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# A word from the Mayor

**I am proud of the work Council and our Stonnington community does together to support cultural diversity and create community spirit, inclusivity, resilience and connection all year round.**

On 26 January, we held a special Citizenship Ceremony at Malvern Town Hall, where we welcomed our newest Australian citizens to our community. I was honoured to lead this ceremony and congratulate all our new citizens on their achievement, and their families who celebrated with them.

We followed this with a Healing Ceremony led by Wurundjeri Elder, Aunty Diane Kerr. I thank the 400 community members who attended, the Councillors, the Member for Higgins Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah, the Member for Prahran Sam Hibbins, Victoria Police members and volunteers who contributed to making the ceremony memorable.

Not only was the Healing Ceremony an opportunity for our community to come together with our Traditional Custodians, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation, it was an opportunity to reflect on Council's Reconciliation Action Plan 2022-24 (RAP).

The RAP strengthens our commitment to reconciliation and reaffirms the steps

we need to take on our journey to develop and foster a connected and inclusive community with all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Events like the Healing Ceremony help us to build a greater understanding of cultural awareness, for all members of our community and builds on our reconciliation path with our Traditional Custodians.

In February, I was especially proud to present local, not-for-profit organisation, Very Special Kids with a special donation of \$12,816 raised by our community through the Carols at Como Park and Family Christmas at Central Park events that Council hosted over summer.

This is a fantastic result and money raised goes to a very worthy cause. Every year at the City of Stonnington, the Mayor selects a local charity to benefit from our fundraising efforts. I chose Very Special Kids because they provide holistic palliative care for children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and support



their families through life, death and bereavement.

Throughout summer, we hosted our free and popular live music event series including our Christmas Concerts and Carols, Sunset Sounds and The Classics, which drew huge and happy crowds. Thousands attended these outdoor concerts in our amazing parks and gardens and it's very pleasing to know that our community loves to get out and enjoy these kinds of events over the holiday season.

And, with the start of the new season comes a personal favourite, which I cannot wait for - Pets in the Park at Central Park in Malvern East on Sunday 26 March. Bring your beloved pets and enjoy a great day out at one of our biggest, brightest and best events.

There's a lot happening over the next few months and I look forward to seeing you out and about and enjoying everything Stonnington has to offer this autumn.

**Cr Jami Klisaris**  
Mayor City of Stonnington

## NEW EAST WARD COUNCILLOR

Filling the vacancy created by the resignation of former Councillor Alexander Lew, we welcome Joe Gianfriddo, who was recently elected to represent the City of Stonnington's East Ward.

Cr Gianfriddo was declared the successful candidate after the Victorian Electoral Commission conducted a countback of all votes from the last general election held in November 2020.

After accepting the position, Cr Gianfriddo was officially sworn in as the new East Ward Councillor by Stonnington's Interim Chief Executive Officer, Rick Kwasek, on 23 January 2023.



## Stay pool safe – get the tick

**If your pool was built between 1 July 1994 and 30 April 2010, it's time to have your pool certified – compliance certificates are due 1 June 2023.**

Whether it's a below or above ground swimming pool or spa or simply an inflatable or wading pool, if it has the capacity to have a water depth of more than 300mm (30cm), it needs to be inspected and certified by a

registered building surveyor or inspector, every four years.

This means making sure your pool surrounds and barriers, including fences and gates, are all up to standard. Don't risk it.

For more information, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/poolsandspas](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/poolsandspas) or [vba.vic.gov.au](https://vba.vic.gov.au)

## Commonwealth Government aged care reforms

**The Commonwealth Government is implementing aged care reforms to deliver a nationally consistent aged care service.**

The Commonwealth Government reforms will put older people first, improving the quality and safety of services offered and empower older people to make informed choices on the care they receive.

With Commonwealth Government funding support, the City of Stonnington currently delivers aged services under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). Under the planned Commonwealth Government aged care reforms, a new aged care program will combine CHSP, home care packages and short-term restorative care services.

The Commonwealth Government has announced the full rollout of aged care reforms is planned for 1 July 2024.

To help you better understand the planned changes, we will be hosting workshops from late-March to mid-April, where we will share more information and give you the chance to ask questions and discuss what's important to you in your home and community.

