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# A word from the Mayor

**Emerging from a Melbourne winter means one thing – getting outdoors.**

As our City evolves and density increases, access to open and green spaces is more important than ever. So, as an inner-city Council with limited open space, what are we doing to address that? A lot!

In recent times we've purchased 1,200m<sup>2</sup>+ of land to transform into public open space and completed a range of park and playground upgrades. You might have seen some temporary pop up parks in South Yarra and Prahran while we finalise the long-term plans for these sites.

Creating open space in Stonnington doesn't come cheap, so we're looking to work with the Victorian Government and have already secured more than \$3 million in grants from their Local Parks Program for pocket parks in Prahran, a new dog park in South Yarra and an accessible play space in Kooyong.

Having open space within 800m of people's home supports the 20-minute neighbourhood principle. Through targeted pocket parks to complement established parks and gardens, we begin to make this a reality. Some studies even show that trees near schools improve learning, and having green space nearby has 28 per cent of the life impact of people being married – but I'll leave that last point up to you to decide.

Finally, please continue to support local businesses by shopping local and by getting vaccinated. Your community, our businesses and people experiencing medical or financial vulnerability are relying on all of us to get vaccinated so we can move past lockdowns.

**Cr Kate Hely**  
Mayor  
City of Stonnington

## City of Stonnington budget

**Our 2021–22 budget sets a framework for economic and community recovery, including the creation of a \$1.89m COVID recovery reserve to continue to provide targeted community support.**

### Highlights include:

The budget continues to provide our residents one of the lowest average rates charges per property in Victoria while enabling much-needed capital works projects, maintaining services to support our community, and ensuring Stonnington remains an amazing place – now and into the future.

- Creating a \$1.89 million COVID recovery reserve for our community.
- Creating an even stronger outdoor dining program.
- Investing in core infrastructure.
- Improving key community assets like Harold Holt Swim Centre and Prahran Town Hall.
- Improving our parks and open spaces and enhancing sporting and recreation facilities.
- Modernising our customer experiences.

Learn more at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/budget2021](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/budget2021)



## Vaccinate now

**Thanks to everyone who has gone out to get their jab.**

Getting vaccinated is important for protecting yourself, your family, your community and your workplace.

Star Health has now delivered more than 35,000 vaccines to our community. Both Pfizer and Astra Zeneca are available at Prahran Town Hall, 180 Greville Street, Prahran.

**Do it now!** Get vaccinated, stop the spread.

Make a booking at [starhealth.org.au](https://starhealth.org.au) or call **9525 1300** or for other locations, visit [health.gov.au](https://health.gov.au)



## Council Plan and Community Vision

**Imagine Stonnington in 2040... what may have changed that makes you feel proud, inspired and connected to your community?**

Our new Stonnington Community Vision 2040 was developed by a 32-person Shaping Stonnington People's Panel, and informed by extensive community consultation.

Learn more about what it means, how we assembled this panel and how it's helping shape the Council Plan for 2021–25 at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/vision](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/vision)

**Our community is a safe, inclusive and creative city that celebrates and embraces its vibrancy of cultures. Walking the tree-lined streets, we pay respect to the influence of the Nation's First Peoples past and living on a modern, sustainable and interconnected way of life that supports good health and wellbeing of all.**

**Cover image:** Hope springs environmental for locals, Nadine, Alison and Will enjoying the benefits of community planting along the Gardiners Creek-Kooyongkoot trail, Glen Iris Wetlands.

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## Discovering *local* habitat

**There's more to Stonnington than just pretty tree-lined streets, wonderful heritage, great dining, shops and events.**

Get out and explore some of our city's best-kept secrets. Try a turn along the Gardiners Creek-Kooyongkoot trail, as it meanders from the Yarra River to the spectacular Glen Iris Wetlands. It's bursting with the scents, sights and sounds of spring in the air.

Our leafy suburbs are becoming even greener thanks to Nadine Samaha, Alison Richards and young Will, from Rewilding Stonnington, and the many other volunteers from community groups and local schools. Together, they've added a whopping 1,384 trees and 28,239 plants to Stonnington's streets, gardens, parks and reserves.

