



STONNINGTON COMMUNITY VISION 2040



Acknowledgements



We acknowledge the City of Stonnington sits on the Traditional Lands of the Bunurong, Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung 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 also acknowledge all community members who contributed to the Shaping Stonnington engagement program, reflecting on what they love about Stonnington and their aspirations for the future.

In particular, we recognise and thank the 32 community members who formed the Shaping Stonnington People's Panel. This group were tasked with developing a Community Vision which represented our diverse community's collective vision for the city's future. The resulting Stonnington Community Vision 2040 is a testament to the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of the panel members.

We look forward to working towards this Community Vision together.

Foreword

In September 2020, the City of Stonnington embarked on an extensive community engagement program, Shaping Stonnington, to develop our first Community Vision and inform our new four-year Council Plan.

Through a range of engagement activities, we asked the community to join the conversation and share their thoughts and aspirations for the future of this city, by reflecting on the question:

Imagine Stonnington in 2040. Consider what may have changed that makes you feel proud, inspired and connected to your community.

With this in mind, what is our vision for Stonnington to be the best place to live, work, study and play for all in 2040?

These conversations framed the task for the Shaping Stonnington People's Panel, a group of 32 community members representing Stonnington's diverse community. The Panel

came together online over three days to discuss and consider challenges and opportunities for our city.

These discussions resulted in the collaborative drafting of the Stonnington Community Vision 2040, which reflects the breadth of aspirations and priorities of our diverse community.

The Community Vision will guide our new four-year Council Plan, future strategies and ongoing Council decision-making.

The next section of this document outlines the People's Panel draft Community Panel Report, comprising:

- An overarching Vision Statement that had 'super majority' support from the Panel (i.e. 80 per cent or more Panel support).
- Six principles that had 'super majority' Panel support
- Minority report listing some further commentary that the Panel felt should be noted.



The following report was prepared in its entirety by the Shaping Stonnington People's Panel and presented to Council at the Councillor Briefing Session on 12 April 2021.

Council is developing its response to this report, primarily through the development of the Council Plan 2021-25.

City of Stonnington

Community Panel Report

20 March 2021



Introduction



The objective of this draft community panel report, collated on 20 March 2021, is to shape the Stonnington Community Vision 2040.

The community panel was selected at random to reflect the diverse demographics of the City of Stonnington. The panel was selected with the assistance of Sortition Foundation, and panel discussions were facilitated by MosaicLab.

The panel collaborated for two and a half days, over four sessions, to respond to the following question:

“Imagine Stonnington in 2040. Consider what may have changed that makes you feel proud, inspired and connected to your community?”

