

# Have Your Say on transforming Kingsway

**Monash Council is proposing a radical plan to solve the car parking problems in Glen Waverley and transform Kingsway into a significantly enhanced pedestrian and outdoor dining precinct.**

## Have Your Say

We want to hear from you now, so your views can help shape our plans.

Please have your say:

- ▶ **Online**  [www.monash.vic.gov.au/transform-kingsway](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/transform-kingsway)
- ▶ **Call** Council's Strategic Planning team on  9518 3620

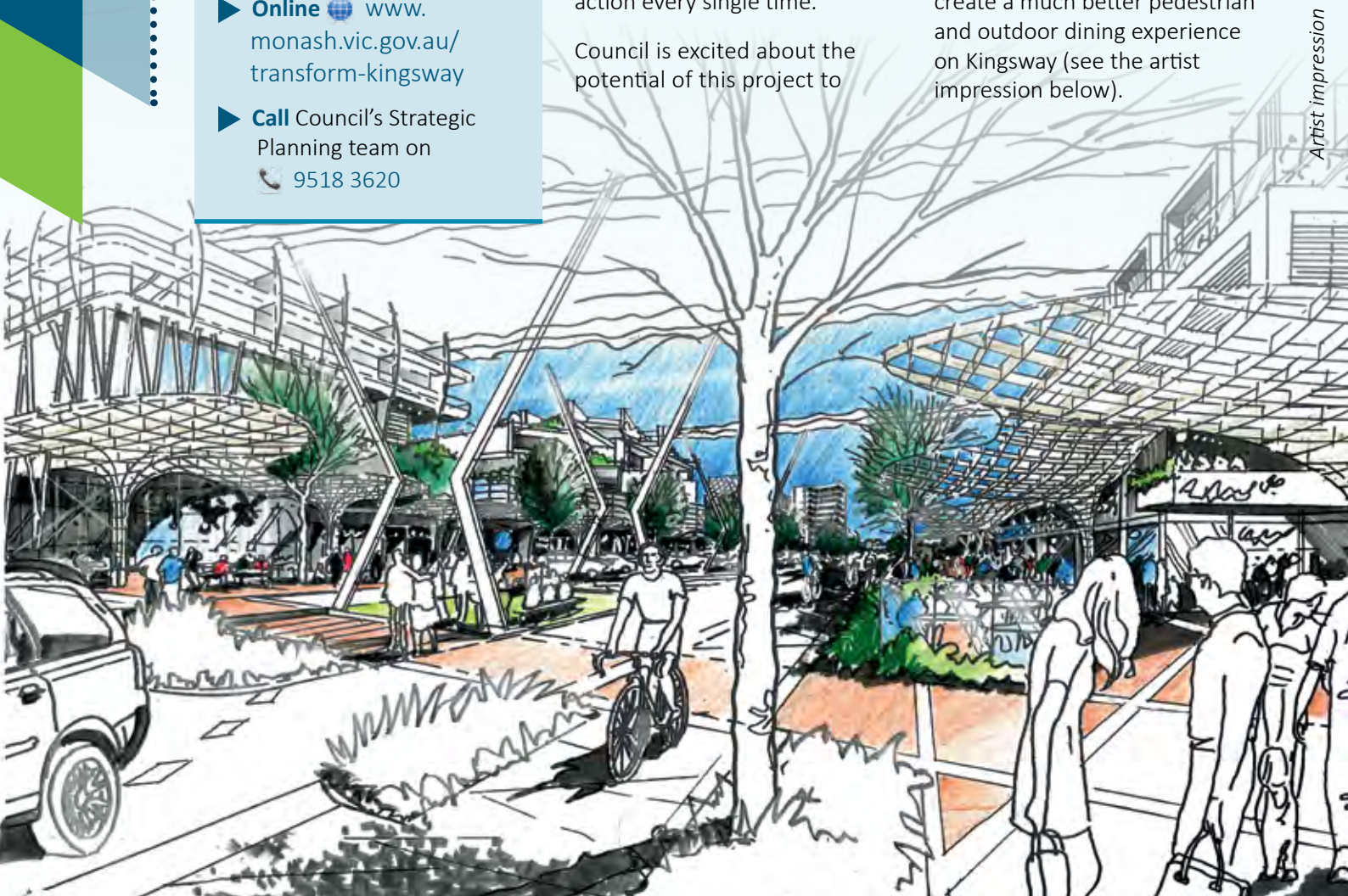
We are planning to build a new multi-deck car park to provide up to 1,200 car spaces west of Glendale Street on Montclair Avenue in the heart of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre.

