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Local.
Creative.
Indigenous.**

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A word from the Mayor

We strive to create community connections.

My husband has this knack for connecting with people. He will meet total strangers and suddenly there is a WhatsApp group for new cycling mates or for dads at the local kinder. And these randomly created groups become like a new extended family. Because in the end, we are all social people who want to connect, get involved, and feel part of a community. Sometimes we just need a bit of a prompt to help us get going.

This sense of connection is particularly important in an age where technology both connects and separates us, and when isolation is an increasing social and health concern. Being part of a community increases how good we feel about life, makes us feel safer and reduces stress.

So after having the social handbrakes on last year, we have noticed a joy and humble delight in the things we once took for granted. The simple pleasure of being in a crowded street, browsing for books at the library, enjoying dinner out with friends, seeing kids play sports on green fields. Being able to feel connected to people and the place where you live is such a joy.

As a Council, we strive to enable opportunities for these connections to form – through our libraries, pools, the Stonnington Toy Library, mothers' groups, community kindergartens, the Men's Shed, events, sustainability education programs and the local sports clubs we support.

I encourage you to join up, have a go, take part and get involved in your community in formal and informal ways. Because you will feel better for it.

Cr Kate Hely
Mayor
City of Stonnington

Please note: The Mayor's message for this edition of Stonnington News was provided before Melbourne entered COVID-19 restrictions in May and June 2021, we hope to be back to enjoying the outside world again soon.

Meet your Councillors

Our Meet your Councillor information sessions are a chance for people to discuss issues, ask questions and suggest ideas with their local Councillors.

Drop-in sessions for each ward will be split into two 90-minute sittings, with numbers capped at 50 for each session, and the room split into tables so people can have conversations directly with their Councillors and Council officers.

Three sessions will be held in Malvern Town Hall throughout July with two bookings available for each evening.

Bookings essential, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/meetcouncillors

Call 8290 1333

ARE YOU A LOCAL BUSINESS AND WANT TO WORK WITH COUNCIL?

As part of our efforts to work more effectively with local suppliers, we're sourcing new suppliers through VendorPanel Marketplace.

This platform uses geolocation tools to enable us to easily identify local suppliers and invite them to quote on work.

Upon registering, your business profile will be visible to buyers searching in your category and area of service.

To get involved and register for free, visit info.vendorpanel.com/workwithcityofstonnington

Help shape how we collect hard waste

Currently we coordinate two hard waste collections each year in autumn and spring.

As many other councils have changed to a booked service for each household, we're asking for feedback on how you'd like hard waste collected in Stonnington. Do you want a blanket collection, booked service or a mix of both?

To let us know what you think or for more information, visit connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste



Financial difficulty?

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

Through our partnership with not-for-profit organisation Good Shepherd, there is a range of support available including deferment, payment plans, financial counselling and no-interest loans.

Call 8290 1333 or visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/financialsupport

Engage, share, connect

You're invited to share your ideas and contribute to improving your local neighbourhood.

Our community engagement platform Connect Stonnington is the place to have your say. From June to August, there's a number of projects we'd like your feedback on:

- » Road Management Plan
- » Library Strategy
- » Aged Services Satisfaction Survey
- » Draft Climate Emergency Action Plan
- » Walking Strategy, and more.

Use your voice to shape our future at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au



Cover image: Passionate, creative, talented and engaged; artist Josh Deane speaks about his experience as an Indigenous man and on being a local.

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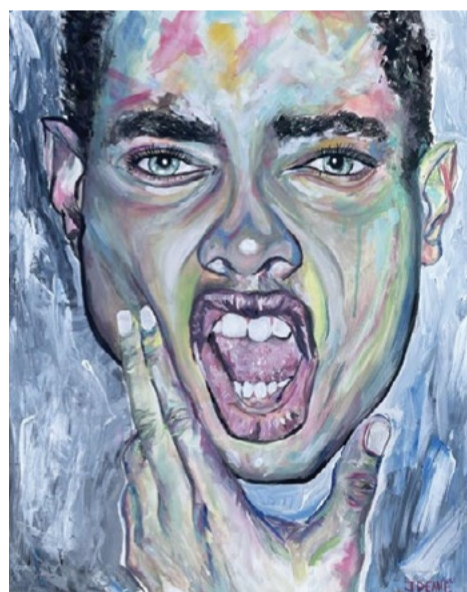
LOCAL COMMUNITY PROFILE:

Passionate, talented and engaged; artist Josh Deane speaks about his experience as an Indigenous man and on being a local.

Connect with Josh:

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@ [@byjoshdeane.com](https://www.instagram.com/byjoshdeane.com)



Community voice – Josh Deane

Artist and community advocate, Josh Deane, is paving the way for Stonnington creatives and people from diverse backgrounds.

Josh is a member of the Shaping Stonnington People's Panel, contributing his perspective to Stonnington's 2040 vision.

"I'm an Indigenous (Palawa Nation) freelance artist and creative. As an artist I create murals, contemporary art and design custom-bespoke pieces.

"I live off Chapel Street and I absolutely love living here because I have everything I need at a walking distance. I love the nightlife and being able to dance the night away after a big week of work, and the diversity of people and cultures in the area.

"For me, Stonnington has always felt like home.

"I thought being on the panel would be a great opportunity to offer my perspective as a young Indigenous creative. I felt privileged being asked to give my opinion on my experiences in the area and also educate and connect myself and my family more with the community.

