

OUTDOOR DINING



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Outdoor Dining this summer


Mornington Peninsula Shire has introduced a free, temporary Outdoor Dining permit to use extra footpath space, parking space or street space for outdoor dining and takeaway.

It is safer to do business outside during the coronavirus outbreak. Businesses can reopen outdoors while we help keep our community healthy and safe.

Basic short term parklet permits will be available until 31 January 2021, with extended footpath permits and longer term parklets available until 30 April 2021. The Shire may review and extend the program after Easter.

Footpath trading

You can apply to extend footpath trading in front of your neighbour's shop with their consent. You must keep a clear travel path at least 1.8 metres wide for pedestrians plus 0.7 metres along the kerb for car doors. All footpath trading must comply with the

 [Commercial Activity on Footpaths Policy 2008](#)

You do not need a new permit if you just want to use your existing footpath permit or license. If you want to change your layout on private land, contact the Shire's Planning Services team on

 5950 1010.

Parklets and temporary street closures

If you don't have enough space on the footpath, you can apply to use a parking space in front of your business (a 'parklet') or join with other businesses to apply to request a temporarily closed lane or street.

Parklets repurpose parking spaces outside shopfronts into additional outdoor dining space. They use seating and planting to create an inviting social space to sit and dine, while allowing for increased social distancing.

Other public space

If your street is not appropriate for a parklet, or there is a useful piece of Council land nearby, we will consider permits on a case by case basis.

The program

The Outdoor Dining permit is about extra space to allow social distancing.

You must still cap customers as per your planning permit and the Government's COVID-19 Health Directions.

The Outdoor Dining program is a free, trial program and permits may be modified or revoked. We will work with traders and the community as conditions change over summer to get the program right and keep the community safe and well during the challenges of COVID-19.

These Shire requirements are in many cases subject to consultation with the Department of Transport, Victorian Police, Emergency Services and Public Transport Victoria.

Eligibility

Permits for Outdoor Dining must be adjacent to a registered food business with a compliant working kitchen or food preparation area under with the Food Act 1984. Traders must either provide table service or cleaning for take away and waiting areas.

Assessment criteria

Applications must meet all technical requirements set out in these Guidelines, the Outdoor Dining Permit General Conditions and for footpath trade, the Commercial Activities on Footpaths Policy 2008.

Responsibilities

You are responsible for:

- supply of approved equipment and furniture for their outdoor area in accordance with an approved site plan and these Guidelines.
- operation, cleaning and maintenance of their outdoor area in accordance with an approved site plan to a high degree of community amenity.
- compliance with all laws and regulations, including strict compliance with the Food Act 1984 (if applicable), the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 and Regulations and Health Directions with respect to COVID-19.

Two parklet streams

You can apply for one of two types of parklet.

1. Short term parklets

The Shire will provide traffic management and install bollards or barriers around your parklet area if required. Once safely separated from traffic, you fit out the space with tables, chairs, café screens or light fencing, planter boxes and umbrellas plus a Disability and Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) compliant kerb ramp. We will provide kerb ramps and café screens on request if available.

Short term permits are valid for an initial 3 months, after which you may decide to install a deck and upgrade to the long term parklet stream.

2. Longer term parklets

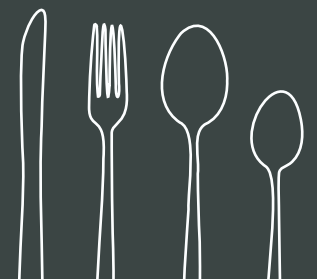
Options will be available to you for organising the design and construction of a parklet. This will include the use of standard designs built by Council approved contractors (recommended) through to construction of your own designs (conditions apply).

Whatever design and construction option used, each trader will be responsible for the maintenance of their parklet, including keeping gutters free of debris.

Structures must not be attached to the road, must be easily removed for maintenance and must as a minimum meet the engineering standards for decks and seating on our website.

Permits are valid until 30 April 2021 after which the Shire may renew the program.

You are responsible for operation of your parklet. You must provide cleaning in line with government COVIDSafe requirements, whether or not you provide table service to your parklet.



What to do

You may apply to use outdoor space and we will work with you to find a space near your business. These guidelines set out the application process and requirements for your Outdoor Dining area.

If you want to change an approved Outdoor Dining permit, apply again. Tell us about your existing permit in your application.

1. Check our rules

Outdoor business use

You must follow Shire rules to use space in front of your business.

Make sure that you read and understand:

- the [Outdoor Dining Permit General Conditions](#)
- for footpath trading, the [Commercial Activity on Footpaths Policy 2008](#), and
- all other requirements set out in these Guidelines.

