

# Residents' guide

**THE A TO Z OF EVERYTHING  
STONNINGTON**



City of  
**STONNINGTON**



# Welcome to Stonnington

**Welcome to the neighbourhood. We know you're going to love it here.**

We're proud to deliver more than 100 services to our community and our great city.

We serve and support all members of our community – at all ages and in all stages of life – babies, children, teenagers, youth, parents, grandparents, seniors and families, together with homeowners, (property owners), renters, businesses and visitors.

We look after our people, parks, precincts and places to ensure our community stays vibrant, connected, safe, inclusive, active, happy and healthy.

We support our businesses whether new or established to set up for success and to flourish. We care for our furry friends, with a dedicated animal management team on call, pet-friendly parks and an animal shelter for lost or abandoned pets and adoptions. We collect your bins, fix the paths, build, maintain and refurbish Council-owned buildings and facilities and we plant trees.

## **We love Stonnington and so will you.**

Stonnington comprises the suburbs of Armadale, Kooyong, Malvern, Malvern East, Prahran, South Yarra, Toorak, Glen Iris and Windsor.

There's always something happening in Stonnington – from within our parks, gardens, pools and public spaces – to our venues, libraries, pools, sports centres, clubs and grounds.

From major Council festivals and events, to concerts, cultural events and special community days, from shopping to sport, from cafés, bars and restaurants, to amazing nightlife and venues, live music and shows, from high-end fashion to lux furniture and art, from flavoursome food to full-on fitness, health and lifestyle, from walks in gardens to jogging tracks and bike paths, you will love Stonnington.

There are many ways to find out about what's happening in Stonnington.

**Keep up-to-date with the latest news and events, follow us on socials, and subscribe to our What's On e-newsletter. Our Stonnington News magazine is delivered to your door regularly and can also be viewed on our website [stonnington.vic.gov.au/stonnington-news](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/stonnington-news)**



## **Reconciliation Acknowledgement Statement**

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We acknowledge we are on the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nations and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

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.

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## Supporting our First Peoples' community

**Stonnington is committed to reconciliation and we support all members of our First Peoples' community.**

The City of Stonnington Reconciliation Action Plan has been developed in consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Reconciliation Stonnington, and our community, and is endorsed by Reconciliation Australia.

The plan articulates our commitment for reconciliation as a community in which Traditional Custodians' connections to the land are acknowledged, where history is respected and where the diverse cultural backgrounds, experiences and

needs of Australia's First Peoples are understood and valued.

Our vision for reconciliation is a united, equitable community where First Peoples' voices, experiences and ideas are heard and respected; and where there is deep understanding of the wrongs of the past and their impact.

Each year we proudly support NAIDOC Week, which celebrates the rich history, culture and achievements of First Peoples and stands for National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee.

NAIDOC Week is a great opportunity to learn more about First Peoples communities. A theme is chosen every year to reflect the important issues and events for NAIDOC.

## Supporting cultural diversity



**We recognise that our community is enriched by many people, from different cultures, living together and participating in community life.**

This rich diversity strengthens our community, adding different experiences, values and perspectives to our social fabric.

We are committed to ensuring that our services and programs are inclusive, accessible and responsive to meet the needs of residents from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

### **Supporting access and inclusion**

All Stonnington residents have the right to enjoy wellbeing, dignity and independence. We are committed to providing safe and inclusive spaces and services for all residents, including those with disability, their carers and families.

### **Supporting the LGBTIQ+ community**

The City of Stonnington acknowledges and values our community's diversity and is committed to providing safe and inclusive environments and services.

### **Citizen of the Year awards**

These awards recognise and honour people who have a commitment to volunteering, contributing to the community and making our city a better place.

### **Citizenship ceremonies**

Citizenship ceremonies are held throughout the year, recognising, celebrating and welcoming new residents to Australia and to our community.

## It's not all rubbish

We are committed to minimising waste and maximising resource recovery by supporting our community to reduce waste and recycle a wide range of materials.

### Bins and collections

- » **Garbage bin** – weekly garbage collection service. The waste placed in this bin is sent to landfill.
- » **Recycling bin** – fortnightly recycling collection service on the same day as your garbage collection. Your recycling is taken to a materials recovery facility, where the different materials are separated and bundled for reprocessing into a range of items.
- » **Food and green waste bin** – fortnightly user-pays garden and food and green waste collection service on the same day as your garbage collection. This service is for ratepaying residents only. If you are renting, check with your landlord.

Visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/services/waste-and-recycling](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/services/waste-and-recycling), click on 'Services near me' to find out about:

- » your bin collection days
- » how to get a new or replacement bin
- » what happens when your bin does not get emptied
- » what goes in each bin.

### Hard waste collection service

Council provides two hard waste collections per year – in autumn and spring. Look out for a brochure in your letterbox at least two weeks before the collection. Call us to discuss collection dates in your area or search your address on our website.

### Stonnington Waste Transfer Station

Many different materials can be taken to the Transfer Station, located at 32 Weir Street, Malvern, including light globes, cardboard, fridges, TVs, mattresses, computers, batteries and motor oil.

Find out about fees and accepted items on our website.

#### Opening hours:

10am – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday

9am – 3pm, Saturday

10am – 3pm, Sunday

#### Closed:

New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day



### Reduce waste sent to landfill

Visit our website to find out about the ways you can reduce the amount of waste you send to landfill.

### Food waste

All food waste can be placed in your kerbside food and green waste bin. Alternatively, recycle your food waste at home with a discounted worm farm or compost bin from Council. In an apartment? Contact us to find out how to get a communal worm farm for your apartment building.