"The panel is full of amazing, diverse, passionate and vibrant members of the community that have many different interests and needs. It's incredible how we can work together and democratically create this vision, something we all agree on.

"The culmination of this community vision is something as a community we can be proud to be a part of, and a step towards a Stonnington in 2040 that is a safe, inclusive, creative City that celebrates and embraces its vibrancy of cultures."

People's Panel – a collaborative success

Our Shaping Stonnington People's Panel was formed in March 2021 as part of an engagement program to develop our Community Vision 2040 which describes what our community wants Stonnington to look and feel like in the future.

About 10,000 randomly selected residents and businesses were invited to join the panel, with 35 selected to reflect Stonnington's diverse population.

The panel met over three days to consider broader community feedback

received through earlier engagement, discuss the challenges facing Stonnington, and make recommendations.

Through a collaborative process, the panel drafted a Community Vision and presented this to Councillors in April. This vision will guide the development of our new four-year Council Plan over the coming months.

Further information available at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/shaping-stonnington



Celebrating NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week will be held nationally from 4 to 11 July.

This year's theme is Heal Country, heal our nation. It calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage. Stonnington will celebrate with a number of activities.

For updates or to find out more, visit naidoc.org.au

Be part of the Great Birrarung Parkland Studio

Want to contribute to change and work alongside Traditional Owners at the Great Birrarung Parkland Studio?

The Birrarung Council provides advocacy for the protection and preservation of the Yarra River, as one living and integrated natural entity.

Working with university students, they are keen to contribute to change through bi-cultural design with Traditional Owners.

Learn more at water.vic.gov.au/waterways-and-catchments/protecting-the-yarra/birrarung-council-the-voice-of-the-yarra

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2021–23

Our Draft Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2021–23 is the framework for how we recognise the contributions made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and provide leadership for our community as we continue our reconciliation journey.

Our vision is to create a welcoming community where the Traditional Owners' connections to the land are respected, where all of our history is taught, and where the diverse cultural backgrounds, experiences and needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, of many First Nations are understood and valued.

We acknowledge the Bunurong, Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples of the East Kulin Nations are the Traditional Custodians of this land who have strived to retain their identity and cultures through more than two hundred years of dispossession and colonisation.

Our updated RAP is being developed and we look forward to sharing it soon.



Utopia and beyond – art exhibition

An exclusive curator's tour of an exhibition of Australia's First Nation established and emerging artists. Free exhibition until 11 July, but join us at 11am on 5 July for a special tour. Bookings essential, email engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au or call 8290 1333

Kinross Arts Centre, rear of Toorak Uniting Church, 603 Toorak Road, Toorak



Justin House Art Museum (JAHM) – online conversations

7.30pm, 5 July

Tune in and hear how this creative and artistic space came about and enjoy a virtual tour of Storylines + Songlines, contemporary Australian paintings, sculptures, bark paintings, ceramics, videos and photographs from the Arthur and Suzie Roe collection, and a discussion on NAIDOC Week. Free event, to register email engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au



Storylines + Songlines – JAHM tours

10.30am – 12pm, 6 and 8 July

Storylines + Songlines is an impressive selection of Australian works. Enjoy a curated journey by Charles and Leah Justin and learn about the motivations behind the works, the rich and creative responses the artists have to their Country and culture, and marvel at the sheer diversity of the nearly 70 works on display. Bookings, call 8290 1333 or email engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au

JAHM, 3 Lumley Court, Prahran

Reconciliation Stonnington

For more than 20 years, local group Reconciliation Stonnington has worked to increase awareness of our local Indigenous history and promote respectful relationships with our First Nations people. To learn more, visit reconciliationstonnington.org.au

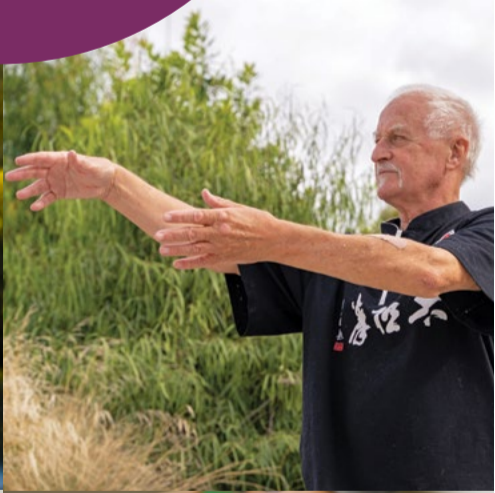
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CLUBS AND
ORGANISATIONS
- the heartbeat
of our community*

SPOTLIGHT
**Stonnington's
community
groups and
organisations**



**Our recently
launched online
Community Directory is a free
online platform for local community
groups to promote themselves,
list events and attract new members
and volunteers. If you're a
community group or resident
looking for an organisation
to connect with, visit
[stonnington.vic.gov.au/
communitydirectory](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory)**

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OPENS SOON*
**For more details, visit
[stonnington.vic.gov.au/
community](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/community)**





Introducing... Richard Squires aka *Buttman*

Richard Squires, aka Buttman, is committed to solving Australia's casual litter crisis, one cigarette butt at a time.

Richard grew up in Stonnington and has worked in South Yarra for the past decade. In 2019, tired of seeing people toss their cigarette butts into the gutter, Richard purchased his first litter collection kit.