Some key requirements include that:

- Traders are responsible for all OHS, food safety, COVID safety and other laws and regulations relating to the installation, operation, cleaning and maintenance of the Outdoor Dining area.
- Traders are responsible to obtain a temporary liquor license and comply with all requirements of the VCGLR, including ensuring safe alcohol consumption without public nuisance.
- Traders must provide pedestrian access, clear lines of site, drainage and access for services and maintenance.
- Traders must protect community and residents' amenity, including noise.
- Traders must have public liability insurance current at all times, indemnify and release the Shire.
- No smoking or vaping is allowed in any Outdoor Dining area.
- Outdoor dining spaces must not be fully enclosed, and marquees are not permitted.

- You must comply with these Guidelines, the Outdoor Dining Permit General Conditions, the [Commercial Activity on Footpaths Policy 2008](#) (if applicable), all laws including the including the [General Purposes Local Law 2012](#) and all other legal requirements relevant to the operation of an Outdoor Dining. You must also ensure your employees and agents comply.

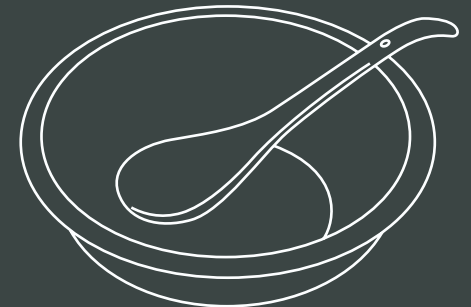
2. Decide how to use your space

You can use the footpath or parking bays for:

- seated table service
- seating for takeaway or waiting
- physical distancing space for your customers to stand in line while allowing pedestrian clearance.
- If you want to use parking bays, measure how many metres along the curb you want to use.
- If you want to build a platform or other structure, follow the design guidelines in this guide.

3. Talk to your neighbours to use their space

If you want to use space in front of a neighbouring property, you will need permission from the current occupier. If they agree, you will need to include their permission in your application form. If the tenant or use changes, you will need to seek permission from the new occupant, or your permit may be revoked.




4. Check your insurance coverage

You must have at least \$20,000,000 public liability insurance in respect of the outdoor dining activities in the outdoor dining area and naming Mornington Peninsula Shire as an interested party. You agree to indemnify and release Mornington Peninsula Shire in accordance with the Outdoor Dining Permit Conditions.

5. Apply on our website

See information below on the different options and use the Outdoor Dining Permit application form on our website:

 [Extended Outdoor Dining](#)

6. After you apply

We will contact you if we find issues with your application or insurance documents. We may call to discuss the site, layout, or design of your footpath or parklet and any requirements around installation of a structure.

You must not use a parklet until traffic bollards or barriers and screens are in place. Council contractors will install the necessary barriers depending on your site.

We may ask you to take a picture of your space and email it to us.



Footpath dining

How to apply for an Outdoor Dining permit on a footpath.

Use the Outdoor Dining Permit application form on our website.

 [Extended Outdoor Dining](#)

What you will need

To apply for a permit, you need to provide a completed application form on our website, including:

- A site plan showing:
 - location of item/s place on the footpath
 - number of items to be placed on the footpath, and
 - existing infrastructure such as bins, seats, plants, signs, etc.
- A Certificate of Currency of public liability insurance covering at least \$20 million that identifies the business name, address and expiry date. The certificate must name Mornington Peninsula Shire as an interested party and you must demonstrate that the insurance covers the public realm area including in front of any neighbouring business.
- A letter of consent from any neighbouring business you wish to extend dining in front of.

We are here to support you in obtaining the permits you need to conduct your business. Detailed technical and operational requirements are in the Commercial Activities on Footpaths Policy 2008 and the key rules are set out in these Guidelines.

Serving liquor

The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation is fast tracking [temporary limited liquor licenses](#) for outdoor dining, subject to Shire consent.

If you already have a liquor license, you do not need a planning permit amendment to serve liquor in your Outdoor Area. Draw a red line on your site plan for liquor service and use your Outdoor Dining permit as evidence of Shire consent for VCGLR.

Parklet applications

How to apply for an Outdoor Dining permit on a parking bay.

Use the Outdoor Dining Permit application form on our [website](#).

A short-term basic parklet permit is valid until 31 January 2021. You can then decide whether you would like to apply for a longer-term permit with deck structure, valid until 30 April 2021 and renewable by Council.

Choose whether you want a quick, basic parklet for the short term or would like to build in a more lasting structure and apply for one of the two streams.

Short Term

Valid til 31 January 2021
(or as extended)

No deck structure

Bollards / barriers installed
by Council

Trader sets up screens and
fitout

Pack up or upgrade at
3 months

Fast track approval

Longer Term

Valid til 31 January 2021
(or as extended)

Deck structure

Bollards / barriers installed
by Council

Council supplies deck or you
design a bespoke structure

Install subject to traffic
management

Approval subject to design

Permit fees are waived until 30 June 2021 and permits may be renewed, extended, varied, or revoked.

Bollards, barriers, and other safety equipment are provided at Council's cost as required. Council can provide screens at cost on request, if available.

Council will supply standard decks at cost. Please consult with us if you wish to supply your own and we will discuss building standards and requirements and traffic and pedestrian management. Bespoke structures will require consultation, safe construction and installation and may take longer to approve.

