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Welcome from the Mayor



Welcome to our new format and renamed Stonnington News.

In fact, we are going back in time and adopting the original name of our publication when the City of Stonnington was first created back in 1994 with the amalgamation of the City of Malvern and City of Prahran.

We also listened to your recent feedback that you wanted to hear from us more often, so look out for this publication every two months, instead of every quarter. But to ensure you have the most up-to-date information about what we've been up to, please check out our website and follow us on social media.

With climate change being at the forefront of our minds of late due to the fires and extreme weather across our country, the City of Stonnington has partnered with the Shire of Towong in northeast Victoria and offered our country cousins \$50,000 towards their community recovery program.

The City of Stonnington is committed to ensuring that we continue to have an inclusive, healthy, creative, sustainable and smart community.

Cr Steve Stefanopoulos
Mayor of Stonnington

Helping fellow Victorians in times of need

In February, City of Stonnington Councillors unanimously resolved to donate \$50,000 to support Towong Shire as the area recovers from bushfires.

City of Stonnington Mayor Cr Steve Stefanopoulos said this builds on support provided to the area since the bushfire emergency.

"The City of Stonnington has been working with councils in the affected areas to offer support in terms of human resources and equipment.

"To build on this, at the first Council meeting for the year, we pledged \$50,000 to support Towong Shire in their recovery efforts.

"This donation is just one part of our response, and we will continue to work with Towong Shire and assist where we can in the longer term.

"Across Stonnington, people, businesses and groups are doing what they can to provide support. I am proud of the generosity of our community," said Cr Stefanopoulos.



To find out how you can help, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal

Own a pool or spa?

The Victorian Government has recently introduced laws to improve swimming pool and spa safety for everyone that includes new registration, inspection and compliance requirements.

What this means for Stonnington residents

If you're a pool or spa owner, you'll now be required to register your pool and spa with Council, along with getting your safety barrier inspected once every four years.

The new regulations are in response to a series of coronial investigations, which found that faulty and unsafe pool barriers had contributed to the deaths of children in backyard pools.

What you need to do

Step 1. Register your pool or spa.

Step 2. Organise for your pool or spa barrier to be checked by a qualified building surveyor or inspector.

Step 3. Lodge your Certificate of Compliance.



Further information is available at stonnington.vic.gov.au/poolregistrations or vba.vic.gov.au

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Making it easier

We're making it easier to find what you're looking for from Council online such as services, information, events and advice.

Keep an eye on our website: stonnington.vic.gov.au for new features designed to make your experience with us even better.

Connect to Stonnington

Our community engagement platform Connect Stonnington is the place to have your say.

Share your thoughts, opinions and ideas on a range of projects and issues to help shape the future of Stonnington. Check in at connectstonnington.vic.gov.au for updates and new projects.

Update on combustible cladding

In conjunction with the Victorian Building Authority, combustible cladding investigations continue throughout Stonnington.

Residential (apartment) buildings that are more than two storeys in height, schools and health care facilities, all fall under the investigation umbrella.

Council's Municipal Building Surveyor team has seen a significant increase in enquiries from the public in regards to combustible cladding on buildings they own or are looking to purchase.

Stonnington currently has 82 properties where building notices or orders have been issued regarding detected combustible cladding, with a further 41 properties investigated and found to have no combustible cladding.

This year, we will see the next phase of investigations into buildings with combustible cladding and our team will provide further updates.



For further information, call us on **8290 3236**

About Stonnington News

Welcome to Stonnington News, Council's new-look, free news publication.

Each edition will feature stories about the latest news, views and issues affecting the Stonnington community, as well as our services, events and programs.

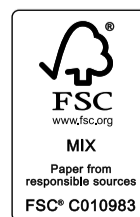
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Cover image: Cute and cuddly does it: The Tibbs & Bones / Fur-baby crew: left to right: Alicia Norio, Jade Matthews, and their dogs Matilda, Fig and Zella.

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Food waste collection is here

If you have a garden waste bin, from 1 March you can throw food scraps in with your garden clippings to reduce waste going to landfill and help create valuable compost used on Victorian farms.

This new service is being rolled out following a successful trial last year.

While we have a new name – the Food and Green Waste Service – everything else will stay the same: same bin, same collection day – only now you can add in food scraps.

FOOD WASTE MAKES UP 36 PER CENT OF THE AVERAGE STONNINGTON RUBBISH BIN, MEANING THOUSANDS OF TONNES OF FOOD WASTE GOING TO LANDFILL EACH YEAR.

Top tips to reduce odours:

- » Store meat and seafood scraps in the fridge or freezer until collection day.
- » Put garden clippings in the bottom of your wheelie bin and then layer green waste and food waste.

Did you know?

Composting food waste is one of the most effective environmental actions you can take.

It prevents the production of methane, a potent greenhouse gas produced when food rots in landfill. Adding compost to soil also helps to store carbon, increasing water retention and improving nutrient availability.

Join the food waste recycling revolution and help create nutrient-rich compost that will be used by farmers to help put food back on the table.



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

HARD WASTE news

The twice-yearly hard waste collection is happening soon, with residential collections scheduled from 3 March to 19 April.

To find out when the collection is coming to your street:

- check your letterbox for the brochure we send out two weeks before collection day
- stonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste or
- contact us on **8290 1333**

Remember, the hard waste collection is for items that are at the end of their life and need to be disposed of or recycled. Give quality items new life by selling or donating them.

Environmental events to catch

Over the next couple of months we have some fantastic environmentally-focused events happening in Stonnington... and they're free!

For a full list of upcoming events, check our calendar on pages 12 and 13.



To have news and events delivered straight to your inbox, subscribe to our monthly eNewsletter at stonnington.vic.gov.au/subscribe

Car park sets standard for environmental design

Old truck tyres, printer toner and soft plastics have been kept out of landfill and put to good use in a Malvern East car park upgrade.

The Kingston Street car park, bordering Central Park, is being upgraded with an innovative permeable asphalt made of recycled tyres, and Reconophalt – a recycled asphalt made from plastics collected from supermarkets and toner from print cartridges.

Previously a compacted gravel strip, the new-look car park will include eight new street trees that, over time, will provide shade and habitat for local fauna.

