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A word from the Mayor

It's time to get out and enjoy sunny weather and experience all the great events our community is known for.

Through this special edition of Stonnington News, you'll find many things to see and do over summer, right across our amazing City.

Since our last edition of Stonnington News, we've opened a new dedicated dog park in South Yarra at the Thomas Oval and reopened a restored Harold Holt dive pool – two fantastic venues for everyone to enjoy! If you haven't already had a chance to visit, make sure you put them on your summer list.

We have also planned a fun-filled events and festivals program that will take place over summer.

The program includes our Christmas Concerts at Central Park and Como Park, and our summer series of Sunset Sounds and The Classics, as well as live productions at Chapel Off Chapel and our library-based school holidays program. I'd also encourage you to get

out and enjoy some of our great parks and gardens, pools and sporting grounds. Plus, there's lots to do and see at Prahran Square and in our premier shopping and dining areas.

With a State Government election this year, it was a great opportunity for Council to continue advocating on your behalf for commitments to Stonnington. We will continue to work with the new State Government elected into office, and advocate on the things that matter the most to our residents including the environment and climate action, transport and traffic, planning and development, community facilities and health.

Each November Councillors vote for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the following year. As the current term finishes, I'd like to highlight a few of the great things that have been achieved. In addition to the Harold Holt



dive pool and the Thomas Oval dog park, we've also started construction on new sports facilities at the Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park to address the shortfall of facilities for our women and girls. We have completed the sports courts upgrades, Chapel forecourt and car park at Princes Gardens, as well as the redevelopment of Como Park, and launched the Lost Lands Found project in Central Park.

There's so much happening in Stonnington and there's lots to look forward to this summer. I invite you to get out there, get involved and enjoy your community in the sunshine!

I wish everyone a happy festive season and hope that you all get to spend time with your family and friends.

Cr Jami Klisaris
Mayor
City of Stonnington

THE SURVEY SAYS

Each year we conduct an annual **Community Satisfaction Survey**, which includes a list of **Victorian State Government-mandated questions**, surveying **400 randomly-selected community members** about their perceptions of Council.

In order to get further in-depth insights, this year, we followed up with a series of focus groups.

Insights from this research revealed Stonnington ranks higher than the metropolitan average in appearance of public areas, as well as customer service, and on par with waste management services across metropolitan Melbourne with a satisfaction level of 71 per cent.

Three times as many residents rated the value for money they receive from Council in infrastructure and services as very good or good (45 per cent) than rates it as very poor or poor (15 per cent), although there is still some work to be done in this space.

Younger residents aged 18–34 rated council's overall performance higher than those aged 50–64. There was also strong support from residents for the return of face-to-face community meetings – something we're addressing with our recent community forums.

Council is listening to and taking action on feedback that indicated opportunities for improvement, including communication, community engagement and advocacy. Our digital improvement program will also ensure we're able to be more responsive to requests and provide our customers with more information about our services.

Find out more at stonnington.vic.gov.au/community-satisfaction



Smiles all round at Serrell Street kinder

In August, when the Serrell Street kindergarten community was informed that the service would close at the end of the 2022, around fifty families faced an uncertain future of not knowing where or when their children could attend kinder in 2023.

Fast forward several months later, and with thanks to the continued efforts of Council's Community Services, who facilitated meetings between parents,

the Department of Education and Glen Education, Serrell Street kinder is open for business – and is welcoming children.

The kinder will benefit from the management and high-quality service offered by Glen Education, a not-for-profit Early Years Manager, whose role is to provide inclusive programs that foster a lifelong love of learning.

From 2023, the service will be known as Glen Serrell Street Kindergarten. Parents and families are grateful to East Ward Councillors for the support they provided to families during the kinder's closure.

Stonnington Mayoral election



On 22 November, Councillors voted to appoint the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the coming year.

Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/news for the results

“This is a fantastic result for our residents, our children and our families in this local area, and for the Serrell Street kinder community. When confronted with adversity of being told the kinder was to close at short notice the parents and the local community rallied. Without their hard work, the kinder would not have been saved.”

— Cr Lew East Ward

Reconciliation Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge we are 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: Taking a dive, L to R, Emily, Alex and Max, at the reopening of the new Harold Holt dive pool.



Make a splash

Summertime in Stonnington can mean only one thing – spending a day at one of our pools.

This year, we saw the long-awaited return of the dive pool at Harold Holt Swim Centre, now fully restored to its former glory.

After its closure to the public since 2003, the dive pool was officially reopened on a sunny, blue-sky October day to an enthusiastic gathering of pool goers.

If heights and diving aren't your thing, there are many other ways to enjoy hot days at our aquatic venues.

The new outdoor spa has also opened, and the existing 50m outdoor and 25m indoor pools remain a popular 'go to' destination. The leisure pool and splash park are great for families and kids to hang out and keep cool.

Prahran Aquatic Centre is also gearing up for some more summertime poolside fun, with Live Jams, where the music will be pumping from live DJ decks across the 50m outdoor pool.



To find out more, turn to **pages 5 to 8**

Hello, this is the City of Stonnington

If you thought Council was just about rates, roads and rubbish, think again.

