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A word from the Mayor

As Melbourne cools down, our events calendar heats up – there’s so much to see and do in Stonnington this winter.



I’m loving seeing events back up and running. During autumn we had Pets in the Park in Malvern East, incredible life-size photo galleries in Prahran for Photo 22, and even turned some of our streets and public spaces into basketball courts in partnership with the NBL.

Things don’t slow down in winter with our Glow Winter Arts Festival lighting up Central Park in Malvern East and Prahran Square, and the return of our much-loved Roola Boola Children’s Festival. There’s a lot more on our upcoming events in this edition of Stonnington News.

It’s also election season, and by the time you read this, we’ll know the result of the federal election.

I’m delighted that both major parties made funding commitments to invest in the area around Gardiners Creek (KooyongKoot). This beautiful part of Melbourne makes up around 45 per cent of all open space in Stonnington, and funding will support projects that deliver revegetation and biodiversity improvements, water sensitive urban design, and enhanced recreation opportunities.

This was an important advocacy win for our community and I look forward to working with the successful candidate for Higgins.

With a state election in November, our efforts now move to working with candidates and parties at a state level to advocate for the Stonnington community.

In June, Councillors will also meet to endorse our budget for 2022–23. After two years like never before, we’ll be investing in our future by making sure rates in Stonnington remain among the lowest in Victoria, supporting our essential services, delivering capital projects, embedding our responsibility to act against climate change in every area of our operations, and investing in technologies that make it easier for people to interact with their Council.

Visit connectstonnington.vic.gov.au to be kept up-to-date.

Cr Jami Klisaris
Mayor
City of Stonnington



Stonnington budget news

In December last year, we started work on our 2022–23 Annual Budget by inviting our community to take part in a new budget simulation program.

The findings provided valuable insight on our initiatives with hundreds of pieces of feedback received.

Recently, we invited people to provide direct feedback on a draft Budget shaped by this feedback. It also took insight from other engagement projects that have

helped to shape our projects, strategies and initiatives, including nine months of in-depth conversations with our community that informed our Council Plan 2021/25.

The final Budget is expected to be finalised before the end of the current financial year.



Find the latest at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/budget-2022-2023



Loss of heritage property in Windsor triggers legal action

The City of Stonnington is deeply disappointed by the loss of an A1 heritage-graded timber cottage at 5 George Street, Windsor and is taking legal action as a result.

The timber cottage, constructed in or around 1855, was one of a very early settlement of houses in this south west corner of Prahran (as it was formerly known).

By 1875 a redbrick addition to extend the cottage, by one room, along the Andrews Street frontage was evident and recorded in the Windsor Ward Book. Since then, apart from very modest changes, including the roof clad with corrugated iron (on top of the shingles), the building has remained largely intact.

The cottage was one of the oldest and rarest in the municipality and included original timber walls and timber shingle roof which was protected under an aluminium roof.



Find the latest at stonnington.vic.gov.au/windsorheritage

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:
Stonnington knows how to glow and put on a show – Glow Winter Arts Festival.
Credit: Sky Castle by ENESS (artist) Zhu Rui (photographer)



➤ Glow Winter Arts Festival 2019

A striking transformation to *light up* your winter after dark

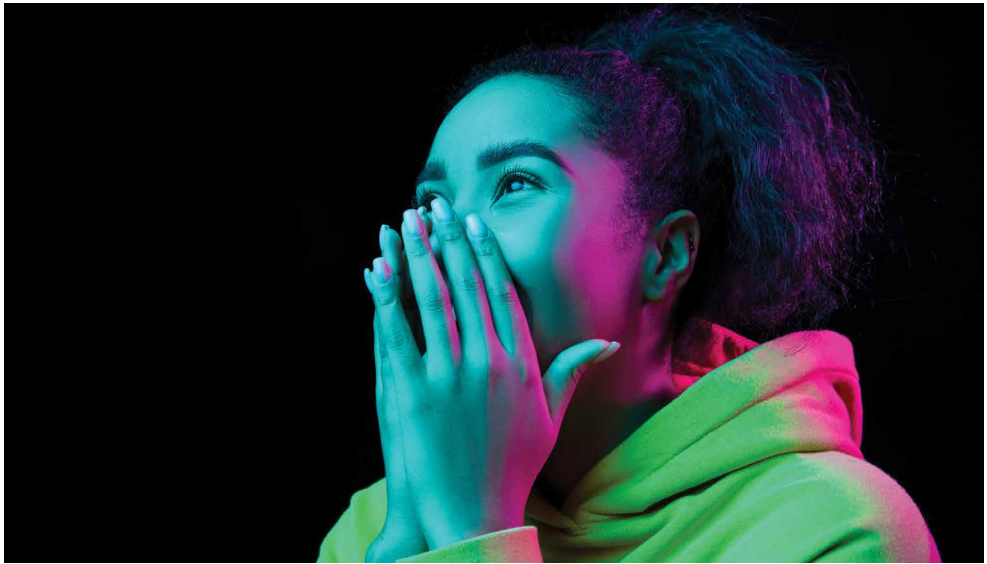
Glow Winter Arts Festival makes a triumphant return as a festival of immersive colour and light in June.

The magical journey starts at Prahran Square and continues at Central Park in Malvern East. From 3–12 June, you can immerse yourself in the site-specific new work *Now Breathe* at Prahran Square.

Then head to Central Park to experience a series of newly commissioned installations and feature artworks, illuminating nightly from 16–19 June.

