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# Stonnington news



## Skate Park makes triumphant return

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# A word from the Mayor

**The Prahran Skate Park is quite simply a living piece of history – right in the heart of our municipality.**

I am so proud to see this iconic skate park and basketball court back in action following a 12-month rebuilding process that saw it demolished and expanded.

It's been great to see families and skaters – both old and new – down at one of Australia's best skate parks. And just in time for spring!

Speaking of spring, the Council recently endorsed a new nature strip policy, allowing residents to create a garden on their property's nature strip. Apply online using our latest digital tool for a nature strip permit and start supporting our local ecosystems from your own nature strip. I'm thrilled to learn that even an apartment block in Prahran is revitalising its nature strip!

This Council is very passionate about celebrating our aged community, which is why we are once again supporting the Victorian Seniors Festival in October. The festival is a place to find out more about health, wellbeing, creative projects, new hobbies, social activities, and practical advice and support.

Some fabulous new businesses have opened up in recent months, thanks to the assistance of our Business Concierge service.

Long-time Stonnington resident George Livadatis has brought his passion for surfing to the Greville Street precinct, establishing Surf3181 – a surfing hardware store supporting surfers living in the City. Surf3181 is quickly becoming a community hub

with space for art, photo exhibitions and movie nights.

Also in this edition of Stonnington News, we explore the new-look Prahran Market, following restoration and upgrade works; find out more about our new roving repair program (and if you enjoy fixing things, this program is definitely for you!); visit our toy library, which is now operating across two locations; and preview our fabulous So Soiree festival, held in Stonnington as part of Melbourne's Fringe Festival.

I hope to see you out enjoying the spring weather, if not at the Skate Park, Seniors Festival, or So Soiree, then somewhere else in this City we are lucky to live, work and play in.

Until next time.

**Cr Joe Gianfriddo**  
Mayor, City of Stonnington

## Advocating for you

**The City of Stonnington and its Councillors are passionate about advocating for the best possible outcomes for our community.**

We have been working with other councils and industry organisations to make submissions to the Federal and State Government's inquiries into financial sustainability for local councils, looking at how we can continue to serve the community to a high standard, maintain and improve our assets and keep a strong financial base.

One way we maximise outcomes for our community is by seeking external funding opportunities to co-fund programs, initiatives and projects, helping to make your rates money go even further.

We were recently successful in winning a major grant under the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program, to help make local roads safer through trialling lower speed limits, building more pedestrian crossings and allocating more road space to vulnerable users. You'll see these changes on our roads in the latter half of this year.

We're partnering with VicHealth to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people and to deliver our Stonnington Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025.

Recently, we received a grant through the State Government's Change Our Game Community Activation Grants program to partner with gender equity experts to produce workshops for sports club leaders and increase the participation and retention of women, girls and gender-diverse people in community sport and active recreation.

Through the Federal Government, we've developed the Play Fair Stonnington program, aimed at engaging youth aged 6 to 18, through come and try sessions. The project targets attracting, engaging and supporting households (with children), where costs to participate are a significant barrier. While supporting participants in their first full season, project partners will continue to support them in club sport beyond the grant lifecycle.

We look forward to continuing to identify grant funding opportunities that align with initiatives and projects that help meet the needs and preferences voiced by our community.

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

# Council elections in October 2024

The next local Council elections will be held this October.

Voting is by post – you will receive your ballot pack in the mail from the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) from Monday 7 October 2024. Make sure you post it using the reply paid envelope or drop it off at the election office at the Malvern Town Hall.

The official election date is 26 October 2024. Voting in the Council election is compulsory for all enrolled voters.

If you don't vote, you may get a fine from the VEC.

