Stonnington residents will soon see better and safer local roads thanks to a \$3.3 million Federal Government grant.

Under the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Council was awarded funding for projects across the city, including road resurfacing, kerb, pavement and footpath reconstructions, and drainage upgrades.

The funded projects will start progressively from April and all be completed by 31 December 2021.

This is a great win for Council and the community with the funding allowing us to bring forward the delivery of twelve important infrastructure projects.

To find out more, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au)

### OUR COMMUNITY, RECOVERY AND SUPPORT

Recently, we marked the inaugural virtual meeting of Stonnington's Community Recovery Committee.

Recognising Stonnington's diverse community, and the impacts of COVID-19, the committee has been established to help guide Council's recovery efforts to build back better.

Our current recovery plan commits to decrease incidence of family violence, increase the strength and confidence of our more vulnerable community members, promote safe social reconnection, empower the community to address homelessness, reduce unemployment and hardship, and promote awareness of mental health and wellbeing.

If you're interested in knowing more about our recovery efforts or have an idea you want to share with us, email our Community Recovery Coordinator [jmcmulle@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:jmcmulle@stonnington.vic.gov.au)

Cover image: Prahran Square, L to R: Elizabeth and Holly with their toddlers, enjoy a day out in the sunshine in Stonnington.

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# Prahran Square – cultural heart of Stonnington

**Surrounded by hundreds of businesses, cafés, bars, restaurants, fashion and homewares, health and lifestyle services, Prahran Square is your go-to for food, shopping and fun.**

Park conveniently at the Square, then make your way to the central seating area, shaded by bright sun umbrellas, next to a public water fountain; this is a great space to take a load off. Or bring a picnic and enjoy the view from the elevated lawn area.

This vibrant, cultural hub plays host to a range of public events and activities – check out the calendar on the Prahran Square website for the latest updates on what’s happening.

The Square is also home to the newly-relocated Prahran Square Library and Stonnington Services and Visitor Hub.

Want to bring your furry friend? Prahran Square is dog-friendly, equipped with a doggie drinking station and free animal waste bags, so pop a lead on your pooch and bring them with you.

For the latest updates, go to [pahransquare.com.au](http://pahransquare.com.au)

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## PRAHRAN SQUARE AWARDED FOR CONSTRUCTION EXCELLENCE

Builder of Prahran Square, Kane Constructions has been announced winner of the Excellence in Civil Construction Award at the 2020 Master Builders Excellence in Construction Awards.

Since opening in December 2019, Prahran Square has grown in popularity and has fast become a place for the community to gather, relax, celebrate and enjoy their neighbourhood.

Council congratulates Kane Constructions for their well-deserved award.

Read more at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/kane](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/kane)

## Creating a vision for Stonnington

**Council has embarked on one of its biggest community engagement projects as we develop our first Community Vision 2040 and new four-year Council Plan.**

We invited you to share your thoughts and ideas about the future you want for your community and what you want our city to look and feel like. This feedback will be used to help shape Council’s strategic direction, service priorities and decision-making over the next five, ten and 20 years.

After starting the conversation in September 2020, we relaunched in February with engagement activities that asked:

*“Imagine Stonnington in 2040. Consider what may have changed that makes you feel proud, inspired, and connected to your community. With this in mind, what is your vision for Stonnington to be the best place to live, work, study and play for all in 2040?”*

Opportunities to share your feedback included:

- » completing our online survey or posting on our ideas board
- » attending a webinar with Stonnington Mayor Cr Kate Hely and Chief Executive Officer Jacqui Weatherill
- » participating in our online targeted workshops, and
- » speaking with our consultation crew in our parks and public spaces.

We thank everyone who provided feedback.

## NEXT STEPS: SHAPING STONNINGTON PEOPLE’S PANEL

As part of the next stage of our engagement program we’re putting together a panel of community members to consider the ideas and priorities identified by our wider community.

An independent consultant will choose from people who register, to create a panel that broadly represents our diverse community (considering a balance of suburbs, ages, genders, social and cultural backgrounds).

The panel will review background information and deliberate with each other to develop a draft Community Vision for Stonnington, which Council will respond to.

Find further information on our website



## Outdoor dining revolution hits Stonnington

**Over the past couple of months we’ve joined Melbourne’s outdoor dining revolution and supported our local hospitality businesses work within COVID-19 restrictions.**

We’ve worked with local eateries to create a COVID-safe outdoor dining experience – with extended footpath trading for more than 100 venues, 50 roadside dining zones using on-street car bays, and we partially closed Greville Street in Prahran and Beatty Avenue in Armadale to activate a full on-street dining experience.

We’d now like to hear from you – what worked, what didn’t and what you’d like to see more of in future.

If you live near an outdoor dining site, you own a neighbouring business or you’re someone who just loves visiting our bars, cafés and restaurants – let us know what you think of Stonnington’s outdoor dining revolution.

Tell us before **31 March** at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/outdoordining](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/outdoordining) to help inform future outdoor dining programs





## Stonnington celebrates service relocations

**Two Council services: Stonnington Services and Visitor Hub (SSVH) and Prahran Square Library officially opened to the public at Prahran Square on 25 February.**

*The SSVH and Prahran Square Library have been operating at their new location since December last year, with the opening of both services at a launch officiated by City of Stonnington Mayor Cr Kate Hely*

The SSVH is a one-stop shop for customer services, Council services, visitor information and meetings, and is open for business at the Chatham Street end of Prahran Square. Come and visit us and experience the new, fresh face of customer services and our new opening hours.