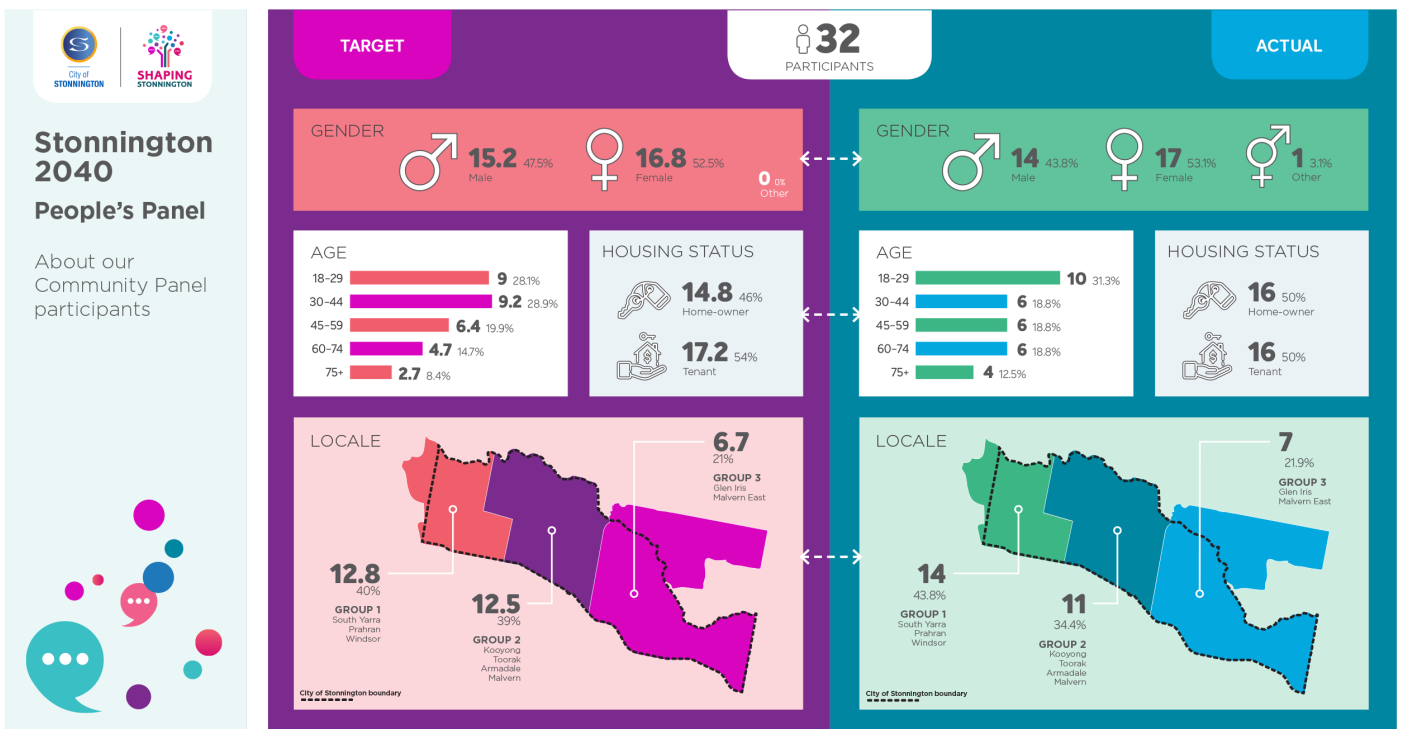
The panel was provided background documents, including previous community engagement information and was informed

by a range of speakers, including Council staff, community representatives and a variety of external consultants.

Following a process of deliberation, panel members compiled the Vision Statement contained in this document.

This Vision is supported by six Principles, also detailed in this document. The intention is for the six Principles to be implemented as soon as possible.

This people’s document is now presented to the broader community, the City of Stonnington and other government agencies for their future planning and action, so that the City of Stonnington continues to be the best place to live, work, study and play.



We acknowledge we are on the traditional land of the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the Elders past and present. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.

Community Vision



‘Our community is a safe, inclusive and creative city that celebrates and embraces its vibrancy of cultures.

Walking the tree lined streets, we pay respect to the influence of the Nation’s First Peoples past and living on a modern, sustainable and interconnected way of life that supports the good health and wellbeing of all.’

Welcome to Stonnington 2040.



City of Stonnington Mayor, Cr Kate Hely accepting the Community Vision from People’s Panel representatives at Councillor Briefing on 12 April 2021

Principle One



Stonnington is a modern city that maintains heritage sites and its cultural identity whilst embracing progressive development, which supports its local businesses and encourages creative initiatives.

- We are a city that celebrates and values its culture and history, encouraging all members to express themselves in our community.
- As sustainable development continues, we will preserve heritage and support existing local small businesses and new business initiatives, allowing our community to continue to be safe, vibrant and inclusive, contributing to Stonnington as a unique destination.



Rationale

With a growing population, development is inevitable. It is important that any works are sustainable and maintain the identity and liveability. As is already in practice in 2021, without any reductions to the green space or accessibility of the area.

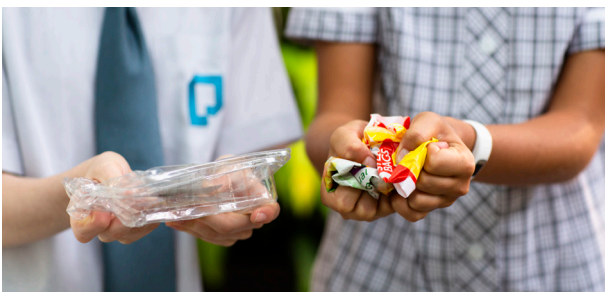
Further, we want to ensure that cultural landmarks and history are maintained and respected as they are well loved and important for the community.