The upgrade also means 100 per cent of stormwater run-off will be captured to water trees and the adjacent park.

A Melbourne Water Living Rivers grant will go towards the project including 12 month monitoring to measure the project's effectiveness to capture water run-off, divert water to the adjacent trees and park, and reduce the urban heat island effect.

This project delivers on our commitment to:

- » reduce waste to landfill
- » recover valuable resources
- » conserve and improve water quality entering local waterways, and
- » grow the urban forest.

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



Meet Dave Smith

Keeping fit is never a challenge for Stonnington waste collector, Dave Smith, who for 20 years has been running the streets of Stonnington on his daily collection round.

And the 3am wake up for a 5am start is not a problem for Dave who says he enjoys the early start and early finish to his working day.

"From about the age of 16 I've been interested in being a waste collector," said Dave.

"I thought it would be great to be able to combine fitness with work."

Dave's working day is spent driving the truck or being a 'runner', wheeling garbage bins to the truck.

"There's nothing I don't like about the job. I like the hours, the friendly residents, my work mates and the job security.

A bonus to Dave's working day is the children who come out to wave as the crew are collecting in their street.

"There are quite a few children who love seeing the garbage trucks. Many are waiting on the nature strip before the truck even arrives."

To make his job a little easier, Dave has these top tips:

1. Park parallel and close to the kerb; this helps trucks navigate narrow streets.
2. Place your bin on the nature strip so it's not behind a car.
3. Don't put things like bricks or concrete in the bin – these need to be taken to the Transfer Station or put out in the next hard waste collection.



Grant creates opportunities

Stonnington has received a Move It AUS Community Swimming Grant from the Australian Government and Swimming Australia to partner with Vision Australia to reduce barriers to swimming for people with blindness or low vision.

The \$10,000 grant will help us:

- » Facilitate specialist training from Vision Australia for our aquatics staff.
- » Hold 'come and try' sessions for people with blindness or low vision to swim in a controlled and safe environment.
- » Create a targeted 10-week training program to enable people with blindness or low vision to improve their swimming ability.

Training for aquatics staff at Harold Holt Swim Centre has started, with more participation opportunities and training programs to follow.



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



“Initiatives like this are part of an important ongoing Council commitment to make Stonnington more inclusive and more accessible for residents, families, children and their carers.”

— Cr Glen Atwell, East Ward



Celebrating our citizens

Stonnington holds many citizenship ceremonies throughout the year, welcoming new residents to Australia and into the Stonnington community.

Last year, we welcomed 553 new citizens to Stonnington at official ceremonies attended by family and friends, our Councillors and local Victorian and Federal members of parliament.

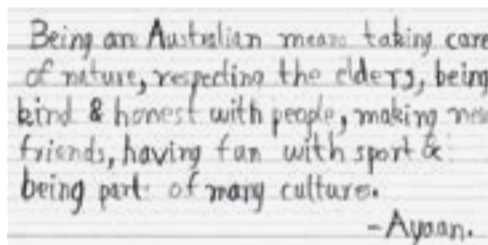
The ceremonies are an opportunity for all Australians, whether they are citizens by birth or by choice, to come together to acknowledge what's great about being Australian and about being a citizen of Stonnington.

“It really is a very moving experience attending our citizenship ceremonies. It highlights how so many different nationalities are excited to be sharing the same dream: to officially become Australians. And their jubilation reminds the rest of us how lucky we are to have been born here.”

— Cr Sally Davis, East Ward

On Sunday, 26 January, we welcomed 122 new citizens at Malvern Town Hall. >

We asked Ayaan, a year four student at a local primary school, what becoming an Australian citizen meant to him and we hope his hand written response makes your heart melt like it did ours. <



➤ If you're considering applying for citizenship, head to homeaffairs.gov.au

To check your eligibility or for more information, call **8290 1331**

Community Grants Program NOW OPEN

Are you a community group or organisation delivering inclusive projects that benefit Stonnington?

If you answered yes, you might be eligible to apply for a community grant. Our annual program helps eligible groups to deliver activities that improve our community's health, wellbeing and safety; enhance social connections and engagement; and contribute to economic and environmental sustainability.



Apply by midnight, 24 April at stonnington.vic.gov.au/communitygrants



To find out more, call **8290 1255** or email massan@stonnington.vic.gov.au



THE PAST IS PRESENT

You may notice something different when walking past the Toorak/South Yarra Library.

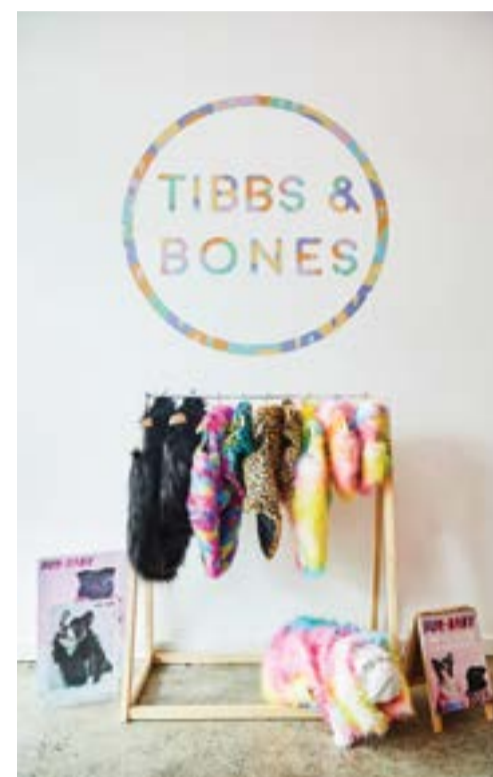
Made possible by our Arts and Cultural Grants Program, this amazing, stand-out piece of art by Melbourne-based photography artist James Voller uses images from Melbourne factories of the 1950s to reflect on our city's industrial past as we build and prepare for the future.

“The public artwork explores the meeting points of architecture, photography and place. The installation examines Melbourne's identity and the city's growth both socially and historically.”

— JAMES VOLLER, artist



Fur-baby runs out of Tibbs & Bones, located at 141 Chapel Street, Windsor, visit tibbsandbones.com or come and say hi at their stall at Pets in the Park



The dogs of Stonnington

Stonnington News sits down and chats with local business Tibbs & Bones about their fashionable and responsible pet shop featuring glamorous dog fashion label Fur-baby.