"Cigarette butts are made from tightly woven plastic fibres, and after they're smoked, all of the carcinogenic chemicals are stored in the butt, and leach directly into the environment once the butt becomes wet.

"One cigarette butt alone can poison multiple litres of water, is poisonous to fish, and they regularly get mistaken by birds and fish as food.

"I created a superhero called Buttman and began an Instagram account called @buttmanoriginal. I started collecting

one cigarette butt every day for every follower I got.

Since then, Richard and his 1,648 followers have collected almost 200,000 butts worldwide and have successfully campaigned to have ashtrays installed on Claremont Street through Butt out Australia, but the problem continues.

Richard says he wants to see casual littering stamped out, saying it's unacceptable and easily fixed.

"It's time we took care of the places we work and live in."

Interested in helping?

☎ 0417 311 173

@ buttmanoriginal@gmail.com

📷 [@buttmanoriginal](https://www.instagram.com/buttmanoriginal)

PROBUS – for active retirees

Stonnington has a vibrant retiree community and is home to several Probus clubs that provide fellowship and activities for members aged over 55.

Established 45 years ago, Probus supports retirees to develop friendships and have fun in their later years. Stonnington has four active clubs with approximately 300 members.

Probus will again participate in the Seniors Festival with Probus Day on 1 October, in partnership with the City of Stonnington, at Malvern Town Hall. The event is open to members and guests and will provide an entertaining afternoon of activities.

Check the Seniors Festival website for bookings or contact your local Probus club.

📍 seniorsonline.vic.gov.au

☎ To join a club, call
1300 630 488



Resident artist shines at Menzies Malvern

Robert Wade Gallery, located at Menzies Malvern (retirement village on 1306 High Street), features around fifty artworks by resident artist Robert Wade. Wade is an Australian artist renowned internationally as one of the great water colour artists.

☎ Find out more by calling
9500 8022

City of Stonnington events and programs for our seniors

Our Stonnington Engaged program has a range of events and activities for people aged 55 and older.

Each month, there's indoor and outdoor activities, healthy living programs, outings and day trips and special seasonal events such as concerts and dances.

Highlights for June include a wiser driver course, free learn to swim lessons and an online session with StarHealth explaining the COVID-19 vaccination rollout.



📍 Find out more by visiting
stonnington.vic.gov.au/engaged

☎ or call 8290 1333



Sarah Naarden

– REGENERATING THE KOOYONGKOOT PROJECT

Stonnington resident, Sarah Naarden is a member of our Environmental Champions Program.

She is also a mother, architect and community development designer.

In 2015 Sarah founded Design Think Lab as a collaborative design consultancy to strengthen intergeneration and intercultural connection. Her practice addresses chunky global challenges like loneliness and climate change and creates localised opportunities with First Nations custodians.

Recently, Sarah created Regenerating the Kooyongkoot, a community-led micro-festival at the Glen Iris Wetlands.

The motivation behind the event was inspired during a family walk along the creek in lockdown when Sarah and her family noticed the amount of plastic waste hanging in the trees.

"In that moment I decided to be part of the solution rather than ignore the problem. As a designer, I imagined creating a sculptural litter trap. One that would clean the creek and not be an eyesore for people enjoying the natural landscape."

Sarah engaged with Boon Wurrung artist Mitch Mahoney and Mutti Mutti Wemba Wemba woman Maree Clarke to design a sustainable trap to help clean up the river.

It was hoped that the litter trap design would be fleshed out in a university studio. The grant submission, however, was unsuccessful, and a conventional litter trap was deployed instead.

Sarah is optimistic residents will come together again to create a more sustainable community.

"With landmark initiatives like the Stonnington Environmental Champions program, I think we are well-placed to leverage a deeply passionate community who are well versed in international benchmarks of innovative sustainability.

"I am hopeful that over the next 20 years we will see many more collaborative community projects of this kind."

THINKING OF STARTING A BUSINESS IN STONNINGTON OR EXPANDING YOUR EXISTING BUSINESS?

Our team can assist with the Business Concierge Service – designed to help you with permits and registrations needed to start operating, changing or expanding your business.

More than 1,000 businesses have used the service since opening last year. We asked these two local enterprises to share how it helped to shape their journey.

 stonnington.vic.gov.au/business



JUNIOR

Local café owner Tennyson Andrew has a lot to say about being a local, supporting local ideas and working locally.

He sheds some light on creating a local legend – tuckshop-style café, with true community aspirations at its core.

“Like any business that I get involved with, Junior is all about community... bringing people together and sharing a vision; feeding off what the local community is needing and responding to it.

“If you want a community to support you and your vision, you need to listen to what they want and need. What makes us different? We listen and we care about what we are doing and who we are doing it for.


“It is no small challenge getting a new business up and running... is tough! Any assistance in clearing the red tape and simplifying such a mountainous process is where we as a society need to be heading. The Business Concierge Service is most definitely in keeping with this trajectory and I encourage it. Stand alongside of the business community, not in front of it.

“I didn’t choose Stonnington but I chose the location of my business... Stonnington just happened to be the governing municipality.

“I am in hospitality and I love everything about my customers. As for staff, I am a massive believer in ‘you are who you attract’. My staff are everything to my business. They are my voice, my eyes, my pulse when I am not available to be out front; the very reason they work with me is because they know this.

