

6.3 MONASH PARKLETS

Submitting Councillor: Theo Zographos

MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Notes the community concern arising from the discontinuation of Monash Parklets also known as Enhanced Outdoor Dining.*
- 2. Notes that discussions will be underway next month about the way forward for enhanced outdoor dining spaces in Monash.*
- 3. Notes that a number of Councils in a similar position to Monash have made the decision to continue their enhanced outdoor dining programs. This includes Stonnington, Yarra, Bayside, Boroondara, Port Philip, Mooney Valley, Moreland, Hobsons Bay and Melbourne councils. Bayside, Kingston are currently considering their ongoing position.*
- 4. Notes that council can always consider on a case by case basis any application from Monash businesses to use car spaces for outdoor dining use.*
- 5. Notes council does not have authority to issue permits for outdoor dining on roads as opposed to footpaths and there are still planning exemptions in place as provided for by state government legislative reforms.*
- 6. Notes the state government policy enabling existing licensees to apply for a temporary limited licence (TLL) to authorise the supply of liquor for consumption in an outdoor area which is not normally licensed (an outdoor area TLL) which was due to end in March 2022, has now been extended to December 2022.*
- 7. Notes that in the event of council charging for the use of car spaces, a fair and reasonable methodology would need to be used. Officers have previously provided the following data:*
 - i. Fee per parking bay (2.4m x 5.4m) that forms any part of the trading area - \$3380 per annum or \$260 per m², whichever is greater*
 - ii. Fee per chair \$418.60 per annum*
 - iii. Fee per plastic delineator \$15 per week*
 - iv. Fee per concrete delineator - \$3 per week*
 - v. Plastic delineator removal fee - \$1000 per site OR Concrete delineator removal fee - \$2550 per site (dependent on which is installed)*
 - vi. Concrete delineator cleaning fee - \$500 per delineator*
- 8. Notes that the City of Melbourne charges \$7992 per bay per year.*

9. *Notes that a similar policy titled “Yarra’s Parklet Program – Policy and Design Guidelines” was recently created by Yarra City Council (See Attachment 1)*

DISCUSSION

Monash has in many ways led the way on outdoor dining. Reports and notices of motion adopted in April and June 2021 have built on this proud record. The Monash community should be proud and not make any apologies for trying to enhance the lessons learned out of Covid and have proven to work well.

CONCLUSION

There is no financial impact of this notice of motion. In fact, there is no consequence to anything. This is just an update and for noting.

ATTACHMENT 1

Yarra’s Parklet Program – Policy and Design Guidelines (October 2021)