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A word from the Mayor

Around fifty per cent of the phone calls and emails I get from residents are related to planning, so Councillors know how important this is to our community.

Stonnington is growing and changing, with our population of around 120,000 expected to grow by 15 per cent over the next 15 years due to Victorian Government growth plans and strategies. This places pressure on our neighbourhoods, which is then passed on to our residents.

Council treats each planning application on its merits and tries to deliver the best outcome possible. This can mean interventions like seeking more parking within a building, a bigger setback from the street, better tree retention or one or two less storeys on the building. If you get a notification of a planning application near you, get involved in the process – you might be surprised by what can be achieved.

Sometimes when Council does refuse an application it will go to the Victorian Civil and Administration Tribunal (VCAT) and a decision made by your local representatives can be overturned – including any modifications we may have been able to negotiate in partnership with residents. This is an unfortunate reality of the planning system that we must take into consideration.

Recently we have been asking people about planning opportunities and challenges as the first step in a review of our Planning Scheme. I look forward to reading your feedback, which we will use to inform what needs to be reviewed or changed in our Planning Scheme. To stay up-to-date, visit connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/planning



We have also recently been working with other councils to make sure Victoria's planning system encourages sustainable development – a key part of our Climate Emergency Action Plan.

On a lighter note, I love spring in Stonnington – when our parks and gardens come alive with people enjoying the sunshine. It is also an exciting time in Melbourne's events calendar, check out the back cover of Stonnington News to learn about the return of So Soiree on our amazing Greville Street in Prahran.

Cr Jami Klisaris
Mayor
City of Stonnington

Residential parking permit eligibility now available online

We've made it easier to check if your property is eligible for a residential parking permit via a new mapping tool on our website.

Simply enter your address, and what used to be a phone call, can now be done online.

- Check if you're eligible at stonnington.vic.gov.au/parking-eligibility
- ☎ or call 8290 1333

Connecting community

'Connecting our community through food and friendship' is more than just a motto for the people at C Care; it's their way of life and it shows in the care, sensitivity and respect they give to people in need.

C Care is a frontline community organisation providing culturally appropriate and easy-to-access resources for vulnerable members of the community, and supporting individuals and families experiencing food insecurity and social isolation with a range of services.

The pandemic, and subsequent lockdowns, have created financial hardship for many. Compounding this challenge is the rise in the cost of living, which has exacerbated the issue of food insecurity.

C Care Marketing Manager, Cara Susskind, said over the past year, the number of recipients supported by C Care nearly doubled from 776 recipients in June 2021, to nearly 1,500 at June 2022, and this growth

continues to increase. As a recipient of the City of Stonnington Community Grants program (in 2021), C Care has provided monthly support with customised pantry boxes, fresh produce packs, nutritious, hot meals and low-cost \$5 meals, and buddy calls.

"By providing C Care with funding, Stonnington has graciously facilitated access to healthy, nutritious food, allowing us to support 120 food-insecure, socially isolated, CALD Stonnington households," said Cara.

- To learn more, visit ccare.org.au
- Facebook.com/ccare.org.au

Our Community Grants program helps local groups with projects that have outcomes aligned with our vision of supporting an inclusive, healthy, creative, sustainable and smart community.

➤ For the full-length story, go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/news

Advocating for our community

Our Council Plan 2021–25 details how we will strive towards delivering on our Stonnington Community Vision 2040; to be a safe, inclusive and creative City, one where we celebrate our people, history and culture, and embrace a healthy and sustainable way of life.

One of the ways we do this is through advocacy and seeking financial or policy support from the Victorian and Australian governments.

We are pleased to share that during 2022, we were successful in securing a range of grants and commitments from multiple levels of government, as part of our advocacy efforts.

At the recent federal election, the Australian Labor Party made local commitments to provide:

- > \$1m for Gardiners Creek (KooyongKoot) – Glen Iris Wetlands
- > \$250,000 to Rewilding Stonnington (Kooyong to Heyington Nature Walk and a South Yarra-Prahran-Windsor Indigenous Heritage Walk), and
- > \$25,000 to Wattletree Early Childhood Centre.



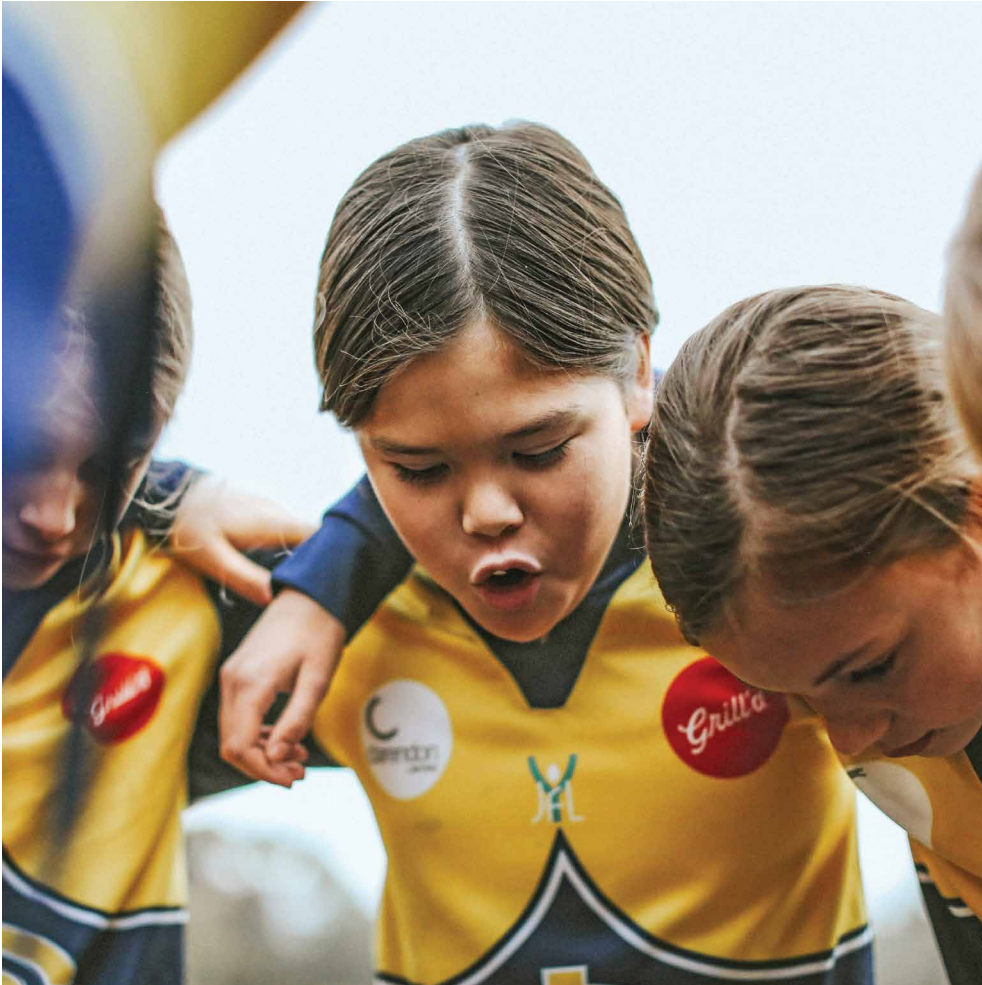
Our attention has now turned to the upcoming State government election (in November) where we will continue to advocate for our community.