Q. What is Tibbs & Bones / Fur-baby?

A. Fur-baby is your one-stop shop for a well-dressed dog offering a range of perfect ('pawfect') faux fur jackets and cute customised collars to suit pooches of every shape and size.

Fur-baby has been slowly coming to life since 2017, however we officially launched in July 2019. We had a few cute coats in the winter to keep our own fur babies warm and this soon escalated into a passion for pooch fashion. We love nothing more than spoiling our dogs and keeping them cosy and cute. Our pooches now boast wardrobes that rival our own.

Q. As a trader, what are the three great things about working in Stonnington?

A. Being the sister label of Tibbs & Bones, we're super lucky to be able to host Fur-baby on Chapel Street. There are so many amazing things but what stands out is the diversity and inclusivity of the community – not to mention the delicious food and drinks right at our door step. Oh and who could forget how so many businesses are pet friendly – you can have your hair cut, sip a beer or shop – all with your beloved own fur baby.

Q. What do your hero cover dogs Fig, Zella and Matilda like to wear to the park?

A. Our little squishes are all pretty obsessed with fashion, just like their mums, and would never be caught dead without their Fur-baby goodies. If it's too hot they'll just have their collars on for safety reasons.

Q. What makes a responsible pet owner in your eyes?

A. Responsible pet ownership would have to include making sure your pooch is always on a lead; you could have the most well behaved dog on Chapel Street, however you can never assume everyone else's dog is as friendly as yours – some dogs do have social issues so it is good to be respectful of this especially in on-lead areas.

Q. Most rewarding part of opening a business in Windsor?

A. Being a part of the amazing Stonnington community is definitely the most rewarding part. We've been welcomed so warmly from the day we opened and we find working here to be so diverse and magical; there's always super fun events and activities on.

Q. How do you and your pooches like to get involved in the community?

A. We love bringing the dogs to work with us and popping out to all the great dog parks. We're also really excited for our first City of Stonnington event – Pets in the Park. We'll be bringing our full range of fun and fuzzy faux furs and glittering collars that can be custom ordered to suit your dog's personality.



For more tips on how you can be a responsible pet owner and other pet news, go to our website and look for our fact sheet at stonnington.vic.gov.au/pets

Don't forget to register your pet

Renewals are due on 10 April annually.

Your registration fee gives you more than just a lost and found service for your pet. It also funds the running of Council's pound, animal management staff to attend to nuisance complaints, investigate dog attacks, patrol parks and streets and collect and return pets to their owners. If you have a new dog or cat, you can register them online.

stonnington.vic.gov.au/pets



Pets in the Park 2020

Join us for our annual celebration of all things pets at one of our biggest and fluffiest events.

Feathers, fur, scales or shells – bring your beloved pets to Central Park for a day of family-friendly fun, demonstrations, talks, entertainment and pet parades.

Visit the vast array of stalls, discover the latest and greatest in products and pick up useful tips on responsible pet ownership from expert presenters and celebrate your pets.



Free family-friendly and pet-friendly event.



22 March, 11 am to 4pm
Central Park, Malvern East



stonnington.vic.gov.au/petsinthepark

Business events central

The City of Stonnington hosts a number of high profile events that complement the local retail economy.

We support established and new businesses, aspiring business owners and traders, burgeoning festivals and emerging events. This March, get some expert mentoring on the Small Business Bus, **3 and 5 March**. On **6 March**, in support of International Women's Day (**8 March**), we proudly host the Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival International Women's Day Runway Lunch at Malvern Town Hall.

Coming up, it's Small Business May; a series of events and workshops that assist small local businesses in getting started, staying relevant and navigating the intricacies of running a business and being a successful one.

Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/business

Melbourne Food and Wine Festival in Stonnington

19 to 29 March

Lots is happening in the foodie haven that is Stonnington. Delicious food. Great wine. Outstanding restaurants.

Every year, the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival showcases a variety of restaurants, cafés and bars. One of the food businesses involved in this year's festival, Tipico, a new, smart establishment featuring typical and tasty Italian flavours, is making a mark on the Stonnington culinary trail.

Check out the full program and eat and drink your way through at melbournefoodandwine.com.au

Better Access, Better Business

Do you run a business? Making sure your business is accessible and inclusive to everyone means you don't isolate potential customers.

Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/business to see our Better Access, Better Business guide that helps small business make changes to be accessible and inclusive.



242 High Street, Windsor
9089 0768

Locals love: *Tipico*

Tipico reflects the new Italy, the Italy that's now in Milan, the cool new vibe. Not the classic restaurant with Italian music playing and cloth on the tables. The flavours coming out of head chef Daniele Colombo's kitchen will be relatively classic, but with some modern finesse added to the plating.

Q. Describe what's on the menu

A. Our menu features:

» *Assaggi, Antipasti*: proper starters.

A selection of entrees inspired from Northern and Southern Italian recipes

» *Pasta*: fresh-home-made pasta.

Most of the items in this section change seasonally except for pappardelle with beef ragu and agnolotti del plin which are our signature pasta dishes. We always give at least a couple of vegetarians as well as two meat and two seafood based recipes, plus one pasta special every week.

» *Secondi*: main courses. Chef Daniele has concentrated all his energies in three main courses: our signature dish 'cotoletta', 'calletto' (spatchcock served with grilled broccolini and buffalo parmigiano) and 'fish of the day' (fresh fish changed daily).

» *Contorni*: salads and sides

» *Pizza*: a selection of classics and house made recipes. Our pizza dough has been leavened between 48 and 72 hours. This is necessary to give a light and fragrant texture to the dough. Daniele collaborates with our pizza chef to add a pizza special every week.

» *Dolci*: desserts

Q. How did you find head Chef Daniele Colombo? How would you describe him as chef?

A. Andrea and Daniele have collaborated in different venues for many years. We approached him as soon as we started working on the Tipico project.

I would describe Daniele as the perfect chef. He not only creates amazing dishes, he's also very attentive in minimising wastages and able to create the perfect vibe in the kitchen even on extremely busy nights.

