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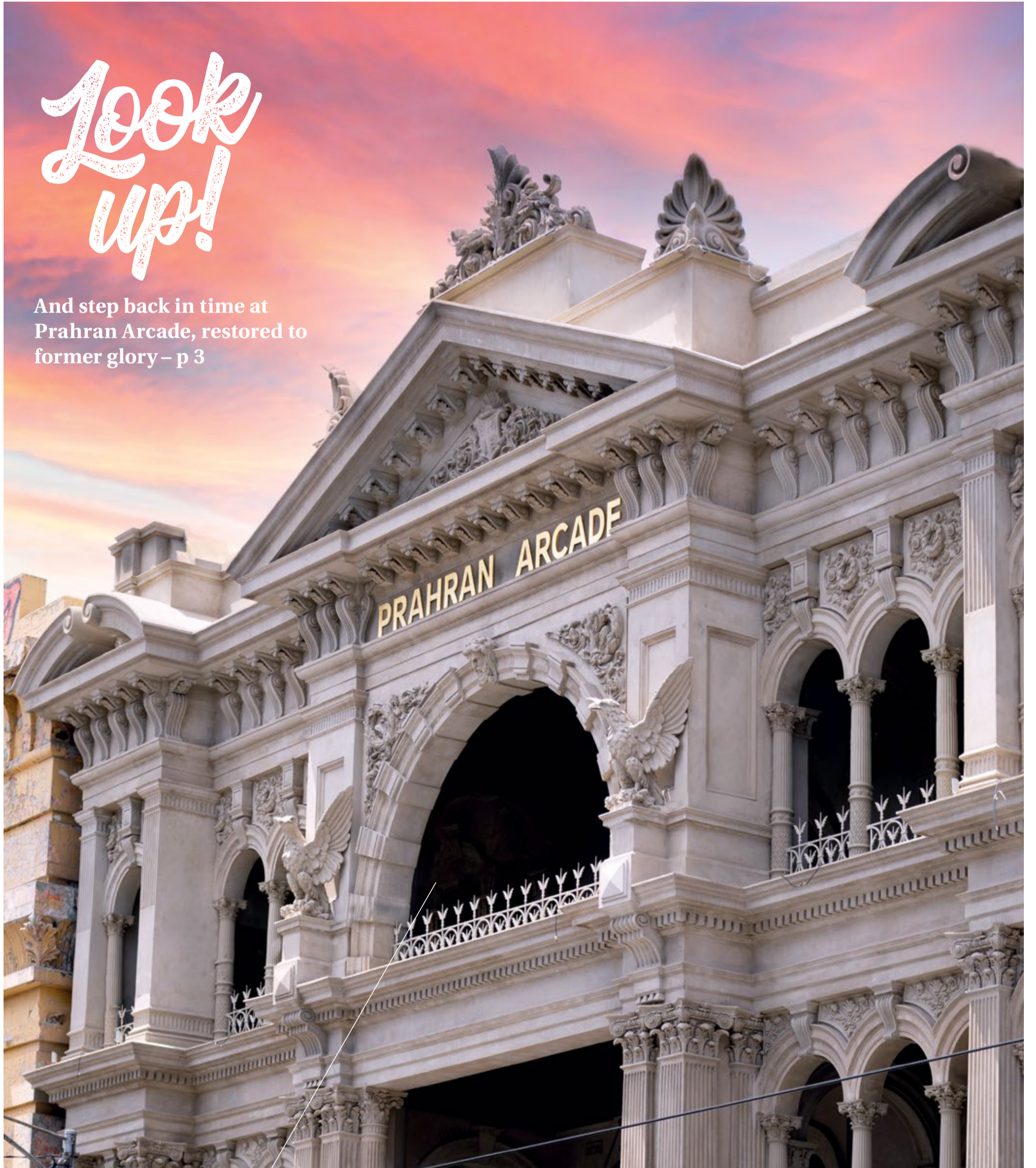
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# A word from the Mayor

Our parks and gardens are full of people enjoying the warm weather and work is underway on new indoor netball and basketball courts in Malvern East.



Thank you to everyone who joined us in our parks and gardens over summer across Stonnington for our outdoor film series and the return of our free music events Sunset Sounds and The Classics. It's great seeing people out and about. Our next event is one of my favourites, Pets in the Park, at Central Park in Malvern East on Sunday 20 March.

I'm also thrilled that work is underway at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park in Malvern East where we're investing over \$40 million in community sport.

Brand new indoor netball and basketball courts will address the gap in facilities for sports popular with women and girls and, teamed with contemporary new facilities for lawn bowls, tennis, lacrosse and cricket, will mean local clubs can plan for an exciting future in Malvern East. You can read more about this exciting project on page 7.

We've also endorsed our new Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which outlines our promise that we will work together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to strengthen relationships and opportunities for all Stonnington residents.

Our new RAP follows our Healing Ceremony on 26 January, where hundreds of people joined Aunty Diane Kerr and our Traditional Custodians, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation, to acknowledge their living connection to Country, relationship with the land and all living things extending back tens of thousands of years.