For food waste drop-off points, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Services/Waste-and-recycling/Food-and-green-waste](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Services/Waste-and-recycling/Food-and-green-waste)

### Electronic waste

Anything with a plug, battery or cord is considered electronic waste or e-waste.

Drop off your e-waste at the Stonnington Waste Transfer Station, save it for your next hard waste collection or recycle your items at one of our recycling stations located at our service centres, libraries and pools.

Find out everything about where to recycle items at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Services/Waste-and-recycling/What-to-do-with-your-waste-and-recycling](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Services/Waste-and-recycling/What-to-do-with-your-waste-and-recycling)

### Waste and recycling signage

Clear signage helps people understand what goes into each bin. Download our signage or collect from a Council Service Centre near you. We also have A4 bin stickers, A3 posters and A2 outdoor signs available to residents.

## Support for children and families

There is a variety of services available for children and families in Stonnington including childcare and early years services, a preschool dental service, an immunisation program, maternal and child health services, community-run playgroups and toy libraries.

### Maternal and child health

Our Maternal and Child Health Services (MCH) provides high-quality services for children from birth to school age.

Our staff are registered as both nurses and midwives, with additional qualifications in child, family and community health and can assist with:

- » child health and development
- » parent-child relationships
- » maternal and family health
- » breastfeeding and infant feeding advice
- » immunisation
- » nutrition
- » local support services
- » safety and injury prevention.

We operate five maternal and child health centres

- » Central Park MCH Centre
- » McArthur Street MCH Centre
- » Phoenix Park MCH Centre
- » Grosvenor Street MCH Centre
- » Toorak Park MCH Centre.

Learn more at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Services/Children-and-Family-Services/Maternal-and-Child-Health-Services](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Services/Children-and-Family-Services/Maternal-and-Child-Health-Services)

### Early years services

Our early years services offer nurturing, welcoming and secure environments for children to learn, grow and belong so that children can develop confidently.

We provide high-quality care and education, including long day care, sessional care and funded kindergarten services.

We have two Council-owned and operated early years centres for children aged three months to five years.

- » **Princes Close Childcare Centre**  
17 Princes Close, Prahran  
7.30am – 6pm, Monday to Friday  
**8290 3247**
- » **Winter Street Occasional Care Centre**  
5 Winter Street, Malvern  
8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday  
**8290 6060**

Learn more at, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/services/children-and-family-services/early-years-services](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/services/children-and-family-services/early-years-services)

## Helping out young folk



The Stonnington Middle Years and Youth Services team supports the delivery of services to schools, service providers and community agencies across our city.

Our middle years and youth services programs are open to children and young people, aged 6 to 25 years, who live, work or visit Stonnington.

Operating out of our two centres in Prahran and South Yarra, the dedicated Middle Years and Youth Services team works collaboratively to deliver a range of support services, engagement and learning programs and social events.

Stonnington Youth Services can be found at **Grattan Gardens Community Centre**, 40 Grattan Street, Prahran.

### The Hub

Our Prahran Child and Youth Community Wellbeing Hub (The Hub) provides engagement, learning and recreational programs for children aged 6 to 12 years who live in public housing in the South Yarra and Prahran areas.

Based at the Horace Petty Housing Estate in South Yarra, The Hub is staffed by a dedicated team of professionals who support the young people and their families through socio-emotional and recreational activities and provide services to help them overcome barriers that can impact the young person's wellbeing and learning outcomes.

You're welcome to drop in, meet with a youth worker and have a chat about how you can get support or become involved in one of our great programs.

We're open Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm.

To stay up-to-date with all our news and programs and to connect with The Hub, check us out on [facebook.com/stonningtonyouthservices/](https://facebook.com/stonningtonyouthservices/)

## Staying active, engaged, connected

We are committed to supporting older residents by offering a variety of services that help them stay active, connected and engaged in the local community. Services include community transport, health and wellbeing initiatives, social activities and our popular Engaged program.

### Community transport

Our safe, friendly and reliable bus service is designed for residents who may find it challenging to access public or private transport. The service provides local transport to and from shopping centres, libraries, social activities, cultural events and Harold Holt Swim Centre.

### Social support

We deeply value the contributions of our older community members to Stonnington. Through the Engaged program, we host a range of fun, free,

and affordable events and activities, showcasing local community groups and fostering connection. Every October we also participate in the Victorian Seniors Festival encouraging social connections, health and wellbeing for our older residents

### 100 reasons to celebrate with the Mayor

Residents celebrating their 100th birthday are encouraged to contact the Council for special recognition by the Mayor — because reaching 100 is truly a milestone worth celebrating.



## So, you have a pet....

Here at Stonnington we care about your pets and animals and want you to enjoy them but it's important to be a responsible pet owner.

### Do I need to microchip and desex my pets?

In Victoria, all cats and dogs over three months of age are required by law to be microchipped and registered to the local Council they live in.

Stonnington has a registration requirement that all cats must be desexed to be registered. Exemptions will only be made for registered breeding purposes or due to vet advice. Desexing dogs is not mandatory in Stonnington, but highly recommended. Keeping up to date with desexing, micro-chipping and registering pets ensures they come home safe.

### How do I report a lost dog or cat?

Wandering dogs or cats can be reported to our Animal Management team. You can call us on **8290 1333**.

### Do I need to register my pet?

All dogs and cats more than three months of age must be registered. All the information you need to apply for registration can be found on our website.

### How can I adopt a pet?

Visit the Save-A-Dog Scheme (SADS) in person or visit [saveadog.org.au](http://saveadog.org.au) to learn about adopting or fostering an animal.