Want to know more? Get in touch at [environment@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:environment@stonnington.vic.gov.au)



## Calling all future school crossing supervisors

**We don't just do rates, roads and rubbish.**

We have dedicated people like school crossing supervisors, keeping children in our community safe and guiding them along their way to school each day.

We speak with local resident Denis Kilmartin, (pictured) who works as a School Crossing Supervisor on Park Street, Malvern, (outside Malvern Central Primary School).

Denis was nominated School Crossing Supervisor of the Year in 2018; a great achievement.

He started the role in 2013, works 10 hours per week, Monday to Friday and loves working outdoors where he is able

to make new friends and see many smiling faces. He can connect with the community and feels satisfied knowing that he has a safe crossing for everyone to use.

"For those thinking of becoming a school crossing supervisor, it's a very satisfying and rewarding position, especially for retirees and people living alone. For those on a pension, being a school crossing supervisor does not affect that. I enjoy that I have a purpose to get up in the mornings and out in the afternoons to help students and families. The feeling of achieving something good in life with the possibility of helping others gives me purpose."

If you, like Denis, love working outdoors and meeting others or simply love Stonnington and are interested in keeping children in our community safe, this job might just be right for you.

We're looking for school crossing supervisors to join our dynamic team. If you think you fit the bill and are available now, get in touch with Roberta on **8561 8833**.

## Community sporting facilities get green light

**Work is expected to begin early next year on the implementation of a Masterplan for Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park in Malvern East.**

This \$40M plus project includes upgrades for casual users of the park, new facilities for Chadstone Bowls Club, Chadstone Lacrosse Club, Chadstone Tennis Club and East Malvern Tooronga Cricket Club, and a new four-court indoor sporting facility for netball and basketball.

*"Currently, Stonnington only has two indoor courts for netball and none for basketball, compared to the 13 needed to support our population. This is a long overdue investment in sports popular with girls and women."*

— Cr Klisaris East Ward

The project will create more than 1,000m<sup>2</sup> of additional publicly accessible open space in the Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park.



Keep up-to-date with progress at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp)



## Stonnington Health and Wellbeing Plan

**We've developed a Draft Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021–25.**

The plan identifies priorities and strategies for improving health and wellbeing in Stonnington over the next four years. Community consultation is from **7 to 28 September**; let us know what you think.

To provide feedback, visit [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au) and click on the project

## We don't like cricket... we love it

Playing cricket is about having fun and keeping fit – Toorak Prahran Cricket Club (the Trakkers) is one of our sporting clubs doing just that this spring and summer.

An inclusive club, The Trakkers is developing its female-based teams and supporting them to improve skills in a safe and social environment.

As part of its commitment to expand its female cricket program, the club developed a pre-season pathways program to help players improve skills and enjoy the season more. The club has also provided leadership opportunities through its coaching program (July – September), and is proud of its all-female coaching staff. The Trakkers call Orrong Romanis Reserve home.



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



# Our climate emergency action response

The City of Stonnington is committed to immediate and urgent action on the climate emergency.

We're committed to making measurable and noticeable changes to improve our own operations. Now is the time to push for the best possible sustainable living standards for our whole community – and we're lucky that they've been very generous with their ideas and suggestions.

We're already playing our part. For example, we've installed 980 kW of rooftop solar on council facilities – enough to power more than 170 Stonnington homes every year.

We are currently collating your feedback and drafting an action plan that will lead us toward a zero-carbon Stonnington.



Keep up-to-date on the progress by visiting [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/climate-emergency](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/climate-emergency)



## Spring clean your home, office, wardrobe, stuff

After more than a year of spending lots of time at home, many are finding they've accumulated too much stuff, so rather than letting items collect dust, why not pass them on?

When culling and clearing, we often drop off unwanted things to a local op shop, but there are better ways. Try selling your quality used clothing and other items to local retailers.

Consider a swap and destash party to turn over your textiles or online destash communities to turn your hand-me-downs into treasures. If your stuff is beyond repair, it can be recycled or respun into new clothes or find new life as industrial rags, blankets, packing material and even tiles.

Find local community groups at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/community/find-a-community-group](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/community/find-a-community-group)

## Free energy advice

We've partnered with the Australian Energy Foundation to give free and trustworthy energy-saving advice, services and products.