Q. What drives your passion for running a food business premises / restaurant?

A. When you think about Italy, food is the first thing that comes up in your mind. Our customers shake our hands complimenting us about the food and general experience at Tipico and this makes us (and our mamas!!!) particularly proud.

Q. Describe three great things about having a business in Stonnington.

- A.** Having a business in Stonnington has multiple positive aspects:
1. Many of the neighbours / customers have travelled the world and know and appreciate authentic Italian food.
 2. Living and working in Stonnington offers many options in terms of food and other activities.
 3. There is a very nice community within restaurant/café owners. Never a sense of negative competition and always happy to help each other.

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A. Head Chef, Daniele Colombo, supervising the kitchen at Tipico Restaurant Bar

B. Signature dish 'cotoletta' (veal cutlet) served with 'giardiniera' (in-house pickled vegetables)

C. Cured kingfish with lemon infused mascarpone, pickled beetroot and chilli jam, paired with a glass of Journey Fiano, (Heathcote, Victoria)

VAMFF International Women's Day Runway Lunch



“I love this time of year – it’s abuzz with many wonderful world-class events and festivals that make our community strong, exciting and welcoming. I love even more that we host events that support and celebrate women making leaps and bounds in all facets of business, fashion, food and culture, while lifting women’s profiles on International Women’s Day and beyond.”

— Cr Melina Sehr, South Ward

Set in the outstanding Malvern Town Hall, the VAMFF International Women's Day Runway Lunch, hosted by the City of Stonnington, is your invitation to join us for lunch, admire contemporary collections on the runway, and hear some inspiring words.

Hosted by Nicole Byers, editor of Australian Women's Weekly, the event brings together fashion, food and powerful women.

Iconic designers will present their latest designs from current season collections that you can later shop in the nearby streets of Stonnington after the runway.

DESIGNER LINE-UP:

Husk / Feathers / Banded Together / Diida / Lisa Barron / Luxe Deluxe / Mastani / Megan Park / The Ark / Torannce / Vivienne Lorikeet.

Presented by City of Stonnington, supported by the Australian Women's Weekly

6 March, 12.30pm to 3pm
Malvern Town Hall

For tickets, visit vamff.com.au



SEE OPPORTUNITY Growing Business Together

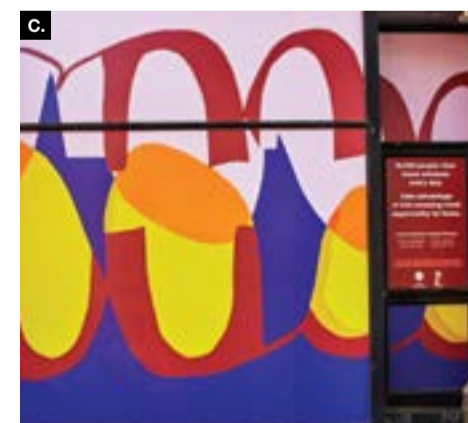
Using the beautiful designs of local artists Carla McRae and Philippa Riddiford, Stonnington has applied vinyl wraps to a selection of vacant tenancies across our major retail precincts to encourage potential business owners to 'See Opportunity' here in our municipality.

The wraps are an action from the new 'See Opportunity – Growing Business Together' initiative which uses artwork in vacant spaces to lift the retail experience and encourage retail tenants to lease vacant commercial properties.

Council is working in partnership with landlords and leasing agents on this project, the first of which is on 543–547 Chapel Street (formerly Seed and Siricco) and the second is on 457 Toorak Road. We're also looking at an installation in Glenferrie Road.



You can find out more by contacting the Business Concierge Service provided by our Economic Development team on **8290 1333**



Images

A. 290 Malvern Road – Mural - Abstract One by Dean Sunderland, 2019. ©Dean Sunderland

B. 543–545 Chapel Street – Dream-shape by Carla McRae, 2019. © Carla McRae

C. 547 Chapel Street – Out & About by Philippa Riddiford, 2019 © Philippa Riddiford – in collaboration with Signed and Numbered, Greville Street Prahran

THE ART OF IT

Interview with artist **Jamie North, creator of Ringform No 1 and No 2 located at Prahran Square.**

Q. Can you tell us how you created the concept for the Ringforms and why you feel this is best realised in a public space? What do you like best about their placement at Prahran Square?

A. The idea for Ringforms specifically came from looking at a building site outside an apartment window. This site was previously a factory, built on top of a swamp. After the site was excavated the swamp continued to reassert itself, filling the earthworks with water, delaying construction and attracting bird life. Some artefacts of mid-construction were stranded in pools of water, and some of these forms were big cable spools. Ringforms emulates these spools, but the nature of geometric forms is that they are reminiscent of so many things in life.

Q. As an artist, can you tell us how you feel having your works represented in Stonnington's Public Art collection?

A. I am really happy that the City of Stonnington has selected Ringforms for their collection. Bringing contemporary art to the people, especially outside of the gallery walls, allows people from all walks of life to experience art on their own terms.



“This is an exciting opportunity for Council to collaborate with landlords, real estate agents and local artists to make the retail experience an exciting one, fill retail vacancies and boost our local economy.”

— Cr Marcia Griffin, North Ward



You can see more of Jamie's work at Prahran Square.

To find out about upcoming events at Prahran Square, like Global Rhythms on 14 March, go to prahransquare.com.au

≤ Ringform No 1 and No 2 by Jamie North, 2018–19 © Jamie North

Photos by Dan Preston. © Dan Preston

Bridging the generational gap

Children at our Hornbrook Children's Centre, based in Prahran, have been visiting elderly residents at nearby Estia Health Aged Care.

It's an incredible learning experience that is helping build an amazing bond between younger and older members of the community.

Children leave Hornbrook holding hands and marching in pairs accompanied by educators helping them learn road rules as they walk to meet up with their adopted grandparents.

Residents eagerly wait to meet the group and get started on activities together – especially important for children who may otherwise miss out on communicating with and relating to the elderly.

Hornbrook Children's Centre is a progressive and culturally safe place for children aged three to five, with dedicated staff and large open play spaces that encourage indoor and outdoor learning.

Team Leader Stacey is excited about this program and what it will help achieve.