This ceremony took place straight after our traditional Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony where we welcomed our newest Australians to our community in the Malvern Town Hall. I was incredibly proud to be part of both.

With so much happening across Stonnington, I'm pleased we are relaunching our Meet your Councillor program soon.

Visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/meetyourcouncillors](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/meetyourcouncillors) to learn about opportunities to ask questions and share your ideas with your Councillors.

**Cr Jami Klisaris**  
Mayor  
City of Stonnington



## Budget update

Recently, we asked our community to help prioritise our budget for 2022–23.

To make this as easy as possible, we used an online simulator to help better explain our budgeting process.

We're now reviewing the feedback we received via the simulator, as well as information gathered through recent engagement on our Community Vision and Council Plan. This will be used to help inform our draft budget for 2022–23.

Future engagement on our budget will include online information sessions, and the ability for people to review and directly provide feedback on a draft budget.

To stay informed and take part in future engagement opportunities, visit [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au](http://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au)

### REMINDER

## Pool and spa safety barriers

We remind all our residents to book in their inspection for pool and spa safety barriers.

If you have a swimming pool or spa constructed on/or before 30 June 1994 and have not had your safety barriers inspected, you have until **1 June 2022** to lodge your certificate of pool barrier compliance with Council.

Our MBS unit is here to help. For further information, visit [tinyurl.com/yckw4rfw](http://tinyurl.com/yckw4rfw)



# It's nearly election season

With both federal and state elections scheduled for 2022, we're in touch with candidates from all parties to advocate on behalf of our community.

Following over six months of conversations with our community, our Council Plan 2021–25 identifies key advocacy priorities of:

1. Sustainable growth and development, while protecting our unique character and liveability
2. Deliver and advocate for sustainable and enjoyable pedestrian, cycling and public transport options to enable our 20-minute neighbourhoods, and
3. Support and advocate for the health and wellbeing of those in our community.

A range of initiatives, projects and programs in line with these priorities, that can be delivered in partnership with other levels of government have been identified, and we'll continue conversations with candidates.

*“Elections are key to our democracy and with both federal and state elections this year it's a chance for Council to advocate on behalf of our community. I also encourage everyone to confirm your enrolment details so you can take part by voting.”*

— Cr Lew East Ward

At time of print, a date was not confirmed for the federal election; the state election is set for **Saturday 26 November**.

To confirm your electoral details if you've recently moved, visit [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au)

## Solar powered benches provide free WiFi



Visitors to Prahran's Princes Gardens (near the basketball courts), and the playground at Horace Petty Estate, may have noticed the installation of two new bench seats.

Powered by the sun, the benches provide charging points and free WiFi connection for mobile devices. If your device supports wireless charging simply place it on the marked areas of the bench, otherwise ports are available to attach cables.

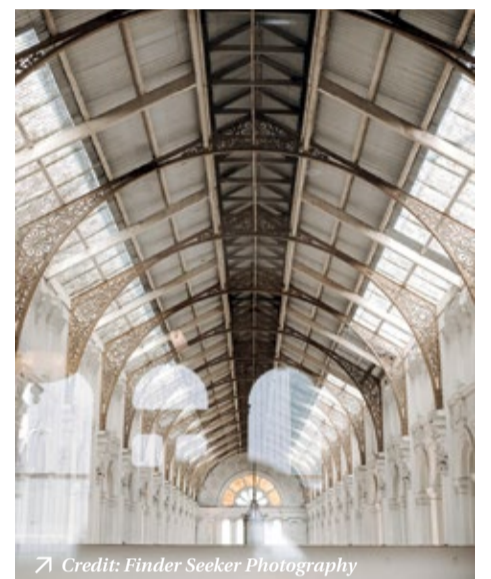
The benches are part of a 12-month trial to not only provide free WiFi and charging capability, but to also collect and share real-time data about air quality, temperature, humidity and air pressure as part of our 'smart cities' initiatives. They are being provided and maintained by Eco Renewable Energy (ERE) for the trial period.



For more information, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/smartcities](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/smartcities)

## Reconciliation Acknowledgement Statement

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



# Prahran Arcade restored to former glory

**If you've been down to Chapel Street recently, and looked up, you may have noticed something special after extensive restoration works at Prahran Arcade.**

Built in 1890, Prahran Arcade was famous for its elaborate façade and balconies. The Victorian-era heritage building was initially home to 29 shops in the central arcade, including a bake house and cellar in the basement, with Turkish baths, billiard rooms and the Arcade Club Hotel taking residence in the upper levels.

Designed by local architect, George W. McMullen, the building opened with a Grand Banquet organised by the arcade's first owner, Mrs Elizabeth Delaney.

Around 250 guests attended the event including Mayor M. L. As. E.J. Dixon, Dr L. L. Smith, and a number of local Councillors and prominent community members.

The building's façade has been beautifully restored to its former glory by owner Kon Starzynski, and is now home to Sophia, a brand new and beautiful multi-faceted function and events space that can host up to 280 people across two rooms – and can be used independently or together.

The building's grand ballroom is an elegant room with ornate chandeliers and a breathtaking balcony overlooking Chapel Street. The gallery room is a remarkable 60-metre space punctuated by 26 arched windows, which reveal the elaborate architectural works suspended high above the arcade. The function spaces are operated by Melbourne hospitality powerhouse, Atlantic Group®.