Location Criteria

All parklets (short or long term) must be safely located including:

- adjacent to your existing business
- on a street with speed limit of 50 km/h or less
- on a sufficiently straight street for driver and pedestrian lines of sight
- on 90 degree or parallel parking – angled parking needs additional consideration
- more than 10 metres from any intersection and 20 metres from any signalled intersection, and
- a minimum of one parking space from the intersection on the approach side.

Additionally, parklets must:

- not prevent access for deliveries, essential and emergency vehicles, commercial parking spaces, buildings, residences, and public transport
- allow access to service or utility access panels, storm drains and grease traps, and
- not be placed directly adjacent to a designated access parking space, bus stop, formalised pedestrian crossing, loading zone or fire hydrant.

Where an officer of the Shire or the relevant road authority deems that there is a safety risk due to the undertaking of a commercial activity on a street corner no commercial activities will be permitted.

Loading zones, no stopping zones and disabled parking may be considered for relocation in some circumstances. Public transport may only be relocated in consultation with Public Transport Victoria.

The Shire will consider impacts on existing street furniture, signs, bins and other infrastructure.

Footpaths

Technical criteria for the assessment of Outdoor Dining on footpaths are set out in the Commercial Activities on Footpaths Policy 2008.

Application requirements

Applications must include:

- A site plan with measurements showing:
- location of proposed parking spaces plus any new or existing footpath trading space
- location of item/s place on the parklet and footpath
- 1.8 metre footpath clearance for pedestrians, 0.7 metre footpath clearance from the kerbside outside of the parklet perimeter, and
- existing infrastructure such as bins and seats etc, including 1.0 metre clearance.
- A Certificate of Currency of public liability insurance covering at least \$20 million that identifies the business name, address and expiry date. The certificate must name Mornington Peninsula Shire as an insured and you must demonstrate that the insurance covers the public realm area including in front of any neighbouring business.
- A letter of support from neighbouring businesses is encouraged.
- For longer term parklets, a concept plan for built structures.

Your site plan

A site plan will need to be submitted with the parklet proposal application. The site plan needs to extend to 8m on either side of the Parklet footprint and should include:

- your business' existing building and its entrance
- adjacent buildings (include business names, addresses and entrances)
- roadway (including name), footpath (with width shown), kerb line and driveways
- adjacent traffic/bike lanes
- existing parking spaces and their dimensions
- existing Street furniture such as bicycling parking, streetlights, street signs, fire hydrants,
- utility access points
- street trees, tree grates and landscaped areas, and
- parklet proposal footprint and its dimensions, make sure siting allows for buffer requirements (see diagram next page).

The diagram illustrates the layout and dimensions of a parklet. It is divided into three main sections: NEIGHBOUR, PARKLET HOST, and NEIGHBOUR. The PARKLET HOST section is highlighted in yellow. The diagram shows the following components and dimensions:

- NEIGHBOUR:** Business name & address.
- PARKLET HOST:** Name & Business.
- NEIGHBOUR:** Business name & address.
- FOOTPATH:** Located on the left side of the parklet.
- 1m buffer:** A buffer zone between the footpath and the parklet footprint.
- min 300mm buffer:** A buffer zone between the parklet footprint and the adjacent road.
- footpath 2.5m:** A buffer zone between the parklet footprint and the adjacent road.
- PARKLET FOOTPRINT:** The central area of the parklet, outlined in white.
- Dimensions:**
 - 2.4m: Width of the footpath.
 - 2.1m: Width of the 1m buffer zone.
 - 7.6m: Total width of the parklet footprint.
 - 4.8m: Distance from the edge of the parklet proposal to the 1m buffer zone.
 - 4.8m: Distance from the edge of the parklet proposal to the min 300mm buffer zone.
 - 8m from edge of parklet proposal: Distance from the edge of the parklet proposal to the footpath and the min 300mm buffer zone.
- Icons:** A bicycle icon is shown on the left side of the road, and a car icon is shown on the right side of the road.



Liquor license

If you have a liquor license for your existing business, draw a red line on your site plan for liquor service. Provide your Outdoor Dining permit as evidence of Shire consent for a VCGLR temporary liquor license.