- For details on our advocacy priorities for the upcoming election, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/advocacy

Reconciliation Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge we are meeting on the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nations and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We acknowledge their living connection to Country, relationship with the land and all living things extending back tens of thousands of years.

Cover image:
Future AFL stars in the making, Glen Iris Junior Football Club, The Gladiators, at Righetti Oval: (L to R) Juliet, Lucinda and Matilda.



KEEPING SPORTING FACILITIES NUMBER 1



Sport and community activities are back on the agenda again and in full swing with plenty of work being done to make sure our facilities can keep pace.

Celebrating Active Stonnington

- around the grounds, looking back, moving forward

Since launching in 2016, Active Stonnington has kept residents on their feet and moving with a range of activities in partnership with local sporting organisations and resources.

Inclusive sport programs are a key focus of our Active Stonnington initiative, and with the support of Sport4All, were among the most well-received in the past 12 months.

Our popular ‘come and try’ sessions in December 2021, in support of International Day of People with Disability, allowed our community to go beyond being just a spectator and directly experience sports like wheelchair rugby, wheelchair football and blind football. Wheelchair basketball also featured as part of April’s popular Pop-Up Basketball Series, that saw Prahran Square converted into an exciting half-court open for public use.

A total of 36 per cent of Stonnington sporting organisations is currently engaging with the Sport4All program and that figure continues to rise – benefitting organisations and participants alike.

As well as programs run in partnership with Sport4All, Active Stonnington has also worked with local organisations on their campaigns and events. These include Melbourne Rugby Union Club (Wheelchair Rugby club day, Sense Rugby program), St Kevin’s Football Club (inaugural Pride Cup in June), Old Xaverians Football Club (Game Changers seminar), Prahran Cricket Club (blind cricket exhibition match with the Victorian Blind Cricket Association), and many more.


Active Stonnington is also supporting Outside the Locker Room, a Council-funded initiative supporting health and welfare education to improve individual and collective wellbeing and connection in the community through conversation at clubs.

Clubs participate in two mental health skills sessions lasting an hour each, facilitating conversations about mental health, supporting others experiencing mental health challenges, and other areas such as drug, alcohol or gambling, inclusion, respect and resilience.

So what’s next for Active Stonnington? September sees the launch of the This Girl Can campaign, inspiring women and girls to be more active in whichever way they can.

There is also a number of infrastructure projects underway to ensure our residents have the best facilities and resources needed to be active.

Active Stonnington has certainly lived up to its name and there are many more exciting sport and recreation initiatives to follow, so come on, get Stonnington active!



Find out how you can be active and get involved at stonnington.vic.gov.au/active

We’ve completed a number of projects, with many more currently in progress, to improve the experience of participants and spectators.

Major construction and redevelopment projects are underway at Percy Trevaud Memorial Park in Malvern East and Orrong Park Tennis Centre in Armadale. Works at Orrong Park Tennis Centre will see repairs to the existing tennis courts, and a conversion into multi-purpose surfaces so that netball can be played, allowing more people greater use of the facility.

A key consideration of these projects has been the need to provide up-to-date facilities for women and girls’ sport. Netball has the highest female participation rates of any team sport in Australia, and other sports like tennis, soccer and Australian Rules Football also rank highly.

Como Park in South Yarra has also been redeveloped, with reconstruction of the ground, new irrigation and drainage systems installed, along with other improvements to ensure footballers and cricketers can get the most out of the venue.

A proposal is underway for Central Park in Malvern East to see low-spill, adjustable lighting installed at John Landy Oval, currently one of the few sporting grounds without existing lighting.

Community consultation will help to decide whether the lights will be operating on weekend nights for public use. Council has already approved their use on weeknights during winter when the sun sets earlier. This will provide greater access to the oval year-round without the constraints of the reduced daylight hours of winter.

We’re committed to supporting, facilitating and promoting local sport and active communities, and we know you’ll find what you need to keep active.



Investing in our neighbourhoods



Our city continues to invest in new and existing community infrastructure with Council approving a \$72.8m program of capital works in the 2022–23 Budget.

This financial year, we will deliver a \$15.4m package of civil engineering works including a multi-million dollar program of laneway and road improvements, \$2m for asphalt road resurfacing and more than \$1.5m in drainage repairs and improvement works.