This restoration and reinvention of a beautiful building shows what's possible in our retail shopping precincts.

We're excited to see this heritage-listed Stonnington icon lovingly restored and celebrated, inside and out.

The next time you're walking along 282 Chapel Street, look up and take in this beautiful, historic Chapel Street icon.

- To find out more about planning, permits and heritage guidelines and overlays, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/planning](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/planning)
- To host an event at Sophia, go to [atlanticgroup.com.au/venues/sophia/](https://atlanticgroup.com.au/venues/sophia/)
- [@sophia.prahranarcade](https://www.instagram.com/sophia.prahranarcade)



➤ Credit: Prahran Arcade by Charles Rudd, courtesy of the State Library Victoria

## Prahran Arcade *fast facts*

- » Over 130 years old
- » Originally contained 29 shops, Turkish baths, a hotel, bakery and an icemakers in the basement
- » For the past 13 years the arcade has been home to the studio of Melbourne artist David Bromley
- » Lovingly restored, the space honours the special heritage features of the original arcade, along with the spectacular grand ballroom, now, a sparkling new events venue, Sophia
- » Also home to JBHi-Fi and Dan Murphy's



## Pets in the Park

The return of our much-loved event celebrating all things pets.

With fun activities, demonstrations and stalls, the popular event promotes responsible pet ownership and animal welfare. It's also about having a great day with friends, family and pets, of course, and celebrating all the amazing animal friends in our community – whether furry, fluffy or feathered.

This year sees performances, stalls and workshops from a range of

entertainers including Victor and Victoria, an animal educational stage show from the Flying Bookworm Theatre Company. Enjoy an Australian wildlife encounter with the Rookeepers and hear from experts on what to consider before adopting a pet – and much more. The day is jam-packed full of entertainment and it's a pawfect opportunity for pet owners and pets to meet. Bring your pet along for a special day out.

📅 20 March, 11am – 3pm

📍 Central Park, Malvern East

🌐 [stonnington.vic.gov.au/petsinthepark](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/petsinthepark)

## Promoting responsible pet ownership

As we celebrate our furry friends, there's no better time than now to brush up on being a responsible pet owner.

Stonnington is home to 27 off leash parks and reserves. Look out for signage that indicates that you can exercise your dog off lead. Remember, it's your responsibility to pick up after your pooch and look out for bags and bins supplied at designated areas.

Pet registration is a very important part of animal ownership. Victorian legislation requires that all dogs and

cats older than three months must be microchipped and registered with their local council. Annual registration is due on 9 April.

Perhaps you're looking to bring a new furry friend into your life? Pet adoption is a wonderful way to provide a new home for a rescued animal in our shelters and pet registration is subsidised for the first year.



📍 For more information on all aspects of responsible pet ownership, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/pets](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/pets)



## Murals by Minna

Minna Leunig is one of Melbourne's most exciting muralists and we were happy to commission Minna to paint Parrots of Prahran Square at the Prahran Square Library.

Completed in early 2022, visitors to Prahran Square can see the mural bringing the outside in during the library's opening hours. The mural is a rich and vibrant celebration of wildlife and colour welcoming people to the library.

## Autumn community events calendar

– your guide to what's on this autumn

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

🌐 [stonnington.vic.gov.au/whats-on](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/whats-on)

📺 whatsonston

📷 whatsonstonnington

🟦 Council event

🟢 Significant day

### March

05 / A Midsummer Night's Dream at Central Park 5, 6, 12 and 13 March

07 / Council meeting

12 / Town Choir at Prahran Square special partnership project with Melbourne Fringe

20 / Pets in the Park at Central Park

21 / Harmony Day

27 / East Malvern Food and Wine Festival at Central Park

28 / Council meeting

30 / Melbourne International Comedy Festival 30 March – 24 April

### April

01 / NICA presents Raven Mad at Prahran Square 1 – 3 April

07 / Glow Pop Up Series at Central Park 7 April – 8 May

09 / School holidays begin

11 / Council meeting

17 / Easter Sunday

25 / ANZAC Day

26 / Back to school for term 2

29 / PHOTO 2022 photography exhibition at Prahran Square and Prahran Market 29 April – 23 May

### May

02 / Council meeting

16 / Council meeting National Volunteer Week 16 – 22 May

30 / Council meeting

31 / Rates instalment 4 due

## Chapel Off Chapel

Live, Intimate and Iconic

For more than two decades, the award-winning Chapel Off Chapel has consistently hosted and continues to host world-class live entertainment.

Here are some wonderful live shows not to miss this autumn.



## Finucane & Smith's Travelling Dance Hall

The smash-hit Travelling Dance Hall barnstorms into Chapel Off Chapel, packed with performance art glamazons, sequins, songbirds, disco, go-go and scintillating strangeness!

Straight up queer legends and stars of the firmament Moira Finucane, Maude Davey, Mama Alto, Jazida, Govind Pillai, Piera Dennerstein and Willow Sizer.