Principle Two



Protect biodiversity, take climate action and pursue eco-friendly ways of living, guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

- Our city will be informed by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Australian and Victorian Government guidelines.
- We will protect our biodiversity and explore innovative methods for expanding green spaces.
- Pursue more eco-friendly ways of living, by reducing our impact on the Earth through improved waste management, energy consumption and low-emission forms of transport.
- We will commit to net zero emissions by 2040.
Note that Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan 2021-2030 commits to zero corporate carbon emissions by 2030
- Everything we do must be in the spirit of cooperation with our neighbouring communities.



Rationale

As our city grows, we want to have access to greenspaces that will improve lifestyles and reduce the urban heat island effect.

We are committed to living sustainably and working with other entities to achieve this.

We will support a global and integrated effort to achieve sustainable development by leveraging the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Federal and State Government guidelines.

Principle Three



Stonnington's ambition is to be a caring, compassionate and supportive city for all members of the community.

- We want to create a safe environment in Stonnington where we promote respectful relationships and connections with each other.
- This includes people of all ages, disabilities, disadvantages, ethnicities, religions, genders and sexualities.
- We embrace and value the Nation's First Peoples as well as diverse cultures and perspectives within the community.



Rationale

This is important for us to embrace people from all different walks of life to provide opportunities for everyone to flourish within a safe and vibrant community.

We want to celebrate our city and land together with the Nation's First Peoples.

Principle Four



Stonnington will have strong governance and diverse representative leadership, which enhances open two-way communication.

- The community will be able to easily access multiple avenues of communication and decision-making to address past, present and emerging issues in Stonnington.
- Leadership and governance is informed by expert opinions as well as the community to benefit all, whilst considering the representation and acknowledgement of the local Indigenous people and their leaders.



Rationale

We want to feel like every voice is represented through various modes of communication to promote good governance and leadership.

We want clear feedback from the council - why does the council say no? Can the council facilitate the community's ideas?

Principle Five



Stonnington's public spaces will provide the ability for all members of the community to experience and enjoy the natural environment.

- Use every opportunity for plantings in all areas — from built up, to parks, to riverbanks, to nature strips, to railway lines.
- Require developers to provide occupiable green spaces and consult local residents on what they want in pocket parks.
- Day time use of public spaces to include establishing and maintaining family-friendly environments.



Rationale

Access to nature and the opportunity to gather socially and exercise is essential to promoting physical and mental health and wellbeing in all age groups.

Public open space gives everyone the opportunity to use the spaces in the way they choose from organized events to spontaneous activities (cultural festivals, music performances, picnics with friends, tai chi etc.).

Principle Six



We provide access to a variety of quality services and amenities for everyone within 20 minutes.

- Neighbourhoods where everyone (including the elderly and disabled) can walk, bike or use public transport to access recreational, educational, commercial and health services/amenities in no more than 20 minutes.
- Traffic congestion through interconnected neighbourhoods is managed through smart infrastructure and development and collaboration with stakeholders (eg. neighbouring councils, responsible authorities and government).



Rationale

Making everyone's life easy allows our community to connect, integrate and flourish.

Recreational, educational, commercial and health services/amenities should all be in a neighborhood, as these are important to enhance the community's health and wellbeing.

Minority report

One



What is this in relation to?

Language in the report

Comments we would like noted:

Referring to Principle 1:

First paragraph doesn't fit within the principle as a whole. Replace with the following:

We are a city that celebrates and values its culture and conserves its heritage.

As sustainable development continues, we will support existing local small businesses and new business initiatives, allowing our community to continue to be safe, vibrant and inclusive, contributing to Stonnington as a unique destination.

Referring to Principle 3:

Remove the word 'ambition' to 'is'. So that it refers to an actual state of being.

