

Community parklet feedback report

Verbatim comments Friday 19 February 2021

Response count

| | Count | Percent |
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| Complete | 2,501 | 95.8% |
| Partial | 101 | 4.2% |
| Total | 2,602 | 100% |

Have you dined in a parklet in Yarra?

| Value | Percent | Count |
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| Yes | 93.60% | 2,235 |
| No | 6.40% | 152 |
| | Totals | 2,387 |

Do you live in Yarra?

| Yes | 84.000% | 2,174 |
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| No | 13.50% | 409 |
| | Totals | 2,583 |

How did you travel to the parklet? (Tick all that apply)

| Value | Percent | Count |
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| Walk | 79.00% | 1,903 |
| Bicycle | 21.00% | 504 |
| Public transport | 18.00% | 432 |
| Car as driver | 9.00% | 224 |
| Ride share (e.g. Uber, Ola, DiDi) | 9.00% | 206 |
| Car as passenger | 4.00% | 108 |
| Other active transport (e.g. skateboard, scooter) | 1.00% | 22 |
| Taxi | 1.00% | 16 |
| Other | 0.00% | 0 |

Where and how far away from the parklet did you park your car?

How easily did you find a parking space?

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| easily |
| Easily on coppin st |
| Difficult to find parking anywhere near by. |
| Not far. Easily. |
| Around the corner |
| There is a lot of car parks around the cafe available. Always get a car spot |

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| Real easy |
| Easily, but it was my work's car parking space. |
| About 200m away. Easy enough to find. |
| 2 streets away, hard to find a park |
| I parked just down the street and it's not usually hard to find a park at all on smith street or Brunswick street. I don't believe the parklet's have impacted parking as much as I thought it would. |
| Easy |
| Quite easily about 50m |
| A long way away. There is lots of increased developments that's have had onsite parking planning permit exemptions... they park in the street now of course |
| 50 metres, very easily. |
| 100 - 150 m in the nearby streets. Relatively easy |
| Across the road |
| I had to park a considerable distance after an extended period trying to find a parking spot, which was frustrating, and if I had not found a park almost immediately after reaching this point of frustration I would have decided to not attend Frederic, and not had a meal in Yarra at. I would have tried another restaurant in another council |
| On Rose Street, literally only a 2-3 min walk away |
| About 50 metres away and easy enough |
| Close by. Less than 100m |
| Moor St. 100 metres |
| 100m |
| Opposite the cafe, it was easy. |
| 100m |
| Parked on Victoria St |
| Across the street |
| 200m easy to find a park |
| Ten metres |
| Easily 200m away |
| Across the street on lee street and another time on newry st. Very nearby. |
| blocks away. Parking in yarra is now a nightmare! There is nowhere to stop and pick up anything quickly. Some of the positions are horrible. The one on Dight St for the Bendigo Hotel obstructs traffic badly and causes congestion in the middle of the intersection as no-one can pass. |
| Easy to find a space |
| Very close |
| across the rd but it early in the morning 8am |
| Not far, very easily |
| Very easily |
| One block. Easy parking. |
| About a block, finding parking was fine. |
| Close. Relatively easy to find park during COVID |
| George St. 3-5 minute walk. Reasonably easy to find a park. |
| 5 mins away |
| Across the road |
| Just around the corner in Canning St car parking very easy to find |
| Across the road |
| Parked directly next to the parklet |
| Around the block. Was quite difficult getting a parking space. |
| Dropped off |

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| easy |
| We parked opposite the road; it was mid-January on a Saturday and there were few cars on the road or parked in the area. |
| I managed to get a park on Gertrude street, a couple of minutes walk from Anada. |
| I managed to get a park on Napier street very close to Fitzroy Town Hall Hotel. |
| I managed to get a park on Gertrude street, a few minutes walk from Archies. Parking was not an issue. |
| 30 meters. Very easy to find a park. We would normally cycle but had a person with mobility challenges that day. |
| About 100m. Fairly easily. |
| Within 700m on a Sunday afternoon |
| A block away, it was no more difficult than finding a park any other time. |
| Found car park easily near cafe . |
| in the surrounding streets of Lennox, Bowen and Highett |
| 100 meters, it was easy |
| On Street parking - generally within 100 metres of the cafe |
| About 50-100m. Very easy |
| Easily, there are available parking spaces in Oxford St or around the corner in Langridge St. We don't dine in peak weekend times. |
| Few hundred metres. Not far. |
| 20m. easy peasy |
| During the week it was easy enough to find a parking spot however on the weekend when the permit zones were active it was almost impossible which is a shame as the whole parking bay was almost empty. |
| within a block. fairly easily. |
| opposite, close by |
| Parking was available opposite site easily . Mainly I walk or ride |
| Side street very close |
| Parked max 50 m from the venue. Been to many of the new parklet spaces. They are brilliant. Make them permanent |
| Same Street. Easy enough. |
| Very easy on bridge road |
| 100m |
| About 500m. Parking is difficult due to permit zones |
| Street parking right across the street |
| Very close. Less than 1 min away. |
| Right out the front |
| About 500m away. Was easy to find a spot |
| East parking found 2 blocks away from the restaurant |
| I parked around the corner, very convenient and no trouble at all |
| Within 50m, found easily enough. |
| About 100metres. I found it no different to before the parklets. |
| On gold street it was very easy to find a park |
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| Less than 300mtrs |
| It wasn't too hard about 50m |
| In Charles street, quite easily |
| Like two minutes and it was easy |
| 4 blocks |

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| Difficult. My vehicle is over 2.3m tall as required for my work. I would like to see some parking reserved for taller vehicles as there is plenty of off street car parking that only accepts less than 2.2m |
| Just up the road on another street. Not hard at all. |
| I parked right across the road and found a parking space very easily. |
| There is street parking on any of the adjoining side streets to Smith Street |
| Pretty easily |
| ~30m away, on Smith St, very easily! |
| Easily, 40m away |
| quite easily, maybe a block away |
| One street over from the cafe, I have never spent more than 2 minutes looking for a park when wanting to go somewhere and eat. |
| Incredibly hard, after multiple loops of the vicinity found a park - however I don't mind I'd rather business expand patron capacity and as a punter I love sitting on the street watching the world go by . |
| Parked a couple spaces up from restaurant. Super easy, there's still so many car spaces on and around Rathdowne street! |
| 50m down the road. Wasn't hard. |
| Not far at the Coles Carpark nearby. |
| Very close. Across the road. Very easy to find a park |
| I drive a van which is rather large and have never had trouble finding on street parking. Max walking 50m |
| parking was ok there are no many other cafes/restaurants requiring parking in the area. |
| Easy, other side of street. |
| A few streets away. No issue finding parking on a busy day. |
| Within same block - only 3 parks taken by new outdoor area but has room for up to 50 patrons |
| 100m |
| About 100m away down peel street, no issue finding a park - some issues with length of parking |
| Parked 3min walk away, easy to find parking |
| Near peel st, not far at all |
| It was okay but getting a bit more difficult now. |
| Easily and nearby |
| In a side residential street, easily found a park |
| Close 20m |
| Not far, easy to walk to from car park |
| With 50 metres. Very easily. |
| We were skating at imax so we left our car there and walked. It took about 10 minutes. |
| About thirty meters. It was pretty easy to get a park. |
| 100m, easily on a Sunday |
| 30m - very easy |
| There were still some car spaces available out the front. No issues finding a park. |
| About 10m. Relatively easy to park |
| Parked about 50m away. Relatively easy to find a car park |
| Just a few car parks down on Gertrude street. Was easy to find a park. |
| Next street. Very easy |
| About 100m. Easy. |
| 10 metres. Was not an issue AT ALL. Was very easy. |
| parked down the strat, maybe 20 meters |
| Two blocks away. Easy to find a park! |

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| In two instances no, we wanted to be outside and there wouldnt have been room and we also like the ambience and aor circulation |
| 200m away. Reasonably easily |
| Very close 20m |
| 100 metres. Very easy. |
| 100 metres. Very easy. |
| 15 m walk, 5 mins by car; will only drive at night |
| Around cnr |
| Metered park |
| Not too far and more than happy to park fourth et away and walk Loved the outdoor dining and want it to stay! |
| Very close to the restaurant on the street |
| Near curtain square |
| 30 metres |
| 300m |
| Past Gertrude street on Smith street, not easily found for a drop off destination, nor parking locally. |
| Parked near by. Easily found. |
| Easily found a park on Raphael street, 100 metres from Coffee Peddlr. |
| Parked on Easy street. Was not hard to find a space. I drive around for work as a sales rep and have not found parking any different since the installations have been installed |
| Fitzroy is always hard to find a park, but the backstreets behind Smith St tend to have a few if you hunt. I would never pay for parking along smith st anyway. |
| Parking in and around smith street has always been a hassle, but since Yarra introduced the parklets I've seen no difference. |
| Very easily about 25m away. |
| It was early on a Saturday so parking was not an issue |
| Quite easily. Happy to find parking a little further away if it means there is more space and community atmosphere. |
| 10 metres / easy |
| Opposite, no difficulty. |
| Same side of the street, no difficulty parking |
| Around the corner on Charles street, no difficulty parking |
| Very easy acres of space |
| Yes |
| we've been multiple times and always found parking within a very short walk. Normally on Gertrude St right near Archie's. |
| Street parking close by |
| Across the road. Found very easily within 1 minute |
| Was able to get a car park on Gertrude st only 1 block away. |
| About 100mtrs, relatively easy |
| Further along St David Street. |
| I parked about 200 metres away. It was easy to find a park with in walking distance. |
| Around the corner |
| 25m. Very easy on street parking. |
| Pretty easily, they only take up a couple of spaces |
| Only a block away |
| I found parking without an issue, 20 metres away :) |
| Easy to find, five minutes |
| I parked a few streets away and found the spot easily enough. |

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| It was easy to find a parking spot just around the corner. |
| 50m and was as normal finding a park |
| Very close |
| I have found parking easily across the city of Yarra in side streets at certain times. Majority of the time I will walk or public transport to these venues. I think that the parklets are a much more valuable use of space than parking spots. |
| Super easy to find parking space only once had to park one street away |
| With in 100m and found a park easily. No problems |
| Same parks as usual. Easily parked. |
| Parking is a little harder if I'm honest. Especially outside amenities like chemist warehouse on smith st Collingwood. |
| We're dropped off so parking was not an issue. |
| 5 mins walk away. Pretty easily! |
| 150m |
| Has no issues with parking |
| Mostly uber & tram but when i did drive it was super easy |
| No issues. Lots of parking. |
| Within 1-2 streets. Easily found parking in North Carlton however had more difficulty in Carlton |
| Easily found parking in side streets |
| In Gertrude St. Easy |
| Not far |
| Relatively easy. |
| Parked less than 5 min walk away. Parked easily. |
| Mostly we've been walking which is very easy. |
| In a side street, very easy |
| 300 metres |
| Parking during peak times definitely a challenge. Have had times when no parking available at all, when normally wouldn't be an issue. |
| Very easily |
| No issue finding a park within a 2 minute walk of the park let. I have only used a car to drive to dinner a one occasion as the public transport options in Yarra are many. |
| Street parked, normal distance from the venue. Parking is often difficult around the Fitzroy area but achievable. If parking was more difficult, we would just ride share there always. |
| Never had to park more than a block away. Easy to find a parking space |
| Anywhere between 5 meters to 5 minute walk |
| About 10m, found parking very easily. |
| 5 minute walk, found a car park fine. |
| Had no problems finding a parking space. Parked off Brunswick St and off Smith St in paid parking. Or chained my bike up with no problems. |
| On the same street or in a parking complex. |
| Very easily, 300m walk |
| Yes. There are parking available just next to parklet. Just off gettrude st. The smaller lane ways have parking and is usually easily available. |
| Very easy |
| Very easy, super close on smith at and Brunswick st |
| N/A |
| Easy. |
| It was simple, slightly longer but not a problem if planned for. I am More likely to ride or drive share |
| Very difficult... parked about 80m away |

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| I have parking at work around the corner, a short walk. |
| Easily, I park on Gertrude or Brunswick street |
| No further than I'd normally park in the same area. Very easily. |
| Parking space found easy. |
| We managed to find a park within 2 minutes walk of our destination |
| Neighbouring street a block away |
| Found a carpark on a sidestreet with no bother whatsoever |
| Within 500m Plenty of parks available. |
| It was easy enough. There was no real difference between finding a parking space before the parklets where around |
| usually across the road or on a nearby side street, parking hasn't been an issue since the parklets have been introduced |
| It was hard to find a car park |
| Easy. Lesser parking from parklets was no issue and prefer to walk or ride most days anyway! |
| Parked very close and found parking easily. |
| very easy |
| 2 mins walk. Plenty of parking |
| Pretty close. |
| About a block away. Around the corner. It was quite reasonable. |
| No issues finding parking |

Would you have dined at this business if it weren't for the parklet?

| Value | Percent | Count |
|---|---------|-------|
| Yes, I was going to dine here regardless of the parklet | 36.00% | 877 |
| No, I went especially for the parklet | 49.00% | 1,169 |
| Unsure | 15.00% | 357 |
| | Totals | 2,403 |

What do you like about this parklet?