From the unstoppable creators of the world's most awarded provocative variety, having played to 600,000 fans in 18 countries, won 13 awards, and barnstormed the longest tour of Variety since the Gold Rush, Finucane & Smith know how to mix a party.

📅 31 March – 3 April



## Rhonda Burchmore is GLAMAZONIA

Australia's favourite showgirl celebrates 40 years from stage to jungle with her dazzling new show GLAMAZONIA.

After winning Australia's hearts on I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!, Rhonda takes centre stage to share songs, stories and secrets about surviving four decades in one of the world's most formidable industries. From London's West End to the depths of the South African jungle, the Glamazonia herself will exhilarate audiences on a high-octane thrill ride through forty years of entertainment.

Rhonda's humour and spirit will shine through as she belts out show stopping renditions.

Prepare yourself for an unforgettable evening of glamour, empowerment and fabulousness, the likes of which can only be delivered by the Glamazonia that is Rhonda Burchmore – and you're gonna hear her roar!

📅 14 and 15 May

## Driftwood – The Musical

This piece tells the inspirational story of the renowned Austrian/Australian sculptor Karl Duldig and his artist/inventor wife, Slawa Horowitz-Duldig.



We follow their lives in pre-war Vienna, Slawa's ingenious invention of the foldable umbrella, and an incredible chain of events after miraculously escaping the Holocaust, and rebuilding their careers as artists in Melbourne. A magical story of art and creativity, survival and perseverance, family, freedom and love.

This epic story has been adapted for the stage by award-winning playwright Jane Bodie, based on the original memoir by Eva de Jong-Duldig. It features original music and arrangements by Anthony Barnhill with Lyrics by Tania de Jong AM and Jane Bodie, and, an all-Jewish cast directed by acclaimed theatre-maker Wesley Enoch AM.

📍 For bookings, go to [chapeloffchapel.com.au](https://chapeloffchapel.com.au)

## On the bench

David Cameron Cran was the Mayor of Prahran in 1982, and during this time, he and his family gifted to Council a beautiful bench that they commissioned by the then young and emerging artist Bruce Armstrong.

Bruce Armstrong is one of Australia's most acclaimed sculptors. Melbourne-based, Armstrong is known for his monumental figures, which can be seen in public spaces all over Australia.

Made of timber, the artwork was almost destroyed due to environmental damage, but our Visual Arts team worked with Bruce and long-term colleagues Peter De Garis and Bill Perrin (from Bill Perrin Foundry) to recast the work in bronze.

We're so happy to see the bench back in its original home at Como Park for everyone to come and take a seat.



## Events at Prahran Square

Prahran Square continues its program of great events and activities this autumn and there's something for everyone at every age, stage and interest.

Make the most of the sunny outdoors and make sure you come by to experience this unique and beautiful space. See you at the square.

» Every Tuesday 9am – Tai Chi at Prahran Square

» Saturday 12 March – Stories and Songs in the Square, presented by Stonnington Libraries

» Mondays and Wednesdays 10.30am, Saturdays 10am – Stories and Songs in the Square, presented by Stonnington Libraries

Mark out a time to visit our lively community plaza and see what all the fuss is about.

📍 Cato Street, Prahran

🌐 [prahransquare.com.au](https://prahransquare.com.au)



# Reconciliation Action Plan

**The City of Stonnington is committed to reconciliation and recognises the valuable contributions to Victoria made by people of the East Kulin Nations and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.**

In late 2020, we commenced engagement to inform the development of our Reconciliation Action Plan (the RAP) 2021–23. The RAP has been developed in consultation with the Traditional Custodians, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. Consultation was also undertaken with the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council and Reconciliation Stonnington, a local community group, the Stonnington RAP Advisory Committee and the RAP Working Group.

Mayor, Cr Jami Klisaris said “The RAP strengthens our commitment to reconciliation and outlines the pathway that we will take to establish a connected and inclusive community with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.”

The RAP is built on the achievements of our previous plans including events in recognition of National Reconciliation and NAIDOC weeks; cultural consultations with Traditional Owners, Smoking ceremonies and welcome to country at a variety of events, to name a few. It also follows our first Healing Ceremony on 26 January where hundreds of people gathered on Malvern Cricket Ground.

## The RAP aims to:

- » Enhance our internal process to be inclusive and further strengthen our commercial relationships with and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses in Stonnington
- » Develop a Public Places Naming Policy that acknowledges the Aboriginal heritage of the City of Stonnington
- » The last step for our RAP is gaining final endorsement from Reconciliation Australia, which we hope to gain soon
- » Initiate engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff on employment strategies including professional development to increase workforce participation

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

## Planning decisions on non-government schools now determined by State Government

**In 2020, the Victorian Government introduced Amendment VC180 that changed the process to determine planning permit applications related to non-government primary and secondary schools to sit with the Victorian Government rather than Council.**

As a result, planning applications with a value of more than \$3 million related to non-government primary and secondary schools are now determined by the Victorian Government’s Minister for Planning. Councils can lodge a submission for an application, but the ultimate decision-making power has been removed from the community’s elected local Councillors.

At the time, Council approached the Victorian Government to voice our concerns and opposition to the changes, with the belief that local planning decisions are best made by local representatives.