“I rejected this industry for decades knowing that I would be reasonably good at it and would absolutely love it. Why reject it then? Hard work, long days, early starts, but so rewarding! You meet wonderful people, you witness families grow from no children to a tribe of four or five. You truly connect. It’s such a wholesome and rewarding industry.

 25 Tooronga Road, Malvern East

 9571 9585



BODY BE WELL

Out of the darkness comes a bright light, a beacon of hope and a vote for community, humanity and wellbeing in Body be Well.

“We are a bespoke training facility located in the heart of Malvern East. We cater to all fitness levels, helping our clients achieve symmetry, agility and strength by utilising functional movement patterns and weight training routines.

“Unlike other studios that provide a cardboard cut out service our business is focused on our clients’ individual needs offering a holistic/mindful approach.

“We have been in the fitness business for over 25 years. Having owned a gym in the past we knew what came with opening a facility but were pleasantly surprised that Stonnington offered a concierge service for small business.

“Body be Well evolved due to COVID. We moved from indoor training to outdoors. Having a strong social media presence also kept Body be Well present sharing recipes and blog content.


“We trained clients at DW Lucas Oval and created our ‘outdoor’ studio. The community embraced our services and participated when they could. And, the feedback was extremely positive.

“The physical support we offered plus mental health was insurmountable. This led to the decision to finally open our studio and Body be Well was born.

“For us, it was a no-brainer to operate our business within Stonnington. We have lived in Malvern East for over 14 years with our three children who attend local schools. We shop local and now work local.

“We have had great support from Stonnington with permits for our outdoor training and permit applications. With the help of Stonnington, our experience has been seamless.

“We highly recommend any new business use the concierge service. It made the transition and communication with different departments very easy.”

 1939 – 1941 Malvern Road, Malvern East

 bodybewell.com.au



Supporting our community to rebound from COVID-19


Stonnington’s community-led recovery from COVID-19 is well underway with a Community Recovery Committee made up of community leaders partnering with us.

Over winter, we’re running a range of activities to support the community and build the capacity of our fantastic local organisations, which will help support the re-engagement of community volunteers, local employment, household finances, family wellbeing and family connection.

Jane O’Connell, Manager at the Toy Library and member of Stonnington’s Community Recovery Committee, had this to say about our recovery

“Families are enjoying browsing Stonnington Toy Library in person again, with all the freedom and fun that comes with letting their child choose fresh toys, puzzles and games to take home to play. Volunteering is in full swing too, with parents, grandparents and community members assisting at every open session.”

To learn more or to make a suggestion for something you think would improve our ongoing community recovery efforts, we’d love to hear from you.

 communityrecovery@stonnington.vic.gov.au

**OUTDOOR DINING
A BIG HIT**

We love our food and Stonnington is the place for great food and outdoor dining.

Following the success of the roadside dining program, we asked our community for feedback on the experiences offered, and you told us:

- » outdoor dining helped to reactivate our precincts as we emerged from COVID-19 restrictions over summer

- » repurposing streets and car parking spacing was a good way to re-think how public spaces are used, and
- » the community of businesses and regular diners want more, more, more... (but when it’s warmer).

We’re using the information to develop an ongoing outdoor dining program.

 For more information and to see what people had to say about outdoor dining, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/outdoordining




LEISURE, LIFESTYLE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING


Have you had your COVID vaccination yet?

We're supporting the vaccine rollout through a mass vaccination hub at our Prahran Town Hall, corner Greville and Chapel streets.

Together with Star Health, we're committed to assisting the community, in particular high risk and vulnerable cohorts of our community, to access this service.

 Prahran Town Hall
180 Greville Street, Prahran
(former Prahran Library – Greville Street entrance)

 Find out more by visiting starhealth.org.au/covid19

 9525 1300

Did you know?

Prahran Town Hall was used as an 'inoculation depot' (what we now call a vaccination centre) during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919 and that approximately 14,000 people were vaccinated.


PROTECTION FROM THE FLU

During the flu season, we give free vaccines to:

- » all children aged from six calendar months to under five years
- » eligible adults, and
- » all adults 65 years and older.

You can pay for flu vaccines for other age groups at our immunisation sessions.

 Book an appointment by visiting stonnington.vic.gov.au/services/immunisation

 8290 3335

ACTIVE STONNINGTON




Sign up for sport

It's winter right?

But, summer sport is just around the corner and local clubs are looking for players of all abilities and ages to sign up.

Sports include cricket, tennis, basketball, netball, lacrosse, rugby, baseball, athletics or lawn bowls. Clubs will return for the summer season from 1 October.


 For a list of clubs and contacts, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/sportclubs

Get active for free

A range of free classes and online resources is offered as part of the Active Stonnington program, supporting the community to stay active and connected.

Included are yoga, mums and bubs boot camp, bike maintenance and online gym classes, plus a variety of online resources like local walking and running routes.



 View classes and programs at stonnington.vic.gov.au/active

Draft Stonnington Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25

Together with our community, we're developing a Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The plan sets out how we work towards improving health and wellbeing in Stonnington over the next four years.

The draft plan is based on health data and priorities identified through an online survey, an ideas board and a series of round table discussions and consultation with the community and local agencies.

Want to be involved? Have your say about the Draft Stonnington Health and Wellbeing Plan by making a submission from 20 August to 17 September.

 connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/healthandwellbeing



Immunisations

In 2020 we gave over **9,080 injections** to infants and secondary school students, protecting future generations from infectious disease.