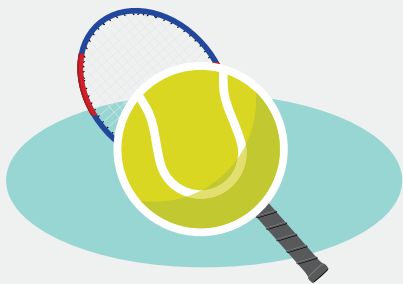
Running over two weeks, Glow is a free event for the whole family and is a 'must do' on Melbourne's cultural calendar.

Warm up with a hot chocolate, take in the unforgettable artwork installations, and journey through our beautiful, illuminated city this winter!



➤ Credit: Sky Castle by ENESS (artist) Zhu Rui (photographer)

Gardiner
Tennis Club
serving up
active fun for
everyone



Nestled between Monash Freeway and the Glen Waverley train line lies Gardiner Tennis Club.

One of Stonnington's hidden sporting gems, it has a rich history and strong culture of accessibility for anyone who wants to give tennis a try.

Founded in 1920 as the St Andrews Gardiner Tennis Club, the club moved across a number of locations before settling into its current spot.

Club president Kaylene Ellis has been at the helm of the club since 2016 and has inclusion at the top of her list.

"My main focus was originally building the junior program. Now, six years on, I would like to be part of building many new programs for all ages, genders, nationalities and abilities.

"In the future I would like to implement more programs that include wheelchairs, sight impaired people and young mums and bubs or toddlers," Kaylene said.

With a female president and coach, and a strong participation rate among girls and women across competition and social games, Gardiner Tennis Club is a shining example of how beneficial sport can be when it welcomes the whole community.

The club also partners with the Special Olympics, with fortnightly sessions for juniors and monthly sessions for adults, and Sport4All, which provides participation opportunities for people with disability, while supporting clubs and grassroots organisations to deliver inclusive sport.

"It enables our club to go to a new level of inclusiveness in our community with the benefit of people who know how to run appropriate programs that are fun and enjoyable to attend," Kaylene added.

The club always welcomes new members and is easily accessible via all modes of transport. If you're thinking of trying something new, why not give tennis a go?

Find out how at
play.tennis.com.au
or call 8395 5794

NICA + *arts grant*
= Raven Mad

If you thought circus was just funny clowns, stunning aerial acrobatics and bizarre characters, think again as NICA, (National Institute of Circus Arts), based in Prahran, has been entertaining and wowing audiences and also reinventing the circus wheel for decades.

"Setting the standard for the spectacular", their recent show, Raven Mad (1 to 3 April), as part of this year's Melbourne International Comedy Festival, is an example of what happens when a great idea from a local community arts organisation meets with Council, and voila, a successful collaboration is in the making.

Raven Mad got to see the light of day via a Stonnington arts and culture grant.

"Raven Mad was aimed squarely at the broadest possible all-ages audience, this was a shared celebratory, spectacular and comic event in an unexpected outdoor setting," said Melenie Stevenson, NICA's creative producer.

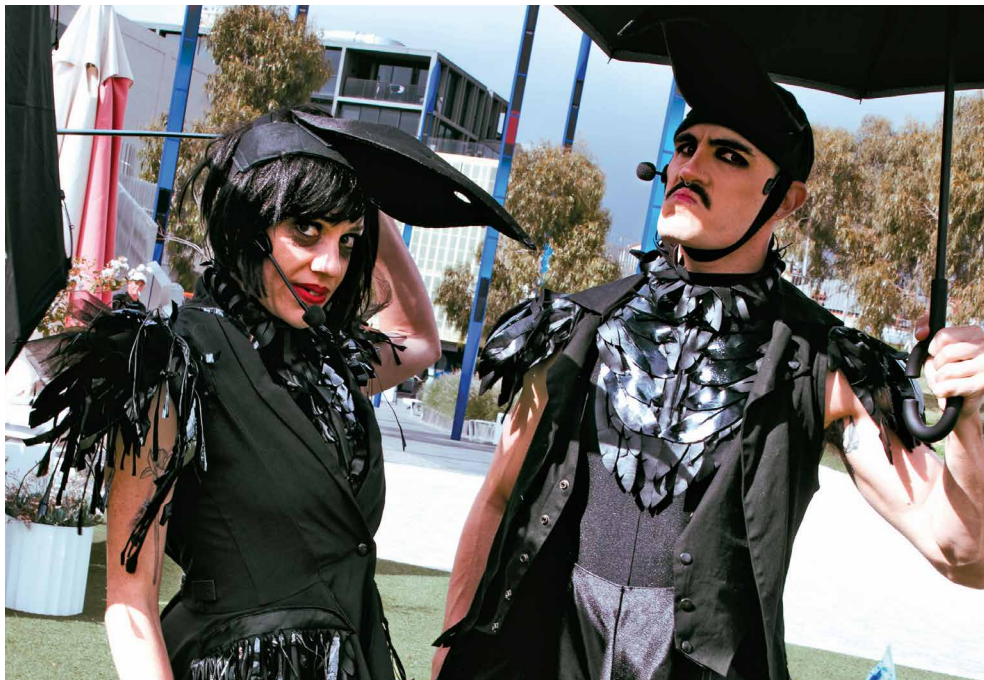
"We're thrilled to have worked with Council to bring circus out there to our Stonnington community and to give this show the love, light and support it needed," she added.

Find out more
nica.com.au
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*For the full-length story, go to
stonnington.vic.gov.au/news

"Our arts and culture grants program helps grass roots, emerging and established local arts groups like NICA, get initiatives and passion projects over the line and in front of our local community. I'm delighted NICA were successful in receiving the grant to help them with the creation of Raven Mad."

