

Report to the Future Melbourne Committee**Agenda item 6.1****Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Parkville****12 April 2022****Presenter:** Rushda Halith, Director Community Development**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Parkville neighbourhood community and upcoming key initiatives. (Refer Attachment 2).
2. On 14 December 2021, Council endorsed Future Melbourne Committee meetings to occur in neighbourhood locations to encourage and support more local residents, businesses, workers and students to participate, experience and engage in Future Melbourne Committee meetings through attending, observing, making a submission and/or asking a public question in a neighbourhood setting.
3. This initiative is part of a neighbourhood approach commenced last year to strengthen how the Council understands and works with different communities across the municipality as we continue to navigate the impacts of COVID-19.
4. The municipality is made up of a broad set of neighbourhoods, each with its own unique characteristics and needs – from densely populated urban environments, such as the central business district, to more residential areas, such as Kensington, Carlton and South Yarra. Using community development practice and a place-based approach, Council seeks to better understand the strengths, needs and priorities of communities to guide its work. Ensuring opportunity of access and participation of diverse voices and views will be a key priority as this approach is embedded this year through neighbourhood plans and projects, developed in partnership with communities.

Key issues

5. Vast parklands and grand terrace houses lend their considerable charm to this large neighbourhood in the north-east of the municipality.
6. Parkville sits on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Eastern Kulin.
7. The city's knowledge economy is hard at work here. Parkville is part of the City North innovation precinct, an epicentre for world-class research and biomedical development, and home to three major hospitals. The University of Melbourne is also at home here, attracting many additional residents to the area and lending weight to the precinct as 'international education gateway'.
8. Before too long, Parkville will be hyper-connected by the Metro Tunnel project, with the new Parkville Station creating a promenade on Grattan Street among some of Victoria's most prominent institutions.
9. Around 7400 people live in Parkville, and the local community is active. It features two resident associations and many social media groups that connect residents, businesses, families, workers, students and visitors. Some 38% of residents were born overseas and speak a language other than English, including Mandarin, Cantonese and Spanish.
10. In 2006, Parkville hosted elite athletes and officials in the purpose-built Commonwealth Games Village. Known as Parkville Gardens, this development is now an integrated, socially inclusive community with a mix of private and social housing, and aged care facilities.
11. The largest green space in the municipality sprawls over more than 180 glorious hectares in Parkville. Royal Park was carefully redesigned in the 1980s to evoke the original Australian landscape, and creates wildlife habitat with native vegetation and biodiversity gardens. The Trin Warren Tam Boore wetland – also known as the bellbird waterhole – recycles water to irrigate Royal Park and surrounding areas.
12. Royal Park wraps around one of the city's major attractions, the Melbourne Zoo. It also incorporates a public golf course, sports grounds and the award-winning natural playground Nature Play, designed to encourage kids to explore with rocky escarpments, water play, climbing ropes and a hill with city views.

Recommendation from management

11. That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the overview of the Parkville neighbourhood community and upcoming key initiatives.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 3 of 8)
2. Parkville: Neighbourhood Highlights and Initiatives (Page 4 of 8)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. Council adopted the schedule of Future Melbourne Committee and Council meetings on 14 December 2021, in accordance with its Governance Rules. This included the locations for the community Future Melbourne Committee meetings, which commence from February until November 2022.

Finance

2. The financial impact associated with the key initiatives outlined in the overview of the Parkville Neighbourhood community and upcoming key initiatives in Attachment 2 are in 2021-22 budget.

Conflict of interest

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a material or general conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Health and Safety

4. No Occupational Health and Safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

Stakeholder consultation

5. The holding of meetings in community locations, will increase the community's capacity to experience and participate in the democratic process, in addition to engaging with Councillors informally on a range of matters.