Administering the dose

Our immunisation nurses are registered nurses with additional qualifications and have been with Council for over 10 years.



Maternal and Child Health Services

Did you know? We've had a COVID baby boom in Stonnington with **990** babies born.



Indigenous

The 2016 Census revealed there were **301** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Stonnington.


YOUTH, AGED AND COMMUNITY SERVICES


Grattan Gardens Community Centre

Located in Prahran's Grattan Gardens, (across from Prahran Square), you'll find plenty going on at the Grattan Gardens Community Centre.

Take a look online or drop in to learn about:

- » Prahran Community Learning Centre – plenty of community learning classes for adults, young people and the young at heart including yoga, computers and our visual arts studio
- » Middle Years and Youth Services – located on level 1, come in for a chat or a coffee and see what's happening
- » Tjanabi Thursday – community drop in – pronounced Cha na be, from the Boon Wurrung language meaning celebrating diversity, drop in around 1.30pm, say hi and stay for some dancing, exercises, chess, mahjong or just a chat
- » MiCare – outreach services available for individual support and information for housing, settlement and accessing care and support. Call 9510 5877 to make an appointment, and
- » Community spaces for hire – if you're looking for a space for your community group, take a look at the amazing rooms available.

 Visit us at 40 Grattan Gardens, Grattan Street, Prahran

 Call 8290 1460 to speak to our team



Libraries

The number of loans since
1 January 2021
152,008

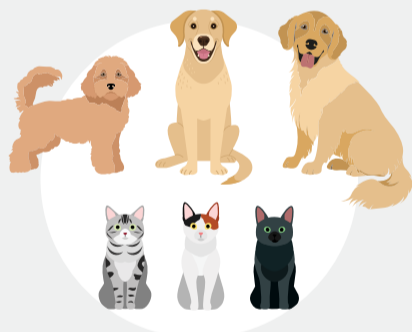


Libraries school holiday programs

"The session was fabulous! My two children were both so engaged. It was also wonderful for the kids to be able to hear the beautiful comments and feedback from the hosts.

It wasn't a one-way presentation. As an educator, this presentation was done beautifully and organised well to maintain the interests of the children."

– Megan, resident



Most popular goes to...

The most popular breed of dog for Stonnington is a cavoodle (848) followed by the labrador (437) and then the golden retriever (290). It's the domestic short hair for most popular cat breed, (1531) then the domestic medium hair (326) and then the Burmese (163).



Roads/footpaths

We laid approximately 4,000 tonnes of asphalt within Council's road network since July 2020, which covers an area equal to 2.5 times the area of the MCG.

LIBRARIES

[untitled] Literary Festival is turning 10!

18 – 21 NOVEMBER

Our Stonnington Libraries annual literary festival turns 10 this November and we're inviting you to help us celebrate.

The word untitled [in square brackets] is a cataloguing convention and signifies a work without a title. We named our festival [untitled] to (subtly) reference the convention and offer a blank space for audiences to come up with their own interpretation of the stories they experience during the festival.

We have another inspiring and thought-provoking line-up of events, so save the date and be part of the celebration.

Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on/literary-festival for updates



What's your story?

Submit your story, poem or creative writing to **What's Your Story**, Stonnington's annual writing competition from 15 July to 30 August.

Open to writers of all ages, with cash and book prizes awarded in youth and adult categories, the competition is presented as part of the [untitled] Literary Festival.

Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/library

COMMUNITY

FURTHER REPORT TO COME FOR INDOOR COURTS

In 2017, City of Stonnington Councillors approved Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park in Malvern East as the site of a new multipurpose sport and recreation facility, including four new indoor courts and upgraded facilities for sporting clubs already using the site.

In late 2020, with a new Council elected, Councillors asked for an independent review of additional potential sites for the indoor courts. This recently completed independent review considered 13 sites, including privately owned land, to gauge their suitability to accommodate an indoor multipurpose sport and recreation facility.

The outcome of this review is to continue discussions with Vicinity Centres, operators of Chadstone Shopping Centre, to investigate the concept of a multipurpose sport

and recreation facility to support the need for additional indoor sporting courts. Discussions will also continue with Holmesglen Institute to better understand their interest.

A report will be brought back to Council in July incorporating the outcome of these discussions and a recommendation about the future of the Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park site – which was reinforced in the review as the most suitable Council-owned site for the facility, with detailed design and preparation work already completed and budget set aside.

Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp for more information



Supporting safer cycling in local streets

We're all about community safety and throwing our support behind safer cycling by marking local roads as designated bike routes.

Streets in Windsor, Prahran and Toorak have been selected for line marking that identifies them as safe cycling streets. Applied to the road surface, the line marking acts as a visual indicator to motorists that this is an important cycle

route and a shared space. The location of the marking, in the centre of a lane, also encourages cyclists to safely venture into the roadway to avoid potential hazards, like car doors opening unexpectedly.

While these streets don't have sufficient width to accommodate a dedicated bike lane, fewer vehicles and lower traffic speeds offer a safer alternative to the busier, major roads in the area.

Creating a local cycling network along quieter streets will allow cyclists of all abilities and confidence levels to safely navigate these popular suburbs, with routes running north to south and east to west.

Seven streets are earmarked for the local street cycle network and surrounding residents notified. Under the current plan, Upton Street in Windsor, Greville, Spring and Murray streets plus Chatworth Road and Wrights Terrace in Prahran and Mathoura Road in Toorak will be designated as cycle and vehicle shared zones.