Experts can provide advice on all areas of your home. Book a free 20-min energy consultation.

Visit [aef.com.au](https://aef.com.au)

## Sustainable savings

As a Council, we're responsible for acting on climate change and leading local action.

We're proud to be one of 46 Victorian councils to sign on to Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO). It's the largest ever emissions reduction project by local government in Australia and allows the spending of Council dollars on amenities, not energy. This green power initiative will save an initial \$340,000 which will be redirected to a spring cleaning and upkeep blitz across our shopping precincts, along with increased waste education programs.

Visit [veco.org.au](https://veco.org.au)

## And another thing – a sustainable City

We've joined the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE).

Working together, we can ensure our communities are sustainable and liveable into the future.

We aim to support development that includes

- Zero carbon building standards
- Green infrastructure
- Tree protection
- Sustainable transport
- Transit and pedestrian oriented design
- Parking management
- Electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Waste management



For more information, scan here

# Hard waste

Springtime is great for the hard waste collection but your waste doesn't need to be wasted.

Old things like furniture, homewares and furnishings can be repurposed, garden waste can become compost or mulch and whitegoods can be reborn as construction materials.



Find out when your collection is happening at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)



## Hard waste collection – have your say...

We're reviewing how we deliver our hard waste collection service.

Should we continue the twice-yearly, Stonnington-wide collection, move to an on-demand service, or perhaps a mix of both? Have your voice heard and complete the survey by 31 October.

Help us provide the service you want by completing a quick survey at [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)



## Green concrete

We're taking plastic bags off the streets and turning them into footpaths.

Sections of Glenferrie Road's footpath are part of this innovative green concrete trial. It sees around 350,000 pieces of plastic, collected through soft plastics recycling stations in supermarkets, used in the concrete mixture, with the potential to replace tonnes of virgin mineral aggregate material. Most importantly, the plastic is fully enclosed by the concrete so it won't end up in waterways.

More information at [redcycle.net.au](https://redcycle.net.au)



# Celebrate 10 years of untitled

18 to 21 November

Excitement is growing as we get closer to our 10th annual literary festival – [untitled]: our writers, readers and stories.



We invite you to join us as we celebrate 10 years of local writers, authors, readers, stories, books and libraries, and explore the theme of homecoming and the books, writing and ideas that have captured our attention.

The exciting lineup features festival favourites Helen Garner, Graeme Simsion, Anne Buist, George Megalogenis, Sarah Wilson, Jamila Rizvi, Bri Lee, Alice Pung and others. Stay tuned as we reveal the full program in October. Happy Birthday!

For more details, call 8290 8000 or visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library)



## Spotlight on family history

Our Stonnington History Centre has a Family History Club where each month, you meet like-minded family history enthusiasts and talk all things family history.

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced family history researcher, you're sure to learn new skills, discover great resources or even meet a distant relative.

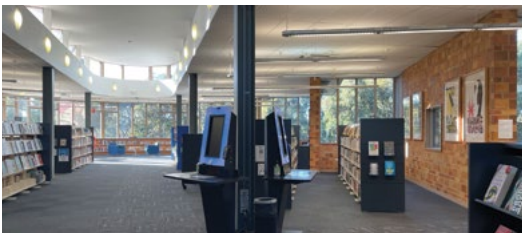
Bookings are required, call 8290 1360 or visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library/Whats-On/History](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library/Whats-On/History)

## Phoenix Park Library open and accessible

We recently had a facelift and we're now more accessible.

Come and check out our upgraded toilets and information desk, improved access to collections, increased reading spaces and refreshed children's area complete with a tactile wall for sensory play.

Visit us at the Phoenix Park precinct in Malvern East to enjoy a wide range of services, collections and programs.



To learn more, call 8290 4000 or visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library)

## Parent-Child Mother Goose Program Toddler Group

We invite you and your child to join us for some songs, rhymes, storytelling and movement every Friday throughout term 3 until 3 October.