If you would like to attend, contact us on **8290 3224** or email [agedanddiversity@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:agedanddiversity@stonnington.vic.gov.au)

More information is available at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/agedcarereform](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/agedcarereform)

### Reconciliation Acknowledgement Statement

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

**COVER IMAGE:**  
Local volunteers (L to R) Dale, Joan, Trish, helping out at local community organisation Malvern Emergency Food Program (MEFP)

# Volunteering - our community, our strength

**Our community is full of passionate volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to helping others.**

Joan Ross, President of Malvern Emergency Food Program (MEFP) is one such person and has volunteered at MEFP since it was established in 1992.

At MEFP, volunteers collect non-perishable food donations from school students and other members of the community to make food parcels that provide a balanced diet for two to three days.

The parcels are then distributed 24/7 at Malvern and Prahran Police stations, MOIRA Homeless Youth Services, Prahran Community Learning Centre, and other agencies as needed.

“You will find volunteering rewarding, by meeting new people and developing new skills, and feeling you are contributing to making our community a better place for all,” said Joan.

“Knowing that nobody needs to go hungry in our community, that help is at hand and no questions asked, makes me feel good about my community. And I feel proud to have helped in making this happen for so long.

“Not only has the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns created hardship for many, it has also impacted the volunteer sector which has resulted in a decline in the number of people volunteering.

“The main challenge of late is finding new and younger volunteers, as we are all getting older now. We really are desperate for some new helpers, especially on the administration side.

“The feeling of making a contribution to our community is very rewarding. I love coming together with like-minded people to do something for others,” she said.



**For many parents keeping young children entertained, off screens, and engaged in stimulating play without spending a small fortune and bringing new toys into the home, can be a daunting task.**

One answer is to join a toy library, and we're blessed to have our very own in Stonnington.

The Stonnington Toy Library, in Malvern, is much-loved among its army of borrowing families, volunteers, donors, and of course the children themselves.

With more than 4,000 quality toys, puzzles and games for babies, toddlers and older children, there's plenty for everyone, but what does any of this have to do with sustainability?

Sustainability is consistently a top driver for the 500 borrowing families at the toy library. Now in its 44th year, they focus on good quality toys with great play value that have been built to last, ensuring they can be reused over and over.

“During the pandemic when parks were closed, there was a spike in the sale of plastic garden slides. Parents were understandably eager to keep their

little ones entertained at home. Our members borrowed our slides, sharing resources, and returning them once they were finished for another family to enjoy,” explained Jane O’Connell, Manager of Stonnington Toy Library.

As well as choosing durable toys that have a long play life, they also have a culture of repair, extending the life of the toy, delighting more children, and avoiding unnecessary waste. The East Malvern Men’s Shed happily lend a hand, and there’s a host of fixers among their members only too happy to breathe new life into broken toys that otherwise end up in landfill.

Open 52 weeks a year, stocking more variety than most toyshops, and with an annual membership starting at only \$50, now’s the time to support your local, friendly, community-run, toy library.

We are proud supporters of Stonnington Toy Library, providing funding of \$55,000 for the coming year, and a rent-free Council-owned venue to operate out of.

Join today at [stonningtontoylibrary.org.au/how-it-works](https://stonningtontoylibrary.org.au/how-it-works)

**National Volunteer Week 2023 is on from 15 to 21 May, why not consider volunteering in your local area?**

If you're interested in volunteering at MEFP, email [joanros43@gmail.com](mailto:joanros43@gmail.com)

If you're interested in other volunteering opportunities, run a community group using volunteers or are part of a volunteer support agency, check out [stonnington.vic.gov.au/volunteers](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/volunteers)



The service offered to our community by the Stonnington Toy Library aligns with the priorities and actions of Towards a circular economy: Our future waste strategy 2022–2025. Our first dedicated waste strategy guides how we manage waste and move towards a circular system – to help us avoid, reduce, reuse, and keep as much waste out of landfill as possible.

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

**Now's your chance to put your stamp on Stonnington in a BIG way!**

**We're calling on local artists and seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) to develop and complete a large-scale wall mural in the community.**

**Frameworks:** A Public Street Art Mural Program delivers formal street art and mural installations that celebrate all artists and creatives, and create moments of beauty for all to inspire, inform, connect with, and enjoy.

Using Stonnington as a canvas, this exciting initiative enlivens shared public spaces, enhances streetscapes and beautifies buildings being redeveloped.

If this opportunity appeals to you, EOIs are invited from 1 March and close on 12 April.

Successful applicants will be notified by 19 May, with murals to be completed between 3 July 2023 and 1 June 2024.