The Prahran Square Library is open Monday to Saturday. Members can browse, borrow and read from popular collections, collect reservations, use free Wi-Fi and Click and Collect. There's also an after-hours chute so you can return books any time of the day or night.

For further information, call **8290 1333**

Visit the Library at the north end of Prahran Square, online at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library) or call **8290 3344**

## THE PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH

**Under a new plan to help provide for the needs of our growing city, developers would provide a monetary contribution to infrastructure upgrades and community facilities.**

We are proposing to introduce a Development Contributions Plan to the Stonnington Planning Scheme, which requires developers to pay a contribution towards essential city infrastructure such as roads, footpaths, drainage and community facilities, for example upgrades to the Prahran Aquatic Centre.

Under a DCP each contribution is spent within the area the new development is being built, to ensure that existing and future residents benefit.

The plan would apply to all new residential dwellings (not renovations to or replacement of an existing home) as well as commercial and industrial

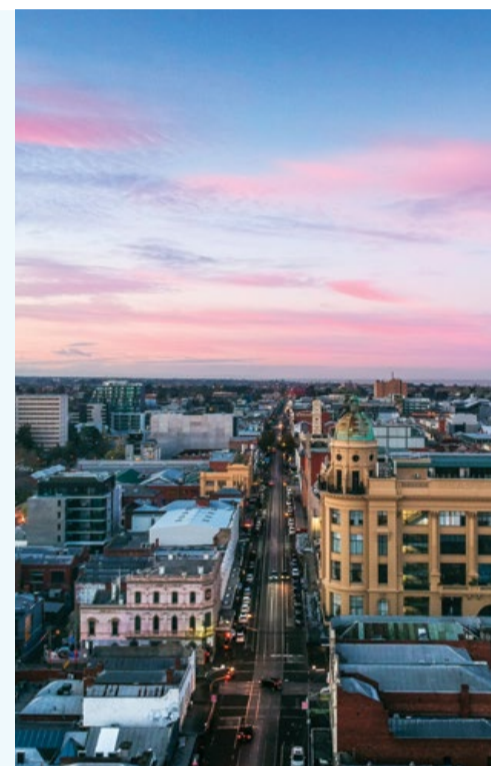
developments where new floor space is added.

We have identified an extensive list of infrastructure projects from our 10-Year Capital Works Program that could be funded under the contribution plan.

As our population grows, so does demand on our city's infrastructure and this plan aims to ensure new developments make a fair contribution to our community.

The DCP planning scheme amendment (known as Amendment C296) is open for community feedback from **25 February** until **31 March**.

Visit [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/dcp-c296ston](http://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/dcp-c296ston) to find out more about the process and to make your submission



## Take a walk on the arty side

**Our public art walk will take you on a trail of discovery where you'll go on a journey of outdoor art right here in Stonnington.**

Weave your way around our great city, and view a rich collection of public art, with works by prominent artists from Australia and overseas. There are 13 artworks peppered throughout the locale, and the best way to take them in is on foot. Here are just a few of the works you'll encounter on this artistic adventure.

Begin your expedition at Prahran Square, look up to see Fiona Foley's Murnalong (2019), the shiny aluminum bees clinging to their blue wall. Meanwhile, RAMUS Illumination's vividly blue LED light and sound sculptures

The Pipes emerge from the concrete to create a uniquely immersive sound and visual experience.

Continue along Chapel Street, discover Stonnington's most recent acquisition, Helen O'Connor's King's Way Mesh – a canopy of intricate mesh by the former Thurley designer, sitting atop King Street.

Heading south, sneak a peek at Peter Cole's That's Life, nestled in beside Windsor Station. Cole's playful sculpture is currently being refurbished to ensure it's enjoyed for many years to come.

See if you can spot all the artworks including works by David Bromley, Jamie North and Kathy Temin. Take the Public Art Walk in two parts – it's approximately four kilometres to complete.

Visit [explorestonnington.vic.gov.au](http://explorestonnington.vic.gov.au) for the trail map and plot your course

## What's on in Stonnington



### What's on at Chapel Off Chapel

With an array of exciting and diverse musical acts – stripped back, up close and personal, acts include Nai Palm – the enigmatic singer, composer and frontwoman of future-jazz luminaries Hiatus Kaiyote has earned the respect and admiration of soul music royalty, including Erykah Badu, Questlove and Prince.

[chapeloffchapel.com.au](http://chapeloffchapel.com.au)



### Sounds of Stonnington Symphony

Featuring newly commissioned arrangements of contemporary pieces conducted by Roy Theaker and performed by the Stonnington Symphony Orchestra.

This special pre-recorded series will be piped into parks every **Thursday to Sunday in March, between 11am and 6pm.**

More at [stonnington.vic.gov.au](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au)



### Plays in the park

Stonnington Arts and Cultural grant recipient and community favourite, Melbourne Shakespeare Company, is back with its new production of Shakespeare's classic, *The Winter's Tale*.