10.30am – 11.30am  
Grosvenor Street Maternal and Child Health Centre  
53 Grosvenor Street, South Yarra  
For ages 12 months to four years. Interested?  
Call Cindy on 0448 732 016



## Get your game on

Are you inspired by the recent Olympic Games, suffering from footy finals fever or tired of playing the same old games?

This spring, we offer a fantastic range of activities to help get your game on.

Select from sporty craft activities, physical science and robotics workshops or creative play sessions. Activities are ideal for primary school-aged children (5 to 12 years).

Bookings are required, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library/Whats-On/For-Kids](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library/Whats-On/For-Kids)

## Casting a rainbow over Stonnington

Earlier this year, Council supported the establishment of a LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee, which will be tasked with giving advice and guidance on how we continue our journey to being a culturally safe and inclusive organisation and community, free from discrimination based on sexuality, sex or gender.

We called for nominations (to the committee from 19 May to 8 June) for people with expert insight and knowledge to address inequality, poor health outcomes and isolation experienced by members of Stonnington's LGBTIQ+ community.

We now have a committee; a safe and welcoming space where members can draw on their lived experience, expertise and knowledge of Stonnington's LGBTIQ+ communities to give advice and feedback on Council policies, plans, programs and services that impact (or may impact) LGBTIQ+ people.

*“This year was my ninth Pride March in Melbourne and our first for Stonnington. Every time I march, I march for visibility; to let everyone know that no matter who you are or who you love, you are important. I will never give up our fight for equality. And that’s why I’m proud to be a part of the newly established LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee right here in Stonnington.”*  
— Cr Scott South Ward

The LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee seeks to represent the voices of the broader Stonnington community and is committed to advocating for and creating an inclusive, safe community for LGBTIQ+ people and allies.



More information is available at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/LGBTIQ-Advisory-Committee](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/LGBTIQ-Advisory-Committee)



# Pop down to the pop up park

Outdoor games have never looked so inviting with the installation of the new (summer) pop up park in Prahran Square.

Join in the fun and visit the Leisure Loan Library to hire equipment to play mini golf, bocce, giant chess and other favourites.


The library is open from Monday to Saturday (closed on Sunday). Visit [prahransquare.com.au](http://prahransquare.com.au)



**Here's a selection.**

- » Grab a coffee.
- » Visit a playground or pop up park.
- » Walk the Yarra Trail.
- » Check out new bars, cafés, restaurants and clubs.
- » Pack a picnic.
- » Walk your dog responsibly in one of the dog off-leash parks.
- » Adopt a pet from SADS.
- » Sit under a tree.
- » Go shopping.
- » Visit Prahran Market.
- » Get on your bike.
- » Enjoy the parks, gardens and open spaces.
- » Kick a footy.
- » Watch birds at the Glen Iris Wetlands.
- » Walk along the Gardiners Creek Trail.
- » Get fit, keep healthy, stay active.
- » Swim at Harold Holt or Prahran Pool.
- » Carve it up at Prahran Skate Park.
- » Go for a run.
- » Try your hand at bocce or pétanque.
- » Join a sports club.
- » Meet your mates and dine outside.
- » Play cricket, soccer, netball, golf, tennis or lawn bowls.
- » Check out some outdoor art installations or street art.
- » Pop in to Prahran Square.
- » Wander down to the urban forest.
- » Take the kids outside.
- » Get some sunshine.

A new accessible and inclusive playground (about 100 metres south of existing playground) featuring swings, a cubby, music fence, trampoline and play table, plus a mix of soft and hard surfaces and custom play and furniture items for children, youth and adults of all abilities, and providing a new play experience for all.

 \*Dog-friendly reminder: keep your pooch on-leash at all times, except when in off-leash areas, and please pick up after your pooch.