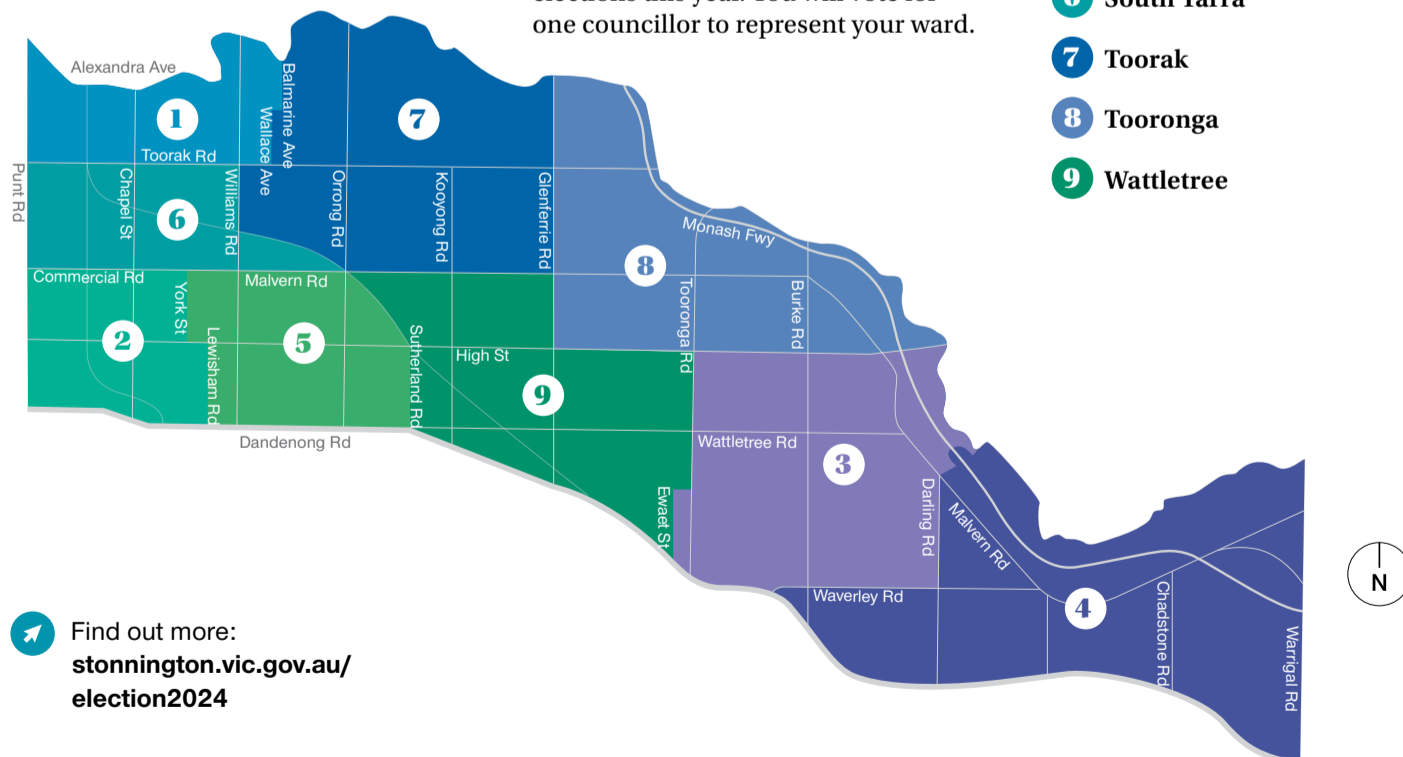
There is a new electoral structure for the City of Stonnington which will apply for the October 2024 election.

The City of Stonnington will have nine single-councillor wards at the elections this year. You will vote for one councillor to represent your ward.

→ Every four years, ratepayers and residents vote to elect councillors to represent our community.

These new wards are:

- 1 Como
- 2 Greville
- 3 Hedgeley Dene
- 4 Malvern Valley
- 5 Orrong
- 6 South Yarra
- 7 Toorak
- 8 Tooronga
- 9 Wattleree



Find out more:  
[stonnington.vic.gov.au/election2024](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/election2024)

## 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 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.

Information and events in this publication are current at the time of printing. Subsequent changes may occur.

**Cover image:** (L to R): Jake, Aster and Nicholas at Prahran Skate Park.

**Insert image:** Jake carving it up at the skate park.



# Prahraan Skate Park returns bigger and better

**Stonnington's iconic Prahraan Skate Park has reopened after a complete state-of-the-art rebuild.**

Now a welcoming and active place for families within Princes Gardens, this is a space for all members of the Stonnington community, not just our die-hard skaters. It's a place for families and all members of our community.

The on-site basketball court has had a refresh and now boasts lights so play can continue into the evenings, along with new landscaping, shade shelters and spectator spots.

The new skate park offers a street circuit, mini ramp, rails, banks, plaza and contemporary obstacles – perfect for beginners and those who know all the skating tricks and manoeuvres. And it is still home to Melbourne's only full-size, public vert ramp, which has been used by the likes of Tony Hawke, Tas Pappas and Renton Millar.

Regular skater Jake says he loves skating, particularly at Prahraan Skate Park.

"I like the skate community at Prahraan and the new skate park is unreal,

especially the new vert ramp where I can practice my tricks," he said.

Skaters from all over Stonnington and Melbourne have been flocking to check out the revamped complex and the park is already proving popular with other members of our community.

Former World Cup Vert Champion, and four-time Australian Bowl and Vert Champion Renton Millar was involved in the consultation process and is impressed with the way the park has come to life.

"It was a bona fide attempt by council to design and build something that would be as significant to the future of skateboarding as the old one was to the past. On every level they achieved it. It's amazing.

"The users are very happy and it's a very exciting time to be around the skatepark. We are stoked," he said.

Prahraan Skate Park, 276 Malvern Road, Prahraan

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

## Spending where it counts For every \$100 we spend:

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

### Highlights

- » Prahraan Market upgrades (\$1.50 million)
- » Air conditioning replacement in community buildings (\$1.20 million)
- » Harold Holt dry health club and fitness facility (\$1.00 million)
- » Footpaths - refurbishment program (\$2.50 million)
- » Regenerating Kooyongkoot masterplan delivery (\$2.16 million)
- » Toorak Park masterplan implementation (\$1.76 million)
- » Drainage improvement works (\$1.25 million)
- » Asphalt resurfacing of local roads laneways and car parks (\$0.75 million)
- » Windsor Siding masterplan delivery (\$0.70 million)
- » Izett Street pocket park (\$0.69 million)
- » William Street pocket park (\$0.57 million)
- » Floodlight upgrade program (\$0.86 million)