The family-friendly COVID-safe performance season is on at **Central Park – 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 20 March.**

Find out more and buy tickets at [melbourneshakespeare.com](http://melbourneshakespeare.com)



SPOTLIGHT:

# Local traders in Stonnington



Stonnington is renowned locally and internationally for its enviable business offerings such as fashion and homewares, health, wellbeing and lifestyle; world-class dining experiences in our local restaurants, cafés, bars, pubs, and popular nightlife culture.

*INSIDE IS A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT'S ON OFFER NOW*



**HIGH STREET ARMADALE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**



**JOYFUL PILATES**

Joyful Pilates in Armadale is a happy place, where clients love coming to do Pilates and ‘just be’ in the space.

Eagerly turning up to sessions early, ‘clients just soak in the atmosphere of the studio and the joyful feel-good energy the studio has to offer’ says Managing Director Ally Castran.

Opened in November 2020, Castran, a qualified exercise scientist and graphic designer, says she merged her passion for helping people with movement/ exercise in a carefully designed space.

The studio’s architecture, lighting, furniture as well as class styles have been specifically designed to spark joy and make people feel happy.

When you visit the studio you’ll be looked after by one of the 15 qualified staff in Pilates and fitness, physiotherapy, exercise science and osteopathy.

“We wanted to create a space which had a positive impact on people’s health as well as their overall mood, outlook and wellbeing. We hope people leave our studio feeling fitter, but also inspired and more joyful,” said Castran.

New clients to the studio are encouraged to experience a Joyful Beginner class first – to learn and feel comfortable with the equipment and movements.

“Our experienced trainers take the time to get to know you before you progress onto other classes. However, our high intensity Joyful Sweat class is very popular.”

2a Kingsway, Armadale

[joyfulpilates.com.au](http://joyfulpilates.com.au)



**WE ARE THE OTHERS**

We Are The Others is a fashion store for women who seek style and comfort.

Opened in November 2020, the store stocks carefully selected brands sourced from long-term suppliers, to meet customer needs. Owners Phil and Tania Thompson, founded the store in Armadale.

“It’s one of the best shopping strips in Australia, with a great mix of local and international retailers making it very global.”

With more than 30 years’ experience in the fashion industry, Tania sources clothes she loves to wear, not necessarily following trends but clothes that she knows people will enjoy wearing.

When you walk into the store, it feels very homely and welcoming. You’ll be greeted by one of the four in-store staff who are happy to assist you with the most popular products including organic basics, unique prints and crystal and homeware offerings.

Moving the business to Stonnington was easy for the Thompsons, having lived in the area for many years. Familiar with the local clientele, it was the mix of stores they wanted to be associated with, as they feel these offered something different.

1056 High Street, Armadale

[wearetheothers.com.au](http://wearetheothers.com.au)

**TOORAK VILLAGE TRADERS ASSOCIATION**



**JAMES VIVIAN**

James Vivian is a boutique Dermal Therapies clinic based in Toorak and specialising in advanced skincare treatments and cosmeceutical skincare.

According to his Instagram profile it’s ‘The best little pore house in Toorak’. His degree-qualified Dermal therapist staff of eight believe customer service is core to their success.

Starting out as The Travelling Peelsman, a mobile chemical peeling service across Melbourne and Sydney, it was a chance facial treatment James received 15 years ago that saw him move away from a degree and passion in music to all things skin care.

James relocated to Toorak as he noticed he was predominately driving around this area, and needed somewhere convenient for his customers. He liked the village vibe, the strong commitment to community and support for small business in Stonnington.

“As a small business, and one that remains small intentionally, we rely solely on word-of-mouth to connect us to our community. Our clients are our business cards and their fresh faces do the talking for us,” says James.

“I’d like to think it’s our commitment to clients – not just when they’re on our treatment beds, but also long after they leave – that has clients comfortable to recommend us to their friends and family.”

The Signature Dermal Therapy treatment is the most sought-after service according to James. It is a personalised treatment.

As James puts it, “It’s a facial on steroids that can be completely non-invasive with no down time or we can turn it right up to really get stuck into the skin.”

When asked about the best advice in business he received, he replies, “Not following my gut has never ended well for me and while I’ve made many mistakes following my gut, it’s when I don’t that I find myself in a position where I cannot truly learn and grow from my actions.”

The boutique is elegantly designed with a JV design stamp over it. The space is bold, with colourful furniture and walls covered with James’ favourite Australian artists.

L1/2D Wallace Avenue, Toorak

[jamesvivian.co](http://jamesvivian.co)



**THE FRENCH ROTISSERIE**

The amazing rotisseries you see all over Paris and France are what sparked Denis Hagger’s imagination to create something similar in Toorak Village.

“I feel my point of difference is being different. I’ve tried to create something with a certain romanticism, something that doesn’t copy one’s neighbours, something slightly out of the ordinary, but not too different as not be accepted by the locals,” says Denis.

Denis’ store is so far removed from a conventional chicken shop. Clean, white and stainless steel play host to glass-fronted refrigeration and a glassed-in chicken preparation area without a baine-marie in sight.

“The star of the show is their French rotisserie,” says Denis.

Their carry bags also stand out attracting ‘how very Chanel’ comments from locals.