 To plan your out and about activities, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/parks](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/parks)

- 1 Ardrie Park A B P
- 2 Hedgeley Dene Gardens A W
- 3 Malvern Public Gardens A W
- 4 Victoria Gardens D W
- 5 Princes Gardens D P S
- 6 Lumley Gardens A D P
- 7 Grattan Gardens A B W
- 8 Como Gardens R
- 9 Central Park D P W C
- 10 Caroline Gardens D P B
- 11 Darling Gardens A P
- 12 Sydare Reserve D P
- 13 McArthur Street Park P
- 14 Harry Gregory Reserve D
- 15 Brookville Gardens D P B
- 16 Rockley Gardens P
- 17 Tooronga Park D P
- 18 Phoenix Park B P K
- 19 Serrell Park Playground P
- 20 James Street Reserve P
- 21 Milton Gray Reserve Playground A D P

**28** Winter Street  
**29** Hobson Street  
**30** Windsor Siding **B** **P** **X**  
**31** Porter Street  
**32** Penpraze Park **P**

- 33 Grosvenor Street Reserve P
- 34 Como Park and Como Park North  
D P B
- 35 Chris Gahan Reserve D
- 36 Waverley Oval A D
- 37 Sir Zelman Cowan Reserve D P B
- 38 Percy Tretyvaud Memorial Park B
- 39 Royal South Yarra Tennis Club
- 40 Orrong Romanis Reserve D P B

- 41 Malvern Cricket Ground A D B
- 42 Toorak Park and Victory Oval A B
- 43 Gardiner Park D P B
- 44 Darling Park D P B
- 45 Malvern Tennis Centre P
- 46 Glendearg Malvern Tennis Centre
- 47 Malvern Valley Golf Course
- 48 Dyeworks Park B
- 49 T H King Oval A P B
- 50 Ferrie Oval
- 51 Malvern Bowling Club B
- 52 Melbourne Bowling Club
- 53 Toorak Bowling Club B
- 54 East Malvern Tennis Club
- 55 Hawksburn Tennis Club
- 56 Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
- 57 Princes Gardens Tennis Courts
- 58 Harold Holt Swim Centre
- 59 Prahran Aquatic Centre

60 Como House and Garden

61 Prahran Square  

- A** Accessible
- D** Dog-friendly
- B** BBQ facilities
- P** Children's playground
- S** Sportsground
- W** Water feature/fountain
- R** Rotunda
- C** Conservatory
- K** Skate park
- X** BMX track/cycling

The creation of pocket parks, pop up parks and more green space is possible through our Open Spaces Strategy funding – it's a long-term plan to increase public open space across Stonnington, which has the second lowest amount of public open space per person in any Victorian council – and to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone who works, lives or plays in Stonnington.

\*This is a small selection only; not all Stonnington parks, gardens, sportsgrounds, attractions and special features listed.  
To find out more, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au)



EVENT  
POSTPONED

# Stonnington presents Soiree

## 17 OCTOBER

Prahran comes alive this Melbourne Fringe Festival with **So Soiree**, a brand new event set to transform Grattan Gardens with a beautiful, intimate venue **The Parlour**.

You'll see award-winning comedy, cabaret and circus featuring Cal Wilson, Dave Thornton, Damien Power, Dilruk Jayasinha, Werk It, Blunderland and many more.

There will also be three intimate, live music one nighters at Chapel Off Chapel and a major festival event Town Choir at Prahran Square.



**Stonnington presents So Soiree**  
Keep an eye out for updates at [www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/Whats-On](http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/Whats-On)

## So Soiree – live music returns to Chapel Off Chapel

This October, Prahran's iconic Chapel Off Chapel continues its fine musical tradition with a series of live, intimate sessions – So Soiree, a fabulous new event as part of Melbourne Fringe.

With some of the most exciting artists emerging on the circuit, the series kicks off on 3 October with Zimbabwean-born, London-raised R'n'B artist KYE. Headlining on 10 October, we have Triple J Unearthed finalist and star on the rise Tulliah. Rounding off the series on 15 October, get up close and personal with John Floreani as he takes to the stage for one night only. Get in quick for your Chapel Fringe session fix as these gigs will fill up fast.



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



## Spring into Prahran Square

Keep an eye out for a pop of pink, when the pop up park returns for the season.

Spring back into your exercise program with your favourite health and fitness classes. And as the warmer weather approaches, it's the perfect time to join in Stonnington Libraries Stories and Songs in October. Help children discover the world around them and help foster their language and early literacy skills. Bring your child for a fun, 30-minute session of stories, rhymes and action songs. Suits children aged up to five years.