We deliver more than 100 services across the City – rain, hail, shine, right throughout the year. And, this summer, we'll continue to deliver all your favourite and important things to make your experience of living, working, playing and visiting Stonnington a memorable one, and, your interaction with us as helpful and easy as possible. Here's a snapshot of the year that was.

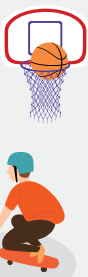


HAROLD HOLT SWIM CENTRE

Attendances **262,000**
After **20 years**, the Harold Holt dive pool reopened **19 October**

INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

Delivered **\$72 million** in major projects including PTMP, Harold Holt dive pool, Prahran Skate Park and Basketball Court



CHAPEL OFF CHAPEL

Presented more than **100 shows**
Sold over **26,000 tickets**
World-class performances by Rhonda Burchmore, Moira Finucane and THNDO, sold out seasons of new Australian works Shawry, Driftwood and Songs from the Canyon, exceptional revivals of Holding the Man, DIRT and Next to Normal



PLACEMAKING

18 parklets (currently under various stages of approval)
Five approved constructed permanent parklets

LIBRARIES

39,600+ library members, **13,863** borrowed more than **590,000** items, of which **30 per cent** borrowed from our digital collections

155,100+ visitors

Presented **570** programs and events, attended by **10,000** people including **11th untitled literary festival**, and **What's your story writing competition**

Established inaugural Seed Library



COMMUNITY SERVICES

729 Engaged events including Seniors Festival with **6,141 participants**

Hosted **12 Skills for Stronger Families** sessions with **over 700** attendees

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Received **66,735** calls with an average of **353** calls daily

Total of **141,056** requests processed across all channels including phone, counter, email and SnapSendSolve

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

734 babies born this year

6,181 visits made to centres

77 free infant immunisation sessions

34 visits to schools immunising Years 7 and 10 students

Two Community Dads Groups established and meeting regularly on weekends



ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND WASTE

Plants planted **1,800**

Trees planted **25,000**

FOGO waste composted **4,776** tonnes

Total waste diverted from landfill across all services **14,349** tonnes

Percentage of renewable **electricity** used at Council buildings **100%**

No. of **bird observations** by residents as part of the Aussie Bird Count **7,427**

New car share spaces **12**



OVER 20 FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Glow Winter Arts Festival, Roola Boola Children's Arts Festival, Melbourne Fringe Festival, So Soiree Fringe Garden, Melbourne International Jazz Festival, Prahran Square Block Party, Pets in the Park, The Classics (Opera and Symphony), Como Carols, Sunset Sounds, Green Screen



GIVE YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS TREE A SECOND CHANCE

Cut and plastic Christmas trees have become festive mainstays, but both come with a sizeable carbon footprint.

Consider a potted living tree that you can grow and enjoy year after year or decorate your home with ornaments you've collected over time. Or if you just can't resist a natural cut tree, make use of our free drop-off service at the Stonnington Waste Transfer Station, between 26 December 2022 and 31 January 2023. We'll put your once much-cherished tree to work by turning it into mulch to nurture new plants.

@ Find our Waste Transfer Station hours and address at stonnington.vic.gov.au/depot

Getting smart about FOGO waste

In early-2023, we're running a three-month trial using smart technology to enhance our waste collection service.

If you have one of the new food and green waste bins you could be part of the trial.

STEP 1

When the truck empties a RFID-fitted FOGO bin, it collects data including the bin ID, location, date and time.

STEP 2

The driver reports any issues with the bin or collection via an in-truck tablet.

STEP 3

A report is created and allocated to the property in real time for our customer service team and waste officers.

STEP 4

From there, our waste team can generate any work orders needed to the truck driver via a notification back to the in-truck tablet.

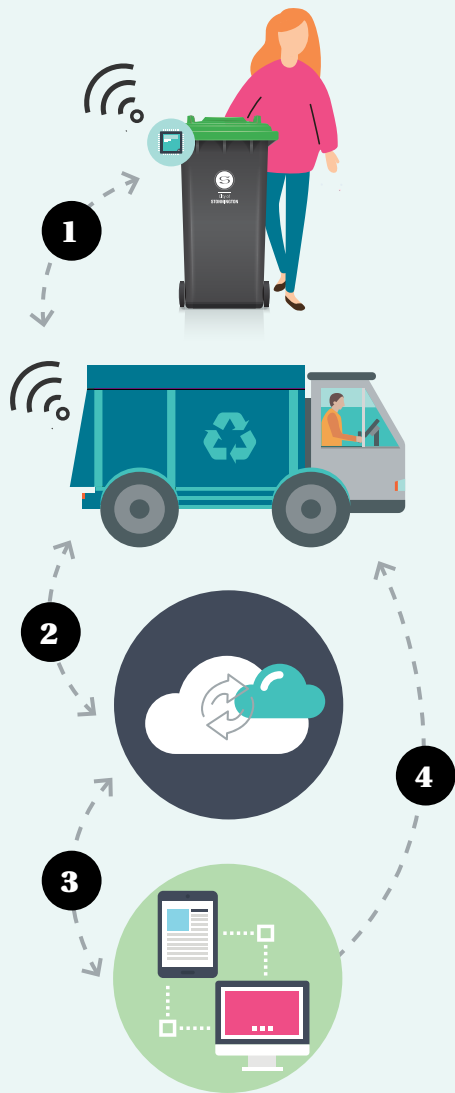
WHAT DATA IS COLLECTED?