Establishing The French Rotisserie in Toorak Village is, in a way, returning to his roots. Denis started his first highly successful business, Toorak Tarts in the Village, a block away from the current location, almost 40 years ago.

To ensure the finest product available, he spent months researching the Victorian poultry market and found a grower who produces truly organic free-range birds – hormone free, antibiotic free and preservative free birds.

“Once you try one of our fully brined free-range chickens I think you’ll find it difficult to eat another battery hen from a supermarket,” says Denis.

Having only opened for a short time, he’s found a great deal of his customer base comes from Stonnington, but he had no idea there were so many.

472 Toorak Road, Toorak

[thefrenchrotisserie.com.au](http://thefrenchrotisserie.com.au)



**Toorak Village Sculpture Exhibition**

Take a stroll through Toorak Village from 1 May to 13 June to enjoy the 20th annual sculpture exhibition, popping up in shop fronts and along the Toorak Road footpath.

Find out more at [toorakvillage.com.au/sculpture-collection](http://toorakvillage.com.au/sculpture-collection)



## CHAPEL STREET PRECINCT ASSOCIATION



## HONEYBEE AND BLOSSOM

Honeybee and Blossom opened in July 2020 and stocks a large range of dried flowers from a mix of Australian grown, naturally dried flowers and imported preserved flowers.

Using premium quality, fresh, local and seasonal flowers wherever possible, sole trader Kim Laurie custom designs arrangements, and gift boxes decorated with dried flowers and filled with fragrant soaps, candles, incense, essential oils, body products, wine, champagne, honey or chocolates.

Starting work as a florist in 1994, it was Kim's housemate, importer of tropical flowers, who helped her realise her calling.


"At the end of each week she'd bring home leftover orchids which I loved arranging," says Kim.

Having studied with the German master florist Gregor Lersch, Kim was mesmerised by his designs, techniques and philosophical musings on floristry's art form and its integral place in our lives.

Kim knows her flowers having worked as a florist in Melbourne, Brisbane, and Queensland's Hayman Island for large events and corporate clients. She relocated her store to Stonnington for its rich history of creativity and thriving business activity and strong flower appreciation culture.

Customers love how she sources locally grown, fragrant roses from the Yarra Valley, the large range of dried flowers, the local designer gift items and of course, her personalised service.

If you wander into the store, you'll find it feels like a calming sanctuary, somewhere you can relax and quietly soak in the beauty of nature whilst inhaling the uplifting fragrance of the aromatherapy oils.

 2/127, Greville Street, Prahran

 [honeybeeandblossom.shop/](https://honeybeeandblossom.shop/)

### Congratulations The Pound Café!

The Pound Café situated at Shop 5/566 Chapel Street in South Yarra was recently voted **Best Café in Stonnington** in the Herald Sun Best Cafés in Melbourne competition.

*That deserves a coffee – well done!*



## LASAGNA-LAB

They're two bubbly, loud and quirky Italians, Mattia and Alessio, who opened the Lasagna-Lab in Windsor in January 2020, before COVID-19.

One open-minded, passionate chef, plus one overall mastered host, equals an al dente partnership, according to their website.

Having known each other for more than 10 years, Alessio explains how, "All the best ideas for Italians come while eating." And it must have been a great dinner as Lasagna-Lab was conceived.

They offer a style of lasagna that makes this business different from the rest.

"We're the laboratory of lasagna; classic Italian with a twist, and offer six varieties. Mattia is always creating some wonderful specials and Italian street food such as grilled mortadella with pistachio," says Alessio.

With an interesting background, both had similar paths in the hospitality industry, working in Italy, London and now Melbourne.

Both have over fifteen years of experience each – Mattia as a senior back-of-house position in London, Milan and Rome and winning numerous industry awards, and Alessio as a senior front-of-house working with industry greats Marco Pierre White, Eric Cheviot and Alain Ducasse.

They see Chapel Street as the soon-to-be best destination in Melbourne for food and wine. "It's a vibrant and energetic area, full of nice places to drink eat, dance, shop... it's where people crave new hospo ideas, it's just cool," says Alessio.

Using the best Italian ingredients, porcini mushrooms and truffles from Italy, home-made cashew bechamel and Hello Friend vegan mozzarella, they offer gluten free and vegan lasagna. It's no wonder their reviews are so positive.

Try their popular Lasagna-misú; a classic recipe with a dust of chocolate and some hazelnut crumble to finish.

 184 High Street, Windsor

 [lasagnalab.com.au](https://lasagnalab.com.au)

## GLENFERRIE ROAD MALVERN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



## LENZO

Lenzo is in the business of parties including private and corporate parties, building brand activations, and running a Lenzo Concept Store online and in store in Malvern.

"You can purchase everything you need for your party in the one place in the newly-opened store. They do invitations, cakes, as well as the decor elements for a party. If you don't like party planning or don't have the time, they can enlist one of their party stylists to do it all for you.

The business started in 2014 from Elleni Pearce's kitchen bench.

"It certainly has evolved over the six years. Initially we were an events marketplace but this grew into an event activation agency and now we want to make a Lenzo party accessible to everyone, hence the launch of our concept store," says Elleni.

Moving the business to Malvern was 'a no-brainer' for Elleni.