Visit [prahransquare.com.au](http://prahransquare.com.au)

## Flipping for seasonal sports

September is usually the time when the final siren sounds, the team song is belted out one last time and the footy season is over for another year.

This year might be a little different due to COVID but at Council we're still hard at work preparing the grounds for their next community use.

So, what happens to our sports fields? Plenty. Within weeks, grounds that may have hosted local football matches, will emerge as manicured ovals with perfect pitches eagerly waiting for the first ball of the summer cricket season to be bowled.

In all, 72 footy posts, four rugby poles and 10 soccer goals will be removed and 10 synthetic and nine turf wickets made ready.

Usually in October spectators settle into deck chairs to watch cricketers take to the field and the move to summer sport is complete. Whatever the outcome this year, our grounds will be ready!

Cricket and footy are not the only sports played in Stonnington.



We're home to athletics, baseball, basketball, netball, tennis and many more.

We hope to get back out there supporting our community to keep active through sport in time for summer.

\*Due to COVID, access to grounds, clubs, sport and facilities have changed. Community sport will return under COVID-safe arrangements, in line with State Government announcements on lockdowns and restrictions.

Find a local club at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/clubs](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/clubs)

EVENT  
POSTPONED

# Green on the screen

## 17 OCTOBER

Stonnington presents... a sustainable cinema series featuring family-friendly films in our parks and gardens.

Coinciding with the start of daylight savings, the series promotes sustainability and includes complementary elements before screenings such as garden tours, sustainability talks and workshops. Invite your family and friends for a double feature in Central Park or Malvern Gardens. Locations will alternate each week so check the website beforehand.



**Green on the Screen**  
Keep an eye out for updates at [www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/Whats-On](http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/Whats-On)

EVENT  
CANCELLED

# Foundations

## 17 OCTOBER

During school holidays  
September to 3 October  
10am – 4pm

Did you know there's a right way and wrong way to lift weights?

Would you like better body awareness or want to understand gym etiquette and equipment? Perhaps you need to increase your confidence?

Introducing Foundations, a free training program tailored to those aged 15 to 18 keen interested in learning how to use the gym, without the risk of injury.



Come to Harold Holt Health Club for a program hosted by a qualified fitness professional where you'll receive an initial health and movement assessment and access to the club. At the end of the program, you can continue using it free for another four weeks or become a member.





## Got it at *Prahran Market*

When you visit Prahran Market your senses are heightened, your appetite satisfied and your soul nourished by the sights, colours and aromas of delicious food, fruit, vegetables, produce, coffee and beautiful flowers.

Walking around the fresh food mecca really is an invigorating experience.

With coffee in hand, you'll be greeted by friendly smiles, meet amazing characters, hear marketeers do their famous final trading calls, and get some expert 'foodie' advice from provedores and connoisseurs, while sampling incredible foodstuffs along the way.

Serving customers for more than 150 years, there's lots more to discover including a hardware store, barber, outdoor seating, music, festivals, events, cooking demonstrations, sustainability products, a nurse, plus gourmet treats, hard-to-find ingredients and specialties: think artisan cheese, black truffles, organic, sustainably sourced products, tropical fruit and local seasonal vegetables for home cooks and wanna be master chefs. You'll find it all here.

Easy to get to by public transport and plenty of parking nearby  
163 Commercial Road, South Yarra  
Visit [prahranmarket.com.au](http://prahranmarket.com.au)

## Uncovering local stories

Calling all Stonnington locals, businesses and members of the community – we want to hear from you.

As part of Pride of Stonnington, we're looking for volunteers to profile in a campaign that tells and celebrates our community stories.

*“Stonnington is a wonderful place to live, work and visit and what makes it really special is of course, the people. Whether you live in Malvern East, are part of a community group in Prahran or work in South Yarra – there are many incredible people proud who call this community home and we want to hear their story.”*

— Cr Griffin North Ward

What makes you proud to live in Stonnington? Do you have a personal tale you'd like to share? Do you have a personal tale you'd like to share? Or maybe you know someone with an incredible story – a friend, neighbour or colleague perhaps?



**Hamid Zapatero is one of them. A master cobbler on Glenferrie Road, he has a loyal following for his expert shoe repairs.**

“My connection to the local community is because of my customers' loyalty and the respect they have for this trade and my workmanship,” said Hamid.