Tick all that apply or write your own

| Value | Percent | Count |
|---|---------|-------|
| Outdoor dining is safer than indoor dining (COVID-19) | 80.00% | 2,062 |
| Vibe/atmosphere | 84.00% | 2,150 |
| Design, look and feel of the parklet | 68.00% | 1,746 |
| Something new/different | 55.00% | 1,416 |
| Supporting local businesses | 83.00% | 2,118 |
| Better use of public space | 84.00% | 2,147 |
| Other | 7.00% | 176 |

"Other" comments

| | Count |
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| Can take my dog | 2 |
| Dog friendly | 4 |
| None | 2 |
| We could bring our dog | 2 |
| nothing | 2 |

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| Can sit outside with my dog | 2 |
| Nice big tree and just far enough from Swan St to be not too noisy but still lively. | |
| Nothing | |
| Accessible for my friend who uses a wheelchair. | |
| Added something extra for the business and my customer experience I would have gone to some establishments anyway but on a few occasions have gone especially for a parklet, on another a business could only seat us in the parklet because their inside space was socially distanced | |
| Adds more space to the venue which means more likely to get a spot | |
| Also, feels very European. Makes the street look alive and looks very appealing, I like spacing tables, feels much safer, with regard to COVID practices. | |
| Being able to be outside in the fresh air and sunshine | |
| Being outdoors is great plus you see neighbours and friends passing by. | |
| Brings the community onto the street and gives a vibrant life to the suburb | |
| Can bring my dog | |
| Can dine with my dog together | |
| Can take dog | |
| Cars take up too much inner-city public space, this is 10000x better | |
| COVID safe environment | |
| Didn't | |
| Didn't like it. Too noisy, dusty and too close to traffic. | |
| Enjoy being outside in the fresh air. Gives more seats to keep the businesses running. | |
| Enjoy dining outside | |
| Enjoy weather | |
| Erected on a loading zone and there is unsafe of unloading of goods | |
| Feel special | |
| Get to be outside after being locked inside all year! | |
| Gives a lot more outdoor dining space which is more pleasant, and allows for larger and more comfortable tables than the sidewalk typically does | |
| Great to be able to bring my little dog to more venues with additional | |
| Greater enjoyment of nature outdoors | |
| Helps increase available dining spots due to COVID restrictions | |
| I am not in favour of parklets in side streets near residential areas | |
| I can take my dog with me | |
| I can take my dogs with me while I eat out | |
| I could bring my dog | |
| I didn't like it | |
| I do NOT like anything of it ! | |
| I do not like anything about this parklet. | |
| I don't like anything about it and I resent being required to reply as if I do | |
| I don't think parklets should be allowed on a side street with residential properties close by | |
| I feel more comfortable and less anxious sitting outside because of COVID but I also prefer fresh air and space, etc. | |
| I have dogs and need to sit outside. I am therefore able to sit with friends with my dogs. Neighbours need these 'meeting places' to connect in these uncertain times and meet every day to 'check in' During 2020 Cheeky Monkey Cafe kept us SANE and connected, it was a real life saver for many single people. | |
| I like less cars around | |
| I like to dine outside when possible. Previously they had limited outdoor space | |

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| I love dining outside in general so having more opportunities to do so at more venues has been brilliant | |
| I love how much more of a community vibe they create! Great way to reclaim public space | |
| I often drive through that little street to get to Bridge Rd. It's not a great nuisance but I was a little put out when I couldn't get through. | |
| I've dined and drank at places I normally wouldn't as they were too busy or I don't like their interior as much. They have added so much to the local areas possibly the best thing that the council has allowed | |
| If this outdoor dining option wasn't there, the pub would have been full and we wouldn't have been about to be accommodated. | |
| If you have a little child (18 months) the parklets make it easier to eat and socialise with them | |
| Increased capacity | |
| Increased venue capacity while being COVID safe | |
| Indifferent to it | |
| It gives the neighbourhood a more vibrant feel. | |
| It is a good idea but very badly constructed and not maintained in terms of hygiene. | |
| It is on a residential only street and has caused great harm to all the surrounding resident's ability to conduct their day to day lives, sleep, open windows in their house and spend time in their gardens. It has also meant that residents feel unsafe in their homes. | |
| It is preferable to bins and rubbish in these former parking spaces | |
| It is spacious, allows me and my co-workers to eat comfortably in a less loud area. | |
| It is taking up little public space but adds a real sense of community and a lovely space to meet people. | |
| It makes streets seem so much more lively and safe | |
| It's a great novelty being out on the street. | |
| It's brought our city back to life. It lifts everyone's mood to see all this vibrancy in the streets | |
| It's easier to bring a dog | |
| It's nice to be able to have more outside space for nice days! | |
| Its nicely done, good for the kids and i on the weekends. | |
| Keen to see these Parklets become even more bespoke and beautiful. | |
| Keep an eye on my bike | |
| Less motor vehicles on street | |
| Makes streets feel a lot more pedestrian friendly | |
| Makes the street (Cameron?) a lot quieter | |
| More alfresco dining | |
| More outdoor space for dining when I have my dogs with me | |
| More space for more customers, too! | |
| Next to park and greenery, sitting in sun and seeing sunset | |
| Nice to have people rather than cars! | |
| Niche Cafe is not listed? | |
| Nil agreement - see following | |
| None really... | |
| Not as noisy outside | |
| Not much to like. Generally, poorly designed and constructed from cheap materials. They look unsightly and have become targets for tagging. | |
| Nothing | |
| Nothing | |
| Ok | |

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| On a street like Peel parklets are great. I would not consider dining in a parklet on Smith or Brunswick street, too near cars, too smelly, too awful | |
| One of the few places in Cremorne with an outdoor space | |
| Opportunity to enhance outdoor area. Unfortunately, I didn't find this the case | |
| Outdoor dining on a sunny day | |
| Outdoor on a warm day is just nicer - and less hassle COVID wise. | |
| Parklets are great for prams. I love not needing to negotiate narrow doorways or interior stairs, and if my bub is noisy, it's less of a problem outside | |
| Pet friendly | |
| Pet friendly outdoor space | |
| Pet-friendly | |
| Prefer outdoor dining generally | |
| Prefer outdoor dining with baby and pram | |
| Provided the opportunity to dine in this otherwise busy bistro | |
| Provides them with outdoor space so we can go with our dog. Previously we went elsewhere | |
| Reallocation of public land for public good , I.e. not car parking. | |
| Reducing cars | |
| Reminds me of how they do it in Sweden! | |
| Restaurants and bars can be quite loud and often hot and cramped. I enjoy the fresh air, the space and the atmosphere | |
| Right on the tram stop. This is too dangerous especially for an elderly person. Not enough room for people getting off and on a the same time. | |
| Safer for bike riding (less chance of dooring) | |
| See below | |
| Some back gardens are too noisy, so it's a more quiet option out the front | |
| Some of them take up too much space on the Street, especially on Smith Street and you're sitting next to traffic | |
| Sunny!! | |
| Sunshine and air on a sunny day | |
| The bar inside is tiny so the parklet offers a completely different experience | |
| The capacity at Kent St has basically doubled which is great for such a small local business | |
| The design of the parklet is very unattractive | |
| The less cars the better | |
| The pride and care displayed by business owners in dressing up the parklet | |
| The street feels more social, as if a street festival were happening. It's great to walk outside post-COVID and see people having fun. | |
| There was a jazz stage set up across the road! | |
| There's no alternative at this venue. | |
| These guys have done such a great job of the space they have been given. | |
| They hardly take up enough space to warrant removing them. | |
| They pack people in beyond the regulations and no one there to police it | |
| This has vastly improved the streetscapes within my local area. | |
| This should be made permanent. | |
| Usual appeal - looks better not to have cars parked on the street | |
| Was seated there | |
| We wanted to bring our dog | |
| We wouldn't have been able to have dinner at the pub without the extra space of the park let :) | |

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| Well the council didn't really offer much except a couple coloured blocks. Rouleur added their own tables and barriers which are nice | |
| While I think the survey touches on most of the points for continuing this, I think there is something intrinsically beautiful about seeing the community gathering in these spaces that is not done justice by any of the options. As a local it seems a better use of our space than for car parking, and as an American living in city of Yarra for five years now I have been moved to tears more than once by how wonderful it is we can take these spaces back to gather safely with friends and loved ones. That emotional response is likely driven by the horrific state my friends and family at home still find themselves in, but also speaks to a sense of togetherness that I really do not think we should squander in our effort to move from COVID normal to normal in the coming months | |
| a bit disappointing that this cuts into a busy bike lane | |
| able to enjoy sunshine | |
| adds street life to Cremorne | |
| can sit out in the sunshine | |
| could take the dog | |
| do not like | |
| dog friendly | |
| dont like it | |
| good spot for dogs | |
| helps business expand | |
| i don't, smokers are invading my sidewalk. Will you pay for my chemo? | |
| it makes the streets feel more communal and creates a revitalised atmosphere | |
| lack of support for residents for parking | |
| more space to sit than other venues who didn't have parklet. | |
| nil | |
| on a nice day I prefer to sit outside. | |
| see below | |
| sun! | |
| takes up valuable short term parking spaces | |
| they make a great smokers at pubs | |

Thinking about vehicle traffic, how safe did you feel while in the parklet?

| Value | Percent | Count |
|-----------------|---------|-------|
| Very safe | 89.00% | 2,134 |
| Somewhat safe | 9.00% | 208 |
| Neutral | 1.00% | 31 |
| Somewhat unsafe | 1.00% | 17 |
| Very unsafe | 0.00% | 10 |
| | Totals | 2,400 |

Comments

Very safe

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| they have added wooden panels to the concrete bollards and the speed limit for vehicles and trams is pretty slow anyway. |
| secure fencing |

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| It's on a side street |
| Well blocked off, didn't feel like I was on the road |
| There are a number of parklets in Gertrude St and they are well constructed and easy to see by passing cars, and so it seems unlikely that a car would crash into them. |
| Solid walls with reflects, concrete bollard supports |
| Concrete blocks everywhere! Also, traffic is slow anyway |
| Sturdy bollards I feel more unsafe with the tradespeople and how they behave / park and drive around our streets |
| Slow speed limit. Concrete blocks. |
| Large bollards protecting the space |
| The parklet is well fenced and Rathdowne St is wide. |
| Had no concerns with traffic |
| Cars and other traffic slowed near them, and it gave the whole neighborhood a great vibe. People were enjoying each other, the outdoors, and lots of small businesses in a really visible and fun way. |
| I liked that their parklet was fully fenced in and they have integrated the concrete blocks really well. I have felt the most safe in theirs, especially considering it's on a relatively busy rd (Smith st) |
| The parklet is totally separated from the street, I didn't feel there was a risk cars could get confused and drive into it. |
| Just felt like I was on the footpath. Didn't feel I was on the road, though I guess I was! |
| The structure is built beautifully and there isn't much traffic on that road. It fits in nicely with the vibe of a suburban cafe and is under a beautiful shady tree. |
| Concrete bollards are well placed, less cars in general, people travelling at a slower pace and taking it all in. |
| Big wide street with an intersection. Cars are already slowing and have plenty of space to pass |
| It is on a side street, so it doesn't get much traffic |
| Felt like a perfectly sufficient barrier from vehicles. It's not a high speed street |
| Off the Main Street |
| Well built and a safe distance from trams/cars |
| Separation from cars was very sturdy and established |
| Vehicles are v aware of these spaces. I was not concerned in any way! |
| Bollards, traffic was moving slowly, lots of other people around |
| We sat away from the corner of Brunswick St and it was very peaceful |
| The fences provide protection from cars/traffic |
| It felt separated from traffic |
| Well distanced from cars, didn't feel on the road at all really! |
| The concrete bollards, and not a fast traffic street |
| The potential threat of traffic didn't even cross my mind. |
| There are walls and traffic on Smith St is generally slow. |
| It did feel that the parklet area was not part of the restaurant. Also, the boulders make it safe. |
| Concrete bollards |
| Traffic goes at slow speeds up Brunswick Street so I rarely felt unsafe. Exhaust fumes and noise, however, are something that could be improved - for example, by directing through traffic to Nicholson Street (which is much wider and more appropriate as a traffic thoroughfare) |
| The parklet was on a relatively quiet street and bordered off properly with a fence. |
| Appropriately located. No heavy traffic. |
| I love the vibe they give Brunswick Street and Yarra. They're very cool and I'd love to see them stay. |
| It was mostly closed off from traffic |
| Totally enclosed |