\$24.63  
Capital works



\$6.86  
Waste services



\$2.01  
Programs for families



\$4.95  
Community programs



\$0.64  
Public health and immunisation



\$5.28  
Events, public art and business support



\$9.29  
Improving customer experience



\$19.74  
City operations, transport and infrastructure

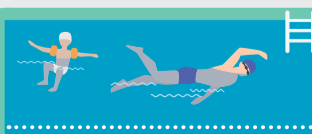


\$5.57  
Town planning

\$4.46  
Open space and environment



\$4.62  
Community sport, recreation and pools



\$8.75  
Governance and administration

\$3.20  
Council buildings and property



# WHAT'S ON

## Chadstone Career Expo

**Wednesday 11 September**  
2pm - 5pm

Chadstone -  
The Fashion Capital  
1341 Dandenong Road  
Chadstone

Co-hosted by Holmesglen. If you're looking for a career in retail, this free event is for you. For bookings and more information, visit [stonnington.vic.gov.au/careerexpo](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/careerexpo)

## Money, ageing and family workshop

**Monday 16 September**  
9.30am - 11.30am

Grattan Garden Community Centre, 40 Grattan Street  
Prahran

This free workshop facilitated by Seniors Rights Victoria looks at issues such as when an older person changes their living arrangements, protecting their rights and continuing a fulfilling lifestyle. A free booklet, Money, Ageing and Family, is also provided to participants.

Bookings on 8290 3337 or email [engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au)

## Spring school holidays program at the libraries

**23 September to 4 October**

Stonnington Libraries

Looking for something fun to do with the kids while they're on their school break?

Get ready for some super spring school holiday fun at the library. Suitable for children aged 5 to 12, the program offers free and low-cost activities to keep kids active and engaged.

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

## I hope this means something

**2 to 13 October**

Chapel Off Chapel  
12 Little Chapel Street  
Prahran

A new theatre premier and thought-provoking play by 11-time Fringe Festival award-winner Patrick Livesey. This is a story of isolation, sacrifice and the climate crisis.

Find out more: [chapeloffchapel.com.au](http://chapeloffchapel.com.au)

## Let's get waste sorted

**Friday 4 October**  
10.30am - 11.30am

Toorak/South Yarra Library  
340 Toorak Road, South Yarra

A free, interactive session to learn what happens to waste after it goes into the back of a truck. Chat to waste experts and enjoy interactive games, design your own truck and plant seeds in compost made from our own food waste to take home.

Bookings essential at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/whats-on)

## So Soiree Fringe Garden

**10 to 20 October**

Grattan Gardens and  
Prahran Town Hall car park

Presented in partnership with Melbourne Fringe, join us for a spectacular lineup of award-winning performances by renowned artists that push the boundaries of comedy, circus, drag, cabaret and burlesque. Back by popular demand, Speed: The Movie, The Play at Prahran Town Hall car park.

Find out more: [sosoiree.com.au](http://sosoiree.com.au)

## Roving Repairs Workshop

**Saturday 26 October**  
10am - 1pm

Prahran Library  
Prahran Square

Curious about how to fix that broken toaster or mend that rip in your favourite jeans? Join us for our free repair workshop to learn how to repair beloved items instead of throwing them out. Bookings are essential.

Find out more and register: [stonnington.vic.gov.au/roving-repair-prahran](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/roving-repair-prahran)

## Senior moments music night with the People's Choir

**Tuesday 29 October**  
6.30pm - 9.30pm

Stonnington Community Uniting Church, 59 Burke Road  
Malvern East

Become your own star by joining us for a night of exhilarating music from the People's Choir that will have you dancing in your seats and humming in your heart. Light refreshments will be provided after the show. Adults \$10, seniors \$5, children under 12 are free.

Tickets available only at the door on the night.

## Financial wellbeing and self-care workshop

**Monday 25 November**  
9am - 11am

Grattan Gardens Community Centre, 40 Grattan Street  
Prahran

Explore what money strengths you already have and discuss money-related questions. Learn about financial self-care and wellbeing and how to incorporate more of this into your life. This free workshop is facilitated by Financial Independence Hub.

For bookings, call 8290 3337 or email [engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au)



## GETTING BUSY WITH STONNINGTON BUSINESS EVENTS

**11 September to 12 November**

We have a great program of business events lined up for you this spring.

### Social media strategy workshop for small business

Wednesday 11 September  
5.30pm - 8.30pm  
Malvern Town Hall

### ATO masterclass - starting a small business online webinar

Wednesday 25 September  
12.30pm - 1.30pm

### Small Business Festival

Thursday 17 October  
10am - 2pm  
Malvern Town Hall

### Creating video content with your smartphone - business workshop

Tuesday 29 October  
6.30pm - 8pm  
Giorgios Restaurant, Armadale

### ATO Small business masterclasses - weekly online webinar series

Wednesday 2 to  
Wednesday 30 October  
12.30pm - 1.30pm

### Cyber security essentials to keep your business secure online webinar

Tuesday 12 November  
12.30pm - 1.30pm

Find out more: [stonnington.vic.gov.au/businessesvents](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/businessesvents)



## Get active this spring

**Did you know that Active Stonnington runs more than 60 group fitness classes per week?**

Harold Holt Health Club has a large variety of classes, with yoga, zumba body pump and pilates, to name a few - there really is something for everyone!

The health club is currently running a \$0 joining fee promotion - just use the code GMAS\$0 to join free (valid until 8 October 2024).

For bookings: [stonnington.vic.gov.au/active](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/active)

Our popular mums and bubs classes run throughout school terms at Orrong Romanis Recreation Centre and yoga at Prahran RSL.