Follow him on Instagram  
[hamidzapatero@](https://www.instagram.com/hamidzapatero/)  
[glenferrieroadmalvern](https://www.instagram.com/glenferrieroadmalvern/)

Get in touch and share your story with us via  
[marketing@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:marketing@stonnington.vic.gov.au)

## Venture down Toorak Road

**With so much to discover, shop, eat and play, there will be something to fill your weekends in South Yarra.**

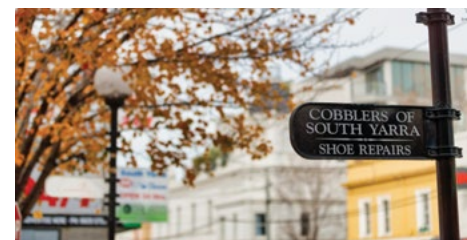
Toorak Road is spoilt for choice when it comes to an authentic modern Australian brunch. For a hit of poached eggs, smashed avocado and a freshly brewed coffee, check out the many cafés.

To find something unique, check out the amazing range of boutiques featuring local and international designs.

Or why not pamper yourself at one of the beauty salons. Whether it's a new shampoo for your new platinum blonde hair or a clay mask to keep your face glowing, Toorak Road will have it in stock for you.

Pop down to the boulevard of beauty and see what's new to discover along one of Stonnington's favourite shopping precincts.

To find out more, visit  
[toorakroadsouthyarra.com.au](http://toorakroadsouthyarra.com.au)



## Call for volunteers

**Have you ever thought about becoming a volunteer or joining a community group?**

There are many organisations in Stonnington where you can lend a hand, and now is a great time for getting involved in what's happening in your local area.

Volunteering is a good way to get connected with like-minded people and help local causes.



## Find your inner gardener

**We work with a number of local community groups committed to enhancing biodiversity and sustainability and spring is a great time to get involved.**

Meet other gardeners, get involved in planting and caring for local parks, green spaces and waterways by joining a Stonnington gardening group.

Find out how you can be involved in volunteering or joining a group at  
[stonnington.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory)





# Save the *date*

If you're interested in an upcoming event, would like to watch a Council meeting or would appreciate a memory jogger for dates to remember, we've compiled a list of Stonnington events, activities and important dates throughout spring.

Tick what interests you, pop the list on the fridge and never miss a date again.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

### September



05 Father's Day	06 Council meeting	17 Term 3 school last day	20 Council meeting
24 AFL Grand Final public holiday	24 Spring gardening workshop	30 Rates instalment 1 due	

### October



01 Seniors Festival launch	03 Sustainable Outdoor Film Series Daylight Savings starts	04 Term 4 school starts	04 Council meeting
07-17 So Soiree @ Grattan Gardens	10 Green Screen outdoor cinema series	17 Green Screen outdoor cinema series	18 Council meeting
18-24 Aussie Backyard Bird Count	20 Ride2Work Day	24 Green Screen outdoor cinema series	31 Green Screen outdoor cinema series

### November



01 Council meeting	02 Melbourne Cup public holiday	08-14 National Recycling Week	15 Council meeting
18-21 [untitled] Literary Festival	23 Council meeting (Mayoral election)	29 Council meeting	30 Rates instalment 2 due

1 December Summer starts today

#### More information

- For a full list of events, including location and booking details, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/events](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/events)
- For Council meeting information, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/councilmeeting](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/councilmeeting)
- Important dates



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\*Save the Date information was correct at time of print. Before attending an event, visit our website to check details.



# Meet *your* Council

## NORTH WARD

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



### Cr Kate Hely Mayor

A key theme of our draft Council Plan is ensuring Stonnington has thriving neighbourhoods – places with distinctive character we celebrate and communities we feel part of. Central to this is bringing to life the concept of 20-minute neighbourhoods – where we have access to schools, shops, restaurants, parks and gardens, workplaces, playgrounds, cultural centres, early education... all within a 20-minute walk or cycle. When we live and love local, we feel safer, healthier and happier, with stronger local economies, less retail vacancy and increased property values. Lockdowns forced us to live and love our 5km radius; let's make that a long-term thing.