Relation to Council policy

6. This report aligns with the community aspirations identified in the Council Plan 2021-2025 and the Governance Rules.

Environmental sustainability

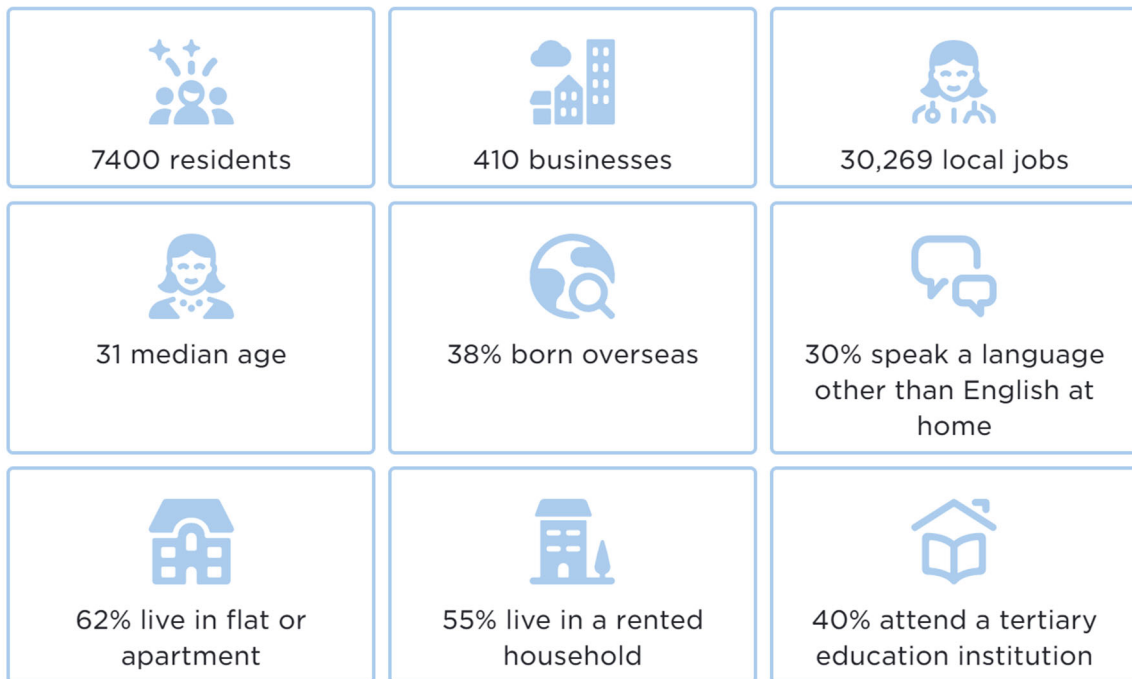
7. This report has no significant impact on environmental sustainability.

PARKVILLE

Neighbourhood Highlights and Initiatives



Who lives in Parkville?



About Parkville

Located in the north west of the municipality, Parkville is known for its leafy streets, heritage houses and the University of Melbourne's bustling campus and residential colleges.

Parkville is home to an active community with two resident associations, local bulletin boards, and multiple social media member groups connecting residents, businesses, families, workers, students and visitors. 38% of residents in Parkville were born overseas and speak a language other than English with the three most common being Mandarin, Cantonese and Spanish. Many residents are also students attending University of Melbourne and RMIT and residing in student accommodation.

Parkville forms part of the 'City North' innovation precinct and is home to major hospitals, research and institutional facilities including the Royal Melbourne and Royal Children's hospitals, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Parkville plays a critical role in Australia's innovation capability and is a powerhouse of research and development, specialising in bio-tech and neuroscience. Parkville also forms part of Melbourne's 'International Education Gateway', with the City North area accommodating over 40,000 international students in 2019.

The 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games Village was based in Parkville and housed athletes and officials during the event. Now called Parkville Gardens, the site has been transformed into an integrated, socially inclusive community with private and social housing. It was designed to be part of a legacy of lasting social benefits left by the games. Parkville

also features the Trin Warren Tam Boore wetlands which recycle water for reuse in irrigation throughout sports fields and golf courses in Royal Park as well as the Elm Boulevard along Royal Parade.

Royal Park, the largest open space in the City of Melbourne covering over 180 hectares, is located in Parkville and situated on land of importance to the people of the Eastern Kulin Nation and is protected under the Victorian Heritage Register. It was also the site of the Acclimatisation Society of Victoria (1861), part of which later became the Royal Melbourne Zoological Gardens now known as Melbourne Zoo, a world-leading zoo-based conservation organisation. The redesign of Royal Park in 1984 created wide open spaces with stretches of open grass alternate with areas of lightly timbered eucalypt forest, sports grounds, wetlands and gardens.

Council Services

Childcare and Family Services

Parkville families attend Carlton Learning Precinct or North Melbourne Community Centre for maternal and child health, new parent groups, community immunisation sessions, breast feeding support, playgroups and parent education sessions. Enhanced maternal and child health, family support and counselling and individual parenting support is also offered to families in the privacy of their own home.

Parks and Open Spaces

The City of Melbourne manages and maintains many public spaces across Parkville including, Auckland Lane Reserve, Barring Walk, Carrangall Place Park, Clunies Ross Reserve, Galada Avenue Reserve, Garrard Street Park, Ievers Reserve, Lennon Street Reserve, Manchester Lane Common Reserve, Park Street Reserve, Parkville Gardens, Royal Park and The Avenue Reserve.