Landscape projects will total \$12.9 million. Some of the larger projects include funding of just under \$1.5m to build new accessible playgrounds at Sir Zelman Cowan Reserve and Central Park, \$1m to upgrade the Toorak Village streetscape and \$2.7m delivering sports

courts, and a new skate park and basketball court at Princes Gardens. Funding of \$819,000 has also gone towards the Thomas Oval dog park, due to open this spring.

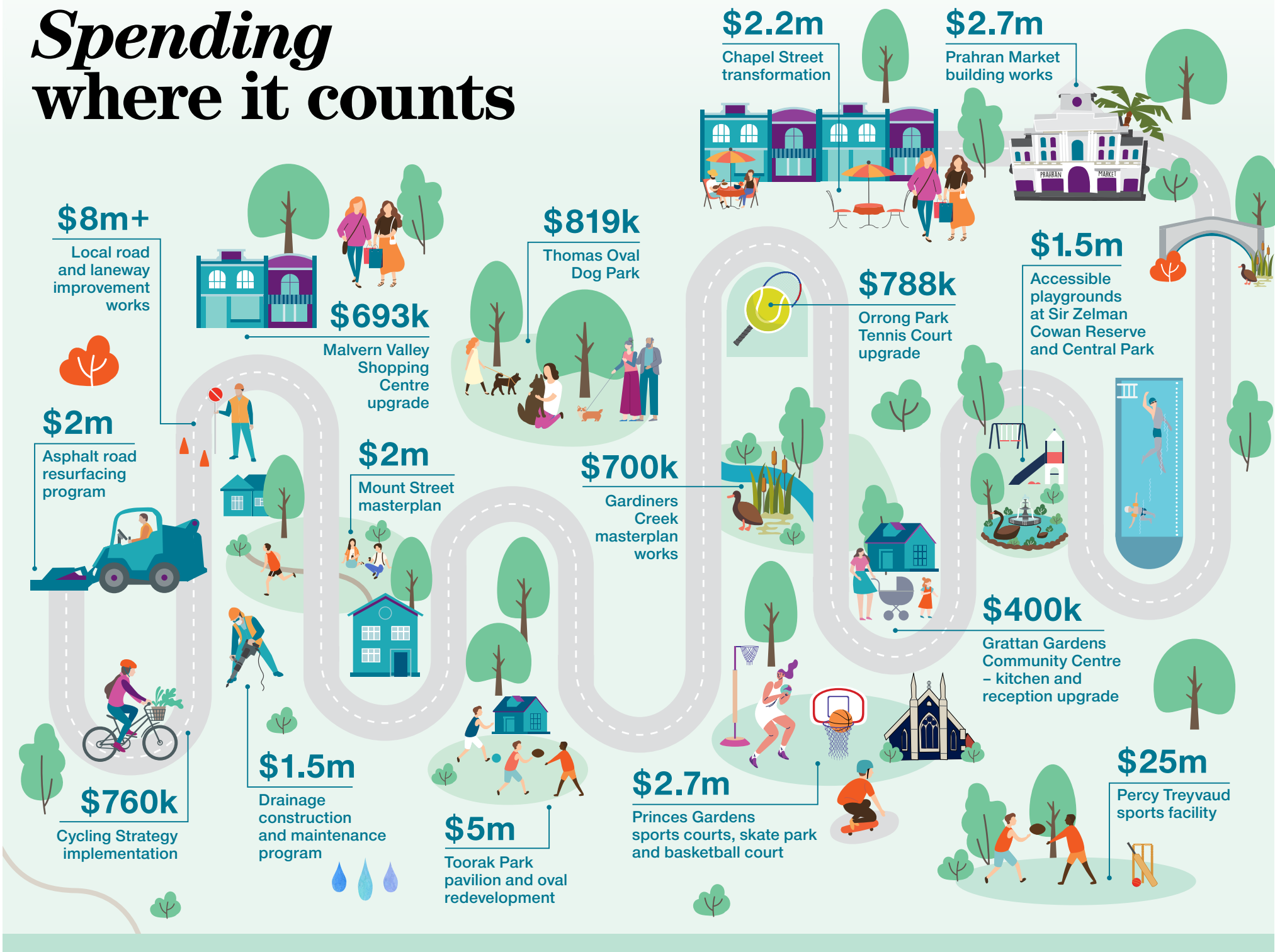
The \$44.5m building projects budget sees \$25m going to the construction of new sport facilities at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park, \$5m for pavilion and oval redevelopment works at Toorak Park and more than \$1m in improvements to tennis centres in Malvern East and South Yarra. We will also be spending \$2.7m maintaining the Prahran Market building and \$800,000 for air conditioning upgrades at community buildings.

For a full list of works, view the 2022–23 Budget at stonnington.vic.gov.au/budget



Artist impression of Toorak Park Pavilion

Spending where it counts



Follow the tree trail at Malvern Public Gardens

Visitors to Malvern Public Gardens can now enjoy a stroll through one of Stonnington’s oldest heritage parks and learn more about some of the trees that live there.

A recently-installed Malvern Public Gardens sign highlights sixteen significant trees planted throughout the gardens, explaining the characteristics of each tree and an illustration of their flower.

The large information sign is positioned next to the central path that runs from High Street to Ascot Street, and smaller tree-specific signs are located at the base of each of the sixteen significant trees.

On a recent visit to the gardens, Cr Polly Morgan stopped to view the new sign and was impressed with what she saw.

Developed over twenty years from 1888, Malvern Public Gardens was the first public garden for the then Malvern Shire Council and is known for its curved pathways, flowerbeds, native and exotic trees, and ornamental pond and fountain.

“What a great idea, celebrating the park with information about its history, and encouraging people to explore this beautiful garden through a numbered tree trail. I can see residents really enjoying exploring the gardens, following the tree trail and learning more about the eclectic mix of trees that play a part in making Malvern Gardens so special.”
— Cr Morgan East Ward

Visit Malvern Public Gardens at the corner of High and Park streets in Malvern



Percy Treyvaud construction news

Six months into the planned two-year build, construction of our new sports facility is progressing well and on track for an early 2024 completion.