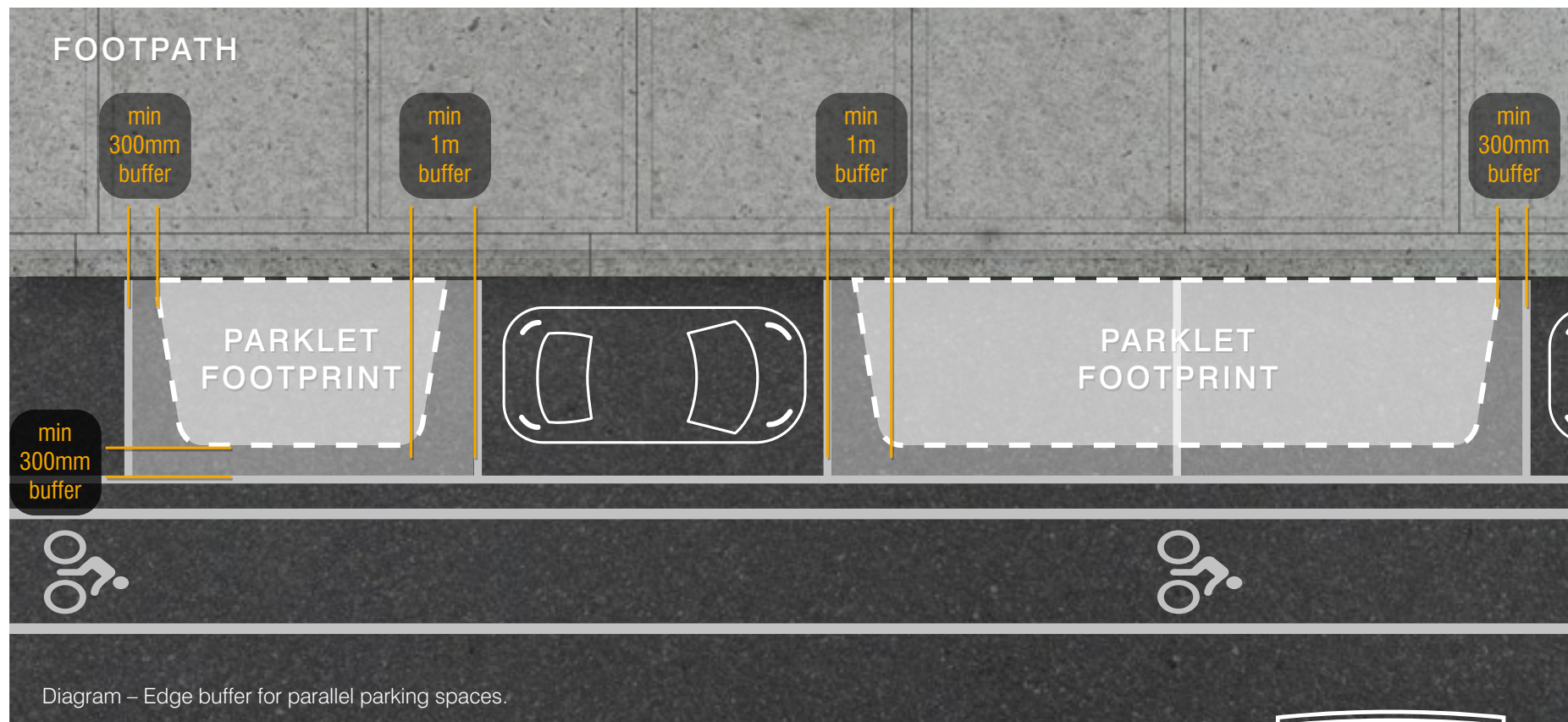
Safety and buffer zones

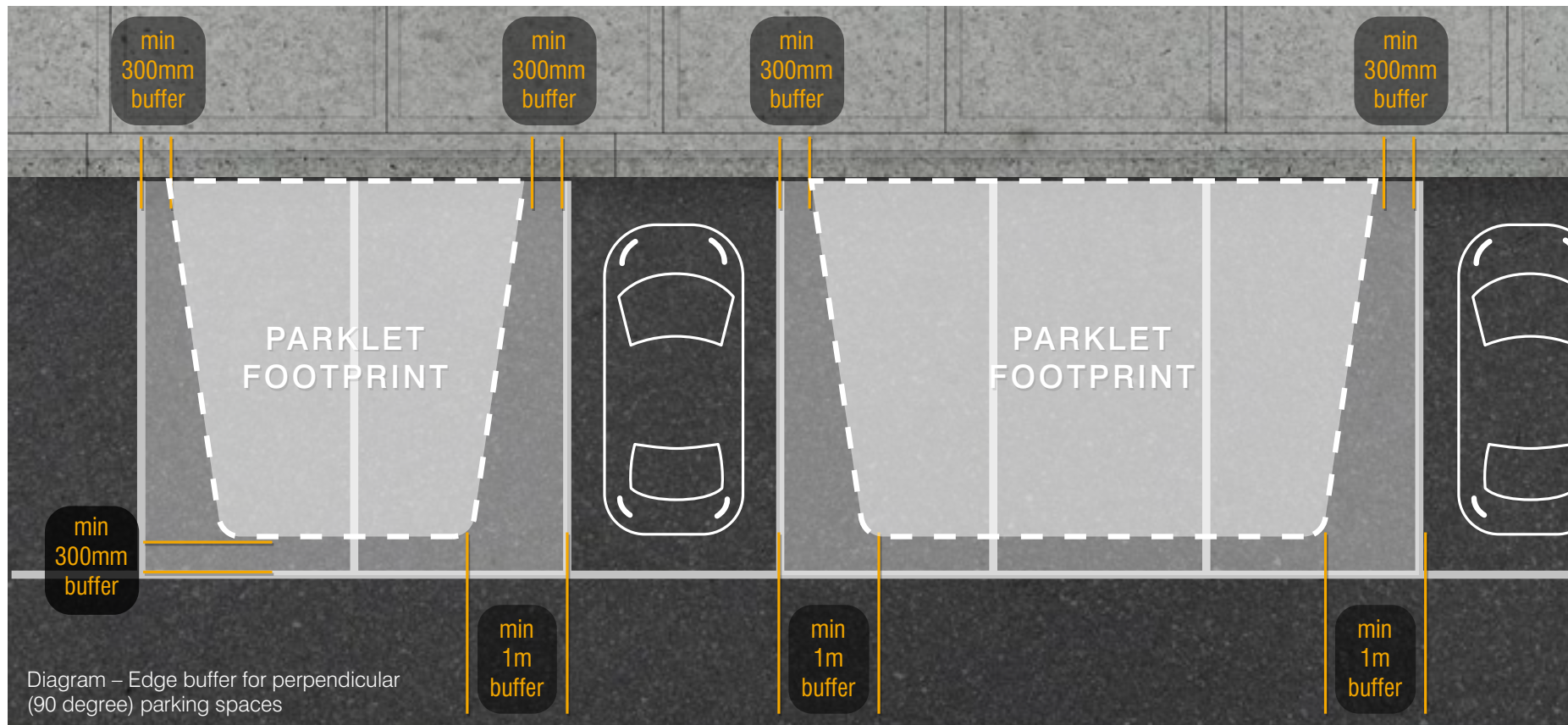
Council will install traffic elements such as bollards, barriers, wheel stops and reflective tape for safety where required. Screens must not be taller than 1.2 metres high (or 1.5 metres for fixed screens) to maintain lines of sight. You will need to provide screens or planters