The RFID trial will collect data about when and where bins are collected, any bin issues, and service requests.

THE BENEFITS

By embedding smart technology into our waste collection services we can

- > efficiently track stolen, lost or misplaced bins
- > identify, understand, and address persistent waste contamination
- > deliver community education and engagement campaigns, and
- > provide better customer support and reduce response times through accurate real time data.



Find out more at stonnington.vic.gov.au/waste-changes

Leading the way on single-use plastics ban

On 1 February 2023, the Victorian Government's Single-Use Plastics Ban comes into effect.

Supply of straws, cutlery, plates, drink stirrers, expanded polystyrene food and drink containers and cotton bud sticks will be banned. Single-use plastics are a big problem and the ban is a major win for our environment.

To support the ban, we're leading the way with our own Plastic Free Policy outlining our commitment to reducing and eventually eliminating the use of single-use plastics across our operations, services and events, and at private events held on Council land and in Council-managed sites.

We've also created resources to support our businesses and residents to prepare for the ban, understand the environmental impact of single-use plastics, and transition to sustainable, reusable alternative items.



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



Going full circle on waste management

In September, we adopted the Towards a Circular Economy, Our Future Waste Strategy (2022-25).

This is our first standalone waste strategy and it was informed by a comprehensive community engagement program to deliver a three-year plan that will guide our transition to a circular economy approach to waste management.

Our Waste Strategy outlines the principles, priorities, and actions towards a new way of thinking about waste where resources are valued and kept in use for as long as possible.

The strategy identifies our priorities to avoid and reduce waste, reuse for as long as possible, and recover and make waste history.

Supporting the priorities are a series of actions to help create a stronger, healthier, more connected and resilient city, and support our climate emergency response.

Find out more at stonnington.vic.gov.au/waste-strategy

Download the free MyStonnington app to your phone, to stay on top of bin collection days, what goes in each bin and hard waste collections.

Check it out at stonnington.vic.gov.au/mystonnington





Stonnington summer events guide

Summer in Stonnington is a bevy of concerts, music, entertainment, festivals, events, arts and culture, and a fantastic opportunity for friends and family to go out, meet up and enjoy volumes of sunshine, shopping, sport, sounds, singing, socialising and good times together.

We're proud to serve up a smorgasbord of special events for you and have curated a selection of fun, festive summertime activities to add to your diary.

Summer
of fun



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The City of Stonnington presents the return of some of Melbourne's most-loved free Christmas concerts to celebrate the festive season – **Family Christmas at Central Park and Carols at Como Park.**

We sure know how to celebrate Christmas. Each event will feature a dazzling lineup of festive music with some of Australia's finest vocalists: the stunning South of the River Choir, and a unique format to be enjoyed by families and friends.

Family Christmas at Central Park

Sunday 11 December 2022
7.30pm–9.30pm

📍 Central Park, Malvern East

With musical director, Casey Bennetto, hosted by Michelle Brasier and featuring special guest vocalists Rob Mills, Shauntai Sherree, Gillian Cosgriff and Mike McLeish, the concert showcases South of the River Choir and a very special visit from Santa. Plus, free face painting and craft activity for kids and roving entertainment from 6pm.

Carols at Como Park

Sunday 18 December 2022
7.30pm–9.30pm

📍 Como Park, South Yarra

Featuring musical director, Casey Bennetto, hosted by Eddie Perfect and special guest vocalists Lucy Durack, Aurora Kurth and Bert LaBonté, this special concert will include South of the River Choir, a very special visit from Santa and roving entertainment from 6.30pm. The event concludes with a stunning pyrotechnics display.


📍 Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/ChristmasConcerts

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SAFE FESTIVE
SEASON





All wrapped up in Malvern

 Glenferrie Road, Malvern is offering a special gift-wrapping service, located outside Malvern Central, and on either side of the (Glenferrie Road) pedestrian crossing.

Give your gold coin donation to support local charity Knit One Give One (KOGO), which knits beautiful clothing, blankets and toys for those in need all over Australia.

Wrapping stations open:

- » 17 December, 10am – 4pm
- » 18 December, 11am – 4pm
- » 22 December, 10am – 4pm
- » 23 December, 10am – 4pm
- » 24 December, 10am – 4pm

Christmas in Toorak Village

Enjoy a little bit of extra sparkle in Toorak Village this festive season.

Street trees will be dressed with bright red bows, and there'll be a surprise visit from Santa and Ezra the elf, the week before he scrambles down your chimney.

There's also an *Ezra the Toorak Elf competition for kids* – win a dinner in the Village (worth \$100) by filling out an entry form (available from all Toorak Village stores) and pop it in one of the special red letterboxes outside Traffic at 535a Toorak Road or Sezan's Café at 428 Toorak Road. The competition closes midday, 31 December 2022.