“These regular excursions have been a huge success and are much more than a community building exercise – this is a gift for the children and adults. We offer play and real experiences and children choose to join the residents to play games, sing and paint (sometimes each other).”



Learn more about our three Early Years Services at stonnington.vic.gov.au/earlyyears


Best laugh you'll have in 2020


Join in this new program of laughing yoga that will relax and energise your mind and body.

Fun for all ages, you'll discover easy, gentle and practical techniques to help reduce stress and anxiety, boost creativity, improve memory, concentration, flexibility, muscle strength and sleep, and enhance mind/body balance.

Experience the joy of laughter yoga in this six-week program delivered weekly. Sessions run for 90 minutes and you can book yourself in for the entire program or only a few.

You're never too old to join.

 **Every Thursday, 10.30am** at the Chris Gahan Centre Prahran

 For more details, call **8290 3337**



Painting the City

Have you noticed the contemporary and vibrant Traffic Signal Box artworks appearing throughout Stonnington?

The Traffic Signal Box Project (TSB) is a Stonnington Middle and Youth Services initiative in which young people – aged 12 to 25 – are invited to transform graffiti hotspots into fantastic street art.

Each participant receives mentoring from a prominent local street artist to design, develop and execute their own piece.

Local artist Juzpop was commissioned for the two newest TBS pieces – *The Dragon*, located at 2031–2033 Malvern Road, Malvern; and *Climate Change*, at 1219–1225 Dandenong Road, Malvern East.

The Dragon The young person chose this design because they like how dragons look and feel. They incorporate water into the design as it gives a sense of movement and is not typically how you would see a dragon illustrated.

Climate Change This design was chosen because they are passionate about climate change and wanted to design something that represents the potential impact it will have on the globe. This particular traffic signal box location, and the street art designed for it, was chosen as the young person felt that it was suitable due to the nature that surrounds the box.



Look out for more TSBs appearing over the coming months, and if you're a young person interested in being part of this exciting program, register your interest at youth.stonnington.vic.gov.au/programs/tsb



LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

We've recently upgraded the lighting at Righetti Oval in Kooyong and Como Park Oval in South Yarra.

This is part of an ongoing program to ensure player safety and cater for participation numbers across both junior and senior teams.

Clubs benefitting from the upgrades are:

Righetti Oval:
St Kevin's Old Boys Football Club, Glen Iris Junior Football Club, Prahran Cricket Club, Malvern Harriers Athletics Club, Camberwell Malvern Little Athletics and Malvern Baseball Club.

Como Park Oval:
Old Geelong Football Club, Old Xaverians Football Club, Prahran Junior Football Club, South Yarra Cricket Club and Toorak Prahran Cricket Club.

Swim your way into 2020

Harold Holt Swim Centre's 2020 Learn to Swim Program operates seven days a week during school terms and is also great during the holidays.

Offering lessons for students from six months through to adults, you're never too old to learn.



For bookings and information, go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/learntoswim



“One of the great things about Stonnington is its amazing facilities such as the Harold Holt Swim Centre and the long-term investment we make in improving our popular assets, maintaining safe standards and providing excellent recreation centres that can be enjoyed by everyone.”

— Cr Matthew Koce, North Ward



Improving Harold Holt

We're delivering \$3 million in improvement works at our famous Harold Holt Swim Centre.

Work is underway to retile the indoor leisure pool used for swimming lessons, while the outdoor pool and alternative indoor 25 metre pool remain open as lessons continue.

We appreciate your patience during these important works and look forward to reopening the renovated pool in early May.



stonnington.vic.gov.au/haroldholt

AGEING POSITIVELY

We're establishing a Positive Ageing Committee (PAC) to help us offer advice to older people living, working or studying in or visiting Stonnington.

Committee members will provide feedback on the progress of the Positive Ageing Strategy 2018–2021 that promotes an age-friendly Stonnington.

Members will be representative of and advocate for older people from our diverse community. They will comprise three local residents and six representatives from local agencies, community organisations or groups that focus on providing programs for our seniors.



For further information or to lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI), call us on **8290 3532** or at jtaranto@stonnington.vic.gov.au

Interested? EOI applications close **6 April**

Malvern City Football Club

Following Malvern City Football Club's (MCFC) successful inclusion in the NPL, the club offers an opportunity for players who aspire to play at the highest level, with some games at Stonnington's recently redeveloped Gardiner Park in Glen Iris.

With three qualified coaches, their weekly training program includes three sessions and a dedicated strength and conditioning program.

Season 2020 is fast approaching and MCFC expects to field 30 junior teams and be a serious contender for the Stage League Division 1 at a senior level.

MCFC's main ground and club rooms are in Sir Zelman Cowen Park, Glenferrie Road, Kooyong, opposite Kooyong Tennis Club.



“We are so lucky to have such amazing sporting groups supporting young and aspiring sports stars in the making, especially young women, using high-quality sportsgrounds right here in Stonnington, like Gardiner Park, to practise and play.”

— Cr Jami Klisaris, East Ward



You can register at juniors@malverncityfc.com

What's up in Windsor

Council recently completed the construction of Windsor Siding stage five.

It now features an extended lawn area, path connections to Union Street, new lighting, native trees and garden beds, seating and an upgrade to the existing BBQ.

As part of recent improvements, a new acrylic surface is installed on the sports court with graphic overlay that suits the local context, talks to the mural on the adjacent building and encourages informal and formal play.



Want to know more? For updates on stage six, go to connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/windsorsiding

Community sport in Malvern East

See our website to get the latest information about our project to deliver community sporting facilities, including four new indoor courts at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park in Malvern East.



Visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp

Parks get accessibility makeover

Public toilets in two of Stonnington's most popular parks are being upgraded and made accessible to everyone.

Facilities at Malvern Gardens and Hedgeley Dene will close later this year for an approximate eight-week renovation.

The upgraded Malvern Gardens facility will include a male, female and accessible toilet, plus improved paving around the building.

The existing male and female toilets at Hedgeley Dene will be upgraded to accessible, a new path and accessible ramp installed, the roof replaced and drainage improved.

The works support Council's commitment to an inclusive Stonnington and to providing facilities accessible to all.