— Cr Scott South Ward



Volunteers –
our community,
our strength

We now have a dedicated webpage for volunteers and community groups that includes educational resources, best practice information and skills development workshops.

The online resource benefits groups like the Stonnington Toy Library, which relies on the work of volunteers.

"Volunteering is a great way to meet people, have fun, and engage with your community. Volunteers range in ages

and experience, and they usually work between one to two hours per week," said Toy Library manager, Jane O'Connell.

Volunteer and grandmother, Gill, volunteers at the Toy Library, Cabrini Hospital and FareShare and said the biggest plus in her role is the people she meets along the way.

"I feel I can help spread the word about volunteering to encourage others to help when people are in need. I see my role as supporting the team in a variety of tasks to keep the toys in a tip-top shape, ready for the community to come and use," said Gill.

University student and volunteer, Ee Lyn said that giving something back to the community and learning new skills is important.



"My communication skills have improved significantly as I used to be quite shy meeting someone new. I have also improved my ability to plan around university and volunteering," she said.

If you're interested in volunteering or are part of an organisation looking for volunteers, check
stonnington.vic.gov.au/volunteers



New headspace Malvern at Northbrook House

Young people aged 12–25 living in Stonnington and surrounds, can now make their mental health a priority by accessing new youth mental health services thanks to the opening in late March of the new headspace Malvern centre at Northbrook.

The last two years have been challenging for young people who have dealt with lockdowns, disruptions to education, loss of employment and uncertainty about the future. Feelings of disconnection and isolation have also impacted their mental health.

Mental health includes emotional, psychological, and social well-being and it affects how we function in our daily lives.

With one in four people aged 16 to 24 experiencing some form of mental illness every year, and three-quarters of all mental illness manifesting in people under 25, the new service provides a safe and supportive place for youth impacted by mental health issues.

headspace Malvern offers early intervention mental health services in

addition to physical and sexual health, alcohol and other drug (AOD) and work and study support to young people and their families.

The centre, located within Northbrook House, behind the Malvern Library (at 1257 High Street), also provides support in-person or via phone or video, and appointments can be made by calling or making an online referral.

headspace Malvern is funded by the Australian Government through the South Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network (SEMPHN). The new service is being delivered by Access Health and Community, in partnership with the City of Stonnington, City of Boroondara, JobCo, St Vincent's Mental Health Service, Star Health and Uniting.

Find out more at headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/malvern

Your guide to what's on at the library

There's lots to see and do at the libraries this winter.

From rich conversations with some of Australia's brightest writers and thinkers, to writers workshops, book clubs, drawing and journaling classes, knitting, chess, coding and more, there's something to suit every library enthusiast.

Entertain the kids with our school holiday program from 27 June – 8 July

It's bursting with fun, arts, crafts, creative activities, interactive games, construction play, coding workshops and more. Best suited to kids aged 6 to 12 years, bookings are required.

27 June – 8 July

State-wide reading challenge this winter

One for the adults, the Warm Winter Read challenge, runs from 1 June to 31 July and comprises exciting challenges to encourage adults (18+ years) to read something every day.

1 June – 31 July

To join, participate or find out more about our fun winter program, go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/library

What's your story?



1 July – 31 August

We're calling on all budding and established writers to put pen to paper (or fingers to the keyboard) to start writing for the 2022 What's Your Story? Writing competition.

A compelling short story, poem or creative writing piece can win you some cash and/or book prizes. Works can be fiction or non-fiction, based on any theme, but must be original and previously unpublished

To enter the short story and poetry categories you need to be 18 years and over, and living in Victoria, while young people aged 5 to 17 years, who live, go to school or work in Stonnington, are invited to enter one of three creative writing categories.

THEME: open

WORD LIMIT:
short story – 1,000 words
poetry – 40 lines
creative writing – 300 to 900 words

ENTRY FEE: free

THEME: open

WORD LIMIT:
short story – 1,000 words
poetry – 40 lines
creative writing – 300 to 900 words

PRIZES:
adult – short story – \$500
adult – poetry – \$500
creative writing, youth (ages 5 to 8) – \$100 book voucher
creative writing, youth (ages 9 to 12) – \$200 book voucher
creative writing, youth (ages 13 to 17) – \$300 book voucher

1 July – 31 August

Get connected, stay connected

Improve your digital skills and know-how with Get Connected.

This series of free library webinars and in-person workshops aims to increase digital literacy in our community, particularly among seniors who may be at higher risk of digital isolation.

We'll cover how to use myGov and My Health Record, how to claim Medicare and health insurance online, and how to buy and sell goods online, plus the usual tips and tricks for using smartphones and tablets.

Explore the series at stonnington.vic.gov.au/library

LIBRARY and INFORMATION WEEK

25 – 31 July

Come along to the library and help us celebrate Library and Information Week.

Our (four) libraries are the focus of this special week. Libraries are more than just books – they are a meeting place and community hub for residents and visitors, and a place where everyone belongs and is welcome.

Stonnington Libraries



offer inclusive spaces to read, learn, work, connect, create and relax in



support learning at all stages of life through a range of literacy programs, including early years, digital and technology, health and wellbeing and cultural



share stories and spark ideas through conversations and workshops from writers, thinkers and experts on a range of subjects



hold collections in a range of formats, including print, physical and digital, such as books, newspapers, magazines, music, movies and more.

25–31 July

To discover all that our libraries have to offer, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/library

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CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL

TUESDAY 28 JUNE – FRIDAY 8 JULY 2022

INSPIRING CHILDREN AGED 0–12 YRS

 stonnington.vic.gov.au/roolaboola




A magical event for children and families


Get ready for the magic of Roola Boola Children's Arts Festival these school holidays.