### Where are my local off-lead parks and reserves?

We have 26 off-lead parks and reserves in Stonnington. Find out where you can walk your dog without a lead at [Off-lead parks and reserves City of Stonnington](#).

### How many pets can I own?

Council has restrictions on the number of pets you can keep on your property. Find out everything you need to know on our website.

### Celebrate your pets

Every year in March, we invite pet owners to bring their furry, feathered and scaly friends to Central Park for Pets in the Park. It's a fun, free, family-friendly event featuring pet parades, presentations and an array of stalls that offer the latest pet products, health tips and great information on responsible pet ownership.

# All you need to know about rates

Council rates go towards providing vital services, infrastructure and maintenance in our community.

## Where do my rates go?

For every \$100 we spend:

- » Capital works: \$24.63
- » Programs for families: \$2.01
- » Community programs: \$4.95
- » Waste services: \$6.86
- » Open space and environment: \$4.46
- » Public health and immunisation: \$0.64
- » Events, public art and business support: \$5.28
- » Town planning: \$5.57
- » City operations, transport and infrastructure: \$19.74
- » Council buildings and property: \$3.20
- » Community sport, recreation and pools: \$4.62
- » Improving customer experience: \$9.29
- » Governance and administration: \$8.75

## How are my Council rates calculated?

The City of Stonnington calculates your rates by multiplying two figures: your property's Capital Improved Value (CIV) and a rate in the dollar amount declared by Council.

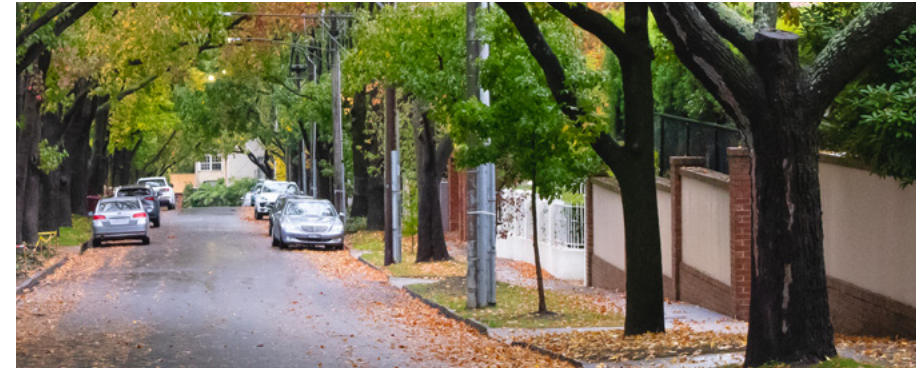
The CIV of a property is the value of the land plus any improvements on the land.

It's the approximate amount you could expect to be offered for the property if you put it on the market.

Council valuers conduct property valuations each year. They determine the CIV used to calculate your general rate.

The rate in the dollar is an amount set by the City of Stonnington to fund works and services.

Your rate notice includes the annual waste charges covering litter management, street sweeping, public place litter and recycling bins, waste education, hard and bundled green waste services, transfer station costs not covered by gate fees, shared costs of processing recyclables and organics and waste services administration; and the Fire Services Property Levy we collect on behalf of the State Government. This levy contributes to the cost of operating the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, replacing the levy previously funded through insurance premiums.



## How can I pay my rates?

We offer a range of options on how you can receive and pay your rate notices. This includes Payreq or BPAY View, allowing you to receive your rates notices electronically. And you can enjoy the convenience of viewing, receiving and printing your rates notices via email. Other in person payment options include the Stonnington City Centre, Australia Post and CBA at branch, Centrepay.

## When do I need to pay my rates?

You can either pay in four instalments: September, November, February and May throughout the financial year or as a single lump sum – you'll receive a notice for this payment in August.

Full rates payment is due on 15 February of each year.

If the first instalment amount isn't paid by the due date, we will assume you wish pay in one lump sum.

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## Financial difficulty

We have in place a rates hardship policy and other support measures to support people and businesses experiencing financial hardship.

Property owners can also receive an accessible notice. We've partnered with Vision Australia to provide your rate notice in an accessible format of your choice, such as audio, braille, large print or e-text.

To find out more, call **8290 1333**.



## Planning matters

### How do I plan for building or renovating?

We provide advice on the planning process. Our team will assess your application against the Stonnington Planning Scheme, considering the interests of local residents and businesses.

For your face-to-face planning enquiries, visit us at the Stonnington City Centre, 311 Glenferrie Road, Malvern or for planning assistance call **8290 3329**.

### What is the Stonnington ePlanning Portal?

The Stonnington ePlanning Portal is a free online service that allows you to submit documents or search any planning online anytime. You can submit planning permit applications, lodge inquiries, apply for certification, make objections and search the planning register for application and permit information.

Within this portal, there is the Application Portal for registered users to lodge planning application documents, objections and other

planning information requests and the Planning Register that can be used by both registered users and guests to track a application's progress, view documentation (including plans) and view the outcome of any planning permit application.

If you're applying for a planning permit your submission must have:

- » a completed application form (from our ePlanning portal)
- » the application fee
- » a recent copy of your Land Title, with details of any covenants or encumbrances noted on the title
- » a written summary of your planned works
- » a copy of any site plan
- » a copy of any elevations
- » any photos of the site.

### Can I cut down a tree on my property?

To protect our urban forest, all trees across Stonnington, including those on private property, are protected by our local law. Two areas (the Yarra

River corridor and Hedgeley Dene precinct) require planning permission before pruning or removing any tree. There is zero tolerance to tree pruning or removal without approval. You can avoid a fine by checking first on our website.