When nominating a parklet footprint on your site plan, it should include the minimum buffer areas shown in the diagrams below. The edge of the parklet will need to be 1m from adjacent parking bays and 30cm from adjacent traffic/bike lanes.

The outdoor space must be delineated with a suitable physical barrier such as planter boxes, café fencing, picket fences, canvas screens or other infrastructure approved by the Shire.

Note: These buffer zones are the expected minimum. We will advise final buffer zones for your site based on specific traffic conditions.





Council infrastructure

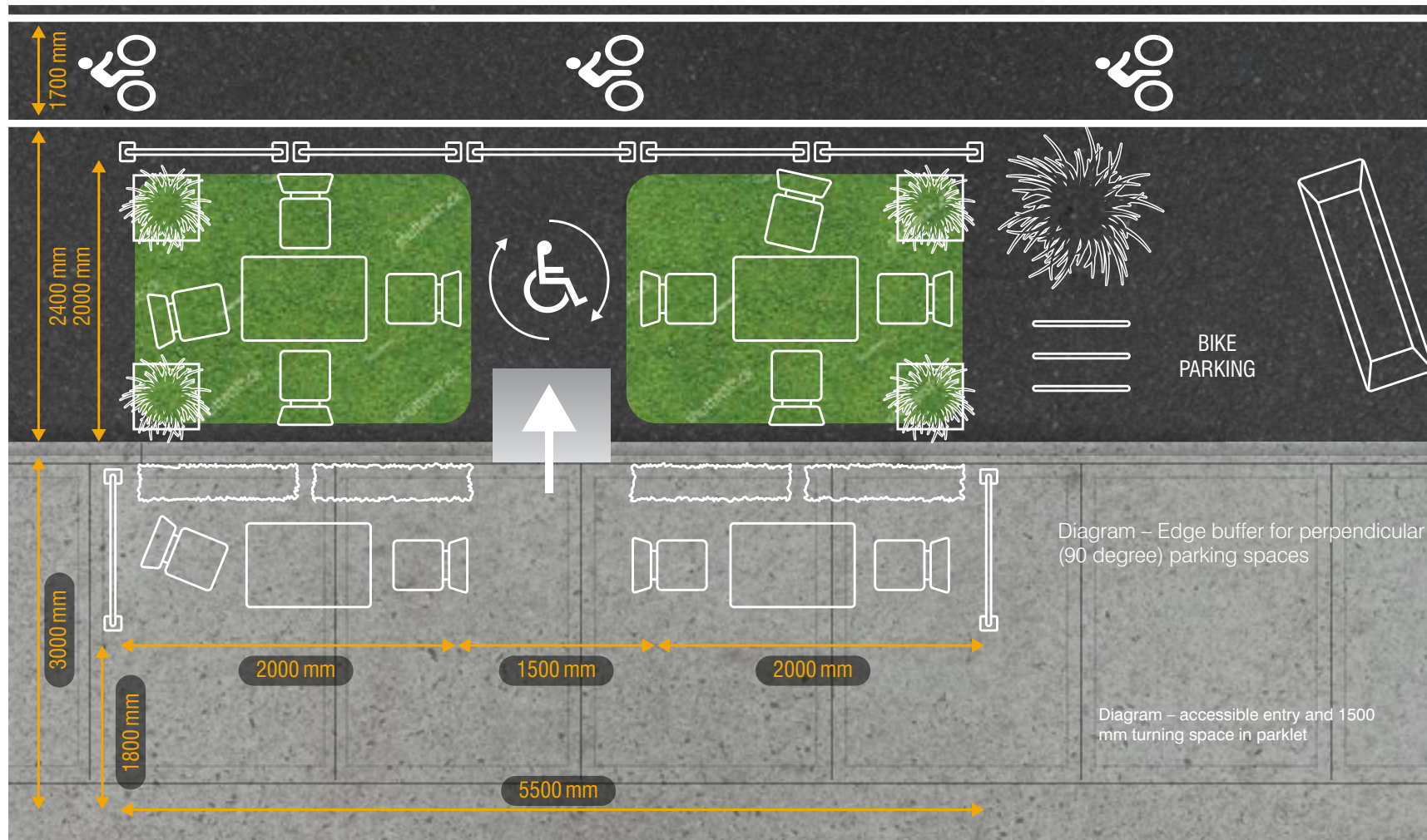
The Shire may consider modification to footpaths – including relocating existing street furniture (e.g. bins, fixed seats, benches, tables, bike racks) to facilitate Outdoor Activity and related temporary structures. Please mention any requests in your application.