A free public car park of such size is unheard of in busy entertainment areas where visitors trawling the streets looking for a park is a constant feature. But we want to change that. Our vision for Glen Waverley is for it to be a place where anyone can visit with confidence of immediately getting a car park close to the action every single time.

Council is excited about the potential of this project to

transform Glen Waverley. Any visitor to Glen Waverley knows how hard it can be to find a car park during peak times. This new car park will fix that and improve the experience for all visitors to Glen Waverley. It will also be a massive boost to traders in the centre and responds to the frequent calls from the Glen Waverley Traders' Association for a new car park to be built in Glen Waverley.

A new car park also presents the exciting opportunity to remove some car parking from Kingsway so we can widen the footpaths to create a much better pedestrian and outdoor dining experience on Kingsway (see the artist impression below).







# Proposed new car park

The Glen Waverley Structure Plan prioritises the potential development of multi-deck car parking on the edge of the centre.

Following consultation with Glen Waverley traders and other stakeholders in the Activity Centre, Council has confirmed the existing at grade car park on Montclair Avenue (the site highlighted in orange below) as the best and most logical location for a new car park.

We are proposing a new car park of between 800 and 1,200 car spaces. Depending on the eventual preferred size, this amounts to a car park of between five and seven levels which is consistent with the Glen Waverley Structure Plan.

The car park would be carefully designed so that it is an architecturally significant addition to the local area and it would include new parking technology and electronic signage to indicate parking availability.

## The next step for Kingsway

Council has a proud track record of facilitating catalyst projects in Glen Waverley in order to encourage growth of the centre. Such projects have included the Bogong and Euneva car parks and the Ikon, Ibis and Novotel developments. There continues to be significant private sector growth and interest in Glen Waverley. In particular, we now see significant residential development occurring in the Activity Centre with a significant number of residential apartments approved in the last 12 months.

The Glen Waverley Activity Centre Structure Plan sets out a range of key actions to provide for the ongoing success of the centre. However there are two actions that are considered critical to facilitating this success and building on the strength of Kingsway:

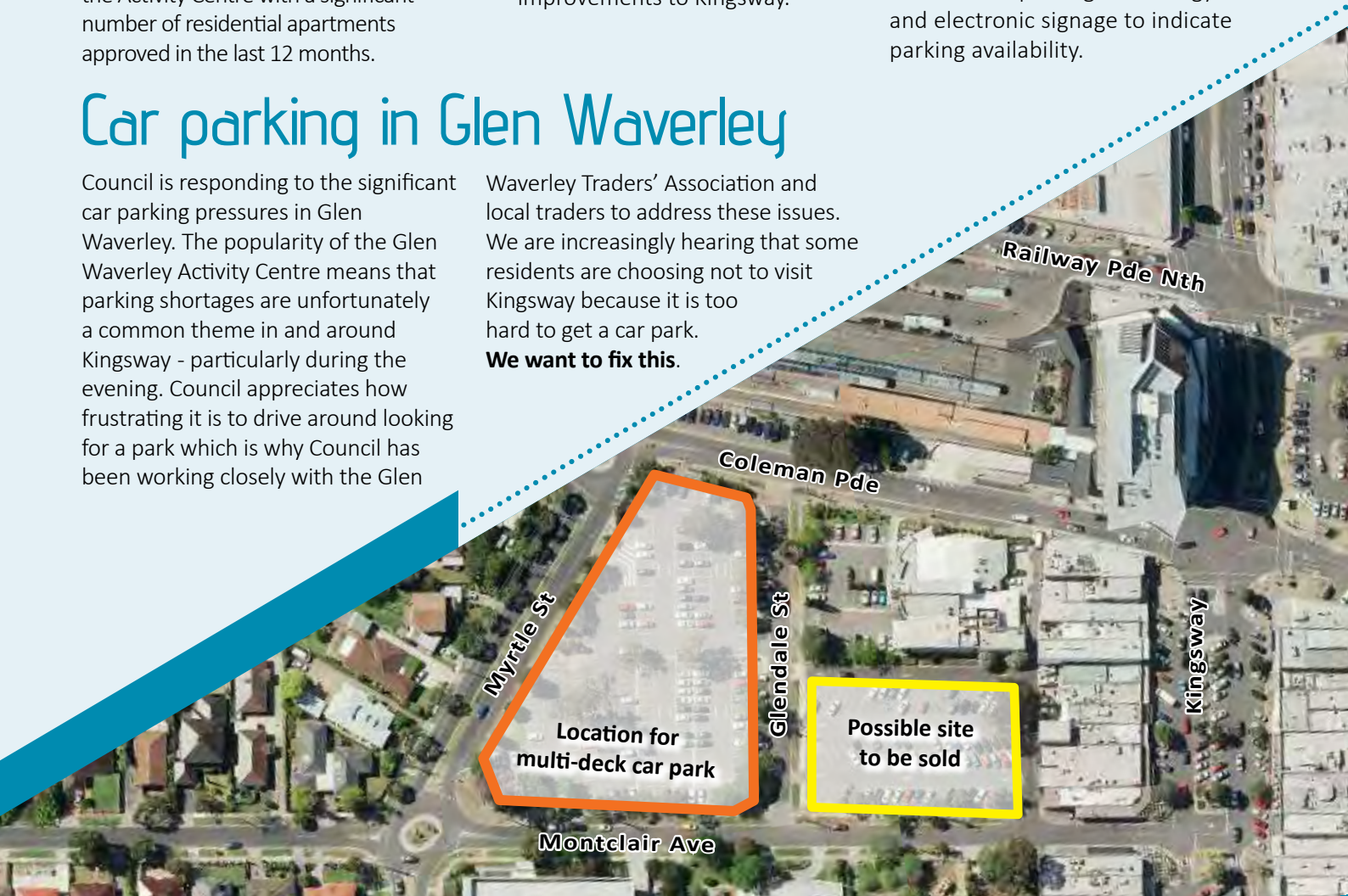
- » the timely construction of a new multi deck car park; and
- » major streetscape and pedestrian improvements to Kingsway.