Sporting and Recreation Venues

At Royal Park, City of Melbourne provide sports fields including Ryder Oval, Brens Oval, Ross Straw Field, Ransford Oval, McAlister Oval, Western Oval, Flemington Road Oval, Walker Ovals, HG Smith Oval and Poplar Oval, which cater to 33 community sports organisations as well as school use.

A nine-hole golf course is located within Royal Park and is home to four local clubs as well as public use. Two tennis facilities are located in Royal Park, one leased to North Park Tennis Club, the other to Royal Park Tennis Club. The Avenue is also home to Parkville Tennis Club.

Key Initiatives

Council work underway in Parkville:

- City of Melbourne has recently sponsored the following events through the Event Partnership Program and the City Revitalisation Event Grants:
 - Netball Victoria's Melbourne Vixens Family Day (20 Feb 2022)
 - Open House (July 2022); with venues within Parkville as part of their program
 - 'Emu Sky' exhibition and programs (March 2022) within the University of Melbourne Parkville campus
- The Moomba Parade this year featured floats that were designed in conjunction with the Royal Children's Hospital.
- City of Melbourne also sponsors events at the University of Melbourne that are part of Melbourne Knowledge Week, an annual festival of ideas for a smart and innovative city, where Melburnians explore, discuss and ideate our future together.
- This year, City of Melbourne has also provided permits for 22 recreation activities, 28 public and private events, a daily air ballooning and sky diving site, 12 filming activities and two weddings.
- Development of a new Neighbourhood Plan for Parkville as Council focuses on local priorities, strengths and needs. Community consultations are now underway and will run throughout March and April. Parkville residents, businesses, workers, students and visitors are encouraged to participate at [Participate Parkville | Participate Melbourne](#)
- City of Melbourne is currently facilitating Integrated Water Management Solutions to support increased greening, reduced flooding and reduced pollution to the bay.
- The Grattan Street Innovation Spine is a current capital works project which will look to improve greening and amenity along Grattan Street in coordination with the opening of Parkville Station in 2025.
- The Parkville Heritage Review is the latest study in a rolling program of Heritage Reviews to protect and celebrate heritage places and neighbourhood character across the municipality.
 - The Review area is bounded by Park Street to the north, Royal Parade to the east, Flemington Road to the south, and Tullamarine Freeway to the west.
 - Consultation occurred between 2 February and 7 March 2022 to identify places that need to be investigated for heritage protection in the Melbourne Planning Scheme, improve our knowledge and understanding of existing heritage places, and potentially add information to existing written documentation and records, hear from the community about the places they value and why and increase our understanding of what makes Parkville distinctive.

Council investment in Parkville

New infrastructure investments in Parkville this year include:

\$1,815,000 – Community Sports Pavilion upgrade (Brens)

\$2,600,000 – Western Oval Pavilion redevelopment

\$500,000 – Grattan Street Innovation Spine Works

\$100,000 – Cycle Infrastructure.

City of Melbourne is investing \$2,623,720 in renewal works in Parkville including footpaths, drains, parks, landscape and property. \$204,692 will be invested in maintenance works in Parkville including at our community facilities and property, pedestrian infrastructure and for urban forest health.

City of Melbourne will progress delivery and strategic work for:

Royal Park Master Plan Review – The Royal Park Master Plan outlines a vision for the park and strategy directions for the future of the park. The intention of the review is to update the 1984 Master Plan while maintaining its philosophy for Royal Park.

Parkville Urban Forest Precinct Plan – The Parkville Urban Forest Precinct Plan (2015-2025) is a 10-year planting plan, developed in collaboration with community, which shows the current state of the urban forest in Parkville and the future initiatives and changes we are pursuing to enable a healthy, resilient and diverse urban forest. Each of Melbourne's 10 precincts has a 10 year Urban Forest Precinct Plan.

MID City North Opportunities Plan – Melbourne Innovation Districts (MID) is a partnership between the City of Melbourne, RMIT University, and the University of Melbourne, to develop urban innovations in Melbourne. The MID City North Opportunities Plan (2020-2025) outlines a 5 year vision for enhancing and connecting public spaces in the area through innovation in infrastructure, streetscapes, environmental management, and testing and engagement. This 5 year plan commenced in 2020.

Royal Park Tennis Club – the realignment and resurfacing of three courts is almost complete.