To learn more and to lodge an EOI, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/frameworks](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/frameworks)  
Check out some of our past projects at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/wallcrawl](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/wallcrawl)



# PETS IN THE PARK

**Pets in the Park promotes responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, and celebrates Stonnington's animals with a program of expert presenters, demonstrations, workshops, performances, competitions and stalls.**

-  Sunday 26 March
-  11am – 3pm
-  Central Park, Malvern East
-  [stonnington.vic.gov.au/PetsInThePark](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/PetsInThePark)



**Pets in the Park is firmly set in our community's heart, with local pet owners and animal groups coming together to salute our furry, fluffy, scaly, and feathery friends.**

In its twenty-first year, this annual, free, family-friendly event celebrates Stonnington's animals with a pet-friendly afternoon.

Dog trainer/behaviourist, long-time animal welfare advocate, and TV personality Lara Shannon will host the day – highlighting the importance of responsible pet ownership and providing valuable information on pet health and wellbeing for pet owners.

Join Lara and other fantastic animal experts, Pooches at Play's resident vet Dr Melissa Meehan, Alan Sheppard from Secret Dogs Business, the Backyard Honey team, chicken whisperer Jessamay Miller and Australian animal experts Wildlife Xposure.

Learn everything you need to know about our loveable Stonnington pets at our favourite family and pet-friendly event hosted by Lara Shannon.



## COMING UP GLOW WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

# Glow on

**Immerse yourself in colour, light and art this June when the Glow Winter Arts Festival brings winter to life at Central Park, Malvern East.**

Lighting up for four evenings only from 15 - 18 June; let your imagination guide you through larger-than-life installations and experience innovative works never before seen in Victoria.

Surprise and delight your senses after dark with this must-do winter festival.

-  Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 June
-  5pm – 11pm
-  Central Park, Malvern East



 **Learn more about upcoming Stonnington festivals and events at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/whats-on](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/whats-on)**

*Event details may change. Please check the website for the latest updates.*

# CHAPEL OFF CHAPEL LIVE. INTIMATE. ICONIC.

## Hit musical

Magical musical theatre returns to Chapel Off Chapel this autumn as Theatrical presents Green Day's American Idiot.

9 to 26 March



The two-time, Tony Award-winning hit musical Green Day's American Idiot, based on the Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum album, boldly takes the American musical where it's never gone before.

This high-octane show includes every song from Green Day's album, American Idiot, and several songs from its follow-up release, 21st Century Breakdown. This is an energy-fuelled rock opera not to be missed.

## Umbrella Foundation presents Driftwood – The Musical

An epic tale of love, courage and survival, Driftwood – The Musical tells the inspirational story of renowned Austrian/Australian sculptor Karl Duldig and his artist/inventor wife, Slawa Horowitz-Duldig.

3 to 20 May



Follow their lives from pre-war Vienna to Slawa's ingenious invention of the foldable umbrella and an incredible chain of events, 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, based on the original memoir by Eva de Jong-Duldig. Acclaimed director Gary Abrahams brings a stellar cast to the stage.

For more information, updates and bookings, head to [chapeloffchapel.com.au](http://chapeloffchapel.com.au)

## PRAHRAN SQUARE PRESENTS

# Candlelight Concerts

**Critically acclaimed Candlelight Concerts come to Prahran Square this March.**

The breathtaking, multi-sensory Candlelight Concerts experience showcases music in two intimate shows. These concerts will feature awe-inspiring repertoires from jazz greats and esteemed movie soundtrack composers.

The first performance on **25 March** is a tribute to Aretha Franklin and other jazz luminaries.

Coinciding with Aretha's birthday, be mesmerised by spectacular classical renditions of Aretha's most popular songs.

The following night on **26 March**, the square will come alive by works from esteemed movie soundtrack composers such as Joe Hisaishi, Hans Zimmer, John Williams and more.

The Candlelight Concerts series of original music concerts is aimed at democratising access to culture by allowing people to enjoy live music and candlelit performances played by local musicians, in stunning locations, illuminated by thousands of candles.

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March

Prahran Square  
Izett Street, Prahran

Learn more at [pahransquare.com.au/candlelightconcerts](http://pahransquare.com.au/candlelightconcerts)

There's always something going on in Prahran Square.

## CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS

Candlelight Concerts was initially conceived as a classical music series with concerts featuring works from the greatest composers, such as Vivaldi, Mozart, and Chopin. Now, the ever-growing list of programs includes various themes and genres, including tributes to contemporary artists such as Queen, ABBA, Coldplay, and Ed Sheeran, and shows dedicated to K-Pop, movie soundtracks and many more.

This multi-sensory experience has also evolved to feature elements such as ballet dancers or aerial performers and other genres such as jazz, soul, opera, flamenco and more! Candlelight Concerts are in more than 100 cities worldwide, with over three million guests in attendance to date.



# What's on at the libraries *this autumn*

**Discover what's on at our libraries and History Centre with a wide range of inspiring programs and events happening year-round.**

**Visit today to**

- » enjoy stories, action songs and rhymes with your young child
- » learn about digital technologies and develop your digital literacy skills and confidence
- » express yourself and connect with your local community over shared interests, games and hobbies
- » explore your local and family history, and discover Stonnington's rich past, and
- » meet and hear from exciting authors and take part in reading and writing events.

Find an activity that suits you at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on)



## CONVERSATIONS WITH AWARD-WINNING WRITERS

Join us to meet and hear from award-winning authors in conversations about their award-winning books.

**Chloe Hooper**  
**Bedtime Stories**

1 March, 6pm-7pm  
Toorak/South Yarra Library

**Dominic Smith**  
**The Return to Valetta**

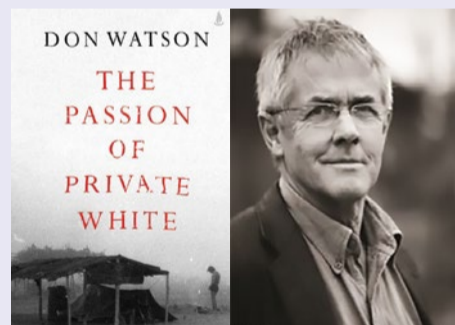
8 March, 6pm-7pm  
Toorak/South Yarra Library

**Don Watson**  
**The Passion of Private White**

29 March, 6pm-7pm  
Toorak/South Yarra Library

**Fiona Brockhoff**  
**With Nature**

4 April, 6pm-7pm  
Toorak/South Yarra Library



## AUSTRALIAN READING HOUR

9 March

**Got some free time?**

Put aside an hour to read, share and enjoy your love of books during the Australian Reading Hour.



We've been adding to our Read Now collection and have lots of new items available to reserve and borrow. With more copies and less time to wait, the collection features new releases, popular literary fiction and non-fiction, from award-winning and debut authors.

Some of the titles on our shelves include Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes, Victory City by Salman Rushdie, Infidelity and Other Affairs by Kate Legge, Birnam Wood by Eleanor Catton and more.

Find your next great read, discover authors you love and connect with fellow readers.

Find out more at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/catalogue/read-now](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/catalogue/read-now)



## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

24 May  
10.30am at Toorak/South Yarra Library  
11am at Prahran Square Library

Enjoy The Speedy Sloth by Rebecca Young and fun activities in a celebration of reading and literacy for children.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

11-21 April

Keep the kids busy and engaged these school holidays with a fun school holiday program.

Packed with interactive and learning activities, participants learn to code a KUBO robot, test their survival skills in a shelter building exercise, discover the fascinating lives of minibeasts and get creative through craft.

The program is suitable for children aged 6 to 12, bookings are required and open 6 March.

For bookings, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on/for-kids](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on/for-kids)

## SEED LIBRARIES STILL GROWING WILD

Did you know you can borrow seeds from our libraries to plant and grow at home?

Seeds include vegetables and herbs, heirloom, Indigenous and native varieties. Borrow up to three packets of seeds each month and then plant and grow in your own garden to share with others.

Seed libraries are available at all Stonnington libraries and since introducing them last March, have been growing strong, with more than 1,000 members taking up the initiative, and around 5,000 packets borrowed.

You can also cultivate your green thumb, pick up expert tips and meet other gardeners at our year-round program of gardening and sustainable living events. Topics include growing and saving seeds, growing year-round veggies, caring for indoor plants, composting and worm farming.

Find out more at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/seed-library](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/seed-library)



# APARTMENT RESIDENTS TURNING FOOD WASTE INTO WORM FOOD



After moving into her apartment Kaori heard about – and promptly signed up to – our Apartment Composting Program.

Her building now houses three worm farms and thousands of happy worms making great work of her and her neighbour’s food waste, and it didn’t cost them a cent.