### How does Council plan for the future?

We are responsible for the development of land use, planning policies and strategies, and administering and reviewing the Stonnington Planning Scheme.

Planning schemes set the direction for the use, development and protection of land within the municipality.

Strategies and structure plans for activity centres, urban design frameworks and specific theme studies such as heritage and neighbourhood character, are prepared to support and underpin the strategic planning process.

## Where we are

Stonnington has many world-class attractions, amenities and facilities including our recently-opened Stonnington Sports Centre fitted with new courts and pitches for indoor and outdoor sports including tennis, netball, wheelchair rugby, basketball, bowls, cricket and lacrosse.

### Stonnington service centres

- 1 Stonnington City Centre**  
311 Glenferrie Road, Malvern
- 2 Stonnington Services and Visitor Hub**  
Chatham Street, Prahran Square

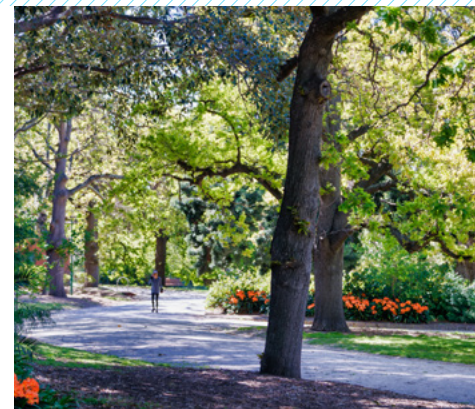
There are also many gorgeous open spaces, parks and gardens, where residents can enjoy a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities.

Check out Prahran Square and our pocket parks too.

Take a walk or walk your dog at one of our 26 off-leash dog parks or jog, picnic, ride, relax, socialise or shop.

### Other key attractions

- 3 Chapel Off Chapel**
- 4 Malvern Town Hall**
- 5 Prahran Town Hall**
- 6 Phoenix Park Community Centre**
- 7 Malvern Tennis Centre, Armadale**
- 8 Glendearg All Saints Malvern Tennis Club**
- 9 Malvern Valley Golf Course**
- 10 TH King Pavilion and Stonnington Environmental Education Design Centre**
- 11 Stonnington Sports Centre**
- 12 Prahran Skate Park**

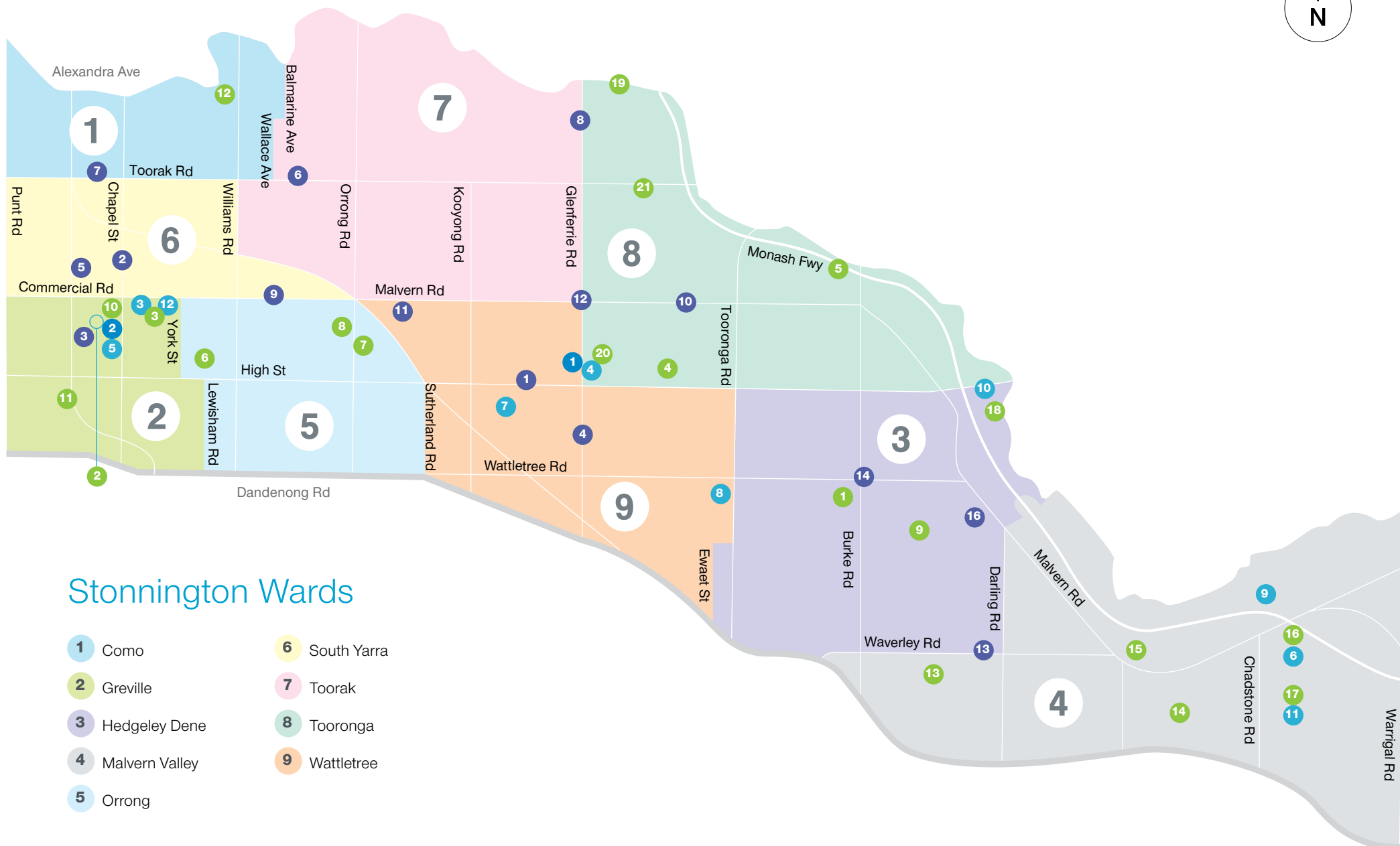
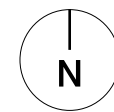