Since moving onto site, builder ADCO Constructions has demolished the old clubrooms and facilities used by the bowls, tennis, lacrosse and cricket clubs, and built new temporary facilities on the edge of the sports oval for the lacrosse and cricket clubs still based at the park.

If you’re wondering where the tennis and bowls club have gone, they haven’t gone far. Both have temporarily relocated to clubs nearby and will move back to their home at Percy Treyvaud when the new facilities are built. In the meantime, contact details are on their websites: chadstonebowls.com.au and chadstonetennisclub.com

A temporary car park with entry from Chadstone Road has been made available for park users and the playground at the Quentin Road end

will remain open throughout construction.

All bulk earthworks, site excavation and boring is finished, and construction of the new undercover car park is well advanced – the roof of the car park will eventually be topped with the lawn bowling green.

The wooden fencing surrounding the site has taken on a colourful new look, with a delightful art trail running along the Rob Roy Road frontage and next to the Quentin Road playground. The art trail is the work of Prep to Year 6 students from nearby Malvern Valley Primary School, who have created wonderful self-portraits inspired by the theme: Me playing my favourite sport.

The fence facing the oval has also been spruced up with artist impressions of the new sports facility.

To stay up-to-date with the project, sign up for our regular email newsletter at stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp

Get set to *dive back in* at Harold Holt

Taking the plunge at Harold Holt Swim Centre will make a welcome return this summer, when the dive pool comes back into operation after a full renovation.

Overlooking the dive pool, the iconic dive tower has also been restored to its former glory and, although not returning to public use, will stand as a monument to a bygone era.

Listed on the Victorian Heritage Register, both the dive pool and tower have sat idle since 2003 when they were shut down due to safety concerns.

A keen supporter of the pool and tower restoration, Cr Matthew Koce has his sights set on being one of the first to take the plunge when the pool reopens.

“Like many Harold Holt regulars I’m really excited to see the dive pool reopen after nearly two decades out of action. Getting the dive pool back has been many years in the making and I’m thrilled we are closing in on the day when locals can once again enjoy springing off a diving board into the pool. The addition of heating is an improvement I think everyone will enjoy and will make the dive pool useable all year round.”
— Cr Koce North Ward

The dive pool and tower restoration is part of a larger program of works that includes replacing the old spa with a new in-ground model, making improvements to the group fitness area and building a new plant room.

There are more improvements planned for the facility, with the outdoor pool concourse and spectator viewing area earmarked for an upgrade within the next couple of years.



Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/haroldholt-improvements

OUR COMMUNITY, OUR SERVICES

– support throughout the ages and stages

Stonnington celebrates and supports our community by offering a wide range of accessible, inclusive services, programs and events for all ages and stages of life – all year round.

From health services, day-care facilities, libraries and youth programs, to in-home delivered meals, accessible sport and community transport – Council provides essential community services designed to care for and strengthen the health and wellbeing of all our residents.

Throughout spring and beyond, we continue to celebrate and support the Stonnington community.

“We play a critical role in providing services that help develop a thriving and connected community. Supported playgroups benefit both parents and children by developing new relationships and skills at such an important time when caring for young children.”

— Cr Nicki Batagol
South Ward



HERE’S A SUMMARY OF OUR SERVICES



Maternal and child health

We operate five Maternal and Child Health (MCH) centres. Over the last four years, they

- > welcomed 1,000 babies
- > held more than 8,000 Key Ages and Stages (KAS) consultations
- > supported over 500 first-time mothers, and
- > facilitated almost 600 hours of group support.

Our MCH service is free for families with children from birth to school age.

Immunisation services

We offer free vaccines to children under the National Immunisation Program and the Victorian-funded immunisation program and some user-pay vaccines (not currently funded under the national program).

Regular sessions are held throughout the year at Prahran, Malvern East and Malvern. From January to May this year, for children aged six weeks to four years of age, we

- > held more than 33 sessions
- > administered more than 2,100 vaccines, and
- > provided protection for over 14 diseases.



To book, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/immunisation

Early years

Our Early Years Services support children’s developmental stages and their emotional, mental and physical needs through quality childcare and education, including long day care, sessional care and kindergarten.

Our Council-owned centres host excursions where children enjoy exploring local parks and shops, and visits to Coles, the Post Office and libraries.

To learn more, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/early-years



Playgroups

Each term, Supported Playgroups are run for up to 25 families within the Stonnington area.

These groups help families who require additional support to enhance their child’s learning and development with fun play opportunities and activities.

Families can also be referred to services to build connection with the community and other local families and in-home coaching with an emphasis on parental self-care. Sessions run weekly during school terms.

To find out more, contact your Maternal Child Health Nurse on 132 229



Youth

Our Youth Services offer events, programs and activities to support our young people aged 10–25 years who live, study in or are connected to Stonnington.

The Prahran Child and Youth Community Wellbeing Hub (known as The Hub) provides engagement, learning and recreational opportunities for children aged 6 to 12 years, who live in public housing in the South Yarra and Prahran areas.

- > Drop in: to The Hub and enjoy games, music, food and more. Suitable for young people aged 11–17.
- > Employment support: provides one-to-one support for 14–25 year-olds to help with resume writing, cover letters and job applications.
- > Expressions Committee: is for those aged 14–25 to help organise events that celebrate diversity. In July, the Expressions Committee hosted free sustainable workshops where participants created wearable art and trash couture, then showcased their creations at an exhibition.
- > Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and barista course: free courses to get upskilled for work in hospitality. RSA is for people aged 18–25 and free barista training is for 14–25 year-olds, (September and November).

Check it all out at youth.stonnington.vic.gov.au

Aged and disability

We provide in-home and community services for older residents, and offer support for people with disability and their carers that includes

- > the Engaged program and events
- > accessible arts and recreational programs
- > delivered meals
- > personal, home and respite care, and
- > community transport.

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

Meet U There

This is a new social group bringing locals (65+) together over lunch at a local café.