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| Traffic is slow. No more dangerous than footpath dining. |
| Traffic obeyed the road rules |
| It was on a side street with limited traffic. |
| Due to heavy traffic, car drivers are careful on Gertrude St. |
| The traffic on Napier St is slow due to the intersection with Gertrude St. It's a bit polluted though. |
| It has taken over the car parks in front of it and with the bollards I never feel a car is going to crash into us. |
| Traffic was nowhere near the parklet |
| Even though cars and trams were going past quite closely, the barrier seemed strong and it therefore didn't feel any less safe compared to normal footpath trading. |
| Less traffic these days. Mainly bikes out the front of Molly |
| Adequate protection |
| Well protected from passing traffic. |
| Adequate protection |
| Away from traffic |
| No cars moving in Napier St |
| adequate protection |
| Not a busy street. |
| No risk of any incidence on side road. |
| On a side street, more formal structure, well set up |
| Very quiet street and tables well separated from traffic. |
| Safety bollards in place |
| It's on a quiet local street |
| Bollards |
| Less traffic |
| Bollards |
| Fully protected by concrete bollards and visually separated by walled deck design |
| the solid barrier between the street and the dining was reassuring, but also the traffic speed is generally pretty low on Gertrude St. |
| Well separated from the traffic with barriers |
| There's not that much traffic down Gertrude st and it's pretty slow |
| The bollards seemed adequate and there were existing gardens at each end that acted as barriers also. |
| The concrete blocks make it feel safer |
| Its no different than being on the footpath |
| The road is under-utilised anyways and is a perfect fit for the area |
| It's a very quiet street anyway, with minimal traffic. |
| Very limited vehicle traffic in local area |
| The park let is located in a quiet street. |
| Because no one seemed to close, driving too fast etc |
| Local traffic has a low speed limit land it's not a high traffic area. |
| Quite street perfect use of the public space |
| It slows traffic down and had safety features |
| Protected and off main road |
| We were behind a wall or structure and was far enough away from cars or trams going past |
| They are very visible and in line with the edge of where parked cars would usually be. |
| Quiet streets |
| Bollards work! |
| quiet sidestreet, with ample signage and distance from the main road. as well as confidence in the concrete bollards. |

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| Big concrete bollards either side |
| The set up of the parklet felt secure and well constructed |
| On a quiet street no heavy traffic |
| It was practically placed |
| Isolated from road |
| Quiet street |
| It is a completely residential street with hardly any traffic. Couldn't feel safer. |
| Because I don't live in fear and Yarra has installed the concrete blocks |
| It is well set up and protected from traffic |
| The concrete bollards feel secure. I also prefer outdoor dining when it is slightly protected within the confines of a park let as opposed to regular footpath dining. It feels safer. |
| The barriers were well placed and street traffic was slow as it was close to a stop sign |
| The barriers |
| It didn't occur to me to feel unsafe |
| Park let us on a side street with little traffic. Tables were adequately spaced. |
| End of the one way street is blocked off |
| Parklets are sturdy, look good and traffic is very slow in the area already. |
| Easy to see and speed limit is only 40 in this area anyway. Think the iridescent pink is ridiculous. You don't need an eyesore colour to be able to see clearly where people are dining. City of Melbourne ones are a lot more attractive |
| Easily viewed by traffic |
| The parklet was clearly walled off from the road |
| Plenty of barriers to block off the traffic |
| I live around the corner and I know that spot well. It is barely used for parking and it's a great spot for a new local business to expand. I felt completely safe there. |
| Park let was still removed from traffic |
| They had a nice raised parkley, well separated from traffic. |
| There isn't a lot of traffic on the surrounding streets and there's a speed limit of 40kms |
| Parklet is well out of traffic flow. Concrete blocks add extra level of safety. |
| Well barricaded and slow traffic |
| Traffic completely blocked from access |
| Bollards and planter boxes provide barrier to traffic. |
| This is a side street, so traffic is low anyway, but the extra seating made it nicer. |
| The barriers are clear and the car parking is recessed. |
| Side street parklet |
| This parklet is on a small street with little traffic, plus it is entirely closed in and therefore there is a feeling that you are protected from vehicles |
| Whole street closed off |
| Very quiet street. Barriers protect patrons |
| Good bollards |
| They are well fenced off. They have been around long enough that the traffic is acutely aware of them. This awareness will only increase if they are more permanent or more prevalent or both |
| Bollards and planters |
| Good structure built, plus Wellington bike lane separates traffic |
| Traffic speeds are very moderate along this road and the parklet was well built. |
| Area was clearly marked and visible, no anger of cars mistaking it for road or parking |
| Side street with less traffic |
| Good design |
| Tucked off main street, which is quiet anyway, with very low speed limit. Plus bollards make it more secure. |

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| bollards at each end with fencing. parking it is set in is indented. |
| Extra structure built |
| We are protected behind the bollards |
| Very well-built parklet. Felt even safer than just sitting at a table only protected by a gutter. |
| quiet side street location |
| Good barriers |
| The traffic is often slow around the surrounding streets already. |
| Big piece of concrete helped |
| Well protected with the planters which also look great and we didn't have much passing traffic |
| This is one of the best designs by far, really makes a beautiful statement and maximises comfort and safety |
| The parklet did border onto a bike lane, and staff wandered out into the bike lane to take orders and distribute beers which I thought was a little unsafe. Putting themselves in harms way or potentially pushing cyclists into traffic. |
| The parklet was fenced off from the road and traffic on smith street is pretty slow. |
| It's was sturdy, visible and safe. |
| Bollards made me feel secure and there's a reasonable speed limit down Smith St |
| Having the barriers in place actually made me feel safer than normal on street dining |
| Has good timber barrier around the park let. |
| The bollards increase safety, traffic speed limits are low in commercial areas |
| The street near Goldy's tavern is wide, with gardens already in place to slow traffic, it seemed a natural area for dining. |
| Traffic is slow on Smith street which is relaxing |
| It is clearly designated |
| Sectioned off from the road |
| Keep the Parklets alive! They make Yarra a more exciting place to dine! |
| Concrete bollards |
| Generally in slow / high traffic areas, and concrete bollards are sturdy. |
| It was off the side of Johnston street, close to the action but safely tucked away |
| Its a specially built deck next to the Warm Hug Cafe, that has a guard rail around it. The western end of Cameron Street has been closed off and this is where the deck area is. It is extremely safe and welcoming. |
| low speed street |
| It isn't a busy street and this is usually just dead space |
| The parklet is located at the end of a Lane/Street and there is no traffic flowing past the perimeter of the parklet other than on Lennox Street and the parklet is well back from that traffic. In addition the council substantial concrete bollards are prominently displayed (pink) and form an appropriate safety bollard protection for customers using the parklet. |
| Protected from traffic |
| Sturdy surrounds protecting us |
| The concrete barriers and the wooden barriers. |
| Oxford St vehicle traffic is fairly used to lots of pedestrians, except for occasional aggressive tradies, who aren't locals. |
| The parklets are very visible & Oxford St is a quiet semi-residential street. |
| Barricaded from traffic. On quiet street |
| It is out of the way of traffic, offered an enclosed space and tables were socially distanced. |
| Traffic is typically slow and there doesn't appear to be any road related danger. Concrete blocks help. |
| The cars were going at a slow speed and didn't feel concerning what so ever |
| Barriers in place. Good signage |

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| Excellent lighting. Fully panelled and there are also reflectors on the outside to inform cars at night. |
| Clear barriers, no traffic. Great use of the street space |
| Quite separate |
| Bollards were in place and road is not very busy at lunch time |
| I could see there were bollard/concrete structures to it and this particular one was slightly elevated off the street |
| Parklet is well designed so that the brightly coloured bollards are easily visible by drivers. |
| Enclosed space |
| It just seemed like an extension of the footpath. |
| Surrounded by a divider |
| Was removed from the street, had good barriers, Rathdowne St is only 40km p/hr anyway. |
| The big concrete blocks were good |
| Because the border is solid and I know the pillars are big fat concrete blocks. |
| Garden barriers between diners and cars |
| The business had built a raised deck off the road and clear bollards making me feel safe as it would be hard for a car to mistake the decking as a road. |
| Bright colours on the exterior |
| It is well built and designed. |
| Great safe vibe and feels like Paris. Please keep them all so good for area. |
| Solid barrier to traffic |
| It was well built & I had a great view. |
| This parklet is really well built and would be clear to drivers going past. |
| Well protected. Better/COVID-safer space than inside. |
| The concrete bollards gave me a piece of mind |
| Safer than sitting on the footpath at a Cafe. Its bright and a well signed. |
| I felt that the parklet was clearly marked to be visible to traffic |
| Fenced in, on small road |
| It's located in a side street which is closed to traffic. A fence is around the turf they've laid down. All open air, good sanitary protocols, easy to clean furniture. |
| It's a quiet street and those concrete bollards seem like they would stop a car in its tracks |
| Not much traffic on street |
| Quiet street, the parklet was a logical space that should have been there the whole time |
| The street has 40 km speed limits |
| nicely blocked off from traffic, sits nicely in the existing car spots. |
| It was clearly sectioned off so cars knew to go around. |
| My seat was far from traffic which was minimal |
| it was on a quiet street and I felt protected from the traffic |
| Clear barrier, minimal traffic |
| There was a good barrier between me and the road |
| Clear separation and solid concrete corners |
| Actually felt safer than the normal outdoor tables on the street near parking cars |
| It is really well set up |
| You left out alimentari, which is where I really dined. I felt safe on the parklet as a customer. As a cyclist, it gives me a very narrow path between the parklet and the lane. However, it also occupies car parks, so I have to deal with LESS random doors opening on the right hand side of parked cars. I also have to deal with LESS crossing over the tram tracks to move around cars that are struggling to park, which is risky and involves moving into the thick of traffic. As I cyclist, I overall feel that the parklets are SAFER for cyclists than parked cars that can door you or cars forcing you to weave in and out when they park. However, one marginally less safe aspect is that the BIKE LANES ARE |

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| NARROW. the optimal solution would be a slightly wider bike lane with blocks of car-free parklets. That would be the ultimate safety upgrade to Smith St. |
| It was on smith street and the traffic is generally moving slowly |
| The space is well defined and physically shielded from traffic |
| barriers are sufficient |
| Closed of space |
| I think drivers and pedestrians were very aware of the parklets and treated them with respect. No one was driving erratically and all the feedback I've heard from friends have also been positive |
| Bollards are strong and the parklet is well defined. |
| Shipping container structure is very solid. I had no concerns about safety |
| It was very well blocked off from the road |
| Hard bollards are great |
| Totally protected from roadway, just felt like a footpath extension. |
| It was raised up from the ground |
| Traffic management was excellent |
| There was minimal traffic and the abundance of parklets in the St meant traffic more consistently slowed |
| The bright bollards make it feel safe. |
| Strong barrier to traffic provided by the concrete bollards - feels safer than normal on-footpath dining on Smith St. |
| Already a quiet street with plenty of traffic taming in place (speed bumps etc), protection from cars due to the massive concrete bollards |
| The parklet is long and nicely marked with planter boxes - ie: easy to see. |
| Clear boundary |
| Because of the concrete blocks which provide q safe barrier to vehicles |
| Dining outdoors is such a Melbourne thing and adds to the beautiful atmosphere of Fitzroy. I sincerely hope these remain as I love them!! |
| The design of the parklet is very visible |
| Well blocked off from traffic |
| The concrete bollards |
| Concrete bollards are proven protection |
| The parklets are clearly cordoned off from traffic. |
| good barriers |
| The Union's parklet is covers a single car park (used usually by a car sharing scheme) and provides shady additional space to one of the best local pubs in Yarra. |
| The concrete bollards feel like they're positioned to stop a car hitting you if it were to have an accident |
| The concrete blocks and structures seem sturdy enough. The Molly Rose venue is also on a street w road speed of 30km |
| It doesn't feel any different from just sitting/walking on sidewalk, in face it feels safer in some ways given the bollards. A driver would have to be driving extremely dangerously to threaten people (as they could anywhere) |
| Surrounding bollards |
| The concrete blocks are sturdy and strong. Despite visiting the Sircuit "Street Bar" many times, I have never once felt concerned about the cars or trams going past on Smith Street. |
| The walls were solid and high enough. The concrete blocks made it extra safe. I also LOVE that I can take my puppy. We need WAY more pet friendly venues in Yarra. |
| Giant concrete blocks and slow traffic |
| Cars are pretty slow in the area |
| We were separated from the traffic by bollards |