There's also a variety of online classes like yoga, Pilates, meditation and circuit training.

# Green light for green thumbs

**Get ready to start seeing some stunning new nature strip gardens pop up all over Stonnington as residents embrace our new nature strip planting policy.**

You can now plant your nature strip garden in line with our Nature Strip Planting Policy recently introduced by Council, adding a new level of interest to local streets.

Council's Sustainable Environment Officer, Deb Neumann, says she is excited to be overseeing this community greening initiative, which will add colour to our neighbourhoods and help make Stonnington more climate resilient.

"Our Nature Strip Planting Permits, approved under the policy, are an important mechanism for our community and contribute to the greening of our city. They support local biodiversity (particularly pollinators) and beautify our much-loved Stonnington neighbourhoods.

"Since implementation, we've had a great response from the community - with several permit applications coming in since going live with the program," she said.

Adding value, colour and interest to streets and supporting local ecosystems are just some of the many reasons to plant on nature strip. It can also add value to a neighbourhood.

Rewilding Stonnington, a local group dedicated to re-introducing indigenous plants to our area, are keen to use nature strips to support not only the local environment but to also provide inviting green spaces for the community to enjoy. They have been involved in a number of small nature strip projects over the past couple of years.

"Nature strips are a really important green space resource for helping our local environment. And as a municipality with second-lowest amount of open space, there's a huge level of interest from other residents for environmental action," said Alison Richards, President of Rewilding Stonnington.

It's an easy process. Check our easy-to-use Nature Strip Planting Handbook to see if your nature strip is eligible and what plants you can use, then, apply for a permit. If approved, you will receive a \$25 voucher to use at a Melbourne Indigenous nursery to purchase plants.

We're looking forward to seeing the creativity and diversity of nature strips as they grow across Stonnington.

For more information and to apply: [stonnington.vic.gov.au/nature-strip-planting](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/nature-strip-planting)



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON STONNINGTON NEWS

Stonnington News is a free publication by the City of Stonnington delivered to residents four times a year.

We want to know what you want to read about in your newspaper!

Have your say by scanning the QR Code or go to [stonnington.vic.gov.au/feedback](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/feedback)



## Your voice matters

Share your thoughts on projects that matter to you at [connectstonnington.vic.gov.au](https://connectstonnington.vic.gov.au)

Have your say on projects open for community consultation and feedback.

Find out more about completed and in-progress projects at:



# New public artworks for Stonnington

**We are proud to feature two First Nations artworks by Barkindji man Kent Morris and Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Kim Wandin, with collaborating artist, Christine Joy.**

The artworks are on display in the recently opened South Yarra Siding and new pocket park in Arthur Street, South Yarra.

Kent Morris' work *Where We Walk*, is one of two commissioned for Metro Tunnel's eastern portal tunnel entrance works, as part of the Legacy Artwork Program. Inspired by the significant flaked stone artefacts uncovered at the reserve, this piece speaks to its long connection with Wurundjeri people.

The second piece, *Murrup Biik*, by Aunty Kim Wandin, with collaborating artist Chris Joy, honours the location of a significant Aboriginal cultural site as a series of sculptures inspired by Bilang,

(meaning string bags in Woi-wurrung language).

The Bilang represent Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung women and acknowledges their journey across Country and their work collecting food to provide for families, and as Custodians of the land.

Council's Visual Arts Officer, Jade Bitar, is super excited about the collaboration, which reflects our community's diversity, creativity and inclusivity.

"I am so proud Stonnington is hosting and supporting First Nations artworks. These are stunning, nuanced pieces of art that add vibrancy to our parks and connect us to the past," she said.



South Yarra Siding Reserve  
17 William Street, South Yarra

Where We Walk by Kent Morris

# Stonnington Engaged

## Helping older adults stay active and socially connected

Engaged offers people aged 55 years or older, people with disabilities and carers, a variety of activities and opportunities to stay active and socially connected in Stonnington.



## CELEBRATING SENIORS

### Come and join the fun at this year's Victorian Seniors Festival.

The City of Stonnington is once again proud to support this year's Seniors Festival in October.

Kick off the festival by joining the Monster Move it to Music exercise class at Prahran Square on **7 October at 9.45am – 11am**. Our Engaged program and Harold Holt

Pool's famous fitness instructor Jimmy K will make you move and groove to his specially arranged music soundtrack of hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s. We aim to make this a super event, so come along with friends or as a local social group and join us.

This is a free event and all ages and abilities are welcome. For bookings, call **8209 1333** or register at <https://tinyurl.com/ymd2ph77>

This year's festival is full of fabulous local events. Don't forget to collect your free Victorian Senior Festivals Guide available at Coles.