Roola Boola is one of Melbourne's most successful and most-loved children's arts festivals. It's also Stonnington's favourite festival for the little ones.

Featuring a jam-packed, interactive and dynamic program of performances, workshops, free activities, music, theatre, art, craft and more, there's something for every child to enjoy.

Inspiring children aged from 0 to 12 years, get your tickets on sale now.

 28 June – 8 July

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




Prahran Square


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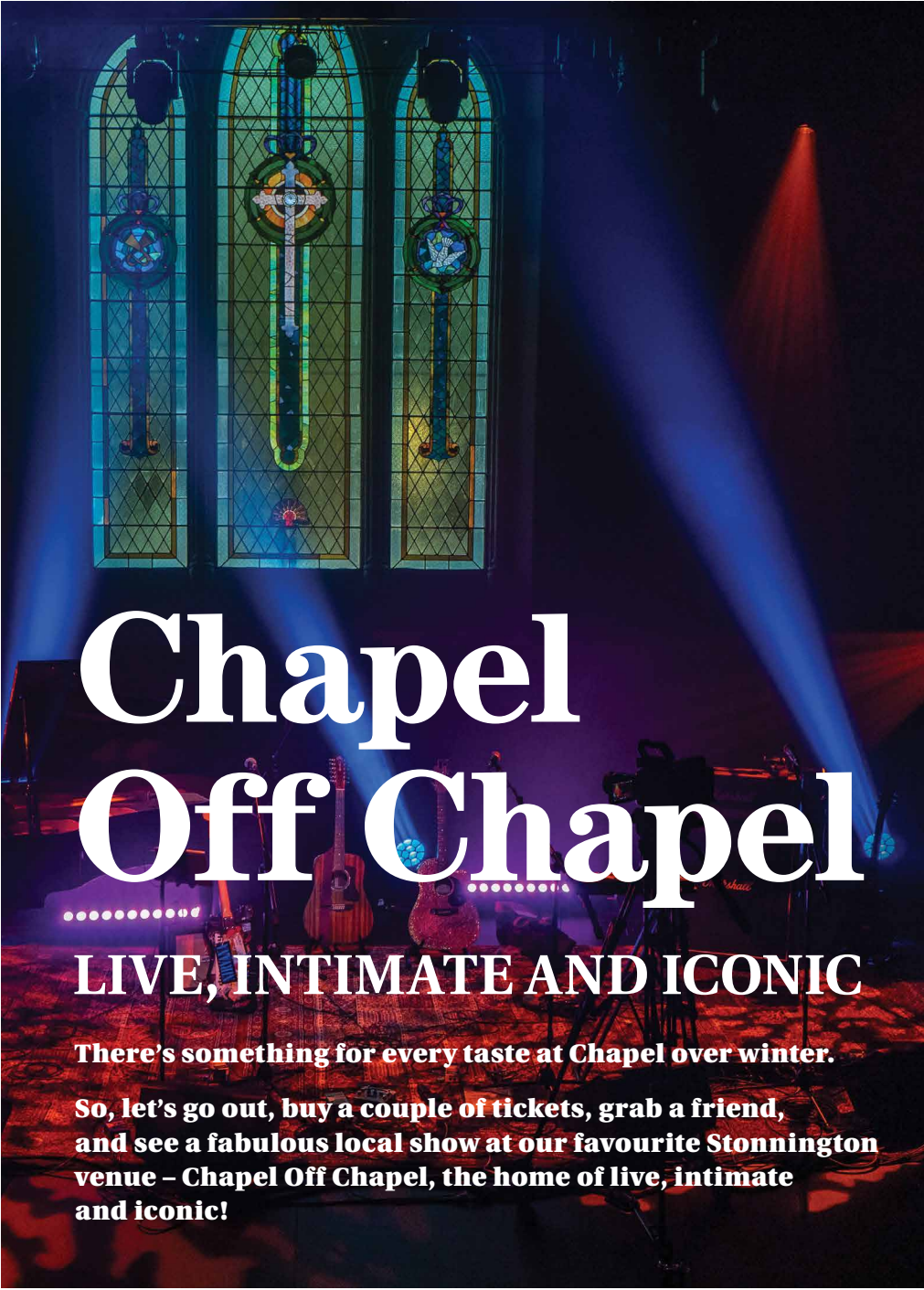
This lively cultural hub will play host to a range of public events and activities throughout winter.

Head down to Prahran Square to discover great local food, coffee, shopping and entertainment.

- Events at Prahran Square include
- » Stonnington Presents Glow Winter Arts Festival 3–19 June
 - » Tai Chi Presented by Stonnington Engaged Every Tuesday
 - » Community art project with Playable Streets 28 June – 8 July
 - » And much, much more.

 Get excited about what's on this winter in Stonnington. To find out more, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/Whats-On

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SQUARE**



Chapel Off Chapel

LIVE, INTIMATE AND ICONIC

There's something for every taste at Chapel over winter.

So, let's go out, buy a couple of tickets, grab a friend, and see a fabulous local show at our favourite Stonnington venue – Chapel Off Chapel, the home of live, intimate and iconic!

 For bookings, go to chapeloffchapel.com.au

 9 July

 13–24 July



CABARET

As Seen on TV starring Art Simone and Etcetera Etcetera

Art Simone and Etcetera Etcetera are two of Australia's biggest drag powerhouses.

With 15 years of drag under their corsets, the duo is embarking on a new adventure – to live out the ultimate Priscilla fantasy on their upcoming national tour. As Seen on TV is a hilarious drag extravaganza with your two favourite down under divas. Come along for the ride as they break the fourth wall and perform side-splitting numbers about their misadventures in drag and on screen. With all the drama of your soap opera faves, and the glamour of a late night infomercial, Art and Etcetera will give you backstage access to your most loved television shows – live and uncut.