Accessibility

Every member of the community must feel safe and welcome in the parklet. The layout must enable users of all abilities to enter and move around in the parklet.

a. Accessible entrance and path of travel

- There must be at least one entrance, which is located in an unobstructed area, with regulation width and slope
- There must also be an accessible path of travel into the parklet. This path should connect to the accessible entrance, wheelchair turning and resting space.



b. Wheelchair turning space and resting space

- A wheelchair turning space must allow for a wheelchair to make a 180-degree turn. This space should have a minimum diameter of 1500mm.
- A wheelchair resting space will need to have an 800mm minimum width and 1300mm minimum length. The wheelchair resting space will need to have companion seating located nearby if there is fixed seating in the design.

Short term parklet process

Fast track application for a quick, basic parklet for 3 months or until 30 January 2021.

A short term parklet does not have a deck structure, so you will not need a works permit to install, however you must wait for Council and Department of Transport approval before setting up in the roadway. Council will set up bollards or barriers first so that you can then set up screens, chairs and tables. You can add high quality planter boxes and custom screens for variation and style. You must prevent use of the kerb to access parklet with a kerb ramp, planter boxes or screens.

Quality furniture and visual amenity is a must, as is DDA compliance with kerb ramps and clearance. You must not use floor coverings that will impede drainage, degrade or be slippery when wet.



Santa Monica Tactical Parklet Manual 2020

Approvals process

APPLY

- Send an application with your proposed site and layout
- We will contact you to discuss whether the site is suitable
- We will approve appropriate site within 1-2 weeks and advise minimum setbacks and safety requirements specific to your site and traffic conditions

INSTALL

- We will contact you with a date for our contractors to install bollards or barriers
- You can set up your tables and chairs, screens and planters once these are in place
- We will provide kerb ramps and cafe fencing on request if available

ENJOY

- Your short term permit lasts until 30 January 2020 or as otherwise extended based on Covid-19 restrictions
- You can apply for a longer term permit complete with a deck, or pack up the parklet at the end of January

REMOVE

- Council will remove bollards and barriers

Longer term parklet process

Application for a parklet structure with deck. These parklets have higher visual, functional and DDA amenity and are valid until Easter or as otherwise extended.

Longer term parklets will add vibrancy and interest to the streetscape. This additional investment is recognised in a longer term permit. If COVID-19 conditions remain, Council may extend these permits.



Photo by sfplanning on flickr
1300 Fulton Street Parklet, San Francisco
(Hosted by Café Abir)

Note: You will need approval on the site, footprint and buffer zones before designing or purchasing a parklet.

Two Options are available to Traders for organising the design and construction of Parklet decks.

Longer term parklet – Option 1 (Recommended)

- Council has sourced a certified parklet deck design for use of traders. This design can be modified to meet the requirements of a specific trader's location.
- Council has a number of approved contractors available to construct and install these parklet decks. Construction and installation of parklet decks will be provided at cost to traders (i.e. no Council mark-up).
- Traders will be responsible for supplying furniture, plants etc for their parklets, and
- Traders will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of their parklets including ensuring gutters adjacent to the parklet are kept free of debris.