"We loved the offering on Station Street – the mix of café culture, retail and services; they are very much in line with our offering. The building was previously a wedding planning store, then a cake store, and when I saw the For Lease sign, I just felt it was meant to be."

Customers are often surprised when they learn Lenzo can plan an entire party, and also provide a retail store experience.

"The store is designed to be emotive, so when you walk in you are surrounded by colour and a variety of styled party settings. The Everbloom flower bar is also a photo moment customers can't go past," says Elleni.

Try the party in a box; their most popular service or their bio-degradable balloons and coloured glass tabletop range featuring candle holders and vibrant vases. These are some of their customers' favourite products.

 1 Station Street, Malvern

 [lenzo.com.au](https://lenzo.com.au)



## STAN'S DELI

It's hard to walk past without stopping by and trying a signature roast chook sandwich and a coffee from Stan's.

The groovy coffee and sandwich shop has a beautiful window looking out onto Stanhope Street and a great fit-out.

Opened in mid-December 2020, with a staff of four, Alex Gavioli Director of the Deli (originally from Brisbane), has been in Melbourne's hospitality scene for six years.

"I came to Melbourne for acting and fell in love with the hospitality scene managing Moby and Lenny in Albert Park," says Alex.

His experiences led him to open Stan's Deli with a focus on simplicity, quality and a relaxed atmosphere that allows for more genuine and conversational service.

"I have lived in Stonnington for six years and love this side, but felt it was lacking some of the things I love about the hospitality scene in Melbourne's inner north."

Stan's is about starting conversations, a simple offering, with thought and intention behind every element," says Alex.

 248b Glenferrie Road, Malvern

 [stansdeli.com.au](https://stansdeli.com.au)

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To explore more, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/associations](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/associations)



# FUNDING TO FAST TRACK PRAHRAN PARK BUILD



Artist impression

**People living in and around Regent Street in Prahran will soon have a new pocket-sized green space to enjoy, thanks to a \$1.3 million State Government grant.**

Awarded under round two of the State's Local Parks Program, Regent Street was one of 13 park projects across Melbourne selected for funding, recognising the need for more green space in this rapidly growing area.

City of Stonnington Mayor Cr Kate Hely was delighted at the announcement that will fast track development of the pocket park.

"This grant makes it possible for us to get on with the job of delivering much-needed green space to our Prahran community.

"Combined with the \$600,000 Council has committed to the project, we will soon see a new place for local residents to kick a ball, meet with friends or simply sit and relax," said Cr Hely.

This is the second Stonnington pocket-park project awarded funding under the program.

To find out more, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au)



## PLANNING FOR OUR 20-MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITY CENTRES

**Council will soon start community consultation on a new framework for 17 Stonnington neighbourhood activity centres.**

Activity centres are vibrant hubs, ranging in size, where people work, shop, socialise and live.

We're preparing place priorities for each activity centre and propose design guidelines relating to height, setback and built form for each centre. The built form guidelines take into account each centre's unique context and location to plan for Stonnington's growing population.

Council will be seeking your feedback on the plans for your local neighbourhood activity centres.

For more information on the upcoming community consultation, register your interest at [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/activitycentres](http://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/activitycentres)

## Level crossing removals update

**Following funding by the Federal Government, the Level Crossing Removal Project has prepared a business case for the removal of the Glenferrie Road and Tooronga Road level crossings.**

With no commitment from the State Government to engage the community during the business case preparation, Council engaged the community to better understand what's important.

What we heard is that you wanted better access, improved lighting and safety in and around the stations and better connectivity to other modes of transport: bus, tram and cycling, more and better parking options for cyclists and other end-of-trip facilities and you wanted to see existing greenery protected and more trees and open spaces created.

We're advocating on behalf of our community for the removal of the three remaining level crossings on the Glen Waverley Line and asking that important outcomes are delivered as part of the process.

A decision by the Federal Government is expected this year and we'll continue to advocate.

For more information, email [strategicplanning@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:strategicplanning@stonnington.vic.gov.au) or [contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)

# Practising good petiquette

**Stonnington prides itself on being dog-friendly but what does that mean?**

Besides leaving a bowl of water on a footpath, it means we understand your dog is a member of your family who joins you on day trips to the beach or park. So, we've made all our parks and gardens on-leash dog-friendly zones.

Drinking stations and biodegradable waste bags are available in most parks and free waste bags are available at the Stonnington City Centre at 311 Glenferrie Road, Malvern or Stonnington Services and Visitor Hub at Prahran Square.

Being dog friendly is a shared responsibility, and Council appreciates owners taking a few simple steps to ensure everyone is free to enjoy our public spaces.

1. Keep your dog on a lead so that you're in full control of your dog and its behaviour.
2. Make sure the collar and lead is comfortable and strong enough to help manage any unforeseeable situations.
3. Keep your dog close to you and be aware of others to show you understand what it means to be dog-friendly.

Not everyone is comfortable around dogs – some dogs aren't even comfortable around dogs; making supervision and control of your dog is an important part of an enjoyable outing.

Remember, you must have effective hand or verbal control if you choose to let your dog off-leash and your dog must be supervised at all times. Or, let your pooch run free at one of our 27 off-leash parks.