*“Schools in Stonnington are in established residential areas, therefore any major redevelopments will significantly impact local amenity. Given this, it is concerning that Councillors, as the voice of your community, no longer make decisions on these projects. This power now sits with the State Government.” — Cr Hely North Ward*

Concerns were raised that Councillors, as the local and democratically elected representatives of the community, are now significantly removed from the decision-making process. Treating Council as a submitter and ending community review rights removes a fair process where parties are denied meaningful opportunity to have a decision reviewed by an independent tribunal.

Although the amendment was passed by the Victorian Government in 2020, Stonnington is continuing to advocate for our community and recently wrote the Minister for Planning calling for a review of the amendment.

For more information about planning in Stonnington, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/planning](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/planning)

## Celebrating our volunteers

**Our community is made up of some amazing groups and organisations helping in a variety of ways.**

These include running services, programs and events, arranging care and assistance for vulnerable people, and generally, keeping the social fabric in check while connecting community members to stay healthy, happy and resilient.

Many are not-for profit, some receive funding or in-kind support, others work closely with us (Council) to carry out everyday activities. A lot of the work they do relies on the kindness and support of volunteers who go about their way to carry out duties.

National Volunteer Week (16–22 May), Australia’s largest annual celebration of volunteering, is a great opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work our volunteers do to help others. Volunteers come from all backgrounds, have different skills and lots of experience. Volunteering is a great way to give back, connect and meet new people if loneliness is an issue. If you have some spare time and think volunteering is a great fit for you and your lifestyle, then consider a community group, charity or not-for-profit organisation to volunteer with. There are so many in Stonnington for you to join.



**One such organisation made up of volunteers is the Malvern Theatre Company.**

Located in a purpose-built theatre, (inside the former Congregational Church Hall), at 29 Burke Road, Malvern East, the Malvern Theatre Company has been in operation since 1958.

The committee, front of house and back stage personnel are all volunteers and the organisation is always looking for more to assist in a number of areas including set construction, costuming and properties.

Recognised as one of Melbourne’s leading community theatre companies, one of its most vital assets is its members, who are involved in helping to run five productions a year. These is a mix of comedies, dramas and occasionally musicals, with auditions held regularly.

For further information on becoming a volunteer at the theatre, visit [malverntheatre.com.au](https://malverntheatre.com.au)



If you’re looking for an organisation to connect with or to promote your own, go to [stonnington.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory)



# Malvern East sports precinct works underway

**The City of Stonnington’s most ambitious sports infrastructure project has reached a new milestone, with work on the Percy Treuvaud Memorial Park sports precinct development underway.**

Commemorating the start of the over \$40 million build, hard hats, hi-vis and shovels were at the ready in late January when Mayor, Cr Jami Klisaris was joined by Member for Higgins, Dr Katie Allen, Chadstone Bowls Club’s Alan Jolly and Stonnington City Netball’s Kate Campbell for a special breaking ground ceremony.

Recognising the merit of this much-needed community sports facility, the Australian Government has contributed \$4 million towards the project through their Community Development Grants Program.

Awarded the build contract in late-2021, local firm ADCO Constructions will take around two years to transform the site of the old bowls and tennis clubs into a new contemporary multi-

sport precinct, accommodating existing sporting clubs – bowls, tennis, lacrosse, cricket and the Chadstone Recreation and Civic Club – plus new facilities for netball and basketball.

When complete the sports precinct will house a new four-court indoor stadium for netball and basketball, seven new tennis courts, a new eight-rink synthetic bowling green, plus new clubrooms and social spaces, and new change rooms and storage facilities for lacrosse and cricket.

The Williams Ross Architects designed precinct is sympathetic to the surrounding landscape and takes advantage of the natural contour of the site to create vantage points for visitors and spectators to enjoy views over the main oval and parkland.

The new sports facility will be accommodated within the existing site, including the new indoor stadium and a more than 100 per cent increase in car parking. When complete, the project will also add an extra 1,000 square metres of green space and, towards the end of the build phase, upgrades to the surrounding park and path network will make the area even more accessible and attractive.

The construction is the culmination of over five years of planning, consultation, design, and collaboration and is the final step in a process that began in 2017, when Percy Treuvaud Memorial Park was flagged as the preferred site for a multi-purpose sport and recreation facility.

To learn more or to sign up for regular project updates visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp)

# Electric bike trial comes to Stonnington

**Locals and visitors can now enjoy a fun new way to move around town, with Stonnington signing up with ride share provider Lime for a 12 month trial of electric share bikes.**

In recent weeks, a fleet of 150 Lime e-bikes has rolled out across the city, offering a safe, accessible and cost-effective travel option.