### Parks, gardens, reserves and community spaces

- 1 Central Park**
- 2 Grattan Gardens**
- 3 Princes Gardens**
- 4 Malvern Gardens**
- 5 Gardiner Park**
- 6 Victoria Gardens**
- 7 Toorak Park and Victory Square**
- 8 Orrong Romanis Reserve**
- 9 Hedgeley Dene Gardens**
- 10 Prahran Square**
- 11 Windsor Siding**
- 12 Como Park**
- 13 Ardrie Park**
- 14 Urban Forest Reserve**
- 15 Waverley Oval**
- 16 Phoenix Park**
- 17 Stonnington Sports Centre at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park**
- 18 Glen Iris Wetlands**
- 19 Sir Zelman Cowen Park**
- 20 Malvern Cricket Ground**
- 21 Sir Robert Menzies Reserve**

### Shopping centres and strips

- 1 High Street, Armadale**
- 2 Chapel Street**
- 3 Greville Street, Prahran**
- 4 Glenferrie Road, Malvern**
- 5 Prahran Market**
- 6 Toorak Village**
- 7 Toorak Road, South Yarra**
- 8 Kooyong Village**
- 9 Hawksburn Village**
- 10 Malvern Village**
- 11 Beatty Avenue, Armadale**
- 12 Malvern Hill**
- 13 Waverley Road**
- 14 Central Park Village**
- 15 Darling Village**
- 16 Chadstone Shopping Centre**



## Stonnington Wards

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# Our libraries, your community hub

The City of Stonnington offers a full range of library, information and history resources, services and programs.

Our libraries are hubs for community life and welcome people to read, connect, create, learn and relax. Everyone is welcome and everyone belongs.

There are four libraries across the municipality as well as a History Centre.

Our expansive resources, services and programs include: physical and digital collections of literature, film and music events and programs including children's story times, school holiday programs, book clubs, author and book talks, technology information sessions, creative and sustainable living workshops and researching local history access to meeting rooms public access computers, free Wi-Fi, printing, scanning and photocopying facilities

We also operate outreach services including a Home Library Service for residents who are physically unable to visit our libraries.

Joining the libraries is easy and free and can be done in person or online. You'll need to provide proof of identity and address. There is no minimum joining

age, but people aged under 18 years require the consent/signature of a parent or legal guardian.

For more information or to join online, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library).

### Find your local library

- » **Malvern Library** 1255 High Street, Malvern or call **8290 1366**
- » **Phoenix Park Library** 30 Rob Roy Road, Malvern East or call **8290 4000**
- » **Prahran Square** (northern end), Prahran or call **8290 3344**
- » **Toorak/South Yarra Library** 340 Toorak Road, South Yarra or call **8290 8000**
- » **Study@Greville** 180 Greville Street, Prahran or call **8290 3311**
- » **Stonnington History Centre** 1257 High Street, Malvern Call **8290 1360** or visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Library)
- » **Home Library Service** Call **8290 8011** or email [homelibrary@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:homelibrary@stonnington.vic.gov.au)



## A walk in the park

Stonnington is home to many beautiful parks, gardens and open spaces.

We're working hard to preserve and improve open space for our community, for the health and wellbeing of everyone and for future generations to enjoy.

Here is a snapshot of some of our parks, gardens and open spaces you can explore:

» **Malvern Gardens**

Stonnington's oldest public garden with a pond featuring historic grotto and fountain.

» **Gardiner Park**

Popular grounds with barbeque, playground and shelter and featuring our first synthetic sportsfield.

» **Victoria Gardens**

Retains many of its original Victorian-style character including a sunken oval surrounded by plane trees.

» **Hedgeley Dene Gardens**

A linear garden layout situated among the leafy streets of Malvern East.

» **Central Park**

Covering almost eight hectares and with stunning avenue trees, conservatory and flowerbeds, Central Park has an oval for cricket and other team sports.

» **Grattan Gardens**

Barbecue, playground and historic rotunda.

» **Como Park**

Features a barbeque, playground and shelters.

» **Prahran Square**

Our exciting urban parkland.

Find your favourite quiet spot in nature, listen to the birds, relax with a book, enjoy a barbeque or picnic, go for a jog or join a team sport. You can also hire local parks or gardens for social, community, commercial or private events.

For information on an event or film permit in public spaces, **8290 1333**.

## Let's keep active



### Make a splash

We love our pools and you will too! Stonnington's two iconic leisure centres (both recently upgraded), are the perfect place to have a casual swim or lesson, participate in a group fitness class, access the hydrotherapy program or enjoy a spa or sauna.

» **Harold Holt Swim Centre**

Corner Edgar and High streets  
Glen Iris  
**8290 1678**

» **Prahran Aquatic Centre**

Essex Street, Prahran  
**8290 7140**

For information about opening hours, memberships, programs and classes, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/active](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/active)

### Kick a fitness goal

Whether you'd rather jog, cycle, play netball, soccer, a round of golf or tennis, there's an activity in Stonnington to suit your interest and level of fitness.