The group meets every Wednesday at Fourth Chapter, and every Thursday at the Phoenix Park Café, and the program is set to expand to other days and cafés. People from all backgrounds are welcome to come along for lunch.

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

Walk and Talk Buddies

This inclusive program encourages local seniors to get out in the fresh air and improve fitness while exploring parks and gardens.

We recently welcomed some new walkers – families from our Supported Playgroups program, with parents and kids aged up to five years. The walk offers intergenerational connections that enrich the experiences of young and older members of our community.

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

The *art* of prevention



What do paintings of a cheeky pug, a pink kangaroo, an oversized zip, and butterflies and teapots with human-like faces have in common?

These unique and colourful artworks feature on Traffic Signal Boxes (TSBs) based around Stonnington and are all part of our exciting graffiti prevention program.

While our Graffiti Management team continues to remove large volumes of graffiti, public art projects like TSBs are an effective way of discouraging graffiti and adding a visually appealing dimension to our streets.

Supported by Stonnington Middle Years and Youth Services, the program (taking place twice a year), gives young people the opportunity to be mentored by professional artists and is a platform for showcasing their art.

Four artists participated in the program in February this year under the mentorship of professional artists Giovanna da Silva and Blaine Ellis.

For local Year 12 Mac.Robertson Girls' High School student Wendy Shan (pictured), whose artwork adorns the TSB at 15 Clendon Road, Armadale, it was a chance to step out of her comfort zone and create something original.

"I was initially apprehensive to paint in front of so many people on the street, but the encouragement I received from kind strangers fueled my confidence and made me feel proud of creating art," said Wendy.

Wendy's artwork was inspired by her loyal pug Lu Lu. On one side of the box, Lu Lu wears a baseball cap, on the other, she wears a yellow dress and appears to be dancing under a rain of flowers.

Preventative initiatives such as street art and painting TSBs are some of the ways we are aiming to mitigate anti-social behaviour like graffiti. We'll continue to respond to this challenging issue and partner with neighbouring councils and Victoria Police to find solutions.

You can see newly-painted TSBs at 311 Dandenong Road, Prahran, 15 Clendon Road, Armadale, 458 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong and 613 Toorak Road, Toorak.



For the full-length story, go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/news

CELEBRATING SENIORS

For Stonnington residents – always young at heart, don't forget the Seniors Festival, 1 to 31 October.



It's time to sing, dance, celebrate spring and new beginnings and what better way to celebrate than with a Big Band concert: Bring it Home?

Dress up and step out for a great time and enjoy a musical afternoon celebrating older people and older artists. Featuring live music, stories, sing-alongs, dancing and more, The Bring it Home Big Band, with musicians Wilbur Wilde, Rebecca Barnard and Alison Ferrier, will get your toes tapping and your body moving.



13 October
1.30pm–3pm



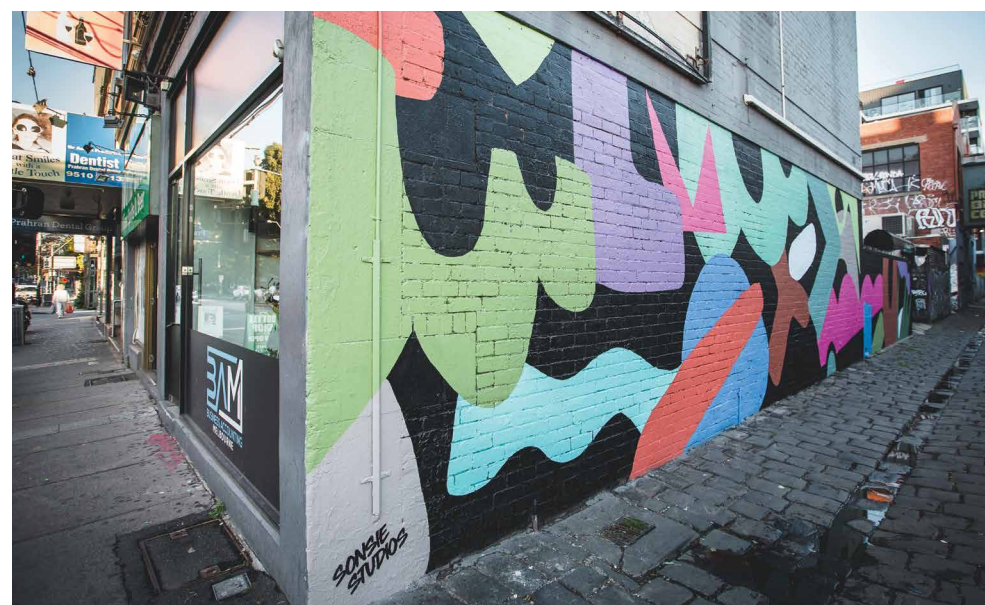
St Kilda Town Hall, corner Brighton Road and Carlisle Street, St Kilda



To learn more, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/engaged

➤ This free event is presented in partnership with City of Stonnington and the cities of Bayside, Glen Eira and Port Phillip.

➤ Check out the program at seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival



STREETSCAPES – colouring our world

Check out artist Paul Sonsie's incredible mural at 224 Malvern Road, one of three that makes up Streetscapes.

An initiative arising out of our Covid Recovery Plan, Streetscapes is a collaboration between our Graffiti Management and Visual Arts teams. The initiative sees the installation of large-scale murals in heavy graffiti areas to promote visitation, improve public safety and support the economic growth of our local community.

Created by Melbourne-based artists, the murals portray movement and

progression after an extended period of slowness.

Graphic, enticing and engaging, the themes are a celebration as we welcome back our community in 2022.

Next time you're in this area, look out for the mural, and immerse yourself in some great local street art.



224 Malvern Road, Prahran



For the full-length story, go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/news

There's more to Council...

There's more to our services than just roads, rates, rubbish.