More streets linking the network will be added over time, and signs updated to direct cyclists to local streets. This type of treatment is effective in creating a safer environment for cyclists, without the loss of any on-street parking, and is already being successfully used at locations across Stonnington, such as Claremont Avenue in Malvern.

With cycling becoming increasingly popular, we're committed to identifying and implementing initiatives that provide a safe, enjoyable riding experience for everyone.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY



COMMUNITY PLANTINGS FOR NATIONAL TREE DAY

To celebrate National Tree Day this year, Stonnington will be holding school and community tree planting days at parks across the municipality.

Register for our community tree planting day on **1 August** or sign up your school to join one of our school planting days on **23 and 30 July**.

@ Email us at environment@stonnington.vic.gov.au



BECOME A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION

Interested in learning about our environment and climate and helping to create a sustainable Stonnington?

Register your interest to be part of our 2021 Environmental Champions Program. Our next 12-week training course will run in the second half of 2021.

➤ Find out more at stonnington.vic.gov.au/envirochampions



PLASTIC-FREE JULY CALL OUT

We've signed up with Plastic Free July to support residents to reduce their plastic use.

Keep a look out for expert tips, events and workshops happening in July.

➤ Find out more at plasticfreejuly.org



Draft Climate Emergency Action Plan

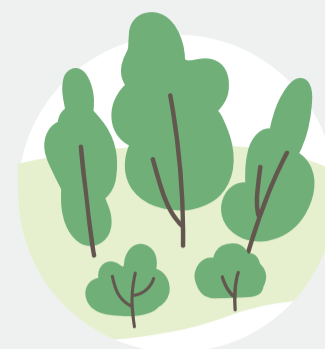
We've developed a draft Climate Emergency Action Plan which outlines our pathway towards 2030 and a zero carbon emission Council.

Did we get it right?

➤ Let us know what you think before **20 June** at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/climate-emergency

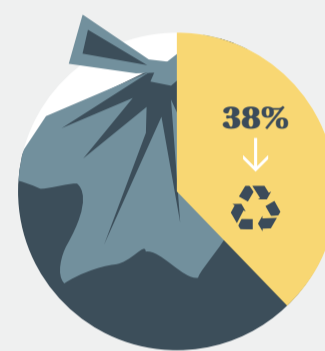
In May we joined nearly 50 Victorian councils in the Victorian Energy Collaboration in committing to using 100 per cent renewable energy.

➤ Learn more at stonnington.vic.gov.au/veco



Trees

Tree planting season is in progress and since May, we've planted 105 trees of the programmed 2,100 trees to be planted this season... all part of creating our urban forest.



Waste

There's been an overall garbage against recycling diversion of **38 per cent**.



Green waste recycling

Green waste recycling, since the introduction of FOGO – food and organic waste, has increased by **19 per cent** over the past year.



Graffiti

We've removed **7,140 square metres** of graffiti over summer and a total **24,622 square metres** over the past year.

Protecting our heritage

Historic places of interest, magnificent heritage buildings and eye-catching architecture are at the very heart of what makes Stonnington such a highly sought after place to live, work and visit.

To protect and preserve important heritage buildings and places, a comprehensive suburb-by-suburb review is being completed, to identify and safeguard properties and precincts across the City.

First to be reviewed was Malvern, with the assessment nearing completion. Next up are Toorak, Kooyong and Armadale, with assessments planned to be completed this year. A heritage

review of Stonnington's remaining suburbs will happen progressively over the next few years, with all suburbs expected to be assessed by 2024.

Completing the heritage review is a key strategic priority for Council, and will ensure Stonnington's diverse and rich collection of heritage places and precincts are identified, protected, preserved and celebrated.



➤ Find out how you can get involved at stonnington.vic.gov.au/heritagereview

What's on at Chapel Off Chapel



MELBOURNE CABARET FESTIVAL 16 – 27 June

Hosted by Chapel Off Chapel, the festival features two weeks of atmospheric, seductive and soul-stirring entertainment.

We invite you to experience a great night out and be enticed by our exquisite, brand new cabaret shows. Many feature original music and some from your favourites such as Annie Lennox, Aretha Franklin and Billie Holiday.

The Melbourne Cabaret Festival is delighted to be hosting singer-songwriter Nicky Kurta (pictured). You'll love her incredible voice as she recalls the buzz of New York in the late 1950s. She will perform your favourite songs from the Emmy Award-winning television series *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel*. One-night only, **17 June**.



ROBOT SONG 26 – 29 July

Based on a true story, *Robot Song* is a deeply personal story.

It shares an honest, intensely funny and often unconventional window into writer/director Jolyon James' experience parenting a child on the autism spectrum. The show poses and attempts to answer the question: How do we support, foster and celebrate difference in our children in the face of an increasingly rigid and homogenised world?

A genuine family show, it is joyful and full of hope, for any child who has ever felt isolated, and any parent who is desperate for tools to help an isolated child. The show employs cutting-edge digital technology, animatronics and a beautiful original musical score.

Bookings at chapeloffchapel.com.au 9571 9585

FIRESTATION PRINT STUDIO GRADUATE PRINTMAKERS RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Firestation Print Studio (FPS) is a dynamic hub of local arts activity, with printmaking at its core, and open to a wide range of projects and practices.

This community-based organisation's curatorial strategy supports artists with diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds at various stages of their career, by providing a supportive environment in which to create and exhibit artwork to the public in a gallery space.