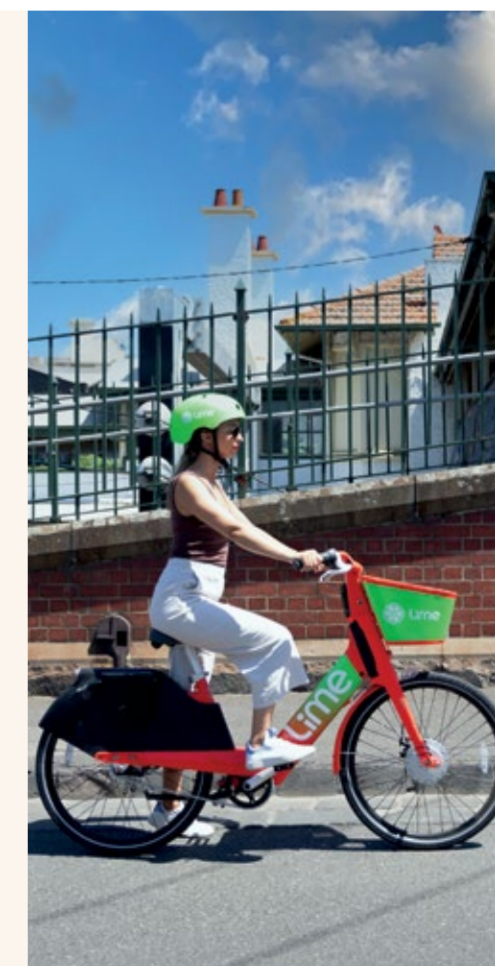
To rent and ride an e-bike, simply download the Lime or Uber apps to find e-bikes nearby and scan to ride.

The Stonnington e-bikes trial expands the ride sharing service beyond the cities of Melbourne, Yarra and Port Phillip where an initial e-bike trial in

2020 has been extended for a further 12 months.

Throughout the 12-month trial, Lime will work to ensure residents and visitors are aware of proper safety measures and parking protocols.

Riding an e-bike attracts the same road rules applied to all bike riders, to wear a helmet at all times, ride safely and respect the bikes and other road users.



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

## SUPPORTING LOCAL SPORT



**6 sports**  
lawn bowls, tennis, lacrosse, cricket, netball and basketball



**8 lawn bowling rinks**



**7 tennis courts**



**4 courts**  
for netball and basketball



**200+** car bays (increase of more than 100 per cent)



**135+** trees\*urban forest.  
**1,000m<sup>2</sup>** more open space  
**135+** trees\* **100s** shrubs

# Dads doing it for themselves

Are you a new dad or dad-to-be and wondering how you will navigate fatherhood and all it entails?

You're not alone. The early stages of fatherhood can be a time of stress and loneliness for many dads who may be feeling anxious about the change fatherhood brings to their lives.

According to Dads Group Australia, mothers are not the only ones to experience feelings of isolation, anxiety and concern about their parenting skills.

Adam Tardif, National Program Leader of Dads Group Australia, says these feelings are quite common.

"Most dads don't realise how important they are to their child's development or what their role is as a father and as a partner because traditionally we haven't been educated."

A Dads Group is about establishing a place in the community for dads to meet other dads with their babies, usually at a chilled place like a café or park.

"Dads Group is about filling the gaps in the health system and the impact we aim to make is for fathers to build confidence and develop competency in their parenting and be connected to other like-minded people in their community."

Participants have reported a positive impact on the whole family. "The response is really positive, especially when both fathers and mothers discover the benefits," says Adam.

Although the not-for-profit Dads Group is quite new, there are now over 70 groups across Australia, and the good news is that Dads Group is available in East Malvern and South Yarra. Dads Group of East Malvern was established in 2018 in partnership with the City of Stonnington, and in 2021, Dads Group successfully applied for Community Grant funding with Council to establish Dads of South Yarra.




"Our partnership with Stonnington Council and the Maternal and Child Health team plays a significant role in ensuring we are providing easy access to support groups for fathers and father figures," says Adam.

The best way for dads to join is by going to the Dads of East Malvern and the Dads of South Yarra facebook pages.

We encourage mothers, caregivers and other family members to join if they wish.



To join or for more information

-  [info@dadsgroup.org](mailto:info@dadsgroup.org)
-  [dadsofeastmalvern](#)
-  [dadsofsouthyarra](#)

## New Parents Group

An exciting initiative to support new parents in Stonnington starts in March.

The new first-time parents' group is an eight-week program that provides new parents and care givers with support and education during the transition to parenthood.


Parents will learn about sleep and settling, baby's health, healthy eating and active play, healthy relationships and more.

*"Becoming a new parent can be difficult. This new and inclusive program welcomes all first-time parents and will provide some important tools to support families through the transition to parenthood."*  
— Cr Batagol South Ward

Programs will run for eight weeks in March starting from **1 March** on Tuesday evenings via Zoom and from **5 March** on Saturday mornings at the Prahran Community Learning Centre, and from **4 May** on Wednesday evenings.

We have many other initiatives supporting all parents and families all year round.



 Contact your MCH nurse to register your attendance or find further information at [tinyurl.com/2s3b9duh](https://tinyurl.com/2s3b9duh)

# Discover what's on at STONNINGTON LIBRARIES AND STONNINGTON HISTORY CENTRE

### Children and families

From weekly rhyme and story time sessions for younger children, to creative and STEAM activities, homework clubs, school holiday programs and more.

### Writers, readers and stories

Our Open Book series shines a spotlight on emerging, popular and acclaimed writers and their books, writing and ideas.