Longer term parklet – Option 2

- Traders can develop their own parklet design. It is recommended, however, that the standard engineering on our [website](#) for the platform, seating and optional fairy light stands (solar only, no cords) be used for faster approval.
- Quality materials and visual amenity is a must, as is DDA compliance, drainage under the platform to the kerb and a structure that can be removed for maintenance and services at short notice.
- If you would like something fancier, we recommend that a professional designer (architect, landscape architect, or industrial designer) is involved to ensure an efficient, robust and quality design outcome is achieved. Approvals may take longer.
- Construction of Parklets must meet all OHS legislative and Council safety requirements including a permit for works in the roadway under clause 9 of the local law, the use of appropriately trained and qualified personnel, use of a "safe work management

system” and appropriate levels of insurance (public liability and professional indemnity).

- Most deck structures will need traffic management for installation with an approved Traffic Management Plan. We will install bollards and barriers and can help you book traffic management for your install date through our contractors.
- Traders will be responsible for supplying furniture, plants etc for their parklets.
- Traders will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of their parklets including ensuring gutters adjacent to the parklet are kept free of debris.

Location and siting

- See requirements for parklet locations, site plans and buffer zones above.

Platform

- The platform forms the base of the parklet and refers to the main structure which will support all the other elements of the design.

a. Easy Removal

- The structure must be built to allow for easy removal. Keep this in mind when designing the structure and choosing the materials. You must not bolt the platform to the road, footpath or kerb.

b. Threshold with adjacent footpath

- The parklet platform needs to sit flush with the adjacent footpath.
- Between the platform and the kerb, the maximum gap allowed is 1cm. This will help to ensure that the parklet remains accessible to everyone.

A threshold platform can be used if there is a gap larger than 1cm between the platform and the kerb, or if the parklet height does not match the height of the kerb.

(See ‘Threshold platform’ diagram opposite)

Diagram
Platform
Gap

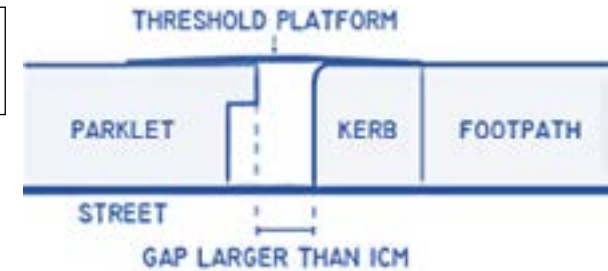
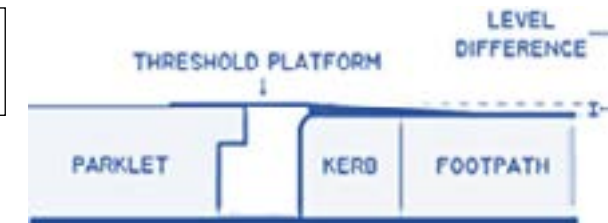


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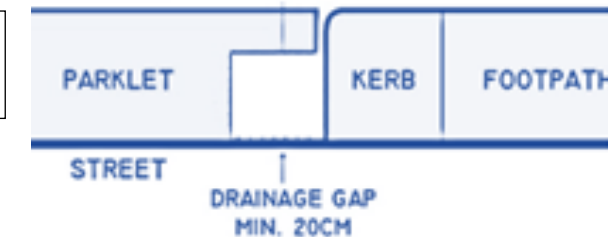
c. Drainage

A small 20cm gap between the kerb and the base of the frame is required to allow for rainwater to run along the kerb as usual.

Plan
Drainage



Section
Drainage
gap



Materials

Materials chosen to create the parklet should be of high quality, durable, environmentally friendly and aesthetically appealing. Therefore, when choosing materials for the parklet consider the following checklist:

- where possible, sustainably sourced and locally sourced
- non-reflective
- weatherproof and windproof
- high quality and well designed
- non-slip (walking surfaces)
- easy to disassemble and carry
- potential to recycle or reuse the material at the end of its life as a Parklet.

Design and amenity

Parklets must be temporary and removable at short notice for works and maintenance. Parklet infrastructure must not be fixed to the roadway and must allow drainage. Parklets must not be enclosed structures. Marquees and other awnings are prohibited.

The parklet should be well designed and maintained to promote access for all. Outdoor Activity should promote vibrant commercial and community precincts. Street furniture should complement the local streetscape character with quality, durable design. Unfixed furniture and items must be packed away each night and semi-permanent elements (as approved by the Shire) must be built to withstand all weather.

See our tips for an environmentally sustainable parklet and supporting local below.

Approvals process

APPLY

- Send an application with your proposed site and layout
- We will contact you to discuss whether the site is suitable and you can provide all other docs
- We will approve appropriate sites within 2 weeks and advise minimum setbacks and safety requirements specific to your site and traffic conditions
- Provide concept design compliant with setbacks and structural engineering

INSTALL

- Apply online for a "Road Opening Permit" (Works in Road Permit). Permit fees will be waived.
- Most deck structures will need traffic management for installation with an approved Traffic Management Plan
- We will install bollards and barriers and can help you book traffic management for your install date through our contractors

ENJOY

- Your permit lasts until 30 April 2021 or as otherwise extended based on Covid-19 restrictions
- You will need to complete the monthly Maintenance Checklist on our website

REMOVE

- Most deck structures will need traffic management for removal with an approved Traffic Management Plan
- Council will help you book traffic management for your removal date through our contractors and will remove bollards and barriers

Once you have your parklet

Inspections

The Shire will conduct routine inspections for strict compliance with all criteria, these Guidelines and the Commercial Activities on Footpaths Policy 2008 (if applicable). Use of the public realm is a privilege and must balance community safety and amenity at all times. Your permit may be revoked if conditions are not satisfied.