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| This particular parklet seemed to have a concrete bollard at the corner. |
| It is located on a 30kmph road and has space between seating and cars |
| the walling was sufficient and the street was slow-moving enough that even if a car bumped into it I couldn't imagine anyone getting hurt |
| There was a very clear barrier between the parklet and the cars. |
| We were on a raised platform, separated from the street by a bollard |
| Clearly a safe and separate area. |
| Traffic is slow along Smith St |
| The barricades feel secure and are easily visible from the road |
| further away from the cars. the concrete block look pretty solid |
| Large, clear, and conspicuous bollards |
| This particular Parklet is surrounded by other parklets which helps slow down traffic. As well as the concrete blocks and some fencing. |
| 30km speed limit in the street plus the outdoor area had rails/walls around it |
| They're not on the road, there's fencing, and bollards |
| It's roomy and not on a main road |
| Just the same is sitting on a foot path next the road |
| I love the quite street and trees |
| The partitions |
| Barriers are solid and parklet seems well protected from traffic |
| Concrete bollards look very strong |
| Traffic on Smith Street is usually slow anywhere but there were also sufficient barriers although these could be better if they were made semi permanent and incorporated into the actual road |
| Concrete bollards look very strong |
| Concrete barriers, raised platform, and sturdy fence |
| Well-built and secure |
| Strong construction |
| Great use of existing raised footpath area |
| Well protected |
| The section of peel st it's on is pretty quiet |
| The separation from the road and protective barriers made it very safe and sound |
| Concrete bollards look very strong |
| The parklets are well signed and enclosed |
| Adequate protection |
| Because it's fully protected |
| Elevated and on a slow, quiet road |
| Heavy cement barriers. |
| The cars drove slowly when near the parklet |
| It's on the side street so there is minimal traffic. It's also very clear and obvious where the parklet is, being cornered but trees. |
| The barriers create a good separation from the road |
| They're all great and I think they should stay. |
| It's very rare that cars crash into parked vehicles using the space. Similar likelihood of crashing into the parklet. However, reduced speed limits would make the space safer and more enjoyable |
| Sitting behind a massive concrete block fills me with confidence I won't be swished by a wreckless fool |
| There are barriers protecting from cars and bikes and it doesn't feel like you are near it |
| The platform was raised and had a good perimeter of walls - I'd say more safe than some of the semi-permanent screens some cafes use to separate diners from the gutter. |
| Wooden structure that I think even motorists would be able to avoid |

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| Raised |
| Barricades blocked the cars, also as there was less parking and just traffic, cars seemed to move slower and more deliberately. |
| Side street. Trees protect. Slow speed of vehicles nearing intersection. |
| Well constructed an robust installation with clearly identifiable boundaries |
| The parklet is very visible from a drivers perspective, and fits in well with surrounding car parking. |
| I LOVE PARKLETS! |
| The parklet is traffic calming and the design of Smith Street this way discourages car use given the high frequency and size of trams on the 86 |
| Fitzroys back street bars are quiet and urban, not much traffic apart from local. The parklet provides a great addition to what would normally be wasted space. |
| This one was on a side street |
| The whole project is set up well around Fitzroy, nice to have fence/flooring, great idea please keep it! |
| This particular parklet was in a lane, not directly on the main road so felt very quiet. Also the barriers help it feel safe. |
| The concrete bollards definitely helped me feel safe. |
| they're built by professionals |
| No vehicles passing close by |
| Quiet street |
| The parklets were deisgned with seating, pedestrians and motorists all in mind |
| It is well constructed and well located. |
| Felt safer than sitting kerbside on pavement seating. Concrete blocks felt very solid. Handrails and fencing felt good. |
| It was done very well |
| Totally safe and secure due the mid height wooden barriers. |
| didn't even cross my mind that there was a safety issue. Probably because of concrete blocks + wall + low speed of traffic? |
| Please keep them! I have dined at many throughout Yarra and they add vibrancy to the streets, as well as supporting the businesses as they can have more guests! |
| The parklets I've used are the properly established ones, I'd probably feel a little less safe in the ghetto concrete bollard ones, but that's reason to improve them, not get rid of them |
| Accessed it from footpath. Quiet street beside it. |
| You're no closer to passing cars than you are on the footpath. There is just a lane of traffic gone. |
| Wellington Street is perfect as the 30kmh limit keeps cars at a safe speed and the set up at Molly Rose provides ample safety barriers |
| Concrete bollards! |
| Traffic in Fitzroy is very slow moving to begin with, plus there were barriers between the dining space and the road. |
| What is there to be scared of? |
| The structure is solid and very safe |
| The bollards and the graphic skin on them provide a good, high visibility barrier. |
| The parklet is secured with strong fixed structures |
| Bollards and speed of traffic |
| The blocks on the ends, even though it's in the parking area, I found it safe. |
| There's plenty of footpath space on this location |
| I didn't feel that there were any hazards present at the parklet in terms of vehicles and never felt unsafe. |
| Speed limit is only 40km so there is only slow traffic. |

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| Traffic can see the Parklet. There's always a bright barrier or indicator! ...and if these remain and become commonplace, drivers will be even more aware. |
| The concrete bollards and the parklet structure made it very safe |
| Just sturdy and comfortable! |
| It's separate from traffic, if you made them a permanent feature you could modify the roadway for even more improved safety. |
| The heavy concrete bollards help, something to restrict the traffic and curtail the hoon behaviour is a fantastic move! |
| The sturdy container structures are probably safer than walking. |
| Bollards, very visible, traffic not very fast |
| Fairly quiet street anyway, but parklet constructed with quite solid walls so it didn't even feel like it was on the street. |
| Highly visible, built raised platform |
| It encourages people not to drive and use public transport or other means to get to places that now have less parking due to the Parklets, it is better for the environment and better for the suburb creating an amazing vibe |
| It feels extremely secure due to fence surrounding the parklet. |
| Concrete between me and the cars |
| It's completely enclosed and on a road with a 40km speed limit already (as many many roads are in Yarra). It looks and feels quite permanent. It doesn't impact the traffic at all. Maybe a couple of parked cars but that's not a big thing |
| Barrier between me and traffic |
| The set up is made to feel secure |
| streets are slow and big concrete bollards help. |
| Having the road blocked off creates a quiet and safe atmosphere. We noticed this parklet in particular has been very well designed, with barriers around the dining area to ensure people are secure and to assist the elderly to navigate on and off. |
| Having the entire road blocked off made me feel entirely safe from cars and other pedestrians in terms of a COVID safe distance. |
| Well cordoned off from traffic. Drivers seem to be taking greater care on the main strips in Yarra too - there's more activity on the street so they're driving slower. |
| Street closure-very safe |
| well demarkated area |
| A car could just as easily mount a curb / footpath and hit an existing outdoor dining area - i don't see any increased risk being closer to the road. Solid concrete blocks would be safer than on a footpath dining area with no concrete block. |
| Rows of cars parked protects us. My young child was safe because the road is fenced off |
| Concrete bollards and 40km speed limit |
| I couldn't imagine anything bad happening and used to this style of dining in Europe especially after living in amsterdam |
| I didn't feel I was at any risk of a car hitting the parklet. Also as a driver, I don't feel they are in the way or make driving down Brunswick and Smith St less safe. |
| These Parklets feel incredibly safe as they have barriers diving the cars and pedestrians. The roads in which they are on also do not experience an excess of fast drivers. |
| Because cars can't park here. Also, as a rider who has been hit by a car on Gertrude St before, I feel much safer riding along this street now, there are many less distracted drivers parking and leaving parking spots on a very busy street now. |
| It was raised and street was closed off |
| They are very visible and in the unlikely event they are hit by a motorist, the current system of concrete blocks they are constructed around provides a good bit of protection. Eventually |

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| someone will certainly hit one, so perhaps as we discuss making them permanent the idea of further strengthening and other safety measures should be considered. |
| Raised parklet with barriers + reduced speed areas for cars |
| The temporary blocks and wall made me feel safe from traffic |
| 40km zone |
| Off main road |
| Off main road |
| Why wouldn't it feel safe? |
| Solid platforms with sides and concrete bollards |
| Strong safety barriers. Reduced speed by cars , trucks and bikes |
| Concrete barricade...high visibility ...doesn't jut out into traffic |
| The concrete pillars and wooden walls were very secure. I also felt safe walking there and crossing the road as often people parking in the area can pull out with little warning, and there was no car parking. |
| Solid structure, clear for drivers |
| The parklet is on a wide side street with limited through traffic. |
| It is located in a low traffic area and has barriers to traffic. |
| The Smith Street parklet is less appealing than the Stanley Street parklet but both feel safe. The main difference is due to the greater amount of traffic on Smith Street at various times of the day. |
| Generally there's a row of parked cars next to you, not cars driving directly past you |
| Get rid of more cars. More walkable cities |
| Well partitioned |
| I really enjoyed the out side atmosphere. The lights and sounds and more space to be out doors made the experience wonderful. I think it should come back every summer |
| Bollards in place and parlet well defined |
| The Berrmash/Alimentari parklet brings so much life to that part of Smith st. It's great to see so many people dining happily outside — it adds a community and European vibe to the area! |
| Off the Main Street |
| They add life to the streets. |
| The parklet was sectioned off, large enough to feel comfortable dining near customers, much nicer to be outside on a warm day and better use of street parking spaces |
| The parklet was in a side street |
| Well protected from the street and not an area that cars generally drive fast anyway |
| Because the roads are 40 zones already |
| This is solid infrastructure, well appointed and I feel more distanced from traffic than other parklets |
| I'm in an enclosed outdoor space and it feels safer than street dining previously |
| It's become normal to dine like this - cars are used to it |
| The physical barrier between us and the road |
| Speed limit is 40, usually slower traffic around the time i usually go to dine. |
| There seemed very little traffic at all on the street where the parklet was. The couple of cars that did use the street would have been doing under 20km/h |
| The concrete blocks make me feel safer as a car wouldn't be able to crash through them, plus the business closing in the outdoor area with fences. |
| Adequate barrier on car side of park let and reduced speeds on Brunswick St |
| Very well built. I have dined in multiple Parklets - archies all day, Gabriel, alimentari, |
| The parklet is right by a tram stop and a signalized pedestrian crossing so traffic regularly slows and cars tend not to drive too close to the footpath. Foot traffic is steady on this area so the parklet feels integrated to the pedestrian area rather than the road. |
| Just as safe as curbside dining. Probably more safe. |

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| It is secured well and has a great ambience. The restaurant has limited seating inside so this just gives more people option to dine and enjoy the nice weather and vibe on the street |
| Cars are relatively slow around these areas already. |
| Because of the fencing and slow traffic speed on Gertrude st |
| Area was clearly shielded and makes great use of three car spots. |
| Well contained, well lit and serviced |
| Vehicles travel at low speed, parklet is very visible. |
| Concrete bollards and slow moving traffic |
| It was a backstreet, low traffic volumes, no fumes. Great shade |
| Bollards were in place, and it felt more secure than having sitting on the footpath with cars parallel parking and no protection from vehicles |
| The venues that had well built walls appealed more than standard cafe barriers |
| Smith Street is already quite low speed. Good barricades set up around the parklet. |
| We were safe as houses. The deck is solid and the road is blocked :-) |
| Because vehicle traffic is extremely respectful of the space been provided for businesses to extend on to the street. |
| Bollards and fences provide adequate safety |
| Solid built up walls and structure |
| The setup is very obvious that vehicle won't confuse and drive across |
| It's protected by concrete blocks and walls |
| It is completely blocked off to traffic |
| Concrete barriers and low traffic |
| No different to outside pavement dinning. The bollards and bulk of the park let made it feel safer |
| Fenced off |
| Wide suburban street, low traffic |
| Very - good solid barriers, good spacing for tables, 40km speed limit on Smith St |
| Well fenced |
| It was partioned well from the road |
| Barriers were clearly marked and well constructed. Having the bike path along Rathdowne st also means vehicle traffic is further away |
| It was off the main road and not subject to much traffic |
| Traffic is blocked by the bollards. And traffic is slow on Brunswick St. |
| Very visible, quiet street |
| This is a side street that has very little traffic. There is so much foot traffic of people that live in the area and this space is much better suited for people looking to enjoy a few cocktails vs a couple cars - there is a lot of other parking elsewhere. |
| Smith St is low speed |
| The shipping container concept is so cool! |
| Raised from street level, good barriers |
| Parklet is fenced |
| Fully built in parklet. We don't even notice the traffic once you're settled in. |
| The park keys are highly visible, many have concrete protection too. |
| So nicely built |
| Well constructed and visible |
| No apparent risks to my safety, so yes i felt completely safe. |
| The parklet was safely cordoned off with fencing. |
| The parklet is securely fenced off. |
| The parklet made me Feel very safe as it is thoughtfully designed to be very visible to any traffic. It is a secure structure that made feel feel inclosed, while dining outside. It's so much more that just a couple of chairs on a car parking space, it is an artistic extension of the restaurant. |