Staying active and keeping fit are important priorities. Stonnington offers fantastic recreational opportunities for all members of the community, at all levels and abilities.

To join a local sporting team, check out our directory of more than 60 sporting clubs at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/active](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/active)

## Let's go shopping... and more

Stonnington is home to many fabulous retail locations – from small village shopping clusters like Hawksburn Village and Malvern East Village – to some of Melbourne's most iconic shopping destinations, such as Chapel Street, High Street, Armadale, Greville Street and Chadstone.

Five business associations operate in Stonnington to actively market and promote their retail precincts. The profile of green business is growing as we encourage local businesses to become more sustainable.

### Shopping highlights

#### » Chapel Street

A world-class shopping, dining and entertainment precinct, you'll find great cafés, bars, restaurants and clubs, local designers, international brands and vintage treasures all on Chapel.

#### » High Street, Armadale

High Street is the fashionable and stylish home of cafés, restaurants, lifestyle and homewares stores, rug galleries, bridal boutiques and an array of local and international fashion labels.

#### » Toorak Road, South Yarra

Located between Punt Road and Chapel Street and featuring more than one hundred shops, restaurants and cafés, this bustling strip also has all the latest in luxury shopping, fashion and fine food.

#### » Toorak Village

The place to go to experience that unique local atmosphere, designer boutiques, bespoke jewellers and an eclectic collection of sculptures, artwork, cafés, chocolatiers and food restaurants.

#### » Glenferrie Road, Malvern

More than 400 shops, cafés, restaurants and services make up this vibrant shopping and family-friendly mecca. It's great for coffee catch-ups, groceries, lunch and dinner.

#### » Prahran Market

A true and established Stonnington icon, in the foodie heart of Prahran, stallholders have been serving up fresh delicious and nutritious produce, fine foods, fish, deli goods and market knowledge for more than a century.

### Starting, buying or running a business

Reach out to our dedicated Business Concierge who can help you get started with information, support and advice. Email us at [businessconciierge@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:businessconciierge@stonnington.vic.gov.au)



## Arts, culture, events and festivals

**We recognise arts, culture and creativity are at the heart of the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our community.**

Each year, Stonnington hosts a full and exciting program of free or low-cost arts and culture events.

We invite our community to come along and experience all that's on offer throughout the year from small community events, to hallmark cultural events, each of these has a special place on the Stonnington calendar.

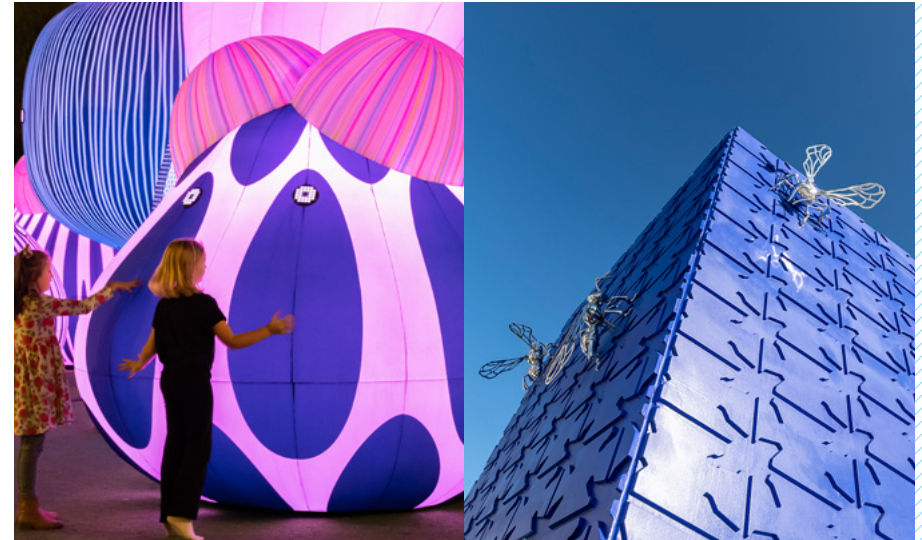
### Events and festivals

Each year, our team delivers an eclectic mixture of live performances, concerts and special interest festivals.

Highlights include Sunset Sounds, The Classics Opera series, Pets in the Park, Roola Boola Children's Arts Festival, Glow Winter Arts Festival, So Soiree and Christmas Carols.

### Art and art galleries

We value highly creative opportunities that support local artists, galleries and art projects.



### Public art collection

Helping celebrate our cultural identity, interpreting a significant place or event or giving us pride in our local environment, public art has a vital role to play in connecting our community with their environment. The City of Stonnington boasts an extensive public art collection.

### Public Mural Wall Crawl

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

Visit this free gallery by taking The Wall Crawl path and enjoy our most recent murals using the murals map at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Community/Arts-and-culture/Public-Mural-Wall-Crawl](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Community/Arts-and-culture/Public-Mural-Wall-Crawl)

### Contemporary art collection

We have a modern art collection from the late 20th century to today. Our Art Acquisitions Advisory Committee recommends what we have in our collection. The collection is our commitment to enrich the cultural life of our community.

### Visual art opportunities

We support and nurture emerging artists, established artists and street artists and offer opportunities to showcase works at events and in our public spaces. We also support artists through our annual arts and culture grants program.

To learn more about arts and culture, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Community/Arts-and-culture](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Community/Arts-and-culture)

## Grants

To support local organisations to help provide services that help enrich our community, we provide annual grants opportunities.