Good luck!

Shop till you drop with extra summer bus services

Take a trip on the extra summer bus services from Oakleigh Station to Chadstone Shopping Centre over the busy season.

There are more ways to get to and from Chadstone Shopping Centre, with 250 additional buses running from Oakleigh Railway Station until 29 January 2023.

The service includes 250 extra buses on Saturdays, 220 on Sundays and 420 on Boxing Day, to offer more frequent buses and shorter wait times. Public Transport Victoria, in partnership with Chadstone Shopping Centre, developed the summer bus schedule to ensure services run one hour before and one hour after trade, to get people to and from the centre over the busy Christmas period.

 For the full timetable and extra services, visit ptv.vic.gov.au

SUNSET SOUNDS

Join us for unmissable and intimate evenings of neo soul blues, slow dance grooves, commanding hip hop and indie funk with **Sunset Sounds**.

These special two, three-hour concerts over two weekends, feature some of the most exciting names in Australian music, and great food and drink trucks to fulfil your appetite.



1 Sunday 15 January 2023
5pm–8pm

 Victoria Gardens, Prahran

Hosted by DJ Lyndelle Wilkinson and headlined by three-time ARIA nominee Mo'Ju, with support from Afro-Soul outfit Cool Out Sun.



2 Sunday 22 January 2023
5pm–8pm

 Central Park, Malvern East

Hosted by DJ Ella Stoeckli and headlined by world famous funk and soul band, The Bamboos, with support from North Queensland trio Izy.

 Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/Sunset-Sounds

THE CLASSICS

The City of Stonnington presents the return of the Classics, our much-loved free classical concerts in the park at night.

The Classics make for a great night out of superb entertainment under the stars: an outdoor opera concert at Victoria Gardens on Saturday 11 February, and a symphony performance with a renowned 65-piece orchestra at Malvern Gardens on Saturday 25 February.



Opera on the Silver Screen

Saturday 11 February 2023
7.30pm–9.30pm

 Victoria Gardens, Prahran

Hosted by Artistic Director Ali McGregor, and featuring guest singers and a twelve-piece chamber orchestra.



Symphony

Saturday 25 February 2023
7.30pm–9.30pm

 Malvern Gardens, Malvern

Artistic Director and Conductor Roy Theaker, with the 65-piece Stonnington Symphony Orchestra and special guest artist.

BOOK A TABLE – IT'S TIME TO DINE OUT

Summer outdoor dining is back, with the days getting longer and the nights warmer. Support your local and enjoy some alfresco dining now.



See you there at the square this summer

Prahran Square is the heart of our community, link to surrounding retailers, a meeting place, an events space, a cultural hub, a thoroughfare to get you from A to Z in Stonnington, and, the jewel in our cultural crown.

A shared public place for families, friends, bar hoppers, shoppers, urban wanderers, day trippers, culture vultures and visitors, residents and everyday citizens, it's where people can get together in the sunshine, and enjoy the range of free and amazing experiences year in, year out.

Enjoy a great program of fitness and wellbeing activities or laze about on the lawns on a hot summer's day. Visit the Prahran Library and Information Hub. Meet your mates and grab a coffee from a neighbouring café or visit the Prahran Market. Immerse yourself in live music and entertainment or enjoy the hustle and bustle from afar. See our shimmering Christmas tree and festivities.

There's always something great happening at Prahran Square. We'll see you there.

📍 Cato Street, Prahran
🌐 prahransquare.com.au

- » *Get festive and celebrate Christmas at Prahran Square with family-friendly activities and entertainment, craft workshops, live music, a silent disco (and more to be announced), there's something for the whole family to enjoy on 17 and 18 December, from 10am.*
- » *We have our 16 Days of Activism on until 10 December.*
- » *Prahran Square Library presents the Book Chat program on 7 December (and again on 1 February, from 11.30am-12.30pm.*
- » *There's weekly Tai Chi classes, every Tuesday throughout summer.*
- » *And we proudly present the Candlelight Concerts on 25 and 26 March 2023.*

📍 To keep up-to-date with events at Prahran Square, follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** and subscribe to our What's On Stonnington newsletter.



Get festive with Prahran Market

Love good food, interested in what the latest and greatest is or want to know how to cook and serve unfamiliar produce this festive season?

Join us on one of our Prahran Market Discovery Trails on 10 December 2022, 21 January and 18 February 2023.

SEAFOOD FOR SUMMER ENTERTAINING

There's nothing quite like fresh seafood in summer and the market's fishmongers have a wealth of knowledge on good buys, what to look out for and what's in season when selecting produce for entertaining your guests.

Think crayfish, prawns, whole fish centrepieces and oysters. Here's some ideas from the experts at *Claringbold's Seafood*, *Periwinkle* and *Prahran Seafoods* to help with your summer shopping.



10 OF THE BEST CHRISTMAS TIPS FROM OUR EXPERT TRADERS

From decorating the Christmas table to the best champagne alternatives, Prahran Market's traders have all the tips to help your festive season run without a hitch.