The program supports apartment residents to establish shared composting or worm farming systems in the grounds of their building. Participating apartment buildings are given up to three free composting or worm farming systems, and a free workshop hosted by our partners at Compost Revolution.

“I couldn’t believe that Council offered the equipment and support to dispose of all our food waste in an environmentally responsible way and there was no cost attached,” said Kaori.

Affectionately known as ‘the worm girl’

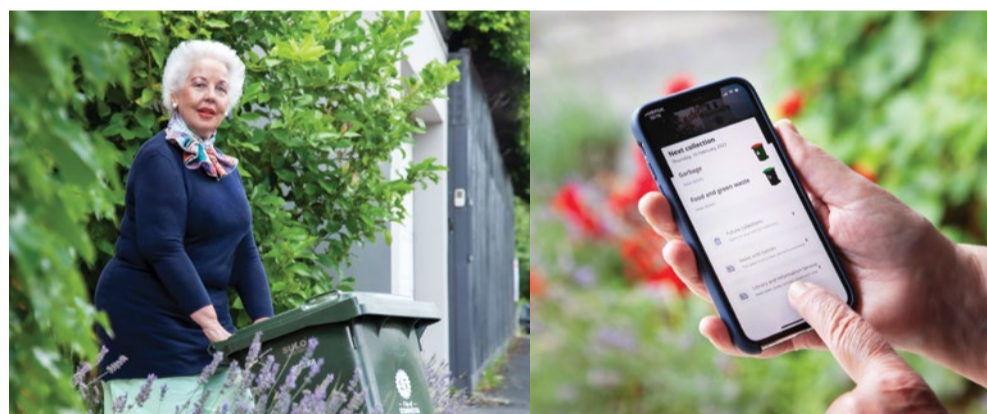
to her neighbours, Kaori has not disposed of food waste in her rubbish bin for many years. Instead, she’s made composting or wormfarming a satisfying part of her daily routine.

In Stonnington, the average garbage bin contains 38 per cent food waste by weight. This is food that is currently being sent to landfill, wasting money and resources. It also creates methane, a greenhouse gas around 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Kaori hopes that more apartment residents will follow her lead and sign up to our Apartment Composting Program.

“The application process, delivery and installation was really straightforward. If you’re considering applying for the program I’d say, just go for it,” enthused Kaori.

Contact us to find out if you are eligible for the Apartment Composting Program at [environment@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:environment@stonnington.vic.gov.au)



# MyStonnington is now Beverley’s Stonnington

The free MyStonnington app launched in November 2022, and is all about making your life easier.

Stonnington resident Beverley, came along to a community forum at Toorak/South Yarra Library in October 2022, where she expressed her interest in an app that could notify residents about bin collection days.

She’s now one of the many who have downloaded MyStonnington and is putting it to good use. We caught up with Beverley to understand how it’s helping to make her life better.

“As soon as Council notified me the MyStonnington app had launched I downloaded it immediately. It’s so simple to set up, you just enter your address, enable notifications and away you go,” said Beverley.

“Once you’re in, it’s extremely user-friendly and the functionality

is exactly what I’d hoped for. I would often miss bin days but now I get a prompt letting me know which bin goes out when.

“It also helps clarify what can go in each bin, which can be confusing at times. And I’m delighted that it will alert me to upcoming hard waste collection dates; they take place twice a year and are easy to miss.

“It’s been a game changer for me, I can’t recommend it highly enough,” she said.

Find out how you can put our services straight in your pocket with the app, tapping into them whenever and wherever you are, just like Beverley.



Download the app at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/mystonnington](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/mystonnington)



# Wrapped about our waste trucks

We’ve given 12 of our waste trucks a makeover – wrapping each of them in an attractive new design that carries messages about how we can all get waste right and put it to work.

The fleet, from street sweepers to rear loaders, has been transformed, and carry a range of designs and messages.

The newly designed trucks are certainly getting a lot of attention as they do their rounds, and our drivers are enjoying being behind the wheel.

“I love driving the new-look waste trucks. Not only do they look great, but

the messages really stand out and help our community to get waste right,” said Waste Collection Supervisor, Steven.

And, the recycling trucks won’t be missing out – they’ll be sporting a whole new look in 2023 too.