To find out more, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/pets](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/pets) or check out [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au) for their dog friendly code of conduct



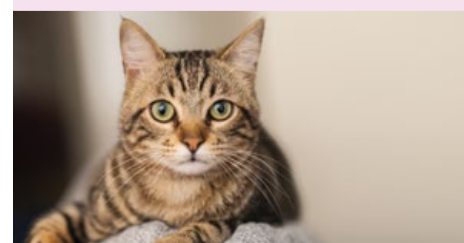
## Register your pets

**Did you know the Domestic Animals Act requires that all dogs and cats older than three months must be microchipped and registered with local Council?**

It's also part of being a responsible pet owner.

Registration for the 2021–22 period begins **10 April**. Remember to renew your pet registration on time.

Find out how at [stonnington.vic.gov/pets](http://stonnington.vic.gov/pets)



## New Changing Places facility

**We have a new accessible Changing Places facility and you can find it at the Chatham Street end of Prahran Square.**

The facility, including toilet and change room, is for people who are not able to use standard amenities and features an adult-size change table, ceiling hoist and peninsular toilet with room enough to move from a wheelchair onto the toilet. There's also a privacy screen and extra space to make things easy for everyone.

To access the facility, visit the customer service desk at the adjoining Stonnington Services and Visitor Hub and ask for the key





## Sign up to winter sport

**Winter is just around the corner and that means local clubs are looking for players of all abilities and ages to sign up.**

Take the chill out of winter by signing up to a local club, with lots to choose from including football, soccer, cricket, tennis, basketball, netball, lacrosse, rugby, baseball, athletics and lawn bowls. Clubs return for the winter season from 1 April with many currently in pre-season.

Visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/active/sports/sports-clubs](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/active/sports/sports-clubs)

## Get active... for free

We offer free classes and online resources as part of the Active Stonnington program, supporting you to stay active and connected in the community.

Classes include yoga, mums and bubs boot camp, outdoor dancing and online gym classes. There is also a variety of online resources such as local walking and running routes for you to download.

Learn more at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/active](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/active)

## Young at heart

**Are you a young person looking for great things to be involved in?**

Our Youth Services team run creative arts, recreation, leadership, skill development and fun programs for young people in Term 1.

Register for programs on 8290 7020

## NEW HEADSPACE FOR STONNINGTON

**A new headspace centre is set to open in Stonnington in September.**

With a location yet to be announced, headspace Glen Iris, will support young people who need help with mental, physical and sexual health, alcohol and other drugs or work and study.

Young people will be involved in designing, monitoring and evaluating the centre's activities and services. A not-for-profit organisation, headspace provides early intervention mental health services to young people aged 12 to 25 years.

City of Stonnington welcomes this much-needed resource to the municipality.

To learn more, visit [semphn.org.au](http://semphn.org.au) or [headspace.org.au](http://headspace.org.au)



## New home for East Malvern Men's Shed

The East Malvern Men's Shed is rolling out the welcome mat and you're invited to their new home at 51A Ivanhoe Grove, Malvern East.

The East Malvern Men's Shed is about maintaining good health, active bodies and minds by being productive, contributing to community and connecting with friends. It provides a safe and busy environment and a dose of good old-fashioned mateship. The Men's Shed was awarded the City of Stonnington's Community Group of the Year Award in 2019.

Members come from all walks of life and are united by the bond of men doing something meaningful with their time.

For more information, email [info@eastmalvernmensshed.org.au](mailto:info@eastmalvernmensshed.org.au) or visit [eastmalvernmensshed.org.au](http://eastmalvernmensshed.org.au)

## READ ALL ABOUT OUR LIBRARIES



### PRAHRAN SQUARE LIBRARY

**Have you checked out our new home in Prahran Square?**

Come visit us at the north end of Prahran Square, call 8290 3344 or check us out online at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library)



### NO MORE OVERDUE CHARGES

**We're pleased to announce we no longer charge for overdue items at our libraries.**

We know these charges can be frustrating and deter people from using our services. We're removing the fines so every resident can access library and information resources that enrich lives and participate in lifelong learning.

While you'll need to return or renew any overdue items before new ones can be borrowed, no fines will be issued. But, if an item is lost or more than 60 days overdue, replacement charges will apply.

Speak to a library staff member for more information.



### READ NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL LIBRARIES

**Since its introduction in May 2019, the Read Now collection has been a hit with our readers.**

The feature collection, which offers quick access to new, popular and trending titles, is now expanded and available for borrowing. This means more copies, less time to wait, old favourites, debut authors, fact and fiction.

Visit any Stonnington Library to browse the collection and pick up your copy.



### PHOENIX PARK LIBRARY IS GETTING A FACELIFT

**So we can better provide for our library community, we're improving Phoenix Park Library and the library is closed for major building works until early May.**

These important improvements will help the library to be more accessible and accommodating for our patrons and include upgrades to the toilets and customer service/reception desk, increased reading and study spaces, and a refreshed children's area.

A pop-up library service point is located near the adventure playground/entrance to Phoenix Park Community Centre. Here you can collect reservations, return items and borrow from a limited selection of items.



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AND MORE

**6-14 April**  
**Robo fun, crazy kitchen science experiments, drawing workshops and amazing puppet creations are just some of the exciting activities children can try during the school holidays.**

For adults, we have technology webinars, history seminars, author talks, book chats and more.