“We have a considerable number and range of sports grounds in Stonnington that allow our community to engage, connect and be active, but there is always more to do. I am therefore most happy to have been able to play a part in resolving upon these works at Toorak Park and Victory Square which will deliver improvements that are greatly needed for our sporting community.”

— Cr Chandler, North Ward



Putting runs on the board at Toorak Park

Construction is underway on stage two of the Toorak Park and Victory Square masterplan which, when complete, will see huge improvements to the aged cricket practice facilities on Toorak Park.

Stage one of the masterplan, a new playground and park improvements on Victory Square, was completed in late-January.

This second stage will deliver much-needed improvements including construction and installation of new:

- » cricket practice nets
- » public toilets
- » storage facilities
- » lighting
- » irrigation, and
- » paths to link the area to Toorak Park and Victory Square.

Complementing the improvements, obsolete lighting and an old communications tower will be removed and extra garden beds created.

The project requires the removal of five trees from the corner of Aubrey and Fulton streets, which will be offset by planting 17 new trees and more than 420 shrubs, groundcovers and grasses.

The new practice nets are expected to be ready for use in mid-2020.



Prahran Town Hall to close for restoration

Later this year, Prahran Town Hall will close for a complete restoration that is expected to take just under two years.

The finishing touches are being put on detailed designs and final approvals sought from Heritage Victoria ahead of a mid-year tender process to appoint a builder.

The restoration of this iconic heritage building will reclaim it as a place of community and creative activity and supports Council's commitment to maintaining and enhancing significant community assets.

While the Chapel and Greville streets building facades will remain unchanged, the interior will be upgraded to current standards of accessibility and its useability significantly improved.

Heritage features long hidden from view will be revealed and celebrated, and a glass topped atrium will run through the centre of the building,

linking the separate spaces and flooding the area with natural light.

When it reopens in late-2022 the town hall building will house a new state-of-the-art, two-storey library, almost double the size of the current library. The library will relocate within the building closer to Chapel Street, freeing up its current position in the main hall for large community events and for hire.

While the town hall is closed, Prahran Library will relocate nearby.

The customer service office will also relocate in mid-2020 to the Chatham Street end of Prahran Square. It too will return to the town hall when it opens.

Large and small function rooms within the building will be available for hire, with spaces suitable for activities from art and craft classes through to large scale community, commercial or corporate events.



Come to a drop-in session to view the plans and ask questions. For session dates, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/prahrantownhall

Preserving Stonnington's heritage

We're proud of our rich and varied heritage.

From important Indigenous heritage through to established 19th century streetscapes and extraordinary mansions in established gardens, heritage is a key factor for people choosing to call Stonnington home.

A heritage place can include a site, area, building, group of buildings, structure, archaeological site, tree, garden, geological formation, fossil site, habitat or other place of natural or cultural significance and its associated land.

People are passionate about Stonnington's heritage and we're regularly asked what we're doing to protect it, or why we aren't doing more.

Our Heritage Strategy provides a 'roadmap' for how we will work with the community, the State Government and heritage groups to ensure the history of Stonnington is well understood, protected and celebrated.

As part of our Heritage Strategy and Action Plan, over the next two years, we're conducting a comprehensive review to:

1. Identify and assess potential heritage places not previously identified.
2. Review current places within our Heritage Overlay and strengthen planning controls where required.
3. Seek further opportunities for increased engagement and consultation with our community.

Since 2006, we've applied a Heritage Overlay to more than 2,000 additional properties in Stonnington. Approximately 26 per cent (as of August 2018) of Stonnington has heritage protection.

Placing protections is time-consuming, but worth it. To ensure that recommendations have strategic rigour and justification we conduct a comprehensive heritage investigation into the significance of a property or place. This is followed by a planning scheme amendment and community consultation.



“As a professionally qualified architectural historian, I am passionate about protecting our heritage. Having conducted heritage tours throughout Stonnington for hundreds of people over many years, I am committed to preserving even more of our heritage for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.”

— **Cr Steve Stefanopoulos,**
South Ward

Come inside

COMO HOUSE – HERITAGE PLUS

Built in 1847, Como House is one of Melbourne's most glamorous stately homes and a flagship property of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), situated in Stonnington.

A unique blend of Australian Regency and classic Italianate architecture, Como House offers a rare glimpse into the opulent lifestyles of former owners, the Armytage family, who lived there for more than a century. Famous among Melbourne high society for its elegant dances, dinners and receptions, the Armytage home remains furnished with original family heirlooms, and even the servants' areas have been carefully preserved.

Explore this iconic heritage landmark that set amongst the most beautiful gardens.

Como House and Garden regularly features in the annual Open House Melbourne program.

20 Como Avenue
South Yarra

The garden at Como and The Stables of Como (Café) are open **Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm and Sunday, 10am to 5pm.** Tours of the house run on select days

Bookings at nationaltrust.org.au/places/como-house-and-garden

Go vintage

Melbourne's biggest and most authentic vintage and designer clothing sale is back at Como House on **21 and 22 March**

More details at nationaltrust.org.au/event/vintage-clothing-sale-2020

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



Greville lights get award

The pretty floral catenary lighting, spanning Grattan Gardens and Greville Street, was recently awarded as a regional winner in the 2019 WE-EF after dark competition.

Here's what they had to say:

“Akin to a haberdashery, the bespoke, craft-inspired furniture suite weaves throughout the streetscape and into Grattan Gardens. This palette of bright colours set against a braided ground plane recalls Greville Street's urban groove, and evokes new and old textiles, fabrics and fashion.”