THEATRE

Shawry

Tony Shaw (Shawry) is the iconic Collingwood figure who led the Collingwood Football Club to victory in the 1990 Grand Final – a victory that came after 32 years of loss and heartbreak for the club.

Winning the Norm Smith medal on that day, the veteran of more than 300 games was the greatest captain Collingwood ever had. A small man with a big heart.

Featuring Sadie, the ubiquitous Collingwood supporter who lives and breathes The Magpies, this is a story about Tony Shaw; a comedy, a tragedy, a drama and a trip down memory lane.

This historical play will make you laugh and then cry, it's written by multi-award winning playwright Neil Cole, with Sean Paisley as director and Essendon Football Club legend Simon Madden as executive producer.

WINTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

– our mini guide to what's on this winter

June

- 03 / Glow Winter Arts Festival 3 – 19 June
- 05 / World Environment Day
- 13 / Queen's Birthday public holiday
- 14 / Council meeting
- 21 / June winter solstice
- 25 / School holidays start
- 28 / Roola Boola Children's Arts Festival 28 June – 8 July

July

- 03 / NAIDOC Week 3 – 10 July
- 10 / School holidays end
- 11 / Council meeting
- 25 / Council meeting

August

- 01 / Homelessness Week 1 – 7 August
- 08 / Council meeting
- 26 / Wear It Purple Day 2022
- 29 / Council meeting

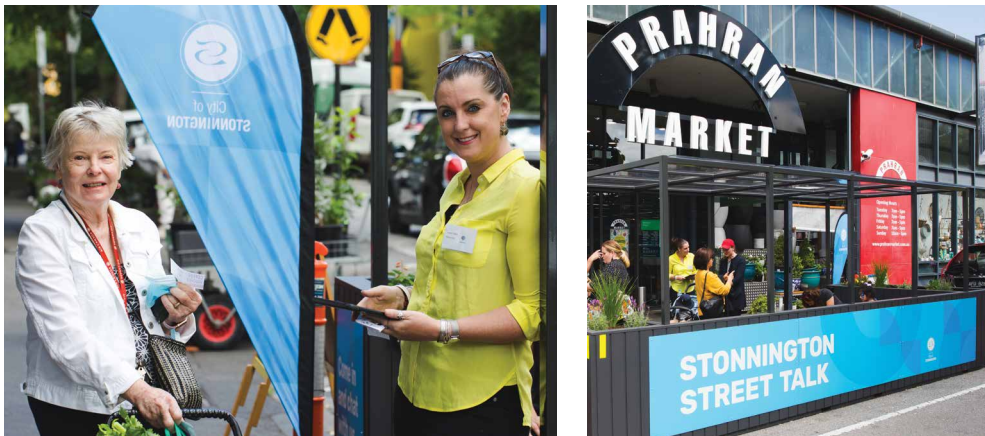
Keep up-to-date with all our winter events and activities at

-  stonnington.vic.gov.au/whats-on
-  [whatsonston](https://www.facebook.com/whatsonston)
-  [whatsonstonnington](https://www.instagram.com/whatsonstonnington)

 Council event

 Significant day

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Stonnington’s been street talk’n

We recently hit the streets to talk to locals and visitors at seven of our main commercial precincts in our Street Talk program to find out what attracts people to the area and what improvements can be made.

Street talk was part of our community engagement program to develop Stonnington’s innovative new Place-led Economic Development Strategy which will inform how our neighbourhoods can be more place-led and people-

focused areas that offer economic opportunities and positive experiences. More than 1,500 people offered feedback via our online and face-to-face surveys. We learned that 89.5 per cent of people choose to visit these precincts regularly and most are drawn to them for their social or village atmosphere, mix of business, unique history and public spaces. Our precincts are well loved by locals and visitors, and more than 90 per cent would recommend our precincts as great places to live, work and play.

To find out more, visit connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/placemaking

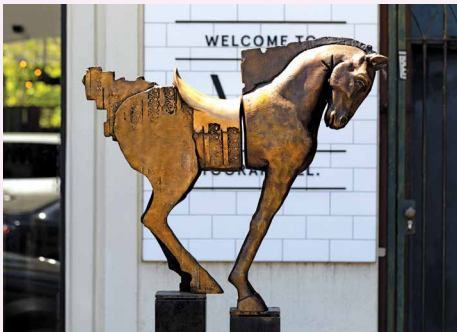
Arts grant supports sculpture exhibition

Each year, Toorak Village transforms into a public gallery of unique and inspiring sculptures, as traders adorn their shop fronts, laneways and footpaths along Toorak Road with wonderful contemporary pieces.

This year’s event has been made possible by a community arts grant provided by Council and proudly supported by local businesses. Exhibition curator Mr Malcolm Thomson said the event isn’t just an exhibition, it’s a great opportunity for artists to have their works recognised and officially judged and awarded.

“The Community Arts Grant has enabled us to showcase these beautiful and unique sculptures, but it’s also instrumental in supporting the progress and development of these artists, including for the first time, hand-made works by 10 Indigenous artists from Uluru Central Australia,” said Mr Thomson.

Take a stroll down Toorak Road to see these amazing creations, enjoy great shopping and take advantage of the warm hospitality of the traders.



Check it out at toorakvillage.com.au/sculpture

New kid on the *art* block



Recently opened, Let’s Pretend is a new, artist-run gallery dedicated to promoting and showcasing art and its makers and creators, with the goal of building a supportive creative hub.