Three studio residencies are offered to recent graduates who have focused on printmaking. Recipients are judged at their graduate exhibitions and announced publicly at each opening reception. Recipients receive a private onsite studio for two months; they also receive 24-hour access to printmaking facilities. And, the following year recipients participate in a group exhibition at FPS.

FPS attracts young emerging artists who share current techniques taught at universities with longstanding members. In return, they receive mentoring from qualified printmakers who take up the long-term studios at FPS.

Printmaking requires access to printing presses and graduates are often left without facilities required to continue their practice. Stonnington is unique, as FPS provides these facilities.

This program offers a wonderful opportunity for the recipients and by presenting residencies at their respective graduate exhibitions and catalogues, it helps to build the profile of FPS with thousands of young printmakers every year.

For printmaking to maintain its legitimacy in the broader contemporary art community, graduates must have access to required facilities to continue their practice and share knowledge.

fps.org.au Visit us at 2 Willis Street, Armadale



House of Windsor Studio

We're proud to have the House of Windsor Studio in Stonnington as it celebrates its thirtieth year and its impact on our arts community.

The studio was established by celebrated artists William Eicholtz and Louise Rippert, as friends and fresh out of art school.

Since then, many artists have set up their easels, pulled out their chainsaws, washed out their brushes and booted up their computers. The large, open plan former factory space has housed a large number of artists working over a number of art practices.

The practices and personalities may be diverse, but the thing that connects them now and across the decades, is that the House of Windsor is and remains a dynamic, vibrant, productive workspace. It isn't a storage space or drop-in centre for wannabes, it is very much alive and flourishing.

Having always been fully self-supporting, the thing that self-reliance teaches is to be adaptable and inventive. The economics and fiscal pressures of being full-time arts workers are substantial, but it is a testament to their hard work, dedication and skill that they have continued to survive and thrive.

As the years roll by and they approach their third decade, the group of artists increasingly find themselves as the cultural historians of our creative community.



The artists at the House of Windsor are engaged and invested in the community and have created a uniquely collegial work environment. Many have lived in the area for several years, and they know their neighbours and local traders very well.

It's an open work space in which the practice, privacy and process is respected. Making art is private and personal, so fostering a kind and trusting environment is paramount. They host studio tours for select groups of art lovers, host classes for adults and children, and from time to time, invite clients for salon style previews. They also have a lot of fun and laughs, gathering, sharing stories, baking and enjoying home-grown produce.

Artists include:

William Eicholtz
sculptor
dishboydreaming.com

Louise Rippert
mixed media and works on paper
louiserippert.com.au

Rose Agnew
jeweller and multi-disciplinary artist
roseagnew.com

Vita Beder
Octogenarian-style maven

Karen Salter
painter
karensalter.com

Caroline Gibbes,
ceramicist/interior designer
carolinegibbes.com.au

Lisa Anderson
conceptual artist
lisaanderson.com.au



Meet your Council

NORTH WARD

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



Cr Kate Hely Mayor

Stonnington is filled with smart, educated people with very high expectations of their Council. These expectations include ensuring that Council is run in the most effective way possible. One of the initiatives I have championed in the new Council Plan is to bring a 'Best Value' focus to all areas of our operations. In the context of a Council, value means maximising social, economic, environmental, wellbeing and health benefits for our community. This new program will sit within the office of the CFO and will ensure that we are always improving and seeking out best practices to deliver maximum benefit to our residents and businesses.

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Cr Marcia Griffin

Winter is a great time to rug up and enjoy beautiful walking tracks along the river, and in parks and gardens. I like walking my dog and look forward to the new dog park at Thomas Oval (northern end of north Como). We're fortunate to enjoy our City without restrictions and I'm proud our community has been so conscious of doing the right COVID thing. I'm hoping our retailers start seeing the benefit of increased support from our locals. There's something for everyone in Stonnington, from stunning Chadstone, with its designer brands, to shopping strips with an abundance of cafés, restaurants, fashion stores and galleries. I feel lucky to live here and love that people are smiling again!

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Cr Matthew Koce

Creating open space is about the health and wellbeing of everyone who works, lives or plays in Stonnington, and our Open Spaces Strategy is our plan to increase what's available for our community. This strategy has supported us to relocate car parks underground to create open space at Prahran Square, promoted and encouraged green roofs and walls, extended existing green spaces and will continue to develop new open spaces that help build community resilience and connections such as on the corner of Balmoral and Perry streets, Prahran and the soon-to-be constructed pocket park at Hobson Street, South Yarra.

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



Cr Melina Sehr Deputy Mayor

Stonnington is renowned for world-class food and dining, fashion and shopping, live entertainment, cultural experiences and lifestyle services. If, like me, you love being a local, I encourage you to continue supporting, shopping and buying right here in Stonnington. Not only will you be helping to activate our precincts but you'll be supporting our businesses after a challenging 2020. And, to businesses evolving, diversifying, innovating and working hard to rebuild – I commend you. We're changing our procurement processes to have a stronger local focus, if you're a local business looking for opportunities to work with us visit info.vendorpanel.com/workwithcityofstonnington

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Cr Nicki Batagol

As a regular volunteer for a number of organisations and community groups, I find giving my time both rewarding and fulfilling. During a recent Community Recovery Committee meeting, I heard that of some of Stonnington's community and not-for-profit groups are struggling to attract volunteers now that they are returning to providing much-needed support to our local community. There are so many worthy causes out there like the Prahran Citizens Advice Bureau, Stonnington Toy Library, St Joseph's Outreach Services and many second-hand charity shop to name a few. My dream is to have a volunteering hub in Stonnington, but in the meantime check out page 4 of Stonnington News or visit volunteeringaustralia.org

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Cr Mike Scott

As we move into the cooler months and pull out the winter warmers, spare a thought for people experiencing financial hardship or others who are sleeping rough. If you can spare some time or find some blankets to donate, please reach out to your local community services agency or op shop. We know that social isolation and loneliness have led us to be more mindful about what we do with our time; volunteering is great way to connect with like-minded, local people and give something of yourself – all at the same time. I thank you for all that you do.