Learn about floral arrangements by *Flawless Flowers*, scoring ham from *Gary's Meats* and a cheesy ending by *Maker & Monger*.



A TRADITIONAL GREEK CHRISTMAS MAIN BY KATHY TSAPLES

When it comes to cooking up a traditional Greek feast at Christmas, who better to turn to than *Sweet Greek's* Kathy Tsaples. Treat your guests to a tender shoulder of lamb with indulgent lemon potatoes and classic Greek salad.

📍 For tips, recipes, dates, special trading hours and further information, visit prahranmarket.com.au

CHAPEL OFF CHAPEL LIVE. INTIMATE. ICONIC.

CABARET

Midsumma Festival is Australia's premier LGBTQIA+ arts and cultural festival and you're invited to celebrate with us at Chapel Off Chapel as at we proudly host these divine shows.



Lesbian Love Stories

27-29 January 2023

Enjoy a cabaret performed by three local lesbians and a rockin' pianist.

This show features anonymous true tales of love from across the globe, delivered through song and speech by powerhouse women with the vocals to match. Stories will be shared, drinks may be spilled, and we promise not to tell anyone how you smudged your lipstick.



Ziegfeld Boy

3-5 February 2023

Take a trip back in time and witness vaudeville the way it should have been; a decadent world of glitz and glamour.

In the indulgent tradition of the Ziegfeld Follies, Ziegfeld Boy flips the traditional gender roles, glorifying the homosexual boy through a series of songs, skits and plenty of sass. It features some of the most infamous diva songs of the 20th century reimagined for the gay-male-gaze, including *Le Jazz Hot*, *Heatwave* and *Get Happy*, among many others.



Follies Girl

3-5 February 2023

Acclaimed cabaret diva and trans icon Mama Alto takes on a new adventure.

Inspired by the Folies Bergère, the Ziegfeld Follies, and the golden age of MGM movie musicals, Mama Alto is Follies Girl. There's no business like show business and this stunning hour of vaudeville delights will transport you to a classic era of mid-century glamour reinterpreted with contemporary queer flair.

LIVE MUSIC



Chapel Summer Sessions

17 February 2023

This February, Chapel Off Chapel presents a lineup of Australia's most exciting and well-loved musicians for its amazing Chapel Summer Sessions series.

From meeting on the cricket pitch to recording their debut album with the help of Matt Corby, Great Gable is not a band to do things in the standard way. They've been selling out multiple national and international tours and amassing millions of online streams. Don't miss your chance to see and hear their rhythmic, evocative, guitar-driven Rock and Roll live at the Chapel.

📍 For the full lineup of shows, further information and bookings, visit chapeloffchapel.com.au

A SUMMER OF LIBRARIES

Head to our libraries for great conversations – meet new people and keep your creative gears turning.

There's a whole world to discover from literary experiences to technology classes, family history to film screenings, games and creative projects, to story and rhyme sessions for children.

You can also beat the summer heat and unwind at home with our great range of online library collections, including books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, movies and music. Your membership unlocks loads of free online content, from your mobile device (or in person at the libraries). Joining is easy and free at the libraries or online, simply provide proof of your identity and current Victorian address.

2023 Stonnington calendar out now

The Stonnington History Centre has released a limited edition 2023 calendar featuring beautiful images from our stunning local history collection.

Each image has been carefully selected and provides a glimpse into our past – the people, places, architecture, fashion and events that have shaped Stonnington into the City it is today.

The spiral bound calendars are printed locally on 350gsm, 100 per cent recycled stock, and available from our libraries for \$25, (while stocks last). It's the perfect Christmas gift for history lovers and anyone who likes to stay organised.

Something BIG is coming this summer

Keep children and young people reading over summer with the BIG Summer Read.

The state-wide reading program from 1 December 2022 to 31 January 2023, is open to all under the age of 18. Participants can track their reading using the Beanstack app and earn badges when they reach reading milestones. There are also some fantastic prizes up for grabs.



Phoenix Park Library is turning 21

Save the date as we invite you to celebrate with us at the library.

Stay tuned for a special day of free special activities on 11 February 2023. There'll be something to enjoy in all corners of the library, including children's stories and songs, craft activities, seed workshops and more. (Some activities may require bookings).

Co-located within the bustling Phoenix Park Community Centre, the library offers services to residents and visitors in the Malvern East community.

The program will be announced mid-January 2023 – check for details on the library website.

See what's on offer and check out all our summer programs and events at stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library



SPORTING FUN IN THE SUN

With the days getting warmer and longer over summer, there's plenty of sport returning to Stonnington.

Cricket is back at sportsgrounds across town, with the sounds of leather on willow replacing the collisions and kicks of the completed football season. Find your local club online at stonnington.vic.gov.au/active

With the Australian Open not far off, tennis is a popular activity this time of year. Hot Shots clinics are a great way for kids to learn the game, make new friends, and be active in a non-contact sport.

Lawn bowls is the perfect summer activity for the whole family – yes, for children through to grandparents. Simple to learn, yet difficult to master,

it's good for your physical wellbeing and these community hubs provide a fun and lively social setting.