### Arts and culture grants

This program reflects the City of Stonnington's vision to be vibrant, imaginative and creative. Spanning a broad range of art forms and practices, this grant supports inclusive, innovative, engaging, empowering, resilient and environmentally friendly projects.

Arts and culture grants support local organisations and art-based initiatives that enhance the cultural, community and economic development of Stonnington.



### Community grants

Community grants are open to eligible, not-for-profit/charitable organisations whose services, events and activities enrich the lives and meet the needs of our community.



### Want to hire a venue?

We offer a range of Council venues and community facilities for private, celebratory and community events including meetings functions, birthdays, weddings, parties and just about anything. For more information, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Community/Venue-hire](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Community/Venue-hire)



## Chapel Off Chapel



Chapel Off Chapel is our performing arts complex in the heart of Prahran, Stonnington's culture and entertainment hub.

Originally built in 1858 as a church, Chapel Off Chapel is one of Melbourne's most popular live performance venues.

Chapel Off Chapel presents new and established talent, hosting more than 450 performances and around 55,000 audience members each year.

Locals and visitors love the friendly staff, welcoming vibe, fully-licensed bar, foyer and courtyard, plus the excitement of getting up close and personal with the artists.

### Want front row seats?

Make sure you follow our Chapel Off Chapel social media channels and subscribe to the What's On newsletter for updates.

For events, programs and bookings, visit us at [chapeloffchapel.com.au](https://chapeloffchapel.com.au)



## On the streets – transport, traffic and parking

Guided by our Transport Strategy, Stonnington offers excellent and extensive transport options including trains, trams and bus, cycling and walking networks servicing the community.

Our streets are busy but we continue to work on prioritising active travel as per our Transport Policy by creating safer cycling links in low traffic local streets for cyclists and shared paths for commuters, improving road safety for pedestrians by creating better walking opportunities among other projects.

Stonnington has a wide range of Public Transport options and we continually advocate for improvements to this network.

Stonnington is also easy to get around on foot and walking provides a great way to discover your local area.

### Am I entitled to a parking permit?

Many residential properties within the municipality are eligible for resident



parking permits, provided no permit restrictions apply. Permits are only valid when the vehicle is parked as close as possible to the residence to which it was issued. Permits must always be displayed clearly. Eligible residential properties can apply for up to three resident parking permits. Additional permits may be available depending on the permit area.

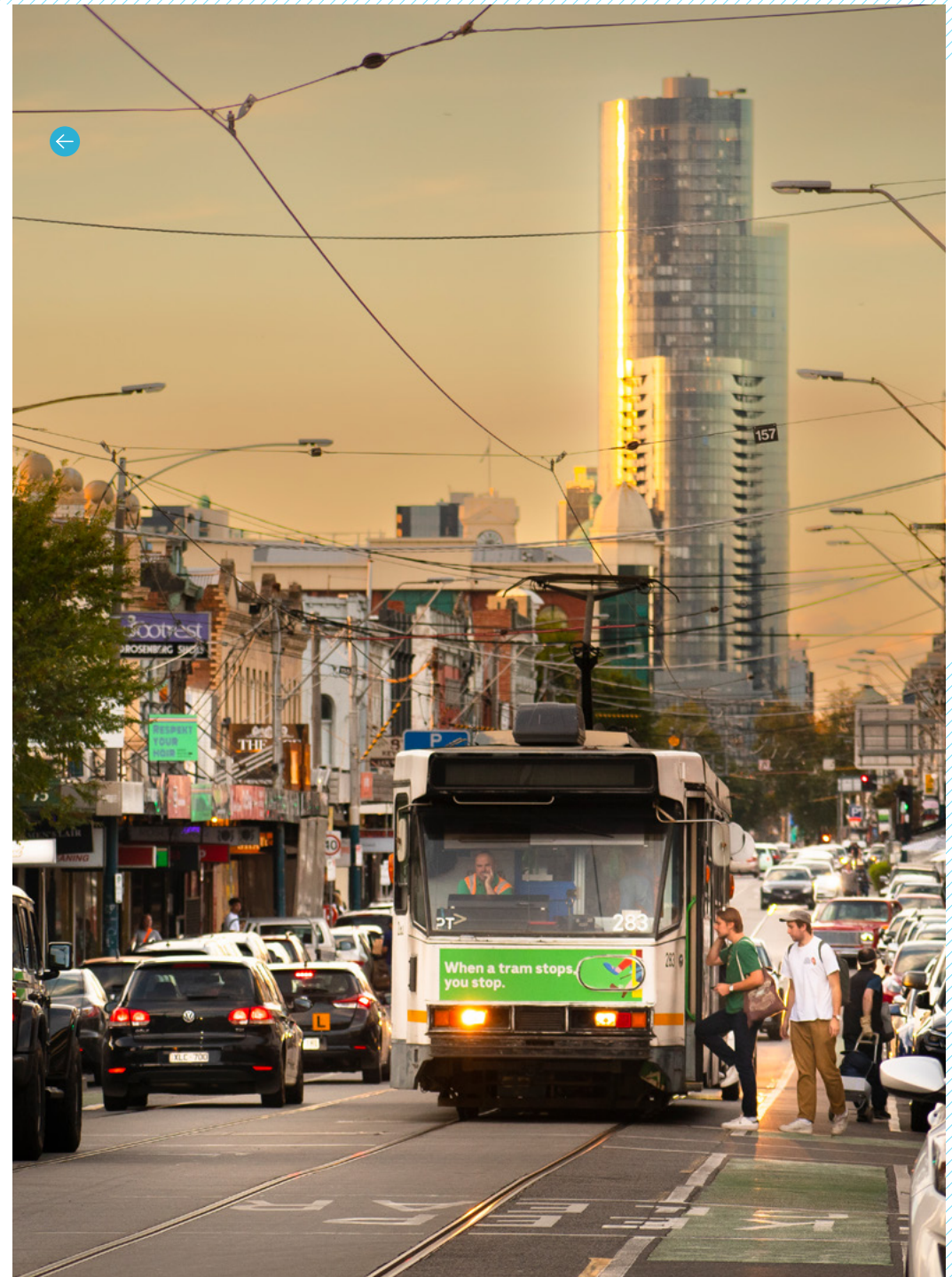
### How can I find out about current roadworks?