Born in 2022 and based in the vibrant, cultural and business end of Commercial Road, Prahran, the gallery (a former shoe store left vacant for more than three years) opened in April, with their first exhibition, Mixed Messages, a solo show by Bailer, a Melbourne-based multi-disciplinary artist.

“We came up with the plan to set up a gallery and art studio so we could have even more people involved, then went about putting our business plan and grant proposal together. After receiving the grant, we got to work, and with the help of many friends and family members, renovated and opened the space,” said Paul.

Paul and the team found the BCS useful, helping them find the right department to contact and the right person to talk to, and said the program was fluid and response times incredibly efficient.

“I loved visiting Let’s Pretend, and am delighted that such a creative new space has joined our Stonnington business community. This is an example of Council supporting businesses instead of getting in the way. Helping people through clear information and support from our Business and Concierge Program, as well as our arts and cultural grants. What a wonderful addition to Prahran, I wish Paul and the team all the very best.”

— Cr Griffin North Ward

“Being newbies on the block, it’s great to have a service that saves time and avoids any confusion or frustration. Anyone with a new or existing business should hit up the service,” said Paul. As well as being only a stone’s throw away from home, Paul sees the Chapel Street precinct abuzz with activity right now. “It feels like the 90s again. The streets are jam-packed at night and there is a generally great vibe. We know there is also the need for our space – the north side has plenty of contemporary, modern and street art-styled galleries but the south side seemed a little lacking in that same welcoming, electric energy.

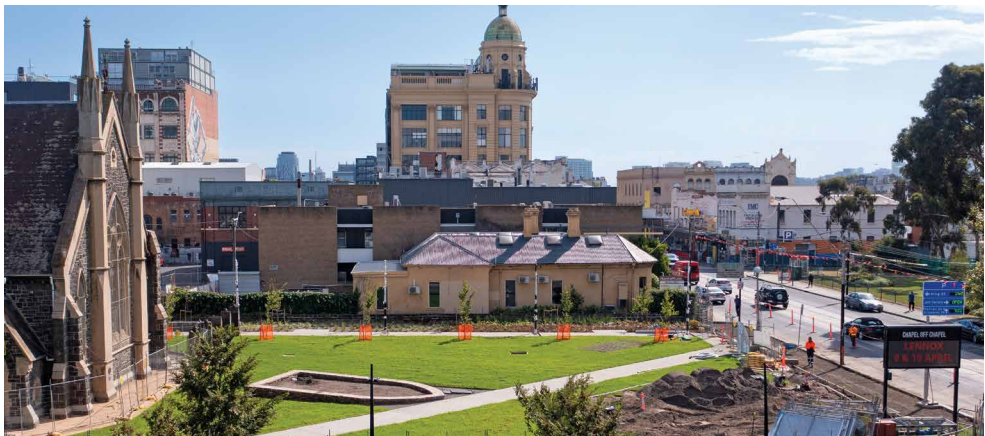
We wanted to create a space in the south where everyone felt welcome. It felt natural to put something back into the community after spending so many years traipsing up and down these streets, for drinks, dinner, being with friends and shopping,” he added. Visiting the space shortly after it opened, Cr Marcia Griffin said she is passionate about supporting small business, and was proud to drive the creation of a Business Concierge Program to cut through red tape and help businesses open and grow in Stonnington.

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

Stay up-to-date with what’s happening at the space

- follow [@letspretend_gallery](https://www.instagram.com/letspretend_gallery) on instagram
- or visit letspretend.com.au

If you’re a current business owner in Stonnington or want to be a business owner in Stonnington, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/business



Building back better at Princes Gardens

The latest round of improvements to the Chapel Off Chapel precinct has reached a milestone with the forecourt, car park and landscaping works recently completed and the sports courts next door well advanced.

The iconic venue has never looked better with new turf, landscaping, pathways, lighting and an avenue of trees leading to the building.

The main Little Chapel Street entrance has been transformed into a people-friendly space with the car park moved north and a generous forecourt created for people arriving at Chapel Off Chapel.


Progress is also being made on the sports courts development next door and we are looking forward to welcoming people back to enjoy tennis,

netball and futsal later this year.

Next up in the program of Princes Garden works is upgrading the Prahran Skate Park and basketball court.

Following initial consultation in 2020, in March this year, we received overwhelming community support for a draft skate park and basketball court design.

We're now working to finalise the design before appointing a contractor to upgrade the park.

[Find out more about these and other works happening in your area at **stonnington.vic.gov.au/majorworks**](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/majorworks)

Latest on Percy Treyvaud sports facilities

Works are well underway on the new sports facilities being built at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park in Malvern East.

The estimated two-year build kicked off in February and since then we've seen the old tennis and bowls club buildings and facilities demolished and progress made preparing footings for the new sports stadium.

When complete, the area will be home to popular sports – lawn bowls, tennis, cricket, lacrosse, netball and basketball.



[To stay up-to-date with the latest construction news, sign up to the Percy Treyvaud newsletter at **stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp**](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp)

New spot to prop in Windsor


We have recently completed another street beautification project, with Union Street in Windsor the latest to get a makeover.

Wider footpaths, seating, bike parking, garden beds, more shade trees and a new road surface have all come together to create a comfortable, people-friendly space just around the corner from bustling Chapel Street.

As a nod to the area's heritage, the narrow, deteriorated bitumen and concrete footpaths have been dug up, and replaced with wider, bluestone pavements – setting off the colourful graffiti-art covered walls along the street.

Garden beds, more greenery and shade trees will make the space a pleasant spot to take a break or meet up with friends. And, for those visiting the area by bike, the new bike parking will come in handy.