Malvern Bowling Club hosts a Barefoot Bowls competition on Wednesday nights at 5pm, from October to May. With an emphasis on it being a social competition, it's also great for getting involved in your local area. To participate or spectate, contact the club directly, (membership not required to play).

Stonnington has a great number of beautiful parks and trails – from short strolls to lengthier treks – always open for walking, jogging and bike riding.



Do The Wall Crawl over summer



Stonnington is home to many murals dotted around our precincts, adorning walls and buildings and brightening laneways.

Some may capture your thoughts and imagination for the first time, others are well-known signifiers, paying tribute to the precinct they celebrate.

They've all been created by some of the most dynamic local and national artists and others have been commissioned for a very specific purpose.

Included in the selection is *Spring Parrots* by Minna Leunig, which can be found in the **Prahran Square Library**, and complements Leunig's sister piece, *Flow of Life* on the outer façade of the **Malvern Library**.

Mural artist and designer Paul Sonsie's work *Shifts and Shapes* can be found on **Elizabeth Street** next to **Prahran Market**, and another of

his murals is located at **224 Malvern Road, Prahran**. The **Bert Healy Pavilion** has never looked brighter with the addition of renowned artist Emma Coulter's piece *Spatial Deconstruction #27* spanning the entire wall of the pavilion.

Taking his inspiration from the many faces of **Chapel Street**, and indoor flora that became a trend throughout the pandemic, Tom Gerrard's mural *Pot Plants* has completely transformed the wall on the corner of **Chapel and Barry streets, South Yarra**.

A short walk over to Prahran will take you to a whimsical work depicting two girls enjoying a typical rainy Melbourne day, by local artist BeFree, appropriately painted on the façade of the **Princes Close Childcare Centre**.

Summer sounds by the pool

DJ, producer and mixer, Paz, and guest DJs present **Lime Jams** – a summer of sounds at **Prahran Aquatic Centre**.

Enjoy a poolside music journey, featuring a mix of genres from balearic to cosmic, salsa to samba, disco to boogie, hip hop to R&B, jazz to funk, house to techno.

Lime Jams happen over four summer Sundays from 1pm–5pm, 15 and 22 January and 5 and 12 February 2023.

Broadcast live outdoors, alongside the popular Prahran Pool, 41 Essex Street, Prahran

Call 8290 7140



Revel in this free gallery by taking The Wall Crawl and enjoy our public murals using our online map at stonnington.vic.gov.au/WallCrawl

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

Increasing open space for all to enjoy

The City of Stonnington has the second lowest amount of public open space per person in any Victorian Council, but we're working hard to find new ways to provide this valuable resource.

When we developed our Public Realm Strategy in 2010, one of our actions was to prepare a land acquisition and conversion strategy to support the plan for increasing the provision of open space in Stonnington. It's called Strategies for Creating Open Space.

From time to time we purchase properties to facilitate the creation of additional open space for community enjoyment.

The new pocket park at 7 Hobson Street, South Yarra, is an example of this policy in action.

Identified as a location for future open space as part of our Hawksburn Village Structure Plan (2016), we purchased the site in late 2018. In collaboration with the local community, this site has been fully converted into open space and features an irrigated lawn, tiered garden beds and a shelter with bespoke seating, offering an informal space for community gatherings.



“I have heard very clearly that you love our parks and gardens, but want more of them. Which is why in the last five years we have spent just over \$50 million purchasing land to turn into green spaces. We are always on the lookout for more opportunities to ensure nature is close to home.”

— Cr Hely North Ward

➤ More information about recent open space conversions can be found at stonnington.vic.gov.au/openspace



Take a ride with Stonnington Car Share

If you don't own a car but need to get from A to B to Z, you can now access a car at any time at one of the car share locations available throughout our City.

Car Share is a privately operated, membership-based service, providing access to cars and vans. Vehicles can be rented on demand, by the hour or the day and the cost includes fuel, maintenance, roadside assistance and regular cleaning.

The service offers a great alternative to personal car ownership without the expense and hassle of buying a car and ongoing maintenance. It also offers flexibility, convenience and has great environmental benefits.

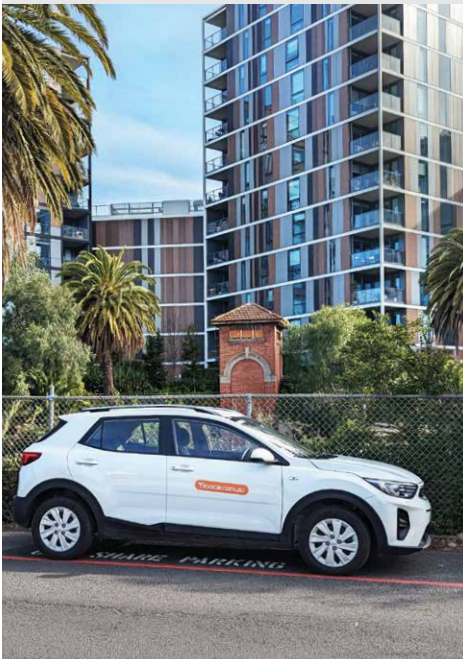
A well-developed car share network can reduce parking demand in the local area, reduce car dependency, and encourage walking, cycling and public transport use.