We also provide libraries, pools and aquatic centres, and help facilitate community safety, health and wellbeing, access and inclusion, gender equality and Indigenous initiatives to support our community.



Find out more at stonnington.vic.gov.au



SO SOIREE FRINGE GARDEN

So Soiree is for all the roaming revellers, creatures of the night, art darlings and social butterflies.

A unique destination, and part of Melbourne Fringe Festival, So Soiree is proudly developed and produced by City of Stonnington, and delivers a curated program within an immersive fringe garden and bespoke parlour tent.

The 10-day event showcases a niche program of artists pushing the boundaries of comedy, circus, cabaret and burlesque. Star-studded with impressive acts and outstanding shows, you'll be crying with laughter, blushing with delight, and euphoric from an excellent night out.

Ticketed and free events



13–23 October
5pm to midnight



More information at sosoiree.com.au



RADIAL BY BACK TO BACK THEATRE

Radial is a portrait of our community in motion.

Filmed on a circular camera track and led by members of the internationally-acclaimed Back to Back Theatre ensemble, this playful experimental short film puts the people of Fringe centre frame.

Radial is our community in motion with 12 artists (from fringe festivals past and present) taking to the streets of Prahran – with its thumping nightlife and long history of supporting diverse communities – in a celebration of clubbing culture, conceived, filmed and created over the 18 days of the festival (6–23 October).



6–23 October



Chapel Off Chapel




Check melbournefringe.com.au



ROCKING THE SUBURBS *with new music events*

This October, the iconic Chapel Off Chapel plays host to three exciting nights of diverse live music in the intimate and iconic venue.

Our Chapel Sessions series is your chance to get up-close and personal and experience a program of incredible artists, including one of Australia's best vocalists, THNDO.



Bookings at chapeloffchapel.com.au

BLOCK ROCKIN' BEATS

In November, Prahran Square presents its first ever major live music event – Prahran Square Block Party.

Expect invigorating block rockin' beats in our award-winning urban parkland with DJs and live music. Open-air, festival atmosphere, suitable for all ages.



Free event



20 November
1pm–7pm



More information at prahransquare.com.au

These events are part of Creative Victoria's On The Road Again initiative to support the return of live music events across the state.



SPRING COMMUNITY CALENDAR

– your mini guide to what's on this spring

September

01 / Songs from the Canyon at Chapel Off Chapel 1–3 September

04 / Father's Day

08 / R U OK? Day

12 / Council meeting

17 / School holidays start

23 / AFL Grand Final Friday public holiday

24 / AFL Grand Final

26 / Council meeting

*Keep an eye on your letterbox for information on the spring Hard Waste Collection

October

01 / Victorian Seniors Festival 1–31 October

02 / School holidays end

02 / Daylight saving time starts

06 / Melbourne Fringe Festival 6–23 October

10 / Council meeting

10 / Melbourne Spring Fashion Week 10–16 October

13 / So Soiree Fringe Garden 13–23 October

14 / Melbourne International Jazz Festival 14–23 October

17 / Aussie Backyard Bird Count 17–23 October

24 / Council meeting

26 / Stonnington Volunteer Awards

31 / Halloween

November

01 / November 1–31 November

01 / Melbourne Cup public holiday

07 / National Recycling Week 7–11 November

11 / Remembrance Day

12 / Garage Sale Trail 12–13 and 19–20 November

14 / Council meeting

18 / [untitled]: Literary Festival 18–20 November

20 / Prahran Square Block Party

22 / Council meeting

25 / 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence 25 November –10 December

26 / 2022 Victorian election

28 / Council meeting

Keep up-to-date with all our winter events and activities at



stonnington.vic.gov.au/whats-on



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Council event

Significant day

Taking stock of *bin lid* roll out

For the past few months we've been doing a stocktake of Stonnington's fleet of residential kerbside waste and recycling bins.

This huge task has been completed by a team of people working their way across the city, going street by street counting bins on waste and recycling collection days.

In hi-vis, and with Stonnington identification, the team used a smart phone app to match the number of bins at a property to the number recorded in our property and rating system – confirming or adjusting the numbers and bin sizes accordingly. Food and green waste bins were not counted as we already have exact figures for these.



Accurate residential waste and recycling bin numbers are needed as we prepare for next year's citywide roll out of new lids to match Australian Standard bin lid colours: red for general waste, yellow for recycling and green for food and green waste.

You may see the new lid colours popping up in your neighbourhood as we are already using the Australian Standard colours for new and replacement bins.

In more bin news...

We're changing the burgundy food and green waste bins to new bins that match the Australian Standard bin colour: black body, green lid.

From this August, if you have a food and green waste bin, we will swap it after it has been emptied with a new bin made of 60 per cent recycled plastic. And your old bin won't go to waste as it will be sent off to be recycled too.

To learn more, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/waste-changes

YOUR FEEDBACK –



where does it go?

When you give feedback on Council plans, strategies or services, your views don't go to waste and are integral to ensuring what we do aligns with your expectations.

To show what we hear matters, we've summarised on our website feedback from the recently adopted Walking Action Plan – what we heard and how it influenced the plan.

The Walking Action Plan is one of many projects we engage on every year, and where your views can make a real difference.

See the feedback that informed the plan at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/wp

Also on Connect Stonnington, over the next few months you can review and provide feedback on

- > our Place-Led Economic Development Strategy (including helping us find a better name)
- > shaping how we deliver early years services for our littlest Stonnington residents, and
- > the future of outdoor dining in Beatty Avenue, Armadale.

Wetlands *valuable function* to our urban landscape



While our wetlands are certainly beautiful, they are not just there for looks.