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EAST WARD

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



Cr Jami Klisaris

One of Stonnington's much loved events, Roola Boola Children's Arts Festival is back, better than ever and perfectly timed for the school holidays. It has so much fun stuff for kids aged 2 to 12 – like magic, theatre, music, dance and circus activities that I know the little people in your life will absolutely love. Presented by Stonnington, the program features live and online events, learn more at roolaboola.com.au If glamour and cabaret is more your thing, join us for our major winter arts event and the second largest cabaret festival in the world, the Melbourne Cabaret Festival, from 16 to 27 June.

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Cr Alexander Lew

Thank you to all the parents spending sleepless nights looking after newborns. You are the true heroes of our community. Your children will be among the first users of the newly renovated Central Park playground! Stonnington's Maternal and Child Health Service nurses have never been busier, supporting families as our kids reach their milestones. I'm always thinking about how I can use my position on Council to support families as well. I voted against the draft Budget because I could not endorse the proposed 3.5 per cent rate rise. Families need rate cuts, a Council committed to reducing crime and improvements to our libraries and our parks.

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Cr Polly Morgan

What is a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and why do we have one? It's the framework for how Council recognises the valuable contributions made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, acknowledges their right to live their values and traditions in our community, and works together on a vision to create an open and welcoming community for Traditional Owners. A diverse and inclusive community like ours respects and understands that Stonnington sits on the land of the Bunurong, Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the East Kulin Nation and our RAP 2021–23 will reinforce our commitment to Indigenous communities. I look forward to seeing our new RAP soon.

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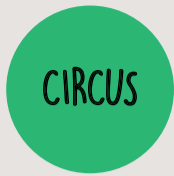
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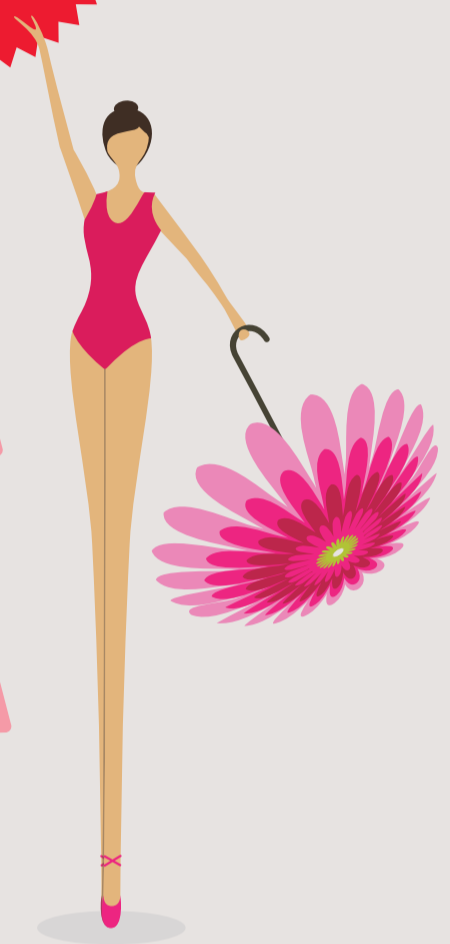
We acknowledge we are meeting on the Traditional Lands of the Bunurong, Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples of the East Kulin Nations and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.



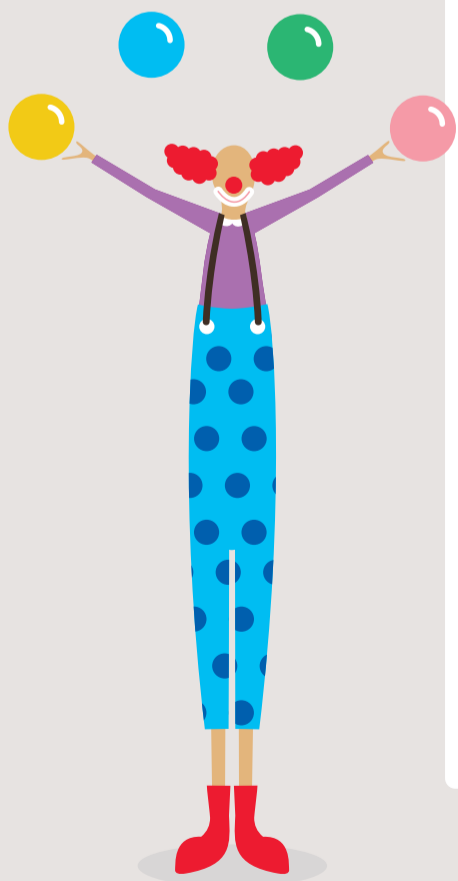
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