The new-look trucks are pretty hard to miss and the messages encourage us all to avoid and reduce waste, reuse for as long as possible, and recover and make waste history; the three priorities outlined in Towards a Circular Economy, Our Future Waste Strategy (2022–25), our first dedicated waste strategy.

# AUTUMN HARD WASTE COLLECTION COMING TO YOU

Do you have belongings at home that have reached the end of their life?

Stonnington’s autumn hard waste collection begins in mid-March.

Did you know not all items collected in hard waste can be recycled? So, before you put items out, please consider whether they can be repaired, sold or donated.

Our autumn hard waste flyer will start hitting letterboxes from early March. It explains everything you need to know about the collection, including exact collection dates for your area, when to put items out and what items are accepted.

We kindly remind residents to only put items out on the nature strip two days before collection day.

Commercial properties and apartments will also receive flyers, with a number to call to arrange a collection.



This information is also available at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/hardwaste) or through the MyStonnington app [stonnington.vic.gov.au/mystonnington](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/mystonnington)



# New spaces to challenge and delight

**Our fun-loving, active community has a new skate park and playground to look forward to, with construction of two eagerly awaited projects due to start within months.**

Contracts have been awarded and preparations are underway for a mid-year start for a new accessible playground at Central Park in Malvern East and, further west, a complete redevelopment of the iconic Prahran Skate Park.

The new Central Park playground will be a place for everyone, with lots of accessible play equipment for children of all abilities.

Situated on the Kingston Street side of the park, the playground will include an upgrade to the existing playground plus a new play space with fully accessible amenities.

Work is also progressing on a full upgrade of Prahran Skate Park and

basketball court, with designs being finalised ahead of construction starting later this year. The upgraded skate park will have elements to suit skaters of all levels – from novice to pro. The much-loved vert ramp is staying, and a smaller ramp added, making this genuinely inclusive for everyone.

Construction of the skate park and playground are due to start in mid-2023 with the playground expected to be ready by late-September, and the skate park finished in time for some end-of-year fun.

These are two very different projects with one common goal – to deliver high quality, accessible, community facilities that are fun and engaging for all.



***“This is an exciting time for our Stonnington community, and I’m thrilled that our much-loved skate park is getting some TLC, especially as we recover from the pandemic. The connection between our skate community and this popular sport and leisure facility is significant. That relationship forms part of our vibrant and diverse cultural identity.”***

— Cr Scott South Ward

For more information, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/centralpark](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/centralpark) or [stonnington.vic.gov.au/skatepark](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/skatepark)



## BUILDING BACK BETTER AT TOORAK PARK

**Work on a new pavilion, redeveloped sports oval and upgraded lighting at Toorak Park is in full swing since starting in early January.**

In the first three months of the two-year project, the site has been cleared with the old pavilion demolished and rubble removed. The cricket pavilion and out buildings will be removed as a second stage of demolition.

Attention is now focused on installing the new sustainable low-energy LED lighting and towers, and redeveloping the sports oval – making it larger and reshaping it to better suit the sporting clubs who use the space.

Barring unexpected delays this stage of the works should be complete by mid-year, when construction on the new pavilion will commence.

If this is a project you’re interested to know more about, visit the Toorak Park Pavilion project page on our website where you can learn more and sign up for regular updates.

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

# Half-time siren sounds on new sports facility

**A year into the expected two-year build and things are really starting to take shape at Percy Treuvaud Memorial Park in Malvern East.**

Since works began with the demolition of the old tennis and bowls clubs in early-2022, construction has been progressing well on what will be a premium multi-sport facility for lawn bowls, tennis, cricket, lacrosse, netball and basketball.

Following a brief hiatus over the holiday season, the builders returned in mid-January and, since then, have been making good progress towards the planned early-2024 completion.

The stadium for high-ball sports like netball and basketball is coming together, with the steel frame complete and roof on. Inside, the stadium’s wall cladding is going in and outside, the façade is progressing.

The clubrooms and amenities pavilion now has a roof, with the external brickwork going up and windows being installed.

The undercover car park is also nearing completion and work on the elevated bowling green is progressing well.

Marking another construction milestone is the relocation of the builder’s site sheds from the Quentin Road to the Chadstone Road end of the site. The sheds have been moved to free up the space where seven new tennis courts will shortly be built.

The temporary car park next to Chadstone Road was closed at the end of January and will remain so for the remainder of the project to allow the builder to install services and finish the car park.

As building works progress, we are also finalising designs for the oval redevelopment and landscaping works.