Bookings required at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on)

To stay connected [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library)





## Arts and Cultural Grants 2021-22

**Our annual Arts and Culture Grants program is open to artists and organisations to deliver arts projects within Stonnington.**

Eligible arts include theatre, cabaret, dance, visual art, circus and physical theatre, live art, music, digital media and film, interdisciplinary and hybrid art festivals.

**Grant applications opens 16 April and close midday, 22 April.**

*(A grant information session was held in February)*

Find out more at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/acgrants](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/acgrants)

Call 8290 1231

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### Community grants

**Council is pleased to support our community organisations through a range of community grants.**

To apply and stay up-to-date, head to our website



### OUR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – HAVE YOU TAKEN A RIDE?

**Did you know Council operates a low-cost bus service for residents aged over 55 and for people with difficulty accessing public or private transport?**

If you have stopped driving recently or find using public transport difficult, speak to us to find out what services suit your needs. Ask the team to tell you about our COVID-19 safe plan that ensures our buses are thoroughly cleaned between all rides.

All buses are fitted with hoists and handrails and our drivers are the friendliest and most helpful folk you'll meet. Shopping jeeps and walking frames are welcome.

Operating Monday to Friday, for just \$1.60 the bus will pick you up from home and take you to popular Stonnington locations: Prahran Market, Chadstone Shopping Centre, Malvern Central, Malvern Library, Grattan Gardens Community Centre and Chris Gahan Community Centre.

Find out more by calling 8290 3224

## Child's play

**Supported Playgroup is a free program for families across Victoria with children from birth to school age.**

A qualified facilitator leads these fun sessions where parents develop skills and confidence to support their child's wellbeing and development. Parents and children can enjoy a range of fun play opportunities and activities together. The playgroups also help parents develop their skills and learn about local services and support networks in the community. Eligibility criteria applies.

To find out more, contact Claire McCorkell (Supported Playgroup facilitator) on 0447 843 891

cmccorke@stonnington.vic.gov.au or speak with your Maternal and Child Health Services nurse



## HARD WASTE COLLECTIONS

**Stonnington's annual autumn hard waste collection will start soon, with residential collections scheduled from 15 March to 23 April.**

To find out when the collection service is visiting your street:

- » check your letterbox for the brochure we send out two weeks before collection day
- » visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)
- » contact us on 8290 1333

Remember, the hard waste collection is for items that are at the end of their life and need to be disposed of or recycled. Give quality items new life by selling or donating them.

## Food and green waste recycling

**It's been a year since we introduced our food and green waste service, making it simple to recycle food scraps and garden waste in the same bin.**



The average Stonnington garbage bin contains 36 per cent food waste. By placing your food scraps in your burgundy bin, you're helping turn it into valuable compost used on Victorian farms.

Local resident Jess was on board right from the start, and is proud to be giving her food waste a second life.

"Food scraps that go to landfill produce a dangerous methane gas that accelerates climate change. I'd much rather my scraps be composted and returned to the earth that initially grew the food in the first place," said Jess.

For more information, go to [stonnington.vic.gov.au/waste](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/waste)

"It's so quick and easy to divert food waste from landfill by making a small change to your habits."

We also provide free kitchen caddies and compostable liners to help make collecting food waste as convenient as possible.

"Every day we put food scraps into our kitchen caddy which reminds us to be constantly mindful of living sustainably in everything we do," said Jess.

Why not join Jess in the food waste revolution?

### Council's in the green, emissions

**Did you know we met our 2020 target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent below 2005 levels and we're on track to hit our 60 per cent target by 2030?**

## Going local with Environmental Champions

**Last year, we launched our inaugural Environmental Champions program with 25 enthusiastic local community members.**

The 12-week program offered training and support to build participants' confidence, skills and knowledge to become local environmental leaders and create real positive change in our community.

The group has been collaborating to develop a range of inspiring local sustainability initiatives, including Rewilding Stonnington, which involves planting nature strips with Indigenous species to improve biodiversity. The first nature strip was planted in Toorak with the plan to plant more throughout the community.

Another inspiring project is the Regenerating Kooyongkoot event, taking place on 27 March at the Glen Iris Wetlands, as part of NGV Melbourne Design Week.

The champions play an important role in working with Council and the community to help build a more sustainable city.

[stonnington.vic.gov.au/envirochamps](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/envirochamps)



# Meet your Council

## NORTH WARD

North Ward representing the communities of Kooyong, South Yarra and Toorak



### Cr Kate Hely Mayor

Over the past few months, I have asked local architects 'how can we enhance and celebrate the unique character of our neighbourhoods?' While our beautiful heritage homes create distinctiveness, as our suburbs develop, how can we fuel a collective design ethos that ensures new buildings are of the highest design quality and elevate the magic of our streets? We need to debate and celebrate 'what's a fantastic new house in Armadale, 'what's a great apartment building in Toorak', 'what's a spectacular heritage renovation in Malvern, and why they are great'? While Council has planning controls to limit negative impacts, we also need a shared passion for great design.

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### Cr Marcia Griffin

I want to congratulate our community for ensuring that COVID 19 has been at this point, controlled. Everyone has shared the burden of isolation and restrictions and I would like to express my deep concern for those who have lost loved ones, jobs and businesses. Many are under enormous financial pressure and will be until the economy and spending returns to normal. As a Councillor, I will have this firmly in mind when we discuss rates and expenditure. This is a time to reduce the rates burden and utilise this revenue more effectively on infrastructure, shopping strips, parks, gardens, roads and footpaths.