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| The parklet is securely fenced. |
| Concrete blocks and barriers/plants are great |
| The parklet was fenced off from traffic. |
| It was elevated and built up with a low wall to separate from traffic |
| This particular parklet is on a very little used car parking area. |
| Big cement bollards |
| The edges of the parklet feel solid and don't stick out enough to impede traffic |
| It's blocked off from traffic and not a super main road with cars going fast |
| Most places with parklets are in a 40km zone. The conc blocks look to be about 900kg ea and are doubled up. At the spacing of them, the speed of the adjacent traffic and the weight of the blocks, combined with the static friction on them, I feel they're more than suitable to right a vehicle that may stray. And with the angle that a vehicle could impact them, < 5 degree at a guess, I feel they would just correct a vehicle rather than becoming a hazard to the occupants of the vehicle. |
| Concrete bollards around venue |
| The parklet was well constructed and solid. Hand rails were provided and the additional seating it provided for the pub meant that social distancing could be achieved |
| The area is completely enclosed from the road |
| The park let well placed for traffic flow |
| Well designed and street low traffic street. |
| Cement bollards in place, great design of the parklet!! |
| Common sense, I have never stood in a parking space scared for my safety. |
| It's built in and clearly not part of the road used by vehicles |
| In quiet side street |
| Constructed with safety in mind. |
| The concrete blocks, its a pretty quiet street, isn't on a main one like some of the ones in the city or in Smith St which makes it really crowded |
| It's well designed and the traffic is slow on Rathdowne st, anyway |
| Raised and walked away from the traffic. It's slow there anyway |
| There are concrete blocks and people are only driving 40km/h |
| This location is a 1 way street & Yarra has low speed limits. |
| During use times it is well signed and the Hotels/Restaurants usually fill it with seating so there is no difference to seating on the sidewalk |
| The bollards are great & the cars are doing 40km only |
| There is a clear demarcation between the parklet and the traffic. |
| Well enclosed with trees, plants and herbs softening the hard surfaces if the barriers. |
| This ads a lot of value to Melbourne! Do not lose them! |
| The parklet was well set up and the seating was not too close to the road. |
| Large bollards and the fact traffic slowed down around large numbers of people dining and drinking at the time |
| I felt adequately removed from traffic and as though it was an extension of the footpath rather than on the road. |
| Everyone seems to be aware of them, the concrete blocks with the 40km or 30km speed limits and normally slow traffic in the areas helps too |
| Parklet had sufficient safety barriers and was not exposed to the traffic |
| Traffic in that street is minimal. |
| Good enclosures, boundaries clearly marked |
| As a local home owner and business owner I believe these parklets are bring life back to a community that was struggling even pre covid. |
| The traffic was slower with so many people around and it was safely demarcated. |
| Well fenced off. And traffic speeds are generally safe (low) in Yarra, so not worried about fast cars. |

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| Speed limits on roads with parklets is usually 40km or less |
| Well protected |
| I love them and feel safe less cars trucks etc |
| Well constructed and fits the aesthetic of Collingwood. |
| Well set up with lots of visual barriers in addition to the concrete boulders |
| The bollards/barriers created a decent barrier between the dining area and the road. |
| I think they're a fantastic addition to so many communities. They bring an exciting, vibrant and friendly atmosphere to so many streets across Melbourne. It can be something good that comes from COVID! |
| Big concrete blocks |
| Covid isn't finished yet, give small business the capacity when it's available |
| Trams stay on their tracks and cars usually travel slowly |
| Traffic seems slower after lockdown |
| I'm mostly dining on main roads where driving limit is 40km per hour, as a cyclist too I feel unaffected on my journeys also. I think they are great |
| Covid safe & it is nice to eat out on in a public outdoor space away from traffic & don't have to deal with exhaust fumes |
| Good crash barriers as part of the design (but still lots of space for dining) |
| The fences are sturdy enough to make it feel safe |
| The parklet was well built and felt safe |
| Blocked off from cars, not right on the road, gave extra space |
| They are bringing people out into the community to dine and socialise. They have helped the smaller bars and cafes to thrive when they wouldn't of got by. |
| Good strong walls |
| Because it's not a main thoroughfare! |
| The barriers on the edge protect residents. Also much safer for cyclists than before. |
| The concrete bollards make me feel safe dining there |
| Concrete bollards and stable structure. |
| The parklets have been logically and strategically placed in areas of safety away from general traffic |
| Concrete bollards surrounded the park let |
| Most restaurants installed their own barriers |
| The parklet was secured with barriers and there was plenty of distance between the barriers and the road. |
| Some cafes / restaurants have general seating that basically sits cm's from the curb of a main road about, whereas a parklet has a barrier. Feels a lot safer |
| Good barriers. Plus, in line with parked cars so why would traffic run into it? |
| Sectioned off from road and traffic speed limited to residential speeds. |
| I think it should be mandatory to have a deck so we are somewhat elevated. |
| Perfect side street |
| because of the concrete bollards |
| The concrete blocks meant I didn't think a car would hit me. |
| Slow traffic combined with the bollards |
| it is between two buildings, not next to a roadway. |
| The owners have built a raised deck within the parklet boundary. It's an amazing space on the side street, rather than busy main rd (Johnson st). |
| I go to this cafe regularly because its my local at work. The lane way has always been a problem for myself and i assume many others. Cars, trucks and pedestrians can use it, many near misses, once I nearly got hit by a tesla. |
| a car couldn't get through because its blocked. |

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| There were concrete bollards in place front and back with clear no entry signage. a car couldnt get through even if they tried. |
| Very separate. Other parked cars around either end of parklet |
| Barriers are better than the flimsy ones used on the footpaths (if any). cars can still cause accidents while parking - this removed that risk. While driving past, drivers seem cautious and no risk of doors opening (as a bike rider I feel a lot safer with no parked cars) |
| Concrete bollards are reassuring and the distance from trams is sufficient. |
| Secure timber construction and bollards no less safe than side walk seats next the the road/ parking cars if not actually safer |
| The concrete blocks made me feel safe. |
| Felt completely protected from any traffic as traffic is quite slow moving on Fitzroy streets. Design of most parklets is great, businesses have made an effort. |
| Nice atmosphere |
| Concrete bollards |
| No traffic speeding up Cameron street toward Lennox street. Much safer with the road closed. |
| The speed of cars is only 30km p/h No difference to sitting on the side of the road when it's a clearway. |
| It's well constructed & the concrete blocks incorporated into the parklet provide peace of mind |
| They are raised and have barriers. |
| On each corner of the parklet there were concrete bollards to stop any cars should there be any accidents or anything like that. It felt very safe. |
| Side street so not so busy. Plenty of room for cars to pass both ways |
| It didn't feel like we were right up against the traffic |
| The parklet structures are robust |
| It was an enclosed area with bollards |
| The corner concrete pavilions felt sturdy and secure |
| I never have felt safe walking across this alley way as often people would speed down it out to the main road (Balmain) it's a better and more productive use of the space |
| There feels no difference between sitting on the footpath |
| Street is blocked = no vehicles. |
| They are very clearly marked and separated from traffic |
| The barricades were very obvious. |
| All parklets i have dined in have been well designed and enclosed from the road. |
| The parklet was well-defined by bollards and picket fence. |
| No cars on the road due to imminent lock down |
| The parklet was well protected from vehicle traffic on the road due to a barrier being created by visually appealing planter boxes which created adequate separation. |
| Barriers separating table area from traffic and parklets were on a side street not main road. |
| Concrete bollards, one lane traffic and 40kmh speed |
| Nobody wants to drive their cars into the concrete blocks left on the corners |
| It's on a side street with parkland beside it. Plus it provides a solid barrier between the cars and the tables. |
| No different to footpath dining |
| This was a street with shared car/bike lanes. Doesn't feel like you are on a busy road full of vehicle traffic. |
| Not on a really busy road |
| Great infrastructure |
| The parklets I've been in have had extra dividers it in along with the council bollards, so I have felt quite separated from the traffic. In fact, better separated than sitting on the pavement next to parked cars (which can also park or leave unexpectedly, noisily and smellily) |

Somewhat safe

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| It still felt like it was on the road, if there was a bit more established separation between traffic and dining it's be better. Better than not having it though |
| Would be better if the traffic was slower. Feel very close to the traffic |
| Solid barrier between myself and cars, cars going relatively slowly. |
| Need to make them feel more permanent |
| Why what? |
| some park let's don't have bollards or more sturdy separation |
| Because idiot drivers do not respect and obey the speed limit of 40 in my north carlton area and I have asked council manyy times for speed humps to be built in all our streets to try and prevent speeding drive through drivers |
| Needs to be permanently made seperate from traffic |
| Feels fenced in and traffic only passing at 40 km |
| no different to dining on the curb. |
| The traffic is very slow |
| It's not really safety, but trams felt very close, noticeably more so than normal footpath dining. |
| Felt safe because of the concrete blocks, but people driving cars killl people pretty easily... |
| Very few cars were on the road so it didn't feel too busy and cars were driving slow anyway. It did feel a bit strange to be so close to the road though, but we got used to it. |
| Bollards |
| I think that all parklet's should have fencing / green hedges not just for safety reasons, but also to make the strip look attractive to new customers. |
| I assume its safe given the council has approved it. |
| Proximity to passing traffic. But hey, life is a risk anyway. |
| While the light is good I feel like drivers can see them. I can see the risk of a bad Parker or someone turning a corner badly and crashing into these. It's slightly precarious. But mostly fine. |
| I'm not sure the barriers would stop a heavy vehicle and we were essentially do king on the road |
| It is easily visible to drivers |
| I wish the car traffic was more restricted |
| Some parklets feels safe than other depending on the type of street and usual amount of traffic. Parklets with implemented outdoor set up from the venue helps to create a visual separation between cars and people. The good thing about parklet is that smaller venues with less indoor capacity to have covid safety measures in place are now able to open and have rentability on their space by using outdoor set up to optimize their opening costs. People pay more attention to new places that they didn't notice as much before because of the outdoor setting as well, it creates curiosity. |
| There are concrete barriers - but not across the entire front. City of melb seems to be doing this better with complete barrier protection for their parklets |
| The concrete bollards helped. |
| Still a bit too close to cars and bikes driving past |
| Not much distance between cars and the parklet |
| Car drove into the barriers |
| the blockades make it feel very safe |
| Completely built-up parklet |
| People can't drive. |
| Its quite a busy road/intersection |
| The barriers in place and that drivers expect the outdoor parklets now. |
| We were worried about traffic to start with, but it was a non issue. Felt safe in the space. |

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| It's not a very big spot |
| Very close to tram on Smith St |
| It's still quite close to the road |
| The fencing around protected us. You really should keep the Parklets it's a much better us if space and creates a more pleasant experience for everyone. |
| I felt sufficiently safe, but foresee a significant accident happening in the future where someone ploughs into the park let whilst people are dining. |
| Some have better barriers than others. |
| The space was blocked off with big concrete blocks etc and drivers appeared pretty aware and respectful |
| Well if it wasn't for the barriers that Rouleur added themselves then I would feel very exposed |
| Not so much of cars but sometimes cyclist cycling too nearby. |
| The parklet is in a side street without much traffic. Other parklets, in busier streets have fairly robust construction and safety features which would make me feel safe there. |
| I have a small child and it does make me worry about unsafe driving - the concrete bollards help for sure! |