### Digital learning

Develop your digital skills and learn about computers and mobile devices, cyber safety and security, online banking and shopping, social media, Office productivity tools, and eLibrary products with our Get Connected series.

### Community and lifestyle

Connect with people, services and information that support your wellbeing.

### History

Explore local and family history research, and hear about historical people, places and events in our free History Matters series.

### Hobbies and discussion

Learn a new skill, pursue your hobbies, meet new people and enjoy conversations on a range of topics through library chats and clubs.



# Experience the joy of home growing with our Seed Libraries

Residents will have the opportunity to grow food and plants at home, share seeds, and build their gardening knowledge with the exciting launch of our inaugural Seed Libraries.

Seed Libraries are currently being installed across Stonnington's four libraries in Malvern, Malvern East, Prahran Square and South Yarra.

The innovative program allows library members to borrow seed packets to plant and grow in their own home gardens. Seeds include vegetables and herbs, heirloom, Indigenous and native varieties.

Together, we don't just grow plants, we grow a community.

Start borrowing seeds today.



**Borrow**  
Borrow up to three packets of seeds




**Grow**  
Plant the seeds in your garden



**Collect**  
Harvest seeds from your garden



**Return**  
Return seeds to the libraries to share with others (optional)

 To find out more, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library)



# Live, work, play – *your way*

**We're keen to find out what you love about where you live, what's working, what could be better and what you value the most about the places where you work, shop and play.**

We are undertaking a place-led economic development strategy, which will determine the transformation of many of the centres you choose to live in and visit.

Each neighbourhood is different, and that's why when we're planning for the future, we need your feedback on each area individually.

We want to increase economic opportunity and make our neighbourhoods more about the people who use them – you.

We've all been through some challenging times in the last two years and we're now looking at a new normal but what does that mean? This is your opportunity to help shape what that might look like and the future of your neighbourhood.

We'll be working alongside you, the community, local businesses and stakeholders to understand your concerns and aspirations, in an effort to bring your vision for Stonnington to life.

➔ If you want to know more, go to [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/placemaking](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/placemaking)

## Supporting our business community

**We've engaged a COVID Business Liaison Officer who can provide one-on-one guidance, answer questions and work closely with businesses to help them meet Victorian Government COVID directives.**

This role helps ensure staff, and the wider community, stay healthy and safe.



➔ To find out more about our business support programs, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/business](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/business)

### BE COVIDSAFE

**Guidelines to help you operate a COVID-safe business:**

- » Have a COVIDSafe Plan. This is mandatory for all businesses and should be updated regularly. A free template can be downloaded at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)
- » Display posters and/or signage about COVID-safe practices. Multi-lingual business posters are also available.
- » Resources are available at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)
- » Businesses can book in to speak with our Business Liaison about COVID-safe practices at [health@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:health@stonnington.vic.gov.au) or by calling 8290 1333

## New Board members appointed for Prahran Market

**One of Stonnington's most iconic destinations, the Prahran Market is a major economic and social hub that attracts more than 2.5 million visitors each year and it now has a new Board and new Chair.**

Council went through an extensive recruitment process to appoint new members, who were confirmed at the Council meeting in November last year.

Established in 1864, Prahran Market is a major community asset, owned by the City of Stonnington, and governed by an independent Board of Directors. This ensures that day-to-day operations of Prahran Market are independent from Council and informed by Board members with extensive experience.

Prahran Market, situated at 163 Commercial Road, Malvern, is the

food lovers market and is a crucial part of our Chapel Street precinct.

Board appointments are for a three-year period, and started 1 December 2021.

Members are Kate O'Sullivan, Chair and Non-Executive Director, Andrew Hockley, Non-Executive Director, Megan French-Wright, Non-Executive Director, Bella Katz, Non-Executive Director and Kandi Straker, Non-Executive Director.



➔ To find out more, visit [prahranmarket.com.au](https://prahranmarket.com.au)

## Come and experience *a new local*

**There is something exciting to discover in every corner of our great cosmopolitan city.**

From boutique retail shops and designer stores, to exceptional food, finding a new hairdresser and booking a health service appointment, take a look at these hubs offering world-class experiences and everyday services.

### PUNT ROAD WINDSOR

Pop down to this stretch for your Friday fish and chips takeaway, specialty desserts and outdoor dining.

### KOONYONG VILLAGE

Situated right near Kooyong railway station, this stretch is the perfect place to get a fresh new haircut, amp up your beauty routine or grab some new specs.

### GLEN IRIS VILLAGE

When was the last time you dropped by this village before ducking off onto the M1? This slice of shop heaven has an array of café options and services like a post office and pharmacy.

### WAVERLEY OVAL POCKET

Across from Waverley Oval, this pocket of businesses on Malvern Road, Waverley Road and Belgrave Road, features cafés, restaurants, hairdressers, an osteopath and a Pilates studio. Stop by and check out the shops the next time you head down to the playground.





## This year is a La Niña year

**This means heavier rain events and more intense downpours causing major flooding may impact our city. Roads, homes, businesses, waterways and our valued open spaces need to be prepared for what this weather pattern brings.**


It's important to stay safe during extreme rain and storm events, reduce our vulnerability to their effects, and adapt to our changing climate.