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### Cr Marcia Griffin

It has been another difficult year with ongoing fear around COVID, but I am so proud of how our community has shown resilience and positivity. Sport is a wonderful way to stay fit, healthy and connected, and we have so many great local sporting clubs and associations. These help keep our community together at a time when we can be lonely and isolated. Community sport can only happen with dedicated volunteers – I pay tribute to all of you. For those preferring passive recreation, there are great places to walk – along the Yarra, in parks and through our amazing shopping strips.

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### Cr Matthew Koce

South Yarra is about to get a new green space, with construction of the Hobson Street pocket park on track for an October opening. The park will feature a lawn area, lots of trees and plants, a paved courtyard, shelter, seats, pathways and lighting. Compared to other Melbourne councils, Stonnington has one of the lowest amounts of open space per person. Hobson Street, and similar projects in the pipeline, are addressing this by increasing our areas of open space. Our Open Spaces Strategy provides a long-term plan to do this, including innovative ways to improve and increase green space across the city.

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## SOUTH WARD

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



### Cr Melina Sehr Deputy Mayor

Now more than ever, we need to support local shops, precincts and businesses – the heart and soul of our community. With spring here, it's a great time to get out of the house and go shopping, dining or catching up locally with friends and loved ones. Visit your favourites, buy something new, try something different and spoil yourself in Stonnington. Try Chapel Street, Greville Street, High Street, Glenferrie Road, Windsor, Hawksburn Village or Toorak Road. Our traders are waiting to welcome customers and clients and when you shop local, you help businesses stay in business – and they love you for it.

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### Cr Nicki Batagol

Through my children, I'm involved in a number of local sporting clubs. Not only do they support skills development and provide lessons about working in a team, but they also instil a sense of community. I feel very lucky to have formed so many friendships by spending time at both training sessions and match day. Our open spaces also provide an important connection for our community, and COVID helped me to discover new spaces to walk my dog and exercise outside. We may be short on open space, but we're great at making the most of what we have, check out [stonnington.vic.gov.au/parks](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/parks)

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### Cr Mike Scott

Spring has returned and as we embrace our wonderful parks, the brighter days ahead and a shift to warmer weather, it's important to keep safe and well. The change in season usually brings sneezes, coughs and sniffles. If you're like me, allergic reactions to certain trees and pollens can make us feel unwell. It's important to take time out, allow your body to adjust and sense what's happening. I've just returned from some leave in preparation for the busy, dynamic season ahead. Speaking of which, our upcoming festivals and events are looking amazing. I look forward to seeing you there.

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## EAST WARD

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



### Cr Jami Klisaris

Have you visited Central Park in Malvern East? There are gorgeous landscaped gardens lined with trees, shrubs and flowerbeds, paved walking trails and green spaces that are perfect for walks, recreation and picnics. Featuring one of the oldest conservatories in Victoria, it's both family and pet friendly (with dog off-leash area), and has an oval for cricket, soccer and team sports. There's also a great shopping strip nearby. Central Park is also home to some of our biggest and best events, with Christmas Carols, Sunset Sounds and Pets in the Park recently locked in for our 2021/22 festival and events program.

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### Cr Alexander Lew

I have always been a strong advocate for rate cuts to help residents and businesses recover from COVID restrictions pain. In preparation for the budget, Cr Marcia Griffin and I fought hard for a plan to cut rates. This plan was supported by an online petition that received more than 420 signatures. Council also received 131 submissions from trader associations and residents pleading for a rate freeze or rate cut. I'm disappointed the majority of Council approved putting up rates by the maximum amount allowable by the Victorian Government. Accordingly, tenants can expect rents to go up and owner occupiers can expect another rate increase in 2021.

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### Cr Polly Morgan

Our community is passionate about protecting heritage buildings and Malvern is the first suburb completed in a Stonnington-wide suburb review. It's also the first comprehensive street-by-street assessment in the eastern half of our municipality. The review outlined a plan to apply a heritage overlay to 19 individually significant places and four precincts, and also strengthened our knowledge of 25 already identified places. Learn more about this work at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/heritage](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/heritage)

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