Neutral

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| I was off the street and cars were travelling slow 40 km speed. |
| I didnt think about it at the time, but a car could have easily ran us over while dining |
| Not something I considered as an issue. |

Somewhat unsafe

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| Do not like the fact of limited distance / barrier between cars / roadway and seating. |
| It is a busy street, and major suburban arterial. |
| Cars turning from Smith St into Peel St, corner tables felt unsafe. We moved to a different section of the outdoor space. |
| There is a large area that is fenced off on a permanent basis making crossing the road more dangerous |
| Because the traffic is still at 40 kmh and when a car is parked across from the park let and then you have cross traffic there is not enough room for two way traffic. 40 kmh with tragic CM away is nothing overly safe |
| It's very close to oncoming traffic |
| The cement bollards will eventually be in the way of a car or bike. They poke out too far into the road, leaving too little space for a bike rider and a tram |
| Due to travelling further along the street after dark and with increased congestion on the road itself. |
| Most of the parklets are made of ply wood it seems and I don't think patrons would survive too well if a car plowed into them. Perhaps more pink concrete blocks. Or safety standards could be implemented |
| This particular parklet is used as a smoking area and that's it. No barricades against traffic except concert blocks. Parklets that don't meet asthetic or safety levels should be scrapped. Others retained. |
| Fumes from cars |

Very unsafe

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| Too close to the tram and traffic. Exhaust fumes and traffic noise was awful |
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| Vehicles aren't the problem. Outside of dining areas theyre full of cigarette smoke. The brandon is in a residential street and it's a bloody chimney at times |
| Road is narrower and car fumes linger longer because cars are caught behind trams. |
| Between bicycles, cars and trams, it feels like an accident waiting go happen. |
| Whilst concrete blocks were in place, the layout in and around it was poorly thought out and there was no securing of furniture such as umbrellas |

How accessible did you find the parklet?

| Value | Percent | Count |
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| Very accessible | 78.00% | 1,877 |
| Somewhat accessible | 15.00% | 365 |
| Neutral | 5.00% | 110 |
| Somewhat inaccessible | 2.00% | 36 |
| Very inaccessible | 0.00% | 6 |
| | Totals | 2,394 |

Comments

Very accessible

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| There were tables available |
| Well spaced tables, open end on footpath side, mobile ramp for wheelchair access in use |
| It was flush to the sidewalk and didn't get in the way |
| Spaces large enough for wheelchairs etc to fit through |
| Ramp access |
| Because they still have the normal footpath seating too. Means that it's accessible for those with disabilities. Only the seating at the back has an additional step up |
| Easy to see, easy to sit down in, easy to stay in. Love the parklets! |
| I found it to be flush with the existing pavement or with clearly marked steps. Very accessible |
| On the footpath level. Wide footpaths here |
| Level with footpath |
| I am fully abled and don't have good insight on accessibility |
| Directly accessible from the footpath. |
| No barriers - easy to access |
| Tables were well spaced and the area was raised. |
| Walk right in |
| Space around tables ample for ease of movement |
| Footpath mounted |
| Easy access from the pavement |
| I have a physical disability and it was fine. The step up would have been an issue for anyone in an electric chair but otherwise good. |
| It was easily accessible so not sure what this question is asking. |
| Not really applicable as we are of good mobility and dexterity |
| Ramp off footpath makes it accessible to all. |
| At-grade access is great and make is feel like part of the footpath/restaurant. |
| It was visible, east to walk to and near public transport. |
| As a wheelchair user I enjoyed the extra seating space. |
| Plenty of space |
| Good especially for people with a disability as there is no small doorways or aisles to get through |

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| Large abs open |
| Have no disability |
| Level deck |
| I'm an able bodied person |
| It was accessible |
| Built on flat ground |
| Close to home |
| I have access needs. These offered me access to the venue and vibe without having to be too challenged |
| Simply sit down |
| It is a generous space |
| Its an extra space and I enjoyed the outdoor option. |
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| Floating floor means no step from footpath to outdoor area. |
| Carpark/roadway has been covered by platform creating flat surface from footpath. |
| Might be good to have an "unsure" option here for the able bodied who are unsure... |
| Step off the footpath onto the dining area |
| This parklet runs flush with the pavement (from memory) - I am abled body though so I may not notice other things |
| I guess? |
| No steps |
| No step and plenty of space between tables |
| The parklet had been blended with the pavement perfectly. |
| Such a wonderfully designed space. I found it easy to access, but that it also had lots of nooks and corners to make it feel comfortable and secluded despite being on Wellington St. |
| This is a great parklet! Beautifully designed to fit the cafes decor, and feels really nice to sit at. |
| Easy to access |
| Open to street, no stairs. |
| Specifically built with accessibility in mind, there is even an ramp for wheelchair access. |
| There were no steps or obstacles. Smooth surface. Shade available! Not too noisy. Spacious for all types |
| The Warm Hug Cafe parklet floor is only one step up from the road surface . It has a one step access and it has a ramp as well, for wheelchairs. It also has steel frame waist-high fence around the parklet, so there is no risk of falling off the floor area. Very safe, |
| Easy access from footpath as per preCOVID days |
| Low curb just there. |
| The garden style benches are tricky for an injured leg, but they put cafe tables & chairs out too. |
| No gap between pavement and deck. Nice open space |
| It feels like footpaths have more room, parklets are easy to access. |
| Easy to get into and exit |
| raised platform so there was no step-down off the curb. |
| The area is flat |
| The ramp made it wheelchair accessible and the flat deck was perfectly stable. |
| There is a ramp, tables off the deck side and all furniture is spaced the same |
| Ramp provided |
| At street level |
| Easy access everywhere |
| All one grade/level. I had a pram. |
| Easy access, no barriers |
| Very wide footpath to accomodate |

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| Easy for me to access. They also built a ramp as such to avoid the curb for people who needed it |
| easy transition between pavement and restaurant area |
| I could walk there easily |
| Parklet was at grade with the footpath so had universal access. |
| Easy to manouvre our pram |
| no parklet that i've been to includes features that are different to the existing property. |
| It was level with road. It actually improved accessibility on the footpath because it was no longer crowded with the smaller tables/chairs that businesses usually have on the footpath. |
| easy to get there, ramps onto it |
| It is connected to the footpath and very large, making it easier for people in a wheelchair to access the pub. |
| I found it easy to access, however I do not have accessibility needs. For my friends in wheelchairs, however, they still seem quite accessible |
| At grade with footpath. |
| was at ground level with tables of varying heights |
| Ramps and ample space |
| Parklets are level with curb |
| It's roomy and not on a main road |
| Level to the street |
| Level to shopfront |
| I like that it's raised so it's flat with the footpath |
| Level to the street |
| Connects to footpath |
| Level to pavement |
| Flat to the ground and level with sidewalk |
| Level to footpath |
| Easy access from the pavement |
| Rolls flat out from the curb. No issue at all with accessibility. |
| Nothing is in the way and it's a flat surface. The owners did a wonderful job at building the floor for the parklet |
| From memory it was level to the footpath - it was also great not to have poor pedestrians trying to squeeze past us diners on narrow footpaths |
| There are options for non able bodied people, plus more seating means more room to allow them a comfortable and social place to dine without being excluded from the other patrons. |
| It's just .. there and level with footpath |
| The parklet made this venue more accessible to me as I prefer to bring my dog with me when dining out. |
| I am able-bodied and therefore did not notice anything that was hindering my accessibility |
| Ramp at front |
| didn't think about it |
| Decking means it's flush with the footpaths |
| Outside, on flat ground. |
| No steps required, flat surfaces and plenty of room |
| No steps, just walk straight off the footpath. |
| Mollies normally has stairs, so the venue isn't the most accessible for people with disabilities. The parklet is right on the street; combined with the street bar that Mollies/Sircuit set up, I feel like it makes the venue more accessible for patrons with disabilities. |
| Well built and level |
| Access from the street to the parklet was straightforward - no steps |
| Open and easy to get into |

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| It's an easy walk-in/walk-out arrangement. |
| Its at street level... The team did a great job of building a fantastic seating layout that warms the environment and makes it feel friendly and open. |
| They're at street level. |
| My friend in a wheel chair is now able to visit more places as the parklets make everything more wheelchair accessible |
| Being open to the footpath and on the same level as the footpath I did not encounter and trip hazards or uneven surfaces at all. |
| No issue |
| was even to footpath |
| Ramp at an appropriate angle |
| Venue has taken great care to maximise accessibility. Mollie's is upstairs so the park let has enabled access for wheelchair users and people with physical disabilities. |
| It was easy to access for a wheelchair or pram |
| Most seem to be sitting flush with footpath level for easy entry. |
| No step, flat surface, flatter than the footpath actually |
| Might need to improve access for wheelchairs but more accessible with parklet |
| I am able bodied. |
| No steps/stairs. Wide open spaces for any all mobility excessories. |
| Wide open space,probably only one step from memory. All ages dining there |
| In a side street and also safe barrier |
| I have no accessibility needs but appreciate for others that the parklet was a flat surface and there were no stairs, making it easy for elderly, differently abled people, wheelchairs etc. |
| It was connected to the pavement |
| All ramps |
| The parklet is on a raised platform to make access easy from the footpath and is near a tram stop and signalized pedestrian crossing. |
| It is secure and easy to access |
| Same level as path |
| It was made level with the curb. |
| May not be able to access in a wheel chair as there is a step from memory. |
| Very well laid out space |
| Well set out |
| It felt like an extention of the venue |
| Could have more shade. |
| The venue has installed decking to ensure a flat surface for diners. |
| We directly entered and left the parklet space with no obstacles to navigate. |
| There were no obstacles to navigate in the parklet. |
| Good amount of space between tables. Even surface transition from pavement to decked are. |
| There were no obstacles to accessing the parklet area. |
| There were no obstacles in accessing the parklet. |
| It feels like an extension of the footpath – you just walk across |
| Worked functionally in its space. |
| Easy access. |
| Easy access from footpath |
| Well designed and built for the purpose |
| Well designed, well built. |
| Feels like part of the pub. |
| Most are one step or flush with the gutter in general much more accessible then most entry's to mod places |

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| Didn't have to navigate stairs |
| Operators made it very easy outdoor is so friendly and i think great for those with disability |
| No obstacles |
| Seems to be at grade to pavement |
| The set up is easy to walk into and walk around the area |
| There aren't many truly accessible places in Melbourne (I work for a disability workplace) and so having accessible places that are integrated into restaurants helps to eliminate stigma. It can be incredibly tricky to find accessible places and even trickier in COVID times as there are issues around vulnerable populations being exposed so these areas are incredibly important to help to eliminate the structural barriers to people with disability's participation. |
| There were no steps, and easy transition from pathway to parklet. Other parklets I have visited have all had accessible sections |
| Park let's are well made with decking so there is no step at the kerb. |
| No steps up and plenty of space between tables. |
| Lots more seating options |
| The owner had built a platform. |
| Level flooring constructed in many, if not they're just as accessible as stepping into the road off the footpath |
| There are steps however there is also footpath dining on the inside of the Parker if you had trouble with steps. |
| It has entries from both ways plus the door to lamanna is in the lane |
| For me, but I am able bodied |
| Greater mobility friendly seating options - particularly for older buildings that were not built in times when ramps were standard. |
| I am able and mobile. It would be easy to negotiate with a stick or a wheelchair as its level. |
| The tables were well spaced and the floor was even. |
| Minimal steps, flat surface, space between tables. |
| Level to footpath |
| Thoughtfully planned out including a ramp for wheel chairs. |
| We have a pram and it was very easy to access the table |
| Same as above, all very well designed. |
| I am able to walk easily |
| Public transport. |

Somewhat accessible

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| We have young children and use a pram to transport them. The park let wasn't accessible for the pram, but we were able to take the baby out and leave the pram nearby. |
| Parklets are surrounded by fences and gutter edges, can be difficult to navigate with limited mobility. Good to build in flat access points. |
| Uneven under foot |
| I wasn't looking for accessibility as I don't have requirements myself but I think the surface was flat and there were fairly wide spaces to pass through |
| The parklet is on level footpath however, as an able bodied woman it is quite likely I did not notice other obstacles. |
| Not a lot of space allocated for the amount of people who wish to use it. |
| Slightly inaccessible due to the dip in the ground from footpath to parklet |
| Steps up to landings from footpath, slope of street. |
| The outdoor dining platform is great but too big, the space is not well used and it has blocked a valuable bike access route for many residents. |