The lights are programmable to complement local events and festivals. Awards host, WE-EF, are a lighting company which sponsor the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

Visit we-ef-live.com.au/article/regional-winners-announced/



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Stonnington Food and Green Waste Service commences</p>  <p>1 Clean up Australia Day</p>	<p>Council Meeting</p> <p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival > 4 to 14 March</p> <p>4</p>	 <p>VAMFF International Women's Day Runway Lunch 12.30pm to 3pm Malvern Town Hall</p> <p>6 Stonnington Jazz Tickets on sale → stonningtonjazz.com.au</p>		
<p>Libraries: Imperfect <i>How our bodies shape the people we become</i> 2.30pm to 4pm Toorak/South Yarra Library</p> <p>8 International Women's Day</p>	<p>Labour Day</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Hard waste collection commences > 10 March to 19 April</p> <p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>Libraries: Personal security and self-defence workshop 5.30pm to 7.30pm Toorak/South Yarra Library</p> <p>12 F1 Australian Grand Prix > 12 to 15 March</p>	<p>Global Rhythms 2020 5pm to 8pm Prahran Square</p> <p>14</p>	
 <p>16</p>	<p>Council Meeting</p> <p>Cultural Diversity Week > 16 to 21 March</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Libraries: #MeToo: Stories from the Australian movement 2.30pm to 4pm Toorak/South Yarra Library</p> <p>17</p>	 <p>19</p>	<p>Melbourne Food and Wine Festival > 19 to 29 March</p> <p>19</p>		
<p>Pets in the Park ↘ 11am to 4pm Central Park Malvern East</p> <p>22</p>	 <p>24</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>Melbourne International Comedy Festival at Chapel Off Chapel > 25 March to 19 April</p> <p>25</p>	 <p>27</p>	<p>School holidays begin</p> <p>28</p> 	
 <p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>31</p>				

COMING UP: MARCH / APRIL



Global Rhythms 2020

Our new free live music event *Global Rhythms 2020*, features a line-up of diverse contemporary artists: Kira Puru, REMI, ALPHAMAMA and DJ/host Soju Gang.


Enjoy live music, DJs and unique eats from local businesses in the area.


14 March, 5pm to 8pm
Prahran Square
Izett Street

Have a laugh at Chapel

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival comes to Chapel Off Chapel with these funny shows. >

 **Chapel Off Chapel**
12 Little Chapel Street
Prahran

 Call **8290 7000**

 For tickets and bookings, visit chapeloffchapel.com.au

To Hell in a Handbasket with Dolly Diamond

2 to 4 April

Probing questions, ups and downs, ins and outs; nothing is off limits!

Comedy diva Dolly Diamond sits down for an intimate chat with a very special celebrity guest in her brand-new show *To Hell in a Handbasket*.

Part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival



Jekyll and Hyde

15 to 19 April







Comedy. Thrills. Chaos. Delight.

Five hilarious performers tell the terrifying (yet, still exceptionally sexy) tale of Jekyll and Hyde. Thrilling, charming, shockingly good comedy, we make you laugh until it hurts. An 80-minute, fast and furious, feel-good night with some of the sassiest performers in town.

Part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
	Council Meeting			Passover (Pesach) > 9 to 15 April	Pet registration renewals due Good Friday	
	6	7	8	9	10	
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday School holidays end				Exhibition opening: Fashion on the Ration Exhibition runs > 18 April to 23 May	National Trust of Australia Heritage Festival > 18 April to 19 May Grosvenor Street Maternity & Child Health Centre opening
12	13		15	17	18	
Orthodox Easter	Council Meeting		Solar and battery information session 6pm to 7.45pm Malvern Library ←	Ramadan starts		ANZAC Day
19	20		22	23		25
	Arts and cultural grants program applications close		28	29	30	
	27					

COMING UP: MAY / JUNE

RECONCILIATION WEEK 2020

27 May to 3 June

Stonnington will honour the vibrant and diverse cultures of our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community as we celebrate National Reconciliation Week.

Here are some of the exciting events we have planned.

CREATIVE CULTURES – CITY OF STONNINGTON – ABORIGINAL AND INDIGENOUS ART COLLECTION

For the first time, we're proud to showcase our extensive Aboriginal art collection at the Stonnington History Centre and Exhibition Space at Northbook.

STONNINGTON HISTORY CENTRE

If learning about your family history is your thing, join us for this engaging workshop. A team of experts lead you to learn how to locate information to trace your Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history.

ALFRESCO – TABLE TALK

A table talk discussion introducing us to the important Aboriginal history of the land that Stonnington is now part of.

GARDINERS CREEK CULTURAL HERITAGE WALK

Make sure you're part of the Gardiners Creek Cultural Heritage walk along the banks of Gardiners Creek parkland with a traditional Welcome to Country and BBQ.

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




Toorak Village Sculpture Exhibition
1 May to mid-June

Visit Toorak Village in May and June to view contemporary sculptural works in shop windows, arcades and on the footpaths.

Find out more at toorakvillage.com.au/sculpture

STONNINGTON Jazz

7-17 MAY 2020

Be entertained. Get energised. Feel inspired.

Celebrating 15 years of Stonnington Jazz

This year's festival embraces new generations of amazing Australian talent and honours the timeless mastery of jazz greats.

For bookings and event details, visit stonningtonjazz.com.au



Roola Boola Children's Arts Festival
29 June to 10 July

#EachforEqual: In celebration of International Women's Day

Head to the Toorak/South Yarra Library this March for a range of events that celebrate International Women's Day.

Imperfect: How our bodies shape the people we become

Dr Lee Kofman casts a questioning eye on the myths surrounding our conception of physical perfection and what it's like to live in a body that deviates from the norm.



8 March, 2.30pm to 4pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road, South Yarra



Personal security and self-defence workshop

A positive and safe workshop on violence awareness and prevention for women of all ages.



12 March, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road, South Yarra

#MeToo: Stories from the Australian movement

In October 2017, #MeToo went viral.

Since then, we've watched controversy erupt around famous men and women. We've discussed #NotAllMen, toxic masculinity and trolls. We've seen the #MeToo movement evolve and start to accuse itself – has it gone too far? Not far enough? What does it mean in this country?

Co-editors Christie Nieman, Maggie Smith and Mirian Sved discuss the stories they collected from the Australian experience.



Tickets are \$10 (plus booking fee)



15 March, 2.30pm to 4pm

Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road, South Yarra



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

EXHIBITION: Fashion on the Ration

How did Australian women manage to be fashionable – whether in uniform or work attire – on 112 ration coupons a year, when a simple day dress would cost 12 coupons?

Telling the stories of Australian women's experiences during the Second World War using costumes, accessories, photographs and ephemera, you'll meet women in the Australian Women's Land Army, those who made jam, knitted socks or partnered unknown 'warriors' at dances, and those who were swept off their feet by the 'American invasion'.

Presented by the Dressing Australia Museum of Costume and the Stonnington History Centre, this exhibition commemorates the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.