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### Cr Matthew Koce

The recent upgrade of the outdoor pool at Harold Holt was completed in December. It's wonderful to see our community using and enjoying the pool again. Plans are being finalised with Heritage Victoria for the reinstatement of the dive tower and pool. We hope to see works commence later this year – it will be incredibly exciting to see diving return to our iconic Harold Holt Swim Centre. The final stage of works will involve repairing the concrete bleachers and replacing the outdoor pool lighting, the installation of an access ramp in the 50m pool and the reinstatement of pool deck surrounds. Visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/active](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/active)

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## SOUTH WARD

South Ward representing the communities of Armadale, Malvern, Prahran and Windsor



### Cr Melina Sehr Deputy Mayor

I'm so proud of businesses in Stonnington for the way they've responded to the challenges of COVID-19. In particular, our wonderful hospitality venues who adapted to take away or delivery during lockdown and then to outdoor dining. It has been wonderful seeing our footpaths, streets and even our car parks alive with outdoor dining over summer and I encourage everyone to get out there and continue to support our businesses. As we approach the end of March, we're evaluating what worked and what didn't. Visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/outdoordining](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/outdoordining) to let us know what you thought and what you'd like to see more of in the future.

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### Cr Nicki Batagol

The summer months have seen the streets of Stonnington come to life with a range of activities bringing people together as restrictions have eased. Starting with the Melbourne Fringe Festival Multiply event where 400 people came together in Prahran Square to celebrate the importance of the Arts, we have enjoyed Robots, UooUoos, live music, pop up cinemas and parklets, on-street dining and so much more. It's been such a delight seeing happy smiles and a community movement to support local. Watch out for more events planned in the coming months. Visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/events](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/events) or follow us on Facebook.

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### Cr Mike Scott

What an amazing first few months it has been. After considerable time dedicated to induction, meeting Councillors and Council officers, we're straight into the business of decision-making and planning the next four years. Key issues we're progressing are active transport, invigorating Chapel Street, supporting people through COVID-19 recovery, and addressing the Climate Emergency with local actions. I'm confident we have a passionate team of skilled people who all want the best for our community. Bringing together diverse perspectives, vast experiences and understanding the needs and desires of the community will ensure we build back better together.

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## EAST WARD

East Ward representing the communities of Glen Iris, Malvern and Malvern East



### Cr Jami Klisaris

Pets make great companions and bring joy to families. As a pet owner myself, I encourage everyone in the community to practice responsible pet ownership. Please ensure that your animals are microchipped and registered with council each registration year beginning 10 April, that dogs are walked on a lead when not in an off-leash park (Stonnington has 27 off-leash parks!), and that you pick up after them to keep our parks and nature strips clean. Bring your pets to Central Park on 28 March where one of Stonnington's favourite events, Pets in the Park, returns. See you there!

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### Cr Alexander Lew

This is my message to my fellow Councillors as we consider the current budget. Stonnington citizens need rate cuts now more than ever. Over the last decade Stonnington's revenue from rates and charges increased by 68.5 per cent. In 2021 there is no shame in the City of Stonnington taking a revenue hit to help us boost business confidence. This is how we can best support working families, students and seniors as we all learn to live with the virus. We can pay for this rate cut without cutting essential services and I am committed to fostering a culture in which every spending decision is scrutinised to make sure we deliver maximum value and savings to the community.

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### Cr Polly Morgan

I want to continue working with our community to help our businesses recover from last year, to protect Stonnington's liveability, and to take strong local action to address climate change. I think we need to maintain, and where needed, improve community services, create new green open spaces for us all to enjoy, tackle the waste crisis and improve recycling, fix footpaths and improve accessibility for residents with disabilities and older residents, improve our sporting facilities and make cycling safer. I want to hear from you on your ideas and what's important to you.

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Prahran Square, Prahran
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293 Tooronga Road, Malvern

## Visit us online

- [stonnington.vic.gov.au](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au)
- Request a service online at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/requestservice](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/requestservice)
- Report an issue on Snap Send Solve [snapsendsolve.com](http://snapsendsolve.com)

## Get social with us

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- StonningtonCity
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- [company/city-of-stonnington](https://www.linkedin.com/company/city-of-stonnington)

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- If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service: TTY users call 133 677, then ask for 8290 1333. Speak and listen users, call 1300 555 727, then ask for 8290 1333.

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## Acknowledgements

The City of Stonnington acknowledges we are on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to elders past and present. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.

**Council meetings continue to be held under special COVID-safe arrangements in the Council Chamber and are livestreamed.**

- Find out more at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/council](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/council)



The City of Stonnington presents


# PETS *in the* PARK

**Sunday 28 March 2021**

11am – 4pm

Central Park, Malvern East

## *Event highlights:*

 Presentations by animal behaviourist Lara Shannon and animal expert Dr Melissa Meehan

 Hosted by Mike Larkan

 Wildlife encounters with The Rookeepers

 Market stalls and much more



*Please ensure your pets are suitably restrained at all times*

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