There are now four car share companies operating in Stonnington: Flexicar, GoGet, GreenShareCar and PopCar. A total of 12 new car share bays have been added, in addition to the existing 15 plus car share bays.

Council supports further expansion of the car share network in line with our adopted Car Share Policy.

Car share locations are at Armadale, Malvern, Malvern East, Prahran, South Yarra and Windsor.

➤ For a full list of locations or to learn about more sustainable transport options, check stonnington.vic.gov.au/sustainable-transport



Businesses going full circle with concierge service

Integrating a circular economy into any business's daily operations can be a mind-boggling experience.

So, understanding what a circular economy is, and how it can improve environmental outcomes is the first step.

This year, our Business Concierge Service enabled 10 local businesses to take this first step, by offering a Go Full Circle program. The eight-week online program provided knowledge and training for participants to confidently change the way they managed their products and services, packaging and their waste, to become a more environmentally sustainable business.

- Find out how the Business Concierge can help you, to:
- > navigate the permit process if you're opening, building or buying a business
 - > understand what permits are needed
 - > understand the order in which to submit applications
 - > put the right documentation together when applying for permits, and
 - > get information and advice from across Council.

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

☎ or call 8290 1333

Stonnington’s own *big build*

Next year, we’ll be delivering major build projects following extensive community engagement to inform and finalise their designs.

At the west end of town we’ll be completely revamping the Prahran Skate Park and Basketball Court with a design heavily influenced by community input. As well as introducing new and challenging skating obstacles, we’ve listened to feedback and will retain the existing vert ramp within the park and build a new mini vert ramp. Plenty of seating, shelter and a rebuilt basketball court round out what will be a fantastic new drop in hub for skaters near and far. Construction of the skate park is planned to start by mid-2023.

Next door in Windsor, the popular Windsor Siding BMX Track is also getting a makeover in 2023. Built in 2016, the BMX track is looking a little worse for wear with the track surface needing an upgrade. We used this as

an opportunity to review the design and in 2023 will fine-tune the layout to make it safer and more accessible for users of all ages and abilities. At the same time, we are upgrading the track surface to a smooth hard-wearing surface and, responding to community feedback, the surface will be reddish-brown to fit in with the surrounding natural environment.

Further afield at Toorak Village, from early 2023 we will start a six-month program of works to deliver improvements to the streetscape. Along Toorak Road, from Wallace Avenue to Grange Road, we’re replacing the footpaths on both sides with high-quality concrete, bluestone and granite pavers and trim detail.

New consistent street furniture, many more trees and feature lighting will see this iconic shopping strip returned to its best. Extensive engagement with local businesses and residents played a large part in the final design, particularly around the furniture selection, pavement type and tree species.

A new, fully accessible and inclusive playground is also coming to Central Park in Malvern East. The playground, about 100 metres south of the existing playground on Kingston Street, will be fully fenced and feature accessible play elements including swings, spinners, a cubby, trampoline and play table. It will also be positioned next to a new accessible toilet block, and more accessible parking bays will be added to the Kingston Street parking area.

The northern playground is also being upgraded and will offer a more challenging play experience with climbing frame and circular swing set.

A path will link the two play spaces and a mix of hard and soft surfaces, extensive plantings and custom play items will round out a play experience the whole family will enjoy.



View a full list of major works at stonnington.vic.gov.au/majorworks

Fetching new park opens in South Yarra

Dogs of Stonnington have a new purpose-built park following the October opening of Thomas Oval dog park in South Yarra.

The official opening by Mayor Cr Jami Klisaris and Minister for the Environment and Climate Action, the Hon. Lily D’Ambrosio, was well attended by an excited group of dogs (and their owners) who, after giving the park a test run, were gifted a celebratory doggie bag of tasty treats, toys, a waste bag holder and coffee voucher for nearby Kanteen.

The fully-fenced park is suitable for dogs of all shapes and sizes, young and old. Within the park itself there are two fenced areas – one for your more active and energetic dog, and a smaller area for the older, quieter types.

A large expanse of lawn, natural play elements including a huge log, running track and a variety of ground materials add to the park’s appeal – with lots of space to sniff and explore. The humans haven’t been left out with shelters and seating in the active and quiet zones, to sit and relax while keeping an eye on their furry friends.

Entry is via the Alexandra Avenue boardwalk or from stairs leading up from Como Park below. Paw prints leading from the Yarra Trail and signs at the bottom of the boardwalk make finding your way to park a breeze.



“I am very proud of our new dedicated dog park at Thomas Oval. As a dog owner, I love taking my dogs there knowing that they have somewhere they can safely play and exercise freely in a dedicated park designed for their needs. I encourage all furry friends (and their owners) to come and explore this fantastic new facility.”

— Cr Sehr South Ward

The park was built by the City, in partnership with the State Government and brings the number of dog off-leash areas in Stonnington to 28.

Find one near you at stonnington.vic.gov.au/dogpark

New pavilion and oval upgrades for Toorak Park

Toorak Park is getting a new pavilion, upgraded sports oval and better lighting.