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| flat |
| Fairly level, but level options available |
| there were no major obstacles, but the nature of waterloo place is that it has tall gutters and narrow paths. |
| I found it super easy, but i am possibly unaware of some accessibility issues others might face. |
| step created by kerb & gutter |
| Step up to it and table you had to step into |
| Steps to get on to parklet |
| It was pretty good, but I can't 100% remember if there was a step down from the gutter to get in |
| It was fine for us, however there was a step to get from the kerb to the parklet so no accessibility for people using wheelchairs. It was also unclear first where to enter the parklet. |
| A step is a minor inconvenience. It is still considered safe. |
| Step down from footpath to eating area |
| Narrow spaces between tables. |
| had a step up to the seating. |
| From memory there was a step to access the parklet. |
| Ability to get in and out, bit squishy |
| Ok for me, but some places gave uneven ground, need to step down etc |
| I'm not sure about stepping from curb but the added space around tables would be much better for wheelchair users than what was previously available. |
| There is step but they also have tables below the step so covering all bases |
| On-road part of parklet required step from footpath, but there were other tables available on the footpath area itself. |
| it was fine |
| Uneven road. |
| You have to step down to the road part, but it also expands the seating on the footpath which is accessible |
| The dining area is raised so had to step up into it |
| This particular parklet was only somewhat accessible as it had a small step. I have seen other parklets that are fully accessible and would be very supportive of this style being widely adopted. |
| I recall there is a step up required to get into the shipping container |
| I think there were some stairs but otherwise quite spacious |
| There is a camber on the road that makes the tables lean. |
| There was a drop from the kerb, and ground was uneven. I did not have trouble, but someone with a mobility aid would |
| I have a pram and it was easy to get up the single stair |
| Gutter |
| Some are more accessible than the store itself which is a pro, but more could be done to promote/encourage accessibility at shops and restaurants in Yarra council area. |
| Stepped |
| I can't recall whether there were ramps for wheelchair access. |
| They definitely can be inaccessible due to uneven ground or stairs but perhaps more funding to create even/flat surfaces or ramps would be helpful to resolve this issue |
| There weren't stairs at many parklets. |
| Seating on the side furthest from the venue ie closer to the bollard wall may be difficult for diners with physical disabilities eg crutches, wheelchairs etc |
| Their Parklet isn't flat |
| A few steps between areas, given the slope of the ground |
| The ledge down into the street would make parklets difficult for some people with mobility issues |
| I can't really remember to be honest |

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| Lots of foot traffic, but that isn't the business's fault. |
| The parklet requires people to step down from the road side curb, but most of those I've seen also have tables on the footpath in addition to the parklet. |
| Some accessibility issues with kerbs and dodgy temporary board ramps between kerb and road. If these were to be made permanent investing in better infrastructure would be good. |
| There may have been some steps from memory. Not sure how others who have accessibility requirements would view them |
| it was accessible enough for the bottom level. from memory there may have been a step up somewhere tho 🙋 |
| The parklet is on a bit of a hill. Council should patent multi-height chair and table legs, would make a fortune! |
| Level ground but lots of tripping hazards |
| There was a step from the footpath up to the parklet floor, but the structure itself was flat surfaced and roomy. I think it would be manageable eg with a pram. |
| I am able bodied but if I was think from another prescribe to make it more inclusive, the step down from the pathway to the tables could be difficult for some. A ramp that can moved for ease to different tables would make it more accessible. More soft lighting would make it easier to see potential hazards and create more of atmosphere. |
| A few uneven surfaces |
| There's a step into the parklet |
| Could use some ramps. |
| Too much furniture to get through |
| There's only a small curb step but it's highlighted with caution tape. Tables are well spaced and easy to move between. |
| I have a tendency to fall so I have to be careful. this was ok |
| No ramp for people with mobility aids. |
| It just next to the footpath, is not so difficult for wheelchair or other mobility aids. |
| Can't remember if there was a kerb ramp or not |
| Would have been challenging for a person in a wheelchair to access |
| I don't use a wheelchair but I think some people that do might find it a little cramped to manoeuvre around in |
| Fine if you don't have a wheel chair for space but the venue isn't that easily wheel chair accessible anyway. |
| Flush with kerb non fixed furniture |
| There's a step down if you can't get to the drive way part of it. |
| I believe there are occasions where a step down the gutter or onto seating could make it less accessible particularly for groups with poor mobility. However, I find it reasonable that these people should be able to find a seat indoors in specially reserved seating if the business can rely on extra space in a parklet. In that case it can increase the accessibility of the establishment as a whole without impacting numbers. |
| Some parklets I visited were well designed and evened out, others were somewhat uneven. Although though some had steps these were preferable to one's that did not have an even surface. |
| Curb could cause accessibility issues. |
| There was a raised wooden platform that I think would have allowed walking aids to be used, however I am not certain as I don't use an aid |
| Some are a bit wonky or down the curb but none the less more seats = more business |
| Mostly they're flush with the kerb which is nice but I'd like to see permanent designs with proper access consideration |
| Just a few steps up |

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| Easy to use |
| I have a 6 month old and some parklet's are on two levels and not always pram accessible |
| Some are tricky to access with a pram |
| There was a small step |
| The parklet was easily accessible for a fully abled person, this meant that other seating in other parts of the venue were more likely to be available for those with mobility disability or visual impairment. |
| One parklet had a step, another required navigating a gutter/kerb. |
| Road surface was a little wobbly and uneven. Fine for us, but maybe tricky for those that struggle with uneven ground and steps. |
| Some are very accessible being level to the pavement, some have a small step up, a few step down to the road level. Most still have tables on the pavement which provide accessibility too. |

Neutral

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| I didn't notice any steps |
| I think that there was a step down to the parklet which would make it less wheelchair accessible |
| It is a sloped street with uneven height curbing due to drainage |
| No ramp |
| gutter step-down. |
| Uneven roads and steps around Yarra. As above, would like to see parklet's a permanent fixture with fences / green hedges and platforms. Would also suggest St Andrew Hotel, Fitzroy to have a parklet available from Conservatory to Nicholson Street, blocking off traffic. So traffic could go down either laneway to enter Nicholson if required. |
| We sat at the northern end which has some steps. Other parts of the park let we're the same level as the footpath though. |
| If given more budget and time to create these spaces the surfaces would be more even, but I can't see any issues with accessibility |
| Not possible at the one I was at for those who are physically disabled, but others certainly are when built at footpath level |
| Can't comment on this |
| I do not recall the accessibility of this parklet in particular but it is imperative that they are accessible for people in wheelchairs so everyone is able to enjoy the benefits of the parklet. |
| Am able-bodied so can't comment. I'm pretty sure it was ramped. |
| I don't feel qualified to make this assessment for this parklet. |
| I am not a person living with a disability and thus do not feel like I have the ability to answer this on their behalf |
| I don't drive so I can't comment on parking |
| I am fortunate enough to be able-bodied so I didn't even notice whether there was a wheelchair ramp etc. |
| This parklet is on a pretty significant angle. |
| Some steps and access could be improved. Slope is challenging. |
| It was possible with a pram but got a bit crowded |
| Didn't take notice |
| I'm an able person so I'll leave this question to people who have access issues and experience to talk to. |
| No more or less difficult than inside cafes. |
| The one outside Bouzy Rouge would often have ash trays or mosquito coils on the path in the way. Outdoor heaters on cooler nights also blocked |
| I can't recall if this parklet was wheelchair accessible. |

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| Often cumbersome to get to. Could be challenging for those in wheelchairs, for example. |
| I have no impediments that impact accessibility. |
| I have no physical impediments that would impact accessibility for me |
| No lived experience with disability so didn't consider this when dining |
| There's not a lot of room for public transport and bikes and cars |
| The parklet's themselves might have some access issues but they free up space in more accessible areas |
| Although the space itself is accessible for diners, it does block off a through route for walkers somewhat. If this particular space was permanent, it should have tables only on the sides of the laneway and a wider walkway down the middle. |

Somewhat inaccessible

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| There was a step down to use the tables - the venue didn't want to spend too much money on a temporary build so they didn't build out an expensive timber platform, but I would imagine permanent council rules would incentivise better infrastructure |
| Bit cramped on uneven surface, step down to get to area |
| It was in early stage of parklet with no level infrastructure. |
| Crowding on pavement and lots of people milling about |
| It may just need a bit more floor stability if it stays long term, which I hope it does :) |
| Stepped levels. |
| Not suitable for people in wheelchairs as there were no ramps. |
| Parklets in general are often not accessible to everyone, often on a slope or the wooden platforms have a step rather than a ramp for wheelchair access. |
| had to step off the kerb to access the parklet - tables were very close together so couldn't have navigated in a wheelchair or maybe even if crutches. |
| too many in close proximity to each other - makes the area congested, |
| Inaccessible due to slight step and narrow between some tables. |
| Steps etc |
| A lot of the parklets are raised without ramps or don't sit flush with the pavement. This would be an issue for a lot of folk that aren't entirely able-bodied but is very easy to improve. |
| Steps |
| Elevated with steps |
| There's a step up into the parklet (although the regular sidewalk dining was still available) |
| Single step up from memory, but wide and easy to access. |
| They are accessible to me as an able bodied person. But I don't imagine people in wheelchairs or using walking aids would have the same experience as me |
| Steps. Too congested. |
| Very little space around tables. Picnic style tables without moveable seats |

Very inaccessible

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| There was a step up limiting accessibility |
| Obstacles and gutters to navigate |
| A danger to the old, frail, impaired, because of step and trip hazards. |
| I ate there once and can't walk past with my dogs for want of clean air |
| There is huge step up which has no warning tape or paint and is an obvious trip and fall hazard (I saw a couple of people stumble) |

By creating parklets we've had to temporarily remove some car parking spaces.

What impact do you think this has had in this location?

| Value | Percent | Count |
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| Very positive impact | 65.00% | 1,682 |
| Some positive impact | 12.00% | 305 |
| No impact | 12.00% | 320 |
| Some negative impact | 5.00% | 140 |
| Very negative impact | 3.00 | 67 |
| Unsure | 2.00% | 60 |
| | Totals | 2,574 |

Comments

Very positive impact

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| People want to be out and about after being locked up in 2020 |
| this venue normally has such small capacity it's hard to get in. having the parklet has meant we've returned multiple times to support this small business |
| most patrons to this area's bars don't drive anyway |
| Improves the look and vibe |
| Cremorne is overcrowded for cars. Taking parking away can help reduce car traffic |
| It is great to see 20 or 30 people sitting outside rather than 2 or 3 cars in the same spot. It enlivens the area and makes it a drawcard. |
| Opinion 1: Removing carspots isn't a bad thing, there are still plenty of parking spaces in and around the area, if people have to walk an extra 5-10min that's no big deal, Opinion 2: Public transport is highly available in Yarra, Opinion 3: Hospitality in general has a lot of catching up to do and for most the parklets are playing a huge role in that. |
| With the increasing population in Fitzroy & Collingwood a lot of venues are getting over crowded, this allows more access to the restaurants and bars that would otherwise be at capacity most Friday and Saturday nights etc |
| More people coming by bike or foot. |
| An attractive location to enjoy an outdoor drink near Edi Gardens |
| Community vibe and enjoyment of our environment, more enjoyable streets for people rather than cars, more people hanging out for longer in nicer environments spending more money over longer periods of time |
| More people riding, walking and taking public transport - which is great. |
| Car parking is not necessary during summer at Yarra locations |
| Reducing parking increases foot traffic which is far more likely to stop and spend and just feels better |
| There is plenty of other parking options. Most people that arrived walked or were dropped off by Uber anyway. |
| They are so vibrant and a great space for people-watching! |
| Livelier! It's so wonderful driving through Gertrude St and seeing everyone happily enjoying their lives |
| Great vibe, more people want to come. Less traffic on the roads! This should happen every summer! |
| We only have street parking in Yarra but we feel that the benefits totally outweigh any negatives. We're using our shared space so much better! |
| Encourages non-car modes of transport |