Maintenance checklist

- You should confirm, and may be required to confirm to us that:
- The parklet is free from grime, debris and graffiti.
- There are no slipping hazards.
- There is no debris blocking the drainage below the parklet platform.
- All the parklet pieces are accounted for.
- The location of the parklet pieces is not posing a tripping hazard.
- Any access ramps remain securely in place and don't pose a tripping hazard.
- The vegetation appears to be watered and maintained.
- The items that the parklet hosts place on the parklet during business hours do not pose a tripping hazard.

Complaints procedure

Public complaints should be sent to business@mornpen.vic.gov.au for investigation.

Change of ownership

If the business changes ownership or the organisation dissolves there are two options:

1. Apply to Council to transfer the Parklet permit.
2. Cancel the permit and remove the parklet.

Minor changes

Traders can make minor changes as required such as changing the plants or the furniture. For major changes to the appearance and

structure of the parklet such as changing materially the function or platform size you will need to contact Council for approval.

Removal

A parklet might need to be removed temporarily or permanently for streetscape improvements or to access utilities. Council will give the trader as much notice as possible in these situations. Please keep in mind that any disassembly, storage, re-installation or damage costs will need to be covered by the trader. This is why it is important that the parklet is designed for easy removal and re-installation as it could save time and money down the track.

The Shire will provide further information to help traders comply with safety and other obligations.

Tips for an environmentally sustainable parklet

1. Design for waste reduction

Re-use, repurpose and upcycle during design. This will reduce waste and save you money on set-up costs. You may have excess furniture such as tables, chairs and umbrellas that cannot currently be used due to indoor capacity limits. Even plants may appreciate the change of scenery outside.

Where extra furnishings are needed, consider hiring rather than buying. This can save you money and is a great choice if you wish to 'try before you buy'. Many local event hire businesses offer this service and can be found on our Mornington Peninsula business register.

Think about the lifespan and end use of your parklet. How long will you use it for? What will you do when not in use, for example at the end of permit? Can you repurpose or store the infrastructure, or will it be sent to landfill? These simple questions, and factoring in the cost of disposal, can save a lot of resources in the longer term.

2. Design for a greener footprint

When deciding materials for your parklet, consider their environmental footprint and where possible go for recycled and/or recyclable options. Did you know that producing cement products can use up to 11 times more energy than hardwood timber? Virgin plastic (not recycled) of any kind, including plexiglass, is strongly discouraged.

Support local. All the expertise and supply capabilities to complete your install can be found on the Mornington Peninsula, think local, and help to reduce the carbon emissions associated with transport.

Depending on your available space, consider promoting active transport by having amenities such as bicycle racks and water fountains. This can strengthen community connection and can have economic benefits for the trader.

For further information on low emissions building materials and sustainable design, visit the Buy Recycled Directory, or contact us at:

✉ ecolivingdisplaycentre@mornpen.vic.gov.au

3. Design for biodiversity

Planting is encouraged in your parklet. We encourage using Indigenous plants, which provide habitat and are more drought tolerant than alternatives. Plants make your parklet look and feel great, attracting more customers more often. Our suggestion is to 'Be Creative'! Check out our list of plants indigenous to your area on our Shire plant guide.

Consider incorporating micro herbs or vegies into your design. As well as adding to the appeal of the design, your customers will love you for the fresh produce.

To help get you started The Briars Nursery has offered half price discounts on stock for all Parklet Permit holders (proof must be provided). Our staff recommend using six – inch native plants, which can be viewed on The Briars nursery website. Delivery options can be discussed with Nursery staff.

WIN with our sustainable parklets competition

Mornington Peninsula Shire is looking for the best examples of sustainability within the Parklet Program! Be inspired to design and install an environmentally sustainable parklet. Enter our Sustainable Parklets competition and you could win a Biofilta self-wicking garden bed.

Entries open after 24 October but start planning now to incorporate sustainable thinking into your design. Entries will be evaluated according to these criteria:




- **Innovation.** What are you doing that's new and different?
- **Benefit.** What benefit will this have for the environment and/or community?
- **Lifecycle of materials.** How are sustainable materials being used and how will they be repurposed at the end of the project?
- **Education.** How are customers and the community being educated? e.g. social media posts, signage, local networks
- **Resilience.** How is community resilience being strengthened? e.g. creating safe social spaces for people to gather

Stay tuned for competition opening date on our web page and follow us on social media.

✉ mornpen.vic.gov.au/outdooring

Contact Mornington Peninsula Shire

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