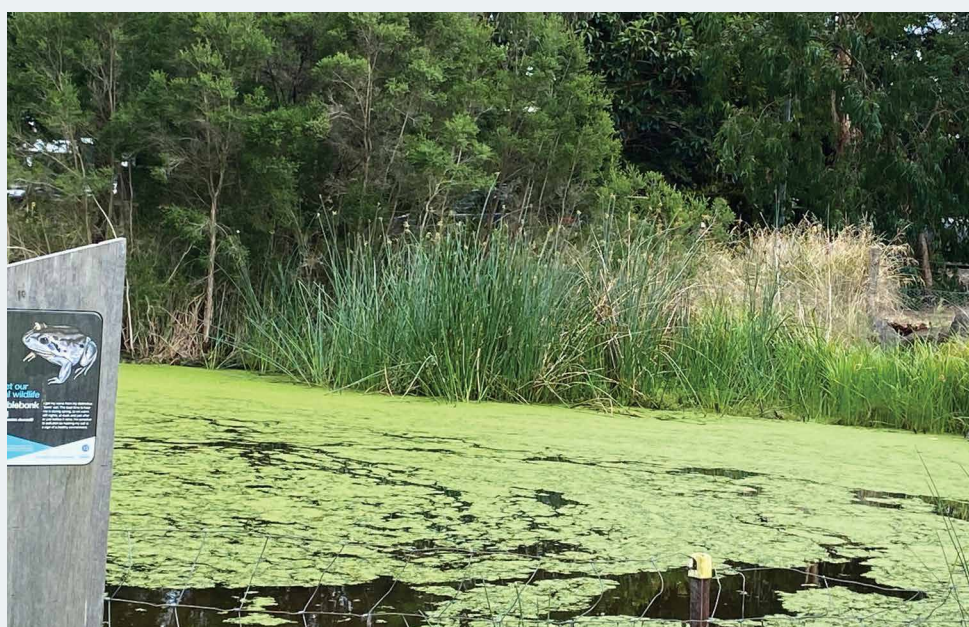
Urban wetlands play an important role in enhancing liveability and biodiversity, and filtering pollutants from stormwater to help keep our waterways and oceans clean.

As water enters a wetland, it travels through a series of ponds and special planting zones. These plants absorb excess nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorous and help to trap sediment before it can enter rivers and creeks.

They also have the additional benefit of providing a permanent body of water, to help calm small flooding events and cool the local environment, as well as providing a safe habitat for animals such as waterbirds, native frogs, fish and beneficial insects.

Stonnington is home to three wetlands: Grange Road Wetlands, Glen Iris Wetlands and Percy Treyvaud Wetlands. They're all situated next to the Gardiners Creek waterway (KooyongKoot) and they each help keep it healthy.

Next time you visit one of these wetlands, keep a look out for the variety of flora and fauna thriving in this incredible environment.



Grange Road wetlands

Water, a vital resource

Stonnington has abundant alternative water sources through storm water, rainfall and wastewater that can be utilised for public and private use.

Conserving water is one of our priorities and together we're making a difference to be more sustainable and more environmentally friendly to our wetlands and waterways.

We're committed to our Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) and take climate action seriously.

To find out more, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/sustainability

IT'S TIME FOR A SPRING FLING

Keep an eye on your letterbox from early September for information about our spring 2022 hard waste collection.

About two weeks out from your collection date, you'll receive a flyer with all you need to know about what to put out for collection, and when to start stacking it on your nature strip.

If you're in a commercial property or an apartment complex with limited nature strip space, the flyer includes a phone number for you to call to book a collection.

To keep our streets looking good, please DON'T put anything out until you've received your flyer and know your collection date.

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



[untitled] Literary Festival: our readers, writers and stories



Finally... drum roll please... from 18–20 November, our Stonnington Libraries and the iconic Chapel Off Chapel become literary havens for rousing conversations, enthralling stories, provocative ideas, interactive workshops and electrifying performances.

In its eleventh year, we welcome back our premier literary event and bring together some of Australia's most-beloved and respected writers, artists and thinkers to discuss a wide range of stories, issues and ideas.

The exciting line up features Clementine Ford, Rick Morton, Elaine Pearson, Dr Kylie Moore-Gilbert, Thomas Mayor,

Celeste Liddle, Yves Rees, Nadia Wheatley, Graeme Simsion (pictured above), and more.

**18–20 November**


Program announced in October: stonnington.vic.gov.au/literary-festival

Your guide to what's on at the libraries this spring

Head to our libraries for great conversations, compelling stories, trailblazing ideas and enriching experiences.

Keep the kids learning with our Life long ago school holiday program. Build your online skills with our Get Connected series. Grow your garden and gardening know-how by becoming a Seed Library member. Grow your gardening knowledge with free events.

Discover stories of the past with our History Matters series. Meet internationally bestselling author Fiona McIntosh and hear about her brand new novel, The Orphans. And immerse yourself (literally) in our [untitled] Literary Festival.

 More detailed information at stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library/Whats-on

Stonnington businesses bouncing back

Recent setbacks due to the pandemic and lockdowns haven't stopped Stonnington businesses from reaching out to our Business Concierge Service (BCS) for support.

For some, the pandemic has meant a fresh, new start, even a silver lining – such is the case with My Escape Skin Spa, having changed hands in April this year.

With some great ideas to attract new customers and retain an existing clientele, My Escape Skin Spa was keen to get noticed using signage and a welcoming new footpath entry.


Owner Naomi Dyson said she first contacted the BCS to make sure she had the right permits in place.


“Our customers are seeking a relaxing experience, a chance to unwind and treat themselves. We want to make sure that their experience begins from the moment they walk through the door. The BCS provided me with all the details I needed to start the permit application process, but I was also given some really helpful information about trader associations and business community groups in the area,” she said.

If you're considering opening a new business, buying an existing one or just want some pre-application advice, reach out to us to help you

- > navigate the permit process if you are opening, building or buying a business
- > understand what permits you need
- > understand what order to submit applications in
- > put together the right documentation when applying for permits, and
- > get the right information, advice and support from across Council.



 Contact us at businessconcierge@stonnington.vic.gov.au

 or call 8290 1685

Prahran parklet, a precinct plus!

Live, work, play your way at our latest community open space – the Elizabeth Street parklet.