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

### Information is power – mini-expo

**Thursday 3 October 1pm – 3pm**  
Grattan Gardens Community Centre  
Community Hall, 40 Grattan Street  
Prahran

Come along to this free event where you'll meet local services, community groups and organisations. Includes a performance by Lauriston Girls' School and our Engaged intergenerational choir. To find out more, including getting community transport to the event, call **8290 1333** or email [engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au)

### LGBTQIA+ seniors BBQ lunch

**Saturday 5 October 12pm – 2pm**

Celebrate the festival as a senior from the LGBTQIA+ community, their allies, families and carers, and have some fun. Connect with others in this inclusive space, enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch and great music. This is a free event. To register, call Thorne Harbour's community support on **9863 0426** or at [tinyurl.com/3dme7d33](https://tinyurl.com/3dme7d33)

### Windsor Senior Citizens charity dance at Malvern Town Hall

**Tuesday 15 October 11.30am – 3pm**  
Malvern Town Hall, corner Glenferrie Road  
and High Street, Malvern

Join the Windsor Seniors to celebrate the Seniors Festival with Old time and New Vogue dancing, door and spot prizes, raffle for charity and a lovely afternoon tea, in friendly company. Cost: \$20. Bookings essential, call **0455 523 496**

### Yassou! Prahran Greek Senior's Club

**Tuesday 22 October 10am – 11am** (tea),  
**12pm – 1.30pm** (lunch)  
Grattan Gardens Community Centre  
40 Grattan Street, Prahran

Come along for morning tea and warm hospitality from club members and then stay on for a delicious Mediterranean-style lunch. Morning tea is free, lunch is \$5. Limited places. Bookings essential. Call **8290 3337** or email [engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au)



### Legal matters for older fellas

**Thursday 17 October 1pm – 3pm**  
Phoenix Park Community Centre  
conference room, 22 Rob Roy Road  
Malvern East

Meet the crew from the East Malvern Men's Shed and Seniors Rights Victoria for a free afternoon tea. Seniors Rights Victoria will present information in a simple and conversational way on enduring powers of attorney, advance care directives and medical decision-making.

Free resources including the Take Control booklet will be available. Free event. For bookings, call **8290 3337** or email [engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:engaged@stonnington.vic.gov.au)

## Phoenix Park Community Centre & Neighbourhood House

**22 Rob Roy Road, Malvern East**

For classes and activities, call **9530 4397**.  
For bookings, visit [phoenixparknh.org.au](http://phoenixparknh.org.au)

### Falls prevention

**Tuesday 8 October 11.30am – 12.30pm**

Learn tips on how to prevent falls, information on risk factors and activities to increase strength, mobility and balance. Join the team for a light lunch afterwards. Bookings essential.

### Understanding dementia

**Thursday 10 October 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

Find out what dementia is, its causes and its signs and symptoms. Learn tips on how to reduce the risks and where to go for support.

### Free hearing checks with Hearing Australia

**Thursday 10 October 1.30pm – 2.30pm**

Hearing Australia is offering free, 15-minute hearing checks for Phoenix Park Community Centre and Neighbourhood House members.

## Prahran Place

**Grattan Gardens Community Centre  
40 Grattan Street, Prahran**

Prahran Place (formerly Prahran Place Neighbourhood Centre) is a positive, supportive place to develop your creative skills. Evening classes and weekend workshops include watercolours, drawing and portraiture, pop art, mosaic and sewing. Call **9510 7052** or visit [prahranplace.org.au](http://prahranplace.org.au)

### Men's social group

**Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3pm**

The Men's Group choose their own adventures based on whatever sparks their interest, including visits to RAAF Museum, a ferry trip to Williamstown and fascinating guest speakers.

### Creative writing

**Wednesdays 12.30pm – 3pm**

Liberate your literary potential and write short stories and poetry. Attend weekly readings from a range of authors while developing your own unique storytelling voice.

### Cooking and nutrition

**Fridays 9.30am – 12.30pm  
or 1.15pm – 4.15pm**

Explore the health benefits of fresh food and learn about nutrition. NDIS-friendly classes.

## Japanese Bon dance and kimono styling workshop

**Tuesday 1 October 2pm – 4pm**

**Hope Connection Inc. Grattan Gardens Community Centre, activity room  
40 Grattan Street, Prahran**

In this fun workshop, you'll learn the traditional circle dance, while experiencing a little Japanese culture including learning about the summer kimono (yukata) and how it is worn. Free event. Call **0408 303 139**

## Craft exhibition and lunch

**Monday 7 October 1pm**

**Grattan Gardens Community Centre  
40 Grattan Street, Prahran**

Join the Latin American Association club members for a special event showcasing our handmade craft items, with lunch included. Cost: \$10. For bookings, call Francy on **0466 880 403**

## Digital drop-in with JoCare

**Tuesday 8 October 9.30am – 11.30am**

**47 Stanhope Street, Malvern**

Meet the team for morning tea, have a chat and bring your questions or issues about technology. Call **0468 732 999** or email [office@jocare.org.au](mailto:office@jocare.org.au)

## Open day at U3A Stonnington

**Tuesday 8 October 9.30am – 3pm**

**1 – 3 Valetta Street, Malvern**

Come along, meet some friendly regulars and try out the courses and activities offered for people aged 55 and over. Free event. Bookings essential, call **9500 1288**

## Opa! Greek afternoon tea

**Friday 11 October 3.45pm – 5pm**

**Grattan Gardens Community Centre Activity Hall, 40 Grattan Street, Prahran**

Join club members for a fun, cultural afternoon with refreshments, including Greek-themed music and games. Free event. Bookings essential, call Chrisoula on **8555 2025**

## Charles Dickens and friends – listen and lunch

**Wednesday 16 October**

**11.30am – 1.30pm**

**Menzies Malvern, 1306 High Street Malvern**

Enjoy a presentation by Barbara Sharpe who will discuss the creative interplay between the works of Dickens and that of the Edward Landseer family of artists and engravers. It's a free event, followed by a complimentary lunch and refreshments. Limited spaces, bookings essential. RSVP by Friday 11 October, email [crystall.mousios@keyton.com.au](mailto:crystall.mousios@keyton.com.au) or call **0447 293 702**

