

2018-19 Annual Report summary

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Mayor's message



The City of Stonnington is committed to ensuring we remain one of Australia's premier municipalities.

We are proud of our achievements over the last twelve months – creating opportunities to bring our community together, implementing numerous strategic policies and investing in long-term infrastructure.

This document provides a summary of some key milestones in 2018–19. To see the full annual report, visit stonnington.vic.gov.au/Annual-Report

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Councillor Steven Stefanopoulos

Mayor of the City of Stonnington
Councillor for South Ward

Vision

Stonnington will be an inclusive, healthy, creative, sustainable and smart community.

Our vision will be implemented through four key pillars.

01 Community

An inclusive city that enhances the health and wellbeing of all residents, where people can feel safe, socially connected and engaged.

02 Liveability

The most desirable place to live, work and visit.

03 Environment

A cleaner, safer and better environment for current and future generations to enjoy.

04 Economy

A city that will grow its premier status as a vibrant, innovative and creative business community.

Community

Spotlight on inclusion

Our Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2020 directly connects with our values and the principles of respect, building relationships and developing opportunities with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our draft Inclusion Plan 2019–22 outlines our commitment to supporting people with disability, their families and carers to enjoy wellbeing, dignity and social independence in Stonnington. The Flavours Festival, NAIDOC Week, Youth FreeZa, National Reconciliation Week and Harmony Day celebrated our fantastic, diverse and inclusive community.



616,348
aquatic centre visits



1,047
maternal and child
health first home visits



9,679
vaccinations



11,199
pets registered



599,472
library visits



10,000
youth event attendees



92,603
customer calls



\$3.6M
in community grants
awarded



Liveability



Spotlight on parks, reserves and sporting facilities

In addition to acquiring \$9.2 million of land for future open spaces, we have also invested in our parks, reserves and sporting facilities. The Dunlop Pavilion's change rooms were upgraded, the social rooms expanded and improvements made to the playground and surrounding park. Gardiner Park has a new sports pavilion and public toilets, as well as an all-weather synthetic turf sportsground for year-round use. We completed upgrades at Caroline Gardens, Malvern Valley Golf Course, and the tennis courts at Union Street Park and started the next stage of improvement works at Windsor Siding. We've started a program of improvement works at Harold Holt Swim Centre and planning is underway for the restoration of the dive tower.

Masterplans were adopted to guide new, improved and upgraded park, sport and recreation facilities at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park, Toorak Park and Princes Gardens.



973
planning applications
assessed



36
new places of
significance identified
in the Federation
Houses study



2
new precincts of
significance identified
in the Federation
Houses study



33,000sqm
of graffiti removed



20,972
drain pits cleaned



27
liquor license
applications assessed



Environment



Spotlight on biodiversity

Stonnington's award-winning Yarra River Biodiversity Project (\$1.4 million) is nearing completion. One of the largest river regeneration projects in the Yarra River's history, the biodiversity project has seen the stretch between Punt and Grange roads transformed into a rich and diverse natural environment. The area has benefited from significant indigenous plantings, a rehabilitated wetland system, a high-quality shared path and rest areas to sit and enjoy nature. This project also provides habitat for local wildlife and supports urban cooling.



72,000
trees planted in our
accelerated tree
planting program



17
environmental
events delivered



44,000kg
of TVs and computer
recyclables received



7,660kg
of mobile phone, CDs,
DVDs and batteries
recycled



20,650 tonnes
of kerbside rubbish
collected



7,720 tonnes
of kerbside recycling
collected



3,300 tonnes
of kerbside green
waste collected



165
sustainable school
program sessions
delivered to 57 local
schools and early
learning centres

Economy



Spotlight on festivals and events

We had record numbers of people at our major events and festivals. The hugely popular calendar of events, including The Classics, Christmas Concerts, Stonnington Jazz Festival, Roola Boola Children's Arts Festival, Glow Winter Arts Festival, saw over 55,000 people taking part in the festivities. We again partnered with the Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival, Melbourne Cabaret Festival and Melbourne Fringe Festival, and proudly hosted a special International Women's Day, Bank of Melbourne World's Longest Lunch, as well as sponsoring the 29th Melbourne Queer Film Festival, who this year celebrated their highest ticket sales ever.



39,689
attended Chapel
Off Chapel



340
ticketed events hosted
at Chapel Off Chapel



1,500+
attended Bank of
Melbourne World's
Longest Lunch to
celebrate International
Women's Day



55,000+
attended our 14 major
events and festivals



40+
business events and
workshops, with about
3,000 participants



14
local attractions
and events showcased
in the Experience
Culture Victoria Guide

Financial performance

Our financial position remains strong with more than \$2.91 billion of community assets under council's stewardship.

In 2018-19, Council achieved a financially sustainable surplus of \$38.63 million, \$0.79 million more than the adopted budget.

Council's long-term financial strategy projects that surpluses will continue to be strong over the next 10 years, providing a sustainable level of funding for the refurbishment and replacement of our valuable community assets.



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