This will deliver more green space, landscaping and tree planting, and complement the new sports facility.

If you’re in the area, take a stroll along the Rob Roy Road footpath to enjoy a colourful exhibition of artworks by students from nearby Malvern Valley Primary, or check out the building works through viewing windows around the site.

To view the latest site photos or to sign up for regular project updates, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/ptmp)



## Walking basketball – social sport at your own pace



Stonnington seniors are moving more and building social connections thanks to the exciting and fun walking basketball, facilitated by Waverley Basketball Association (WBA).

Fortnightly on Wednesdays, players gather at the Phoenix Park Community Centre to practice their skills in dribbling, passing and shooting just like basketballers across the country – although at a gentler, low-impact pace.

WBA started the program in late 2021 with one participant and has grown the program to the point where there are regularly more than 20 people hitting the court, all with varying degrees of experience and playing abilities.

Social connection is a key element of the program and after each session the playing group gather for a morning tea.

The 2023 sessions will again be held every fortnight on a Wednesday, (starting from 8 February). Sessions start at 10.45am at Phoenix Park Community Centre Hall and run for 45 minutes. And, if you want more than a fortnightly basketball fix, you can join in on alternate Wednesdays at Waverley Stadium from 10.30am.

📞 To get involved, call **9807 9814** or

✉ email [seniors@waverleybasketball.com](mailto:seniors@waverleybasketball.com)

## ANYONE FOR TENNIS, NETBALL, FUTSAL?

The recent reopening of multi-courts in Prahran has added to the choice of sports available to Stonnington’s active, sport-loving community.



In Prahran, the revamped Princes Gardens sports courts opened at the start of the year and are available for hire to those looking for a game of tennis, futsal or netball.

The three tennis, two futsal and two netball courts all fit on the same footprint, with a mix of sports able to be played at the same time, (although not all three at once).

Nestled right in the heart of Prahran, getting there is easy with trams, trains and buses close by, or if you need to drive, the Kings Street and Prahran Square car parks are only a short stroll away.

A little further east, the Orrong Tennis courts have just reopened after a full redevelopment which took longer than expected due to site conditions only discovered once work had started.

The courts on Orrong Road, (next to Orrong Romanis Reserve), have been transformed from an old-style tiered setup with courts on difference levels separated by retaining walls, to a single-level playing surface accommodating five multi-use courts for tennis and netball.

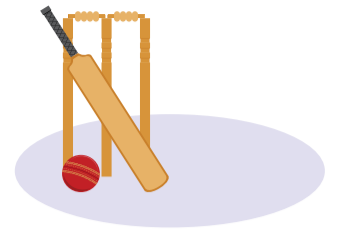
The new netball courts are a welcome addition for the local Stonnington Netball Association who, to date, have had very few courts to choose from for training and game days.

Parking in and around Orrong Tennis courts is very limited, so walking, riding a bike or taking advantage of nearby trams, trains and buses is recommended. If you come by car, consider carpooling to help reduce vehicle congestion.

➔ To hire a court in at Princes Gardens, visit [play.tennis.com.au/princesgardenstenniscourts](http://play.tennis.com.au/princesgardenstenniscourts)

➔ To hire a court at Orrong Tennis courts, visit [stonningtontennis.com.au](http://stonningtontennis.com.au)

# Making a Sport4All difference in the community



As one of the first local governments to join the Sport4All pilot program in 2021, the City of Stonnington has helped build awareness for disability inclusion in sport and now grassroots clubs and organisations are doing their bit too.

Since the program began, Sport4All has gone on to win the 2022 Disability Sport and Recreation Initiative of the Year and is extending across Australia.

The program was developed by Get Skilled Access, a business founded by Paralympic Gold Medallist, Grand Slam champion and 2022 Australian of the Year, Dylan Alcott.

Local clubs have used their Sport4All training to make small, but significant steps to making a positive difference for people with disability. Inclusion tabs on websites, openly encouraging people with disability to get involved, and providing accessibility information about their facilities go a long way to opening up local sport for everyone, regardless of ability or disability.

Some local clubs who have joined the Sport4All program include the Melbourne Rugby Union Football Club who partner with Sense Rugby to

support kids with disability in building social and physical confidence via rugby skills, Prahran Aquatic Centre-based Melbourne H2O starting an all-abilities swim squad, and Waverley Basketball Association facilitating walking basketball sessions for older members.