## Nostalgic musical tour – Healthy Tourism Senior Citizens Club Vigor

**Saturday 19 October 2pm – 4pm**

**Prahran RSL, 301 High Street, Prahran**

Russian music ensemble, Nostalgia, will take the audience on a journey, with popular songs of our past. Refreshments provided. Cost: \$20 concession, \$25 full price per person. Bookings essential, call Berta on **0404 646 298**

## Gallery tour of Duldig Studio and Kinross Arts Centre

**Thursday 24 October 10am – 12.30pm**

**Duldig Studio, 92 Burke Road Malvern East**

**Kinross Arts Centre, 603 Toorak Road Toorak**

Begin with a guided tour of Duldig, exploring exhibitions at the gallery, studio, sculpture garden and heritage rooms, before enjoying a morning tea of plum cake and hot drink. Then make your way to Kinross Arts Centre gallery to see an exhibition and stay on for lunch (at your own cost) at the café. Cost: \$5. For bookings, call Daisy on **9885 3358**



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# Surf's up in Stonnington

Since opening their doors in March this year, great new concept store Surf3181 in the cultural heart of Prahran, is 'breaking waves' in Stonnington.

Running a surf hardware store dedicated to supplying premium surfboards and accessories, business owner and long-time surfer George Livadatis, has been working in the apparel and surfboards industry for more than 25 years.

George brought skills and passion to create an exciting retail experience in an already diverse lifestyle, leisure and recreation shopping area. The shop not only stocks and sells surfboards and accessories but has become a space for art, photo exhibitions and movie nights and is building a great community of like-minded locals.

When setting up his business George reached out to Council's Business Concierge service for advice on running his business.

After his initial call seeking assistance, the Business Concierge has continued to stay in contact and offer suggestions and business support options. This is just one of the many Business Concierge service offerings.

As a long-term resident of Stonnington and having seen many changes in the Greville Street precinct, George wanted to establish a shop that would service surfers living in the inner city.

"I love when people walk past and are surprised at what they see and feel compelled to come in and check the space and admire it," said George.

"I also love that many surfers living in the area can come in and hang out and really appreciate all the beautiful boards we have here - they are like pieces of art.

"The space I have built is about a healthy lifestyle, amazing surfboards and introducing people into surfing with all its benefits," he said.



-  Surf3181  
2 Grattan Street, Prahran
-  [surf3181.com.au](http://surf3181.com.au)
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 George out front of his surf shop.

## On the main stage for Mainstreet

This year, the City of Stonnington hosted the renowned Mainstreet Australia National Conference 2024.

Between 31 July and 2 August hundreds of business owners and associations, along with economic development professionals, urban planners and policy makers from Australia and New Zealand gathered at Malvern Town Hall to discuss placemaking and urban planning, governance, the night-time economy, and the impact of artificial intelligence on our future.

The key conference event featured an impressive lineup of renowned main street and placemaking international keynotes, as well as a masterclass at Prahran Town Hall and an exclusive Chapel Street walking tour.

They shared experiences and insights on revitalising our commercial centres and discussed how Stonnington is moving toward a place-led approach to economic development. The event also provided an opportunity to showcase the City of Stonnington to businesses in our region.

Annaliese Battista, Director Planning and Place at the City of Stonnington said she was thrilled that we have

played a major part in presenting our wonderful City.

"As the main sponsor and host, we were able to showcase some of the exciting work we are doing through our new Place-led Economic Development Strategy, our unique precincts and our seven place activation plans," she said.

"We are continuing to grow our status as a premier inner-city destination shaped by our people and communities. Our renowned precincts and high streets and their unique places, distinct characters and experiences are the backbone of our thriving economy," she said.

Mainstreet Australia's president, Georgina Pikoulas, said she was excited to bring the renowned annual conference to Malvern, with the support of the City of Stonnington.

"This is the most important gathering in Australia this year for experts and organisations committed to place leadership, economic development and main street revitalisation," she said.



## Winter festivals – it's a wrap

### ROOLA BOOLA CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL

One of Melbourne's most successful children's arts festivals, Roola Boola, made a welcome return to Stonnington's Chapel Off Chapel.

On offer was an exciting and interactive program of inclusive, family-friendly events for children aged 0 to 12 years. Highlights of this year's program included skilled performances and workshops in magic, circus, dance, music, theatre, immersive art and craft.

### GLOW WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL


This stunning event returned to Central Park and celebrated a decade of illumination in Stonnington.

With almost 30,000 visitors, the festival was a vibrant, interactive experience. Guests had the opportunity to get up close to six individual illuminated artworks, tap into a wondrous world with roving performers and even win exciting prizes. One lucky attendee received a dining voucher from Grazia Restaurant for their winning image, which was shared on Instagram.

### KEEP UP TO DATE

With other special spring events like So Soiree and our upcoming summer festivals and concerts program including Carols and Family Christmas.

 Visit: [stonnington.vic.gov.au/festivals-and-events](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/festivals-and-events)

 Find out more: [stonnington.vic.gov.au/mainstreet](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/mainstreet)





Belinda and Justin, owners of American Doughnut Kitchen enjoying their doughnuts.