"If you have some spare time, why not head to the Stonnington History Centre and Exhibition Space from 18 April to 23 May to see this fascinating exhibition that tells the story of our past with women as the heroes. While you're there, you can also visit the Malvern Library or any one of our libraries that have books galore, reading, resources and activities to keep and your family happy this autumn."

— Cr Judy Hindle, South Ward



18 April to 23 May
Stonnington History Centre
and Exhibition Space
1257 High Street, Malvern
(behind Malvern Library)

Gallery hours: **Wednesday to Saturday, 12pm to 5pm**
Free entry

Exhibition opening:
17 April, 3pm to 5pm
Light refreshments are provided



THE GAUCH: DARREN GAUCI IN CONVERSATION

From the first time he sat on a horse aged 12, Darren Gauci had what it took to be a high-class rider.

A natural athlete with an innate affinity with horses, he smashed records as an apprentice and has been in the headlines ever since.

One of Australia's most successful and admired jockeys, he will discuss his racing career and recent biography The Gauch with author Kristen Manning.

The Gauch is the culmination of considerable research into the four decade long riding career of Darren Gauci. It's the third book – and first biography – written by racing journalist Kristen Manning (Fields of Omagh, Prince of Penzance).



Tickets are \$10 (plus booking fee)



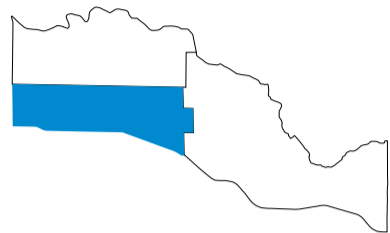
21 April, 6.30pm to 8pm
Toorak/South Yarra Library
340 Toorak Road, South Yarra



For bookings and more details, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/library

Your Councillors, your representatives

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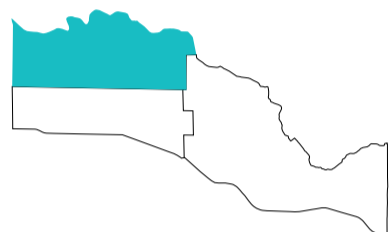
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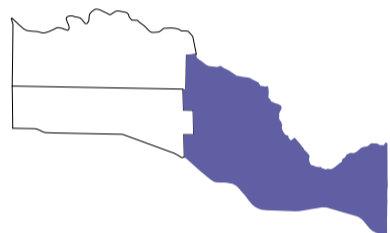
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Council meetings

2 and 16 March
6 and 20 April

View a livestream at stonnington.vic.gov.au/councilmeetinglivestreaming

Meet your Councillors

Your ward, your neighbourhood, your community.

Learn more about what's happening in Stonnington.

We invite you to meet your Councillors, ask questions, voice your concerns, contribute ideas and hear about projects, initiatives and events.

When and where:

NORTH WARD
Thursday 14 May, 7pm
Banquet Hall
Malvern Town Hall

SOUTH WARD
Wednesday 20 May, 7pm
Banquet Hall
Malvern Town Hall

EAST WARD
Wednesday 27 May, 7pm
No 1 Events
Malvern Valley Golf Course Hub
1 Golfers Drive, Malvern

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Visit us

- stonnington.vic.gov.au
- Stonnington City Centre**
311 Glenferrie Road, Malvern
- Prahran Town Hall**
180 Greville Street, Prahran
- Stonnington Depot (Administration Building)**
293 Tooronga Road, Malvern

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For more information, email access@stonnington.vic.gov.au or call **8290 1192**

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We acknowledge that Stonnington is on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land, offering our respects to elders past and present.

To find out more, call our Civic Support team on **8290 1331** or see our website

We speak your language

Mandarin	普通話	9280 0730	Polish	Polski	9280 0734
Cantonese	廣東話	9280 0731	Russia	Русский	9280 0735
Greek	Ελληνικά	9280 0732	Indonesian	Bahasa Indonesia	9280 0737
Italian	Italiano	9280 0733	Vietnamese	Tiếng Việt	9280 0748
All other languages		9280 0736			

Jazz

STONNINGTON

7-17 MAY 2020

BE ENTERTAINED / GET ENERGISED / FEEL INSPIRED

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF STONNINGTON JAZZ

This year's festival embraces new generations of amazing Australian talent and honours the timeless mastery of the jazz greats.

Creative Producers Nichaud Fitzgibbon and Stephen McAllan have curated 11 days of music that encompasses the many and diverse genres that make up 'Jazz', taking listeners on an around-the-world journey with an amazing list of all-Australian performers. There's something a little familiar, sounds that are fun and challenging, and performances that will get your heart racing and feet moving.

HIGHLIGHTS

Be entertained by everything from intimate listening concerts to bombastic big band sounds.

The opening gala concert **Gold!** featuring Fem Belling and Libby Hammer who, with the Daryl McKenzie Jazz Orchestra, will surprise with dance-inducing arrangements of contemporary songs from swing to funk.

Nichaud Fitzgibbon – celebrates 100 years of Miss Peggy Lee, supported by her own Swingtet.

Harry James Angus – the trumpet playing vocalist of The Cat Empire presents a new project inspired by the likes of Nina Simone and Van Morrison.

Arabesk – a Sydney-based, four-piece ensemble will bring global grooves to the fore.

INSPIRATION – 100 YEARS FROM PROHIBITION

In 1920, we saw the beginning of the Prohibition Era in the United States, closing down public drinking venues country-wide, thus ushering in the era of the 'speak-easy,' where clubs were hidden, and punters were required to speak quietly, so as not to alert the authorities. Now, 100 years later, we'll tip our hat to this era at Chapel Off Chapel with a pop-up speakeasy theme and a jazz-inspired menu.

25 YEARS OF CHAPEL OFF CHAPEL

Chapel Off Chapel is one of Melbourne's premier entertainment and arts venues, hosting remarkable artists and performances for decades.

Celebrating 25 years of live, local and intimate performances, the Chapel will be filled to the rafters with shows and events, as the festival hub.

DINE. DANCE. STAY. THE COMPLETE EXPERIENCE.

With an array of amazing restaurants and bars to enjoy before and after gigs, Stonnington will be flowing with the sounds of hot jazz in the cooler days of May.



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