In the coming months, work will begin on the third and final stage of the Toorak Park/Victory Square master plan, including construction of a new shared-use pavilion and the redevelopment of the oval. And, with funding from the Victorian Government, at the same time we will be improving the lighting.

As an overview, the works will deliver

- > a new shared-use pavilion with meeting and function rooms, storage facilities, kitchen and kiosk and amenities including female-friendly change rooms
- > a venue that is fully accessible to people of all abilities
- > new low spill, energy-efficient LED lighting to meet the standard required for AFL amateur competition and practice

- > a larger, reshaped sports oval with new drainage, irrigation, turf and cricket wickets
- > an upgraded western grandstand
- > new spectator viewing areas and seating around the ground
- > a continuous pathway around the oval, and
- > landscaping and tree planting.

The new shared-use pavilion has been designed in close collaboration with Toorak Park sporting clubs. When complete, the local clubs and wider community will have a new state-of-the-art pavilion and supporting infrastructure to meet their needs now and into the future.

Construction is due to start in early 2023 and take up to two years to complete.

Learn more at stonnington.vic.gov.au/tpp



Sporting facilities taking shape

Nine months into the new Percy Treyvaud sports facility build, things are progressing well and on track for the planned early-2024 opening.

Car park, stadium and suspended bowling green slabs are poured, concrete panels for the inside spaces are well advanced, and steel works are underway.

The site fencing is looking very colourful with self-portraits of students from Malvern Valley Primary School, ‘playing their favourite sport’.

And watch the action through windows in the site fencing.

Construction will halt from 22 December and return on 11 January.

Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp



Be the first to have your say

Connect Stonnington is our online community engagement platform.

Hit the ‘join’ button and be the first to have your say on projects that interest you.

You’ll be invited to select the project categories and suburbs that interest you most, and when a new community engagement project is launched, you’ll be the first to receive an email inviting you to have your say.

Consult, engage, connect, Council.

To sign up, hit the join button at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au

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stonnington.vic.gov.au/watch-council-live

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2022

Family Christmas at Central Park

Hosted by **Michelle Brasier**, featuring **Rob Mills, Gillian Cosgriff, Shauntai Sherree & Mike McLeish** with Musical Director **Casey Bennetto**

Sunday 11 December
Central Park, Malvern East
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Carols at Como Park

Hosted by **Eddie Perfect**, featuring **Lucy Durack, Aurora Kurth & Bert LaBonté** with Musical Director **Casey Bennetto**

Sunday 18 December
Como Park, South Yarra
7.30pm - 9.30pm

FREE
EVENTS

Festivities include roving entertainment, food trucks and a very special visit from Santa!
Proceeds of the day go to the Mayor's selected charity.

For more information, visit
stonnington.vic.gov.au/ChristmasConcerts



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Get in touch over the holidays

From late-2022 to early-2023 the hours of some of our services and facilities may change.



WHAT'S OPEN, WHEN

	Customer Service Centres		Pools		Waste Transfer Station
	311 Glenferrie Road Malvern	Prahran Square	Harold Holt Swim Centre	Prahran Aquatic Centre	
Friday 23 December	8.30am – 5pm	8.30am – 5pm	5.45am – 8pm	5.45am – 7.45pm	10am – 3.30pm
Saturday 24 December	CLOSED	CLOSED	6am – 5pm	6am – 5pm	9am – 3pm
Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 26 December – Boxing Day	CLOSED	CLOSED	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	CLOSED
Tuesday 27 December	CLOSED	CLOSED	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	10am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 28 December	8.30am – 5pm	8.30am – 5pm	5.45am – 9pm	5.45am – 7.45pm	10am – 3.30pm
Thursday 29 December	8.30am – 5pm	8.30am – 5pm	5.45am – 9pm	5.45am – 7.45pm	10am – 3.30pm
Friday 30 December	8.30am – 5pm	8.30am – 5pm	5.45am – 8pm	5.45am – 7.45pm	10am – 3.30pm
Saturday 31 December	CLOSED	CLOSED	6am – 5pm	6am – 5pm	9am – 3pm
Sunday 1 January – New Year's Day	CLOSED	CLOSED	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	CLOSED
Monday 2 January	CLOSED	CLOSED	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm	10am – 3.30pm

📞 If you can't visit in person, we're available 24/7 on **8290 1333**

📍 For online services such as to make a payment or report an issue visit stonnington.vic.gov.au

Aged Services and community centres

Community transport shopping and library services will not operate on public holidays.
In-home services will not operate on public holidays.
Grattan Gardens Community Centre will close Friday 23 December and reopen February 2023. For details, call **8290 1460**

Engaged programs finish Friday 23 December and resume Monday 9 January.

Princes Close and Winter Street Early Years Services

Closed from Friday 23 December to Monday 2 January, reopening Tuesday 3 January.

Maternal and Child Health centres

Centres are closed on public holidays.
For after-hours assistance, call **132 229**

Household waste collection

There is no change to the household waste collection service so please leave your bins out on your usual collection day.

Libraries

All libraries are closed on public holidays. For details, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/library