We encourage all residents to stay informed, monitor weather warnings and forecasts and be prepared with a storm and/or flood plan.

Before a severe storm arrives, check that loose items such as outdoor settings, umbrellas and trampolines are safely secured, and check that gutters, downpipes and drains are not blocked. Park your car undercover, away from trees and stay indoors and away from windows. Be prepared for power outages and have safe alternative lights or energy sources on hand.

Ensuring Stonnington is a water sensitive city will help us respond to these sorts of rain and weather events and other future climate impacts, including drought.

We're maintaining our waterways, installing tanks and water-efficient fittings and fixtures, as well as storm water drainage systems, to make best use of this finite resource.

 To find out more about La Niña and how to prepare, visit [bom.gov.au/climate/enso](http://bom.gov.au/climate/enso)

# Climate proofing Stonnington

**This year you'll notice a few changes about the place – the introduction of rain gardens, new wetlands and permeable pavements, installation of drought-tolerant surfaces, indigenous plant species, irrigation systems and rainwater tanks, as well as solar panels and new recycling and waste processes.**

This is because we're taking action on climate change, not only for now, but for the future. Last year, we saw the planting of more than 1,400 new trees and almost 26,000 new plants, which will start to shoot in in parks and along roadsides.

It's now two years since the City of Stonnington started accepting food waste as part of its kerbside waste collection service. The service has nearly 13,500 households across Stonnington participating by putting their food waste to work. The past 12 months has seen more than 4,720 tonnes of food and green waste diverted from landfill.

You can also expect to see further developments in this space with all

households (with food and green waste services) receiving new (black) bins with (lime green) lids in line with Victorian Government standards, along with an education program to help you get used to what goes in which bin. Best of all, your old bin is being recycled.

There are changes you may not notice but are already having a huge impact on our environmental footprint. Did you know we've been using 100 per cent renewable electricity since 1 July 2021? All electricity used in Council buildings and facilities is linked to two Victorian wind farms, which helps lower our emissions by 65 per cent. This brings Council's total corporate emissions to 76 per cent below 2005 base year levels, going well beyond the current 2030 target.

Taking small steps towards reducing our impact on climate change is all it takes to get things moving.

Our Environmental Champions program is one such example. Open to individuals who are passionate about the environment and creating local change, the program enables connections with like-minded people to develop simple ideas into tangible biodiversity, sustainability and recycling projects that can easily be introduced to the community.

We also have some very active local legends doing what they love and having a positive impact on climate at a local level. It's not hard to become a local legend, just start small and think big!


 To find out how we are climate proofing Stonnington, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/sustainability](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/sustainability)

## Autumn hard waste collection

**Keep an eye out on your letterbox for your hard waste information flyer that will be arriving soon.**

From mid-March the twice-yearly bulk collection service will be picking up bulky household items, green waste, ewaste and scrap metal.

Please don't put items out for collection until you receive the flyer, which contains your collection date.

 You can also find your collection date online at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/waste](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/waste)



## Young beekeepers generating a buzz in Stonnington

**Have you heard the buzz about a new generation of urban bee-keepers swarming through Stonnington?**

Introducing Mary Trumble and Henry Fried – the new owners of Backyard Honey – a business originally started as a hobby by Jane and Peter Dyer.

With hives located throughout Stonnington, Mary and Henry are helping the local bee population to grow.

Locals to Prahran, the couple has grown the business to more than 40 hives in Toorak, Malvern and Malvern East.

"Our point of difference is we have static hives, so we leave a hive in a backyard and when we extract the honey at the end of the year, the honey will taste and look different in colour based on the flowers within a two to four kilometre radius of the hive," Mary says.

"The bees are so mesmerising to watch, we are constantly fascinated by

how clever they are and how the colony works together."


"We love being so connected with our local community and supporting such an important cause in keeping urban bee populations healthy."

You can get involved too. Support Backyard Honey's mission to protect bees by planting a bee-friendly garden or host your own hive.

Jars of Backyard Honey are available for purchase in local stores including Baker Bleu and Stocked Food Store.

Backyard Honey will be making a special appearance at Pets in the Park this March, so keep a look out. We couldn't be happier to reap the benefits!



 For more information, visit [backyardhoney.com.au](http://backyardhoney.com.au)





# Connect with Stonnington

Your voice matters. Go to [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au) from March to May to have your say on our:

- LGBTQIA+ Action Plan to share visions, expectations, barriers and opportunities
- Arts and Culture Strategy that will outline how we support creative and cultural industries in Stonnington, and
- Waste Strategy that will map out how we manage waste and reduce what we send to landfill over the coming years.

You can also check-in on follow-up engagement opportunities for our 2022–23 Budget, Smart Cities Strategy, Place-Led Economic Development Strategy and streetscape improvement project at Toorak Village.

We're also exploring opportunities for our community to meet your Councillors to ask questions and suggest ideas. This will include out in the community and our other more formal settings.

To keep-up-to-date and register for email updates, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/meetyourcouncillors](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/meetyourcouncillors)

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