## Car parking in Glen Waverley

Council is responding to the significant car parking pressures in Glen Waverley. The popularity of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre means that parking shortages are unfortunately a common theme in and around Kingsway - particularly during the evening. Council appreciates how frustrating it is to drive around looking for a park which is why Council has been working closely with the Glen

Waverley Traders' Association and local traders to address these issues. We are increasingly hearing that some residents are choosing not to visit Kingsway because it is too hard to get a car park.

**We want to fix this.**





## FREE car parking

Unlike other councils, Monash Council operates no paid car parking. The new car park will be a FREE public car park with a range of parking restrictions to suit the full range of visitors to the centre.

## The car parking equation

**The size of the new car park is proposed based upon the following:**

- » Council has an obligation to build 400 new car parks which have been partly contributed to by traders as part of Parking Overlay 3;
- » Constructing a new car park on Glendale West will involve the retention of the existing 199 spaces which are currently provided at this location;
- » The relocation of the 99 kerbside car parks in Kingsway;
- » The relocation of the 98 car parks on Glendale East which is proposed to be sold to help fund the new car park; and
- » A potential for a further approximately 400 new car parks to be funded from future car parking contribution schemes triggered by future development expected in the Centre.

This adds up to a car park of between 796 and 1,200 spaces, depending on whether Council includes the provision of the 400 new spaces for the next Parking Overlay Plan. This amounts to an injection of 400 to 800 new car parks in Glen Waverley. **This is explained in the graphic below:**

## Funding

While it is still early days in planning for this project, we believe the proposed new car park may be able to be delivered on a cost neutral basis using past and future trader car parking contributions and the sale of the existing car park located east of Glendale Street.

This existing car park known as the Glendale East Car Park (the site highlighted in yellow on the adjoining page) is underutilised, surplus to needs and its value is greater than its current use as an at grade car park. If sold, it has the potential to help fund the new car park.