# Facelift for our favourite market

**A meeting place for locals and visitors since 1864, our beloved Prahra market has had a facelift!**

Pop down to the market on any weekend or weekday when it's open and you'll find the market brimming with locals and visitors catching up with old friends, shopping or even just enjoying a coffee and bite to eat.

Famous for fine fresh produce, hard-to-find specialty items and good old-fashioned service sealed with expert advice, the market is now on its way to a fresh new era.

The Commercial Road façade of the market has been restored and the glass roof upgraded over Market Square. There have been several other safety upgrades completed as well.

Belinda Donaghey, Managing Director of new market shop American Doughnut Kitchen, says the upgrade looks fabulous.

"For us, the improvement works mean that Stonnington values Prahra Market by investing in the facade upgrade. We especially love the gold lettering.

"Revitalising the market and ensuring it remains a beloved destination for locals and visitors alike is important. Protecting its history and celebrating the traders and community feel here is critical to everyone's future success.

"Markets are special places and should be treasured for generations to come," she said.

The renewal works totalling \$6 million are funded by Council's capital projects program and are scheduled for completion later this year.

 Prahra Market  
163 Commercial Road  
South Yarra

 Read the latest project updates at [stonnington.vic.gov.au/prahra-market](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/prahra-market)

**Enjoy live music in the Market Square every Saturday and Sunday between 12pm - 3pm.**

After a market shop, take a seat, put your feet up and relax.

Treat yourself to a coffee, a chilled glass of wine, a nice cold beer and something delicious to eat.

With different bands playing each week, this is the perfect way to unwind and enjoy a lazy weekend afternoon.



## A new roving repair program

**If you haven't heard about our roving repair program and if you enjoy fixing things, then this program is for you.**

We're working with Let Me Be Frank to deliver a series of repair workshops where residents can build on their repair skills with confidence.

With access to repairers of textiles, wood, crockery, jewellery and other small items, they'll show you how to repair the stuff you love rather than throwing it away.


The program helps reduce waste, save money and keeps beloved items in circulation for longer, moving us closer to a circular economy and reducing items sent to landfill.

So far we've run three free repair workshops, which have all been well-attended by locals who love to tinker, just like resident Philippa. She brought in a 'found object', a broken, ceramic vase to be fixed.

"Well, I found this vase left on the nature strip and I thought it is waste for that to go to the tip. So, I will take it home and find a new home for it and now from this workshop, it's going to be mended and it'll be treasured by me, she said.

The next free workshop is on **Saturday 26 October 10am - 1pm** at Grattan Gardens Community Centre.

Bookings are essential. Register your attendance and let us know what item you'll bring, so our repairers can come prepared. And come roving with us or should we say repairing with us!


 Book your place: [stonnington.vic.gov.au/library](https://stonnington.vic.gov.au/library)




# 9PM ROUTINE

Time to lock it up! 9pm safety routine

 **Collect**  
valuables from your car

 **Lock**  
your car, house, windows and garage

 **Turn**  
on outside lights



In an emergency, call **000**  
For non-urgent police reporting, call **131 444**

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# Toorak Village Sculpture Exhibition is back in 2024

**Come down to Toorak Village between 1 September to 13 October when it is transformed into an exciting street gallery showcasing contemporary sculptural artworks.**

Showcasing both indoor and outdoor sculptures, this annual Stonnington event lines Toorak Road and its side streets with 101 Australian made temporary and permanent sculptures.

It's the perfect excuse to catch the number 58 tram, stroll along the street and enjoy the installations, fine fashion, food, homewares and fanfare Toorak Village is renowned for. And the recently upgraded streetscape featuring gorgeous brass inlaid pavements, new street furniture and pretty Crepe Myrtle trees add to the overall charm of the village atmosphere.

Now in its 21st year, this year's exhibition is curated by Malcolm Thomson, who brings fresh ideas

to engage artists and businesses, and make the village a vibrant go-to destination for sculpture and art, and of course shopping. All indoor and temporary outdoor sculptures are also available for sale.

Business owner of Toorak Travel, Julie Poumès says she looks forward to the event each year.

"The exhibition brings many people into the village to see the sculptures. They either have lunch, dinner or coffee and visit our shops. It is a great event," she said.

Presented by the Toorak Village Traders Association and supported by the City of Stonnington, the exhibition will engage, surprise and delight you all at the same time!



Find out more: [toorakvillage.com.au/sculpture](http://toorakvillage.com.au/sculpture)



Craig Lawsons 2022 ↗

## Get moving with Active Stonnington



**In July, Harold Holt Health Club teamed up with Stonnington Sports Centre for an afternoon of fantastic sport, health and fun.**

Yoga, pickleball, a sausage sizzle and face painting were the order of the day at the Stonnington Sports Centre open afternoon on Saturday 13 July.

Around 200 people braved a cold winter's day to enjoy a range of 'come and try' sessions that included group fitness classes, free health checks and assessments, and a range of fitness activities for all ages and abilities.

There was plenty on offer with health club instructors providing advice on how to identify and achieve health and fitness goals for those new to exercise through to seasoned trainers. The Active Stonnington team was on-site to help link residents with local sporting clubs and groups.

Visitors also had the opportunity to enter competitions and prize draws to win 12-month health club memberships.

Attendee Lisa enjoyed her time at the open afternoon.