Active Stonnington has also given a hand by connecting clubs to disability service providers, by hosting events like the Inclusive Sports Day at Gardiner Park last November, and running webinars such as A Conversation with Paralympians, which can be viewed on the Active Stonnington website.

Heading into 2023, Active Stonnington and Sport4All will continue to provide sporting organisations with training and skills to give them the confidence to build an inclusive culture for people with disability in mainstream sport – when, where and how they choose to participate.



For more information or to get involved, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/active/sports/sport4all](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/active/sports/sport4all)



# Taking the *frown out* of starting a business

## Focus on Ivy Brows and Lashes

**The thought of running your own business can be very exciting, but it's not always easy without the right advice. That's where we come in.**

When starting a new business, navigating all the red tape and legal ropes can be enough to discourage even the most enthusiastic entrepreneur - which is why Ivy Brows and Lashes called our Business Concierge before jumping in.

Our Business Concierge gave the new beauty salon advice on permits required to establish and operate the business, information, application forms, an understanding of building requirements and answered questions around the ins and outs of internal fit outs.

With a new façade and fresh street presence, Ivy Brows and Lashes opened for business in October last year and has since been a great success.

*“Having run successful businesses I understand what it takes and that's why I advocated for a Concierge Service at Stonnington to help both start up and established businesses to succeed in our city. We offer a complete service to all new and established businesses in Stonnington. I'm calling out to our business community to reach out - don't hesitate to get in touch and let us take the confusion out of running a business so you can focus on making yours a success.”*

— Cr Griffin North Ward



📞 If you need some advice about starting up a business, call us on **8290 1333** or

✉ email [businessconcierge@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:businessconcierge@stonnington.vic.gov.au)

📍 186 Glenferrie Road, Malvern

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## PARKLET ON THE MOVE

**After a successful seven months parked near Prahran Market's Elizabeth Street entrance, the popular community parklet is on the move.**

Since landing in Elizabeth Street the parklet has been a big hit with locals, and proved a popular spot to take a break, read, have lunch or catch up with friends.

The good news is it isn't going far and is moving just up the road to Greville Street, right next to Prahran Town Hall.

The inviting space with its casual ambience and colourful seating and planters, will add fresh vibrancy to Greville Street, and give people visiting the area a comfortable spot to take a break.

The parklet will be calling Greville Street home for about 12 months so, if you're in the area, take a seat, relax and enjoy this family-friendly, fun space.

📍 Corner Greville and Chapel streets, Prahran

# Bang on art brightens up Bangs Street

**Take a stroll down Bangs Street, Prahran and immerse yourself in new public art bursting with colour.**

The work, by local artist Giovanna Da Silva, was commissioned by Homes Victoria who partnered with the City of Stonnington to deliver a public artwork to beautify the hoarding surrounding the new Homes Victoria development site that, when complete, will deliver 445 modern, well-designed and sustainable new homes.

Giovanna's work was inspired by her own personal experiences living on Bangs Street, along with those of local community members, who responded to questions - What does home mean to you? and What have been some moments of discovery in Prahran?

“Having lived and worked on Bangs Street through 2020, I developed a strong connection with the area,” said Giovanna.

“Prahran's beauty became one of my few sources of inspiration due

to the state of the world - the parks, architecture, food, coffee and the simple, but entertaining midnight walks kept me feeling hopeful.

“I wanted the essence of the mural to be playful, drawing from colours and architectural elements found locally while also reflecting on ideas voiced by the community.

“I completed this mural in the hope that it will strike nostalgia and be enjoyed for years to come by those who cross paths with it in their everyday lives,” she said.

The Homes Victoria development is replacing outdated, walk-up flats that no longer meet the needs of residents, with new, socially inclusive and affordable housing to give more people a safer and more secure place to call home.



# Speak up about matters important to you



Over the next few months, we'll be asking for your feedback on important community projects, plans and strategies.

Keep an eye out for your chance to have your say on our draft Disability Action Plan, a review of our local laws, a new sculpture for Prahran skate park, your vision for Chapel Street, the draft 2023-24 Budget, and more.

The best way to get involved and make sure your views are heard is by joining our growing community, who have connected with our Connect Stonnington engagement hub.

To make your voice heard, visit [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au) select 'Join' and follow the prompts to enter your details. From there you can tailor the engagements we will contact you about by selecting the categories and locations that interest you.

You'll be the first to learn about new consultation opportunities that match what's important to you.

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