The wider footpath has also made it possible for local eatery Tyranny of Distance to extend their dining offering to the pavement, with guests enjoying the new outdoor experience.

[Check it out at **stonnington.vic.gov.au/union**](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/union)

Pool works to make a splash

The much-anticipated return of Harold Holt Swim Centre is edging closer, with refurbishment works on track for the pool to be back in operation before winter's end.

The backdrop to the pool, the heritage-listed dive tower, has been restored to its former glory and stands as an iconic reminder of a bygone era. While the dive tower won't return to public use, diving springboards will be located on either side of the dive pool.

Opening at the same time will be a new contemporary in-ground spa, replacing

the old aboveground model – the perfect place to relax after a swim or gym session.

Moving inside the centre, there are more works underway with major improvements happening in the group fitness area. Due to be complete within the next few months, upgrades to the dedicated group fitness space include

new cushioned flooring, improved lighting and sound system, and new air conditioning.

Classes are also getting a boost with the introduction of Les Mills Group Fitness Classes coming in July. And, if you prefer to work out at home we're upgrading our broadcasting capabilities so our group fitness sessions will all be available online.



[Keep up-to-date at **stonnington.vic.gov.au/haroldholt-improvements**](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/haroldholt-improvements)



South Yarra park to get tails wagging

Construction of Stonnington's first dedicated dog park is underway

In mid-April, City of Stonnington Mayor, Cr Jami Klisaris, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change,

Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Nina Taylor MLC, and Councillors, Marcia Griffin, Kate Hely and Matthew Koce, met at Thomas Oval in South Yarra to announce the start of the dog park construction.

With her two favourites, Romy and Willow, in tow, Cr Klisaris said this is an exciting time for the City of Stonnington and our pet-loving community.


"Stonnington boasts one of the highest pet ownerships of any Victorian council, and with registrations in 2021 topping 8,900 it's clear our dogs are a favourite.

I can't wait to see the dog park finished and open and I'm really looking forward to seeing locals and visitors enjoying what is going to be a very special place," she added.

The fully-fenced park will feature a large undulating grassed area, natural play elements, separate areas for active and quieter dogs, lighting, seating, shelters, trees and drinking fountains.

The four-month build, plus extra time to allow the grass to establish, will see the park open in spring 2022.

Thomas Oval dog park is being built by the city in partnership with the State Government, with \$275,000 awarded under the Local Parks Program and \$545,000 coming from Stonnington's annual financial budget.

[View the design at **stonnington.vic.gov.au/thomasovaldogpark**](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/thomasovaldogpark)

WHEELS

Plugging in to EVs

We're starting to see more electric and hybrid vehicles on our streets – a trend sparked by an increasing knowledge of and concern for our environmental footprint, and lower running and maintenance costs.

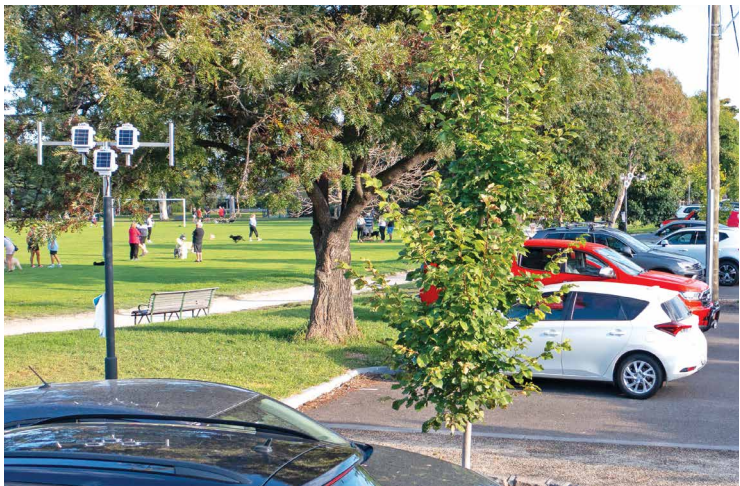
As the Stonnington community moves with this trend and embraces EVs, we've been ramping up support for charging infrastructure.

A State Government grant has enabled us to install a fast charger near Malvern Town Hall, which will improve charging access in this area, and take some pressure off the public EV charger at Prahran Square, (recording its highest ever usage in December last year).

We're also exploring options to install a fast charger on Glenferrie Road and continuing our work with local businesses and the federal and state governments to increase the number of EV chargers in Stonnington.



WEATHER



New weather station for Stonnington



Visitors to Central Park may have noticed something interesting by the Kingston Street carpark – a pole adorned with solar panels, cabling and a number of instruments.

The high-tech installation records useful information for one of our many sustainability projects – a trial of permeable asphalt made from recycled materials.

The carpark features asphalt made from soft plastic waste and toner from printer cartridges, along with permeable paving made out of recycled truck tyres and soft rock – developed by the University of Melbourne.

The paving allows more water to drain into the ground – meaning more water is being used where it's needed, and less is being lost through the storm water system.

Another benefit of the permeable paving is the cooler temperatures it generates

when compared to standard paving, which supports healthier tree growth.

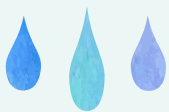
Data such as rainfall totals, surface temperatures and soil moisture levels will be collected by the weather station to help measure the impact these new surfaces have in redirecting water and other cooling effects.

We'll then share what we learn to improve industry knowledge of the product and encourage others to use the permeable asphalt material.