"My daughter and I had the best time," she said. "We tried so many activities and loved them all, especially zumba, body step, yoga and pickleball," she said.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was a group fitness zumba session that kicked off the afternoon with a bang, with lots of dancing, shouting, whooping and singing. Participants also tried Les Mills body step and body pump, which proved to be a lot of fun.

Attendee Stephen was blown away with the variety on offer.

"It was great to learn how many different activities are available at the Centres, I had no idea," he said.

The open afternoon gave participants the opportunity to check out the new Stonnington Sports Centre as well as learn about the facilities at the Harold Holt Health Club - located at the Harold Holt Swim Centre.



Find out more about the facilities at our health and fitness centres: [stonnington.vic.gov.au/active/home](http://stonnington.vic.gov.au/active/home)

# Connect with us

**Connect Stonnington is a place for residents to share thoughts and ideas and provide feedback on projects that matter the most to them.**



We have consulted on a number of projects with our community, where you have shared your feedback to help shape Stonnington's future.

One of these is the **Stonnington Parking Action Plan**, in which we have been calling on the community to shape the future of parking and kerbside space in our city.

- To enable this, we have completed:
- » two trader sessions
  - » two schools and local resident sessions
  - » four pop-up sessions and
  - » three community drop-in sessions (with a final session on 3 September).

We have also had more than:

- » 3000 page views
- » 250 map pin drops and
- » 800 surveys completed.

This consultation closing **Sunday 15 September** has been well received by our community and has featured a special working group, with a mix of different groups represented.



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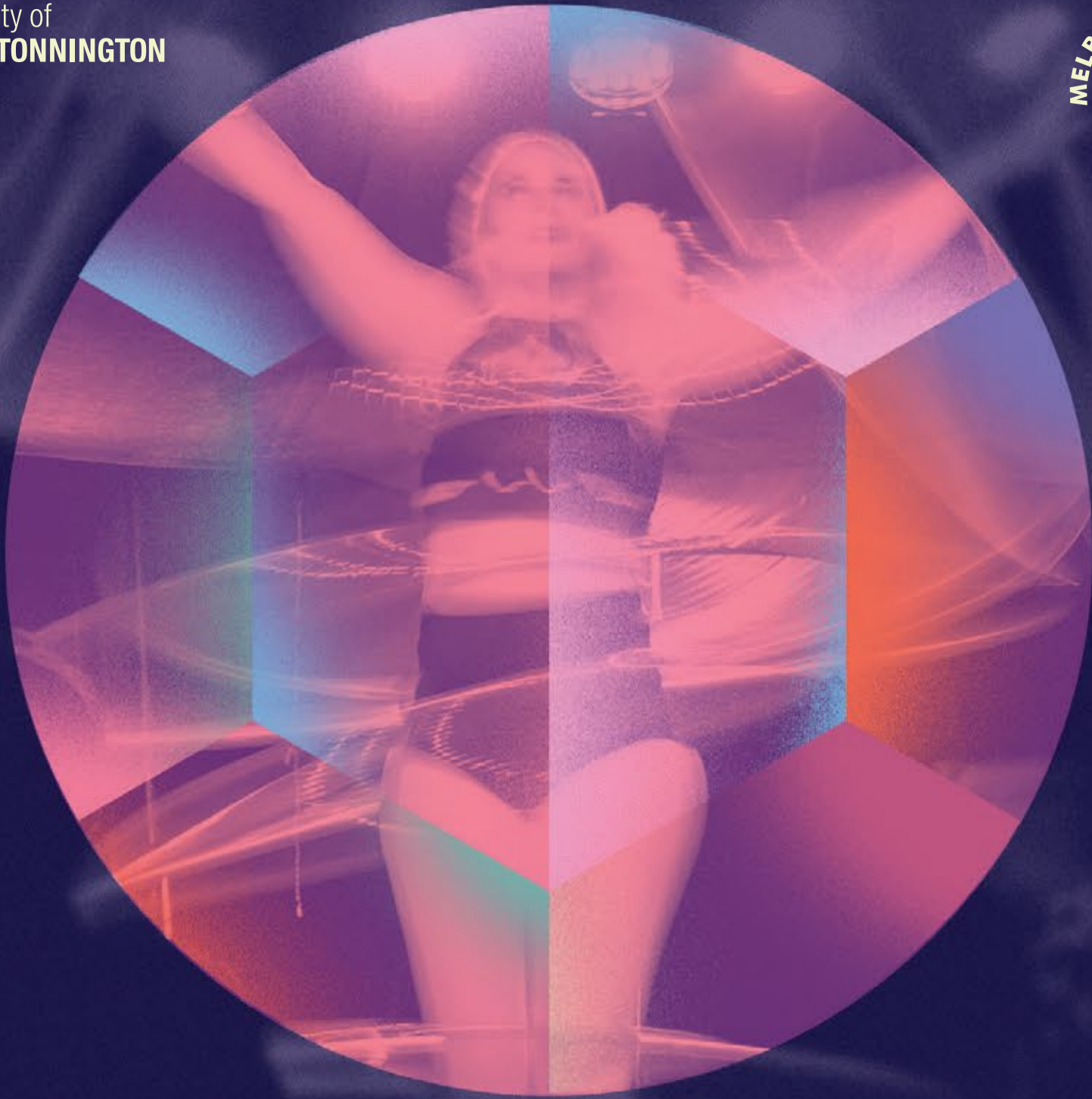
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