Located next to the market entrance, the newly-installed parklet has become the go-to place with all the bells and whistles, and where passers-by and local shoppers are stopping to recharge and relax.

Installed in June, the brightly-coloured parklet is hard to miss with its private nooks and group seating, bike hoops and attractive planter boxes.

As you look up over to the Elizabeth Street carpark, you'll see the incredible mural by artist Paul Sonsie, (of Sonsie Studios),

who has created this incredible piece that recognises the vibrancy and community spirit of this location.

We've also recently added 20 custom-made bike hoops to this busy street to make sure there's plenty of bike parking, given the demand through the steady increase in cyclists on our roads. The hoops, featuring images of fruit and vegetables, add an artistic element to the buzzing area. Grab a bite to eat or a coffee nearby and enjoy some well-earned time out.

The parklet is just one activation in a series of exciting developments that is part of the City of Stonnington's Place-led Economic Development Strategy 2022–26.



 Find out about all our other initiatives at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/placemaking

Come and *meet* your Councillors



Our Meet your Councillors program creates opportunities for you to ask questions and share ideas directly with your local representatives.

We want to deliver a program that makes it easier for people to meet and engage with Councillors through community meetings and listening post opportunities.

Coming up soon

Community meeting – South Ward
(Armadale, Malvern, Prahran and Windsor)

Thursday 1 September
6pm–8pm

Banquet Hall, Malvern Town Hall
1251 High Street, Malvern

Community meeting – North Ward
(Kooyong, Toorak and South Yarra)

Thursday 20 October
6pm–8pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road, South Yarra

Community meeting – East Ward
(Glen Iris, Malvern and Malvern East)

Thursday 3 November
6pm–8pm

TH King Oval Pavilion
1650 High Street, Glen Iris

For more information, including pop-up listening post opportunities with Councillors, visit connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/meet-your-councillors

Sign up and have your say

Sign up to Connect Stonnington, Council's Community Engagement platform and make sure you never miss the opportunity to have your say on projects that matter most to you.

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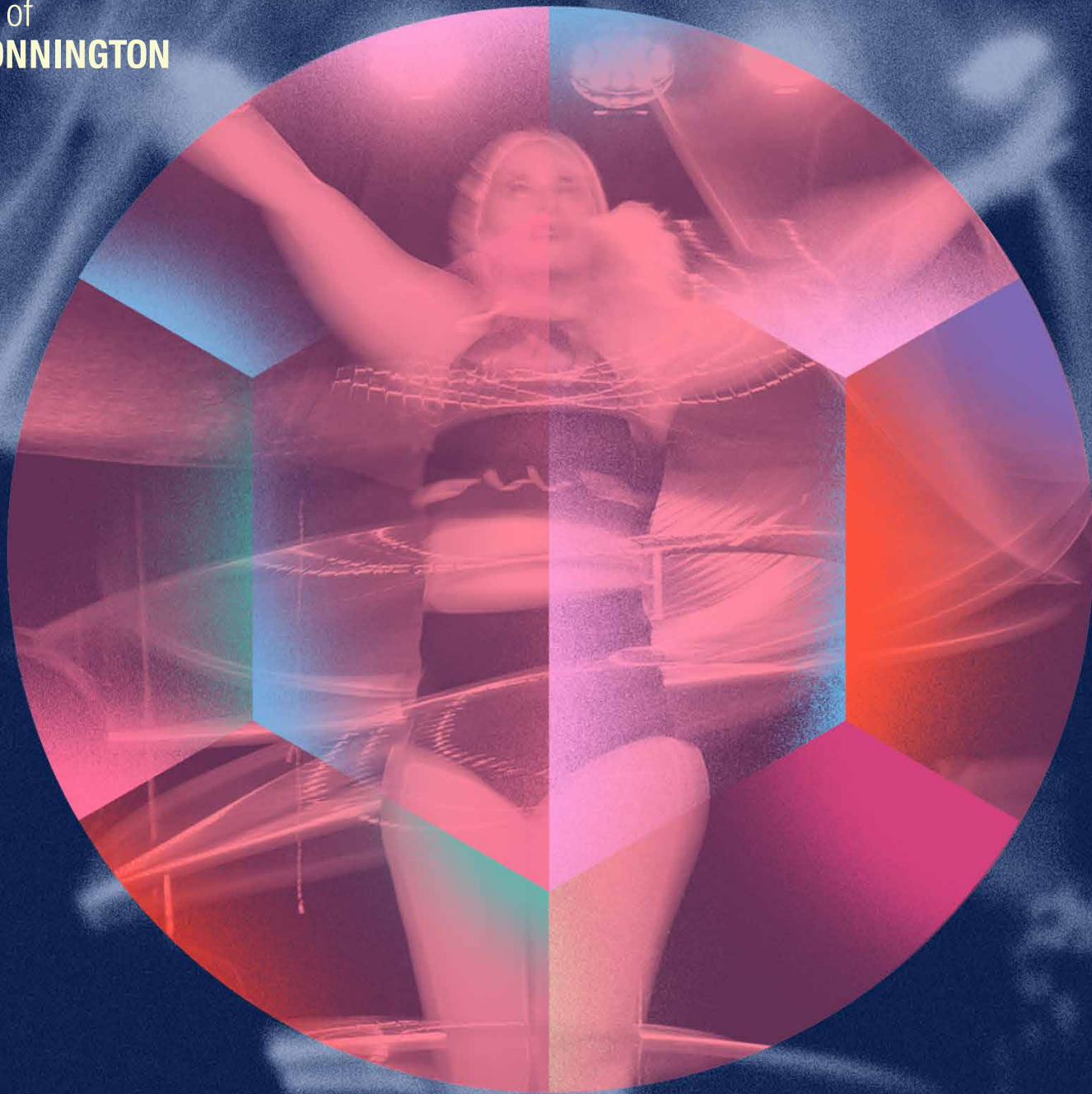
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