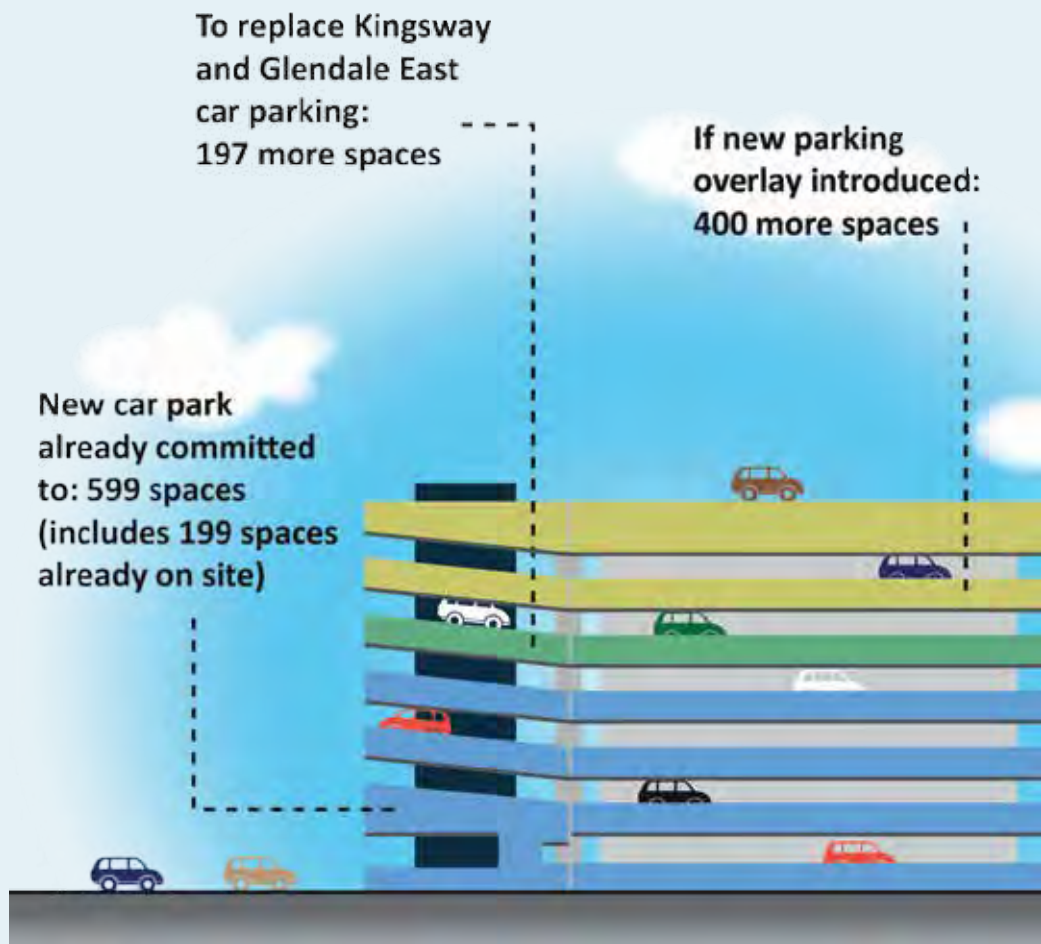
Traders have already contributed approximately \$8 million towards the project. This is based on contributions required under Council's Parking Overlay 3 which collects contributions from developers to assist in funding the provision of additional car parking in the Centre.

Sufficient contributions have been triggered under Parking Overlay 3 to now require Council to begin planning for the construction of the additional 400 car parking spaces proposed by the Parking Overlay.

To replace Kingsway  
and Glendale East  
car parking:  
197 more spaces

If new parking  
overlay introduced:  
400 more spaces

New car park  
already committed  
to: 599 spaces  
(includes 199 spaces  
already on site)





## Beyond just car parking

While more car parking is vital for the future success of Kingsway, Council is also working to improve other options for accessing the Kingsway precinct. We have developed a Sustainable Transport Plan for Glen Waverley (as well as developing one for Monash more broadly) and this guides our work towards improving public transport accessibility and ensuring that cycling and pedestrian facilities are included in future development in the Centre.

## Transforming Kingsway

An important part of this project is using the opportunity created by a new car park to transform the Kingsway streetscape to make it more centred on pedestrians and outdoor dining rather than on cars and car parking.

We are not proposing that cars be removed entirely from Kingsway, but rather that pedestrians and outdoor dining along Kingsway take precedence instead of the current car dominance. This will enable footpaths to be extended and the entire strip to be given a facelift to make it much more attractive and welcoming.


Car parking would continue to be available on Kingsway down the centre median strip. The existing 99 kerbside car spaces would be relocated to the proposed new car park. No changes would occur to Kingsway until the new car park is built and operational so no car parks are lost.

## Consultation, feedback and next steps

Council has begun the significant preparatory work required for this project. At this early stage, we are keen for feedback from the community and local traders to help shape our planning.

Over the past five years, Council has consulted extensively with the community and local traders about the future of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre. We have developed a master plan and a structure plan for Glen Waverley which provide for significant improvements to the pedestrian environment of Kingsway so as to further develop it as one of Melbourne's premier food and entertainment destinations and the development of consolidated parking facilities at the western edge of the Activity Centre.

Council has also worked closely with the Glen Waverley Traders' Association and local traders in developing these plans and we have received extensive submissions from traders about the pressing need for more parking in Glen Waverley.

We now want to hear from Glen Waverley and Monash residents. Please have your say by visiting [www.monash.vic.gov.au/transform-kingsway](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/transform-kingsway) or to request a hard copy survey to be sent to you, call  9518 3620.

It will be for future Council budgetary processes, as well as for further public consultation, to explore and determine the size and scope of the project. However, with your early feedback, Council will be well placed to effectively plan for the exciting next chapter of Melbourne's most successful and vibrant activity centre.