For more sustainability and climate-ready projects just like this one, go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/sustainability

WATER



Harvesting water at Waverley Oval

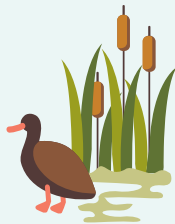
The storm water harvesting system at Waverley Oval in Malvern East is back up and running following recent maintenance operations along with the installation of a new pumping and UV filtration system.

Waverley Oval currently uses an average of 3.8 million litres of water per year for irrigation. The storm water harvesting system collects run-off from the roof of the pavilion and nearby drains into an underground storage tank that can then be used for irrigation.

Storm water is a more sustainable and climate-ready alternative to using potable water for irrigation. This system saves an estimated 2.1 million litres of potable water per year meeting 55 per cent of the oval's total water needs.

Collaboration on Gardiners Creek

(KooyongKoot)



City of Stonnington, in partnership with Melbourne Water, is currently exploring a potential Gardiners Creek (KooyongKoot) Regional Collaboration with neighbouring councils, community groups, state government departments, water authorities, peak sporting bodies and local tertiary institutions.

We are committed to collaborating and recognising that this is important in achieving our water, biodiversity, open space, and active and passive recreational goals, as well as stronger cultural connection and beneficial outcomes for the catchment.

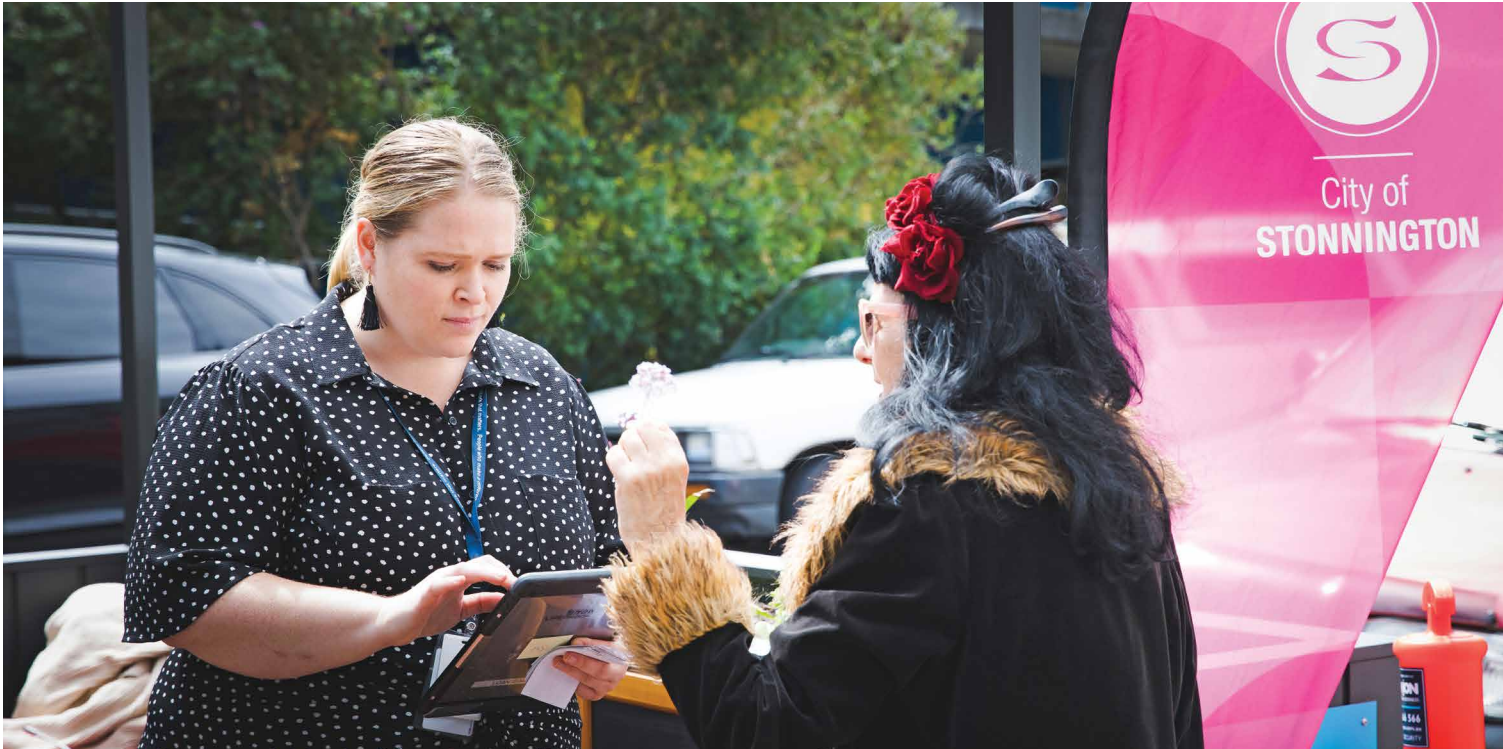
Gardiners Creek (Kooyongkoot) originates near Blackburn, and flows through Burwood and Malvern East, before following the Monash Freeway to the Yarra River (Birrarung).

The highly valued open space network surrounding the creek covers the cities of Boroondara, Monash, Stonnington and Whitehorse.

Within Stonnington, it features five of our seven biodiversity hotspots, as well as many sports grounds, recreation hubs, a key commuter cycling route and the Malvern Valley Golf Course. Open space along the corridor accounts for 45 per cent of all open space within our municipality.



Learn about our advocacy wins for the Gardiners Creek (KooyongKoot) area during the recent federal election at stonnington.vic.gov.au/advocacy



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Connect Stonnington, our online community engagement platform, has had a makeover.

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Engage with us and check it out at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au where you can also learn more about upcoming opportunities to meet your Councillors to ask questions or discuss ideas.



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