Roadworks around Stonnington occur for various reasons including major events, road repairs, upgrading and maintenance and building works. For information on the latest travel and road conditions in the area, visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au)

### Supporting active transport

The City of Stonnington promotes walking and bike riding every year by facilitating bike maintenance events, supporting schools with improvements to bike parking and ride/walk to school events, developing safe routes to school and other projects. Lime bikes also operates in Stonnington giving residents and visitors more options to travel to and within Stonnington.

To see Council's transport initiatives, visit our [Sustainable Transport](#) page.



## A sustainable Stonnington

We are committed to creating a more sustainable future for all of us.

Our [Climate Emergency Action Plan \(2021-2024\)](#) outlines our pathway towards 2030 and a zero carbon and climate-ready future for our city.

We are also committed to reducing our own emissions, as well as helping to reduce community emissions and preparing and adapting our city for a changing climate.



One way we support our community is through the delivery of environmental programs and events across a range of topics, including energy efficiency, sustainable gardening, biodiversity, being water wise, sustainable lifestyles, and environmental leadership.

Here are some quick wins to live more sustainably:

- » seek trusted advice via Solar Savers when installing solar, batteries, heat pump hot water or HVAC systems

- » get water wise at home by installing efficient fixtures and a rainwater tank
- » join our My Smart Garden program and learn how to create a climate-smart, wildlife friendly, and productive garden
- » come along to one of our annual native plant giveaway events
- » experience our biodiversity at a local park
- » borrow seeds from the Stonnington Seed Library
- » get inspired at one of our environmental workshops or citizen science events
- » borrow a Towards Zero Home Energy Kit available from our libraries.

### Want to plant a garden on your nature strip?

We give residents the opportunity to apply to create a garden on their property's nature strip.

Applying for a permit is free and easy at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Services/Trees-and-nature-strips/Applying-for-a-Nature-Strip-Planting-Permit](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Services/Trees-and-nature-strips/Applying-for-a-Nature-Strip-Planting-Permit)

Be the first to hear about local events and sustainability programs by subscribing to our Sustainable Stonnington e-newsletter or to find out more, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/Community/Sustainable-Stonnington](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/Community/Sustainable-Stonnington)

## Open space for all



Stonnington has the second lowest amount of public open space per person in any Victorian Council.

Stonnington's open spaces provide benefits such as improving the health and wellbeing of everyone who works, lives or plays in Stonnington, supporting the City's biodiversity and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

We have a Public Realm Strategy that provides strategic direction for the provision, development, design and management of the public realm. The public realm is defined as all external spaces that are accessible to the public like includes parks, civic squares and streets.

One of the actions if this strategy was to prepare a land acquisition and conversion strategy to support increasing our open space opportunities in Stonnington known as Strategies for Creating Open Space. It's our long-term plan to increase public open space across our City and range of options including:

- » relocating car parks underground and creating open space above – such as Prahran Square
- » promoting and encouraging green roofs and walls
- » extending existing green spaces, and
- » exploring opportunities to provide new open spaces like pocket parks.

For updates, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/openspaces](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/openspaces)

# Get to know your Council

## Councillors

The City of Stonnington's Council has nine elected Councillors, representing each of the city's nine wards – Como, Greville, Hedgely Dene, Malvern Valley, Orrong, South Yarra, Toorak, Tooronga and Wattletree.

## Meet your Council

Get to know your Council at a Meet your Councillor meeting. We host twice-yearly Meet your Councillor sessions, where you can drop in for a chat with your Ward Councillors to discuss issues and find out about things happening in your neighbourhood. Learn more at: [stonnington.vic.gov.au/About/About-Council/Mayor-and-Councillors](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/About/About-Council/Mayor-and-Councillors)

## Council meetings

Council meetings are held in Malvern Town Hall and are open to the public. All meetings are livestreamed on our website [stonnington.vic.gov.au/watch-council-live](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/watch-council-live)

## Connect Stonnington

Share your thoughts and ideas on projects that matter to you. Connect with Stonnington, have your say and provide feedback on Council proposed projects, initiatives and programs by visiting [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au)

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### Hearing or speech impairment

We are a national relay service friendly organisation.  
If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment,  
contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS):

- » **TTY** users call **133 677**, then ask for **8290 1333**
- » **Speak and listen** users, call **1300 555 727**, then ask for **8290 1333**
- » **Internet relay** users, connect to the NRS, then ask for **8290 1333**

### Community languages

Call the Stonnington Community Link, a multilingual telephone information service.

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			

### Stonnington City Centre

311 Glenferrie Road, Malvern

### Stonnington Services and Visitor Hub

Chatham Street, Prahran Square

### Stonnington Depot

293 Tooronga Road, Malvern

PO Box 58, Malvern Victoria 3144

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