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| Seems like there are way more people that feel safe to be out and about OUTSIDE, rather than having do dine inside. Means more foot traffic for local businesses, too |
| I think it's a good thing to discourage driving for the environment and for amenity of pedestrians. I live in a very busy part of Fitzroy near intersection of Brunswick and Johnston and I think it's a better use of space for businesses to use this space and pedestrianise it rather than have parking, cars trying to get into parks on a busy road just creates traffic jams anyway. |
| It was annoying to have cars parked in front of that cafe anyway and it was more unsafe before with kids and dogs on the tables that were on the street. It feels safer with the structure there. |
| The streetscape is better utilised, businesses have been positively impacted, it has encouraged people to walk/cycle and dine at places they may not have had access to |
| It is an excellent use of otherwise wasted space |
| Reduce cars on the road, promote public transport and walking/cycling. Great vibes for the Yarra council area. Safer dining in terms of being covid safe. |
| It brings more pedestrians and people to shop at local stores |
| I think that the residents of Yarra travel via foot and bike more than any other and the benefit of outdoor seating outweighs the need for carparking |
| Better use of space when so many apartments and heaps of public transport. Not many shops but heaps of dining options in this part of the street |
| Less cars on the streets with parklets makes outdoor dining and walking along the street feel safer and more pleasant (less noise, pollution) |
| These parklets are doing absolute wonders for Yarra!! I will be shattered to see them go. I've not heard anyone complaining about reduced parking - Yarra is so accessible by PTV or cycling or by foot. |
| One car may bring one person to the area to enjoy themselves and spend money, but one parklet brings many people. Tram access is excellent, so encourage more parklets |
| Very happy with more foot traffic on sidewalks and fewer cars. The park let's make the street feel much more vibrant and I am attracted to more businesses that have a lot of people sitting outside. The busy park lets make me want to try new businesses |
| It's nice to see so much outdoor dining, and for businesses to increase capacity. They ad such a good atmosphere to the street |
| I think that anything that reduces the amount of cars on the road and promotes safe community activity is positive. |
| It encourages people to cycle more. |
| Great to democratise our streets. Parking is the least efficient, least socially productive, least sustainable way to use our spaces. |
| Less cars more vibe less pollution environment friendly |
| It's essentially enabled businesses (at least at some locations) to double their patronage. More people on the street creates a vibrant, bustling atmosphere that I would like to see extended the whole way along roads where the Parklets are. |
| being only 15min parking zones in the parklet i believe that a dining area is a much better use of the space. |
| It adds a bit more friction to using cars. It is a great deterrent to motivate people to use public transport/active transport. |
| Pedestrian and diners' safety and freedom from pollution seem more important than some local parking spaces. |
| Discourages lazy parking/driving |
| This stretch of Wellington St is a bit of a wasteland. The parklet makes it more convivial and inviting |
| Many people would visit this location without driving therefore it could be a fairer use of a shared public space. |

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| Reclaims the streets for people to enjoy |
| Walking everywhere is better than driving |
| Creation of an outdoor 'slow space' which would otherwise be taken by parking/traffic/non community enhancing things. |
| Better space utilisation |
| The corner looked run down before and now it looks cleaner with a nicer atmosphere and there are still plenty of parking spaces available |
| Improves the atmosphere and appearance |
| Poor parking in area anyway |
| Less vehicles turning into and out of Stawell St |
| Improves the local atmosphere |
| It has improved Gertrude St and given it a buzz and a community feel |
| Limited seating without the parklet |
| The less cars there are in small local shopping strips the better. |
| I think it encourages people to eat out |
| Because cars and pedestrians don't go together. And the fewer cars on the planet the better, do any small restriction of the use of cars is great. |
| Creates positive vibe in the area |
| Quieter Street with no rat-runners connecting Church to Lennox Sts. |
| More foot traffic |
| Much better to have people dining than cars parking! Plenty of P/T access. |
| Car parking is a gross waste of public space. The "parklets" are one of the best things Yarra Council has done in years, and really make the streets feel more welcoming, active and fun as I walk around. |
| There's plenty of public transport in this area and the locals who are mainstay for the businesses walk to these venues. It's good to have all this outdoor eating. |
| Less traffic |
| Much nicer streetscape with less cars. |
| Reduce cars. Promote walking and bike riding. |
| Too much car parking in Yarra destroys our public spaces and subsidises anti-social forms of transport (polluting, dangerous, but mostly just taking up too much space) |
| What a stupid question, the result is obvious |
| What a stupid question, the result is obvious |
| The majority of residents walk to the restaurant, removing car parking is not an issue at all and should be encouraged further! Parking can always happen on other side streets that don't have commercial business e.g. one street back |
| More people able to enjoy outdoor spaces, less cars taking up space. People out dining and enjoying the space creates a much nicer atmosphere than cars trying to park. |
| I imagine that when covid is finished and number restrictions are eased it would create a great vibe in the area akin to similar places in Lyon street |
| It has increased the amount of outdoor dining |
| Encouraged people to take alternative routes - it's positively impacted foot traffic too. I don't know if there's another opportunity to say this later but if not here goes - I would hate to see most of them go. Even if it was just a seasonal activity, it's so beneficial for the locale. |
| It's only taken one car space and provided heaps more dining space, it's great! |
| More people should be walking to their local businesses not driving |
| Its added more a an atmosphere to the area, street is very quiet traffic wise and perfect use of public spaces |

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| Cars dominate our streets, allowing more people to dine on the street is a huge benefit to our local communities. It's about people not traffic and car parking. Car parking is also privatization of public space, the same as having people dine there. |
| Great use of public space |
| I like to see our inner city areas becoming more village-like physically. Psycho-geographically they already are. Once upon a time people walked around the corner to their local milk bar, for example. Or to their local shopping strip. There were never more than a couple of spaces to park. |
| Added new life to the street. |
| Less cars on the road more people walking |
| Fitzroy / Collingwood has amazing walkability, public transport... there is no need for significant parking. Much better use of space |
| Motivates people to walk |
| People engage with the street surrounds more |
| The parklets create such a great atmosphere and vibrancy that outweighs having extra car parks |
| Better use of space |
| Brunswick St is dying a slow death and the park lets along it have added a great atmosphere. It is nival and exciting being able to dine on the street and watch the passers by. |
| Much better use of public space that makes it much more accessible to a significant amount of people, as opposed to 2-3 cars. Also improves the vibe dramatically. |
| Smith St feels less hectic with the parklets |
| Parklets in all our local area (Fitzroy, Carlton, Nth Fitzroy) create a great vibe and is a much better use of public space. The only downside is the temporary/makeshift style of most at the moment. |
| Returning outdoor space in Richmond to people instead of cars. |
| Brings life out on the streets |
| All of the above and less cars give people a push toward a possible healthier travel option all together |
| Gertrude street has come alive with the parklets - has a festive fun feel at night. |
| Enough parking available. |
| Much nicer street, not so much traffic |
| It's too loud inside Bad Franky. It's much nicer on the street. |
| More people out and about. Better to have less cars around |
| Has also reduced through traffic in side streets |
| There is a lot of foot/bike traffic on bruns St anyway and having less cars looks nicer. |
| More people ride their bikes or walk. Those car parks are not used that much so it really hasn't been a problem for the neighbourhood. |
| Many footpaths are narrow on busy main streets. Having a dining area outside on parking spots adds a great deal to the atmosphere of a street |
| I do not think there is a high demand for parking at this location. |
| I do not think there is a huge demand for parking in this area. |
| Parking spaces are an appalling use of public space. Cant think of a lower value use of public space. |
| Taking two parking spaces for two people and using it to have 20 people using the space is a much better use. |
| I think the parklets is a better use of space than car parks. |
| That's like one space so who cares. Plenty of parking on Langridge |
| For the loss of a couple of car parking spots we get a vibrant outdoor dining area. Public transport services this area very well. |
| The increased outdoor dining space seems a much better use of public space than a few car parks. I can now take my dog and find a seat outside much more easily. |
| Due to COVID, they had almost no indoor dining. Outside makes the area a destination |

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| Because of the location of this parklet I don't think a car park was removed, but it feels as though in other locations there is less traffic (particularly Gertrude Street) because less people are actively looking for parks which causes annoying traffic issues |
| I have often struggled to get a table at Ish last minute. There was outdoor dining space available on this occasion. I think the increase in outdoor dining space is a better use of public space than a couple of carparks. |
| Very pleasant sitting outside. |
| Outdoor dining makes Gertrude street fun! |
| The ability to enjoy eating outside without feeling I'm in a car park/traffic. I think the area has good public transport access, a large number of patrons from the local area, and still has sufficient car spaces for those who require them. |
| Was there even parking there before? Quite unnecessary if there was |
| Plenty of parking elsewhere |
| I cannot tell you how much better the street feel is wherever parklets have been introduced. I am delighted that life is being brought back onto the streets. The reduced clutter of cars everywhere is wonderful and so much more positive than a dead street full of parked cars. |
| More people travelling by foot, parking in side streets away from main street |
| It made a nice outdoor dining area for the restaurant and that enlivens the street. In fact we go there reasonably often and after COVID hit, but prior to the parklet, we would grab lunches and eat them in the little park nearby, which was crowded. Plus it's nicer to eat on actual plates and avoid takeout plastic |
| This might be extreme but if Smith street was all parklets, loading zones and handicapped spaces in the main area, that would be great. Maybe there needs to be another parking garage, but still, so many people just uber in and the parklets make the area super fun and lively. Even in cooler weather I've been pleasantly surprised about how nice it is to eat outside |
| heaps more foot traffic than pre-covid. More people out in the early evening too. |
| That area of restaurants have almost made a super parklet or are trying to outdo one another with making it nice |
| Some shopping strips will need dedicated parking to cater to those who live further away |
| That end of Wellington Street with Molly Rose, Chotto Motto, and The Gem is completely transformed with the parklets. Before, it had really unattractive vibes with cars and traffic. Now, it feels like a destination. |
| Much more valuable to the community as a social and business space than a car parking space. |
| Great to see the streets with people enjoying themselves and makes the seating much biker and you can enjoy the sunshine |
| Melbourne is better by bike and on foot and we should make it easier and nicer to get around that way and encourage less cars |
| Parking isn't necessary and it's great to have more people friendly spaces. Kent street is a bar, so most people are drinking and won't be driving. Also many people that frequent Kent street are local and walk or tram to the venue and not use a car in any case. |
| Best to limit parkings around eating areas. Encourage people to park elsewhere and walk. |
| It makes the area feel more like a community. It's more relaxed and friendly, it definitely encourages me to go out more and enjoy the outdoors |
| Molly rose isn't large so it provides way more access to go to the venue. Most people are drinking (it's s brewery) and won't be driving to the venue in any case. |
| The improved amenity far outweighs the slight decrease in parking, people should use public transport to these areas anyway, using cars to travel here is unsustainable |
| Before the parklet the tavern was not busy or a destination to go to, now it is busy all the time. |
| It's made the street more social and person friendly rather than focused on cars |

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| So many of the people who frequent these locations live in the area, and can easily walk or cycle to the cafes, restaurants and bars that they frequent. It's given more space to the people and improved the feel of our neighbourhoods. |
| Nice for pedestrians to have less cars on streets. |
| So many of the people who frequent these locations live in the area, and can easily walk or cycle to the cafes, restaurants and bars that they frequent. It's given more space to the people and improved the feel of our neighbourhoods. |
| Vibe. |
| Nicer for pedestrians to have less cars on streets. |
| Nicer for pedestrians to have less cars on the road. |
| So pleasant to eat outside, so much better for the community. |
| Less cars on the road, more room for smaller establishments to provide seating for their customers |
| It has only removed 2 parking spots that are on a side street. It is safer to walk in this area with this top end of the street closed off to traffic. |
| makes the space more friendly |
| Parking on these main streets creates traffic disruptions, emissions, noise and just wasted the space. Using the road space for actual human activity is wonderful. |
| Public transport runs right down smith street so no need to drive plus this pub is right in the heart of Collingwood which is in the middle of an apartment boom. |
| Spaces are utilised for much greater public benefit than for car parks. A space that might have allowed one person to drive and park is now allowing a dozen or more patrons to enjoy outdoor dining. Adds to vibrant atmosphere of post-lockdown Yarra. |
| Slows people down, encourages different transport options to get to places |
| Parking just off Smith St is quite accessible and parking around the dining spaces is still plentiful, the dining areas are bringing people to the area so the businesses are getting more support whilst parking isn't detrimented. |
| I was concerned that removing car spaces would negatively impact businesses as patrons can't park - this doesn't seem to be a significant issue and I haven't experienced any challenges with the reduced parking. |
| Less people driving, more bikes, ride share and walking, good for local businesses plus it has a fresh feel |
| Less traffic, more people. There are many ways to get around Yarra. You don't need to drive |
| Most local people walk/cycle locally and this is a far better use of a public space than parking. Plus, it gets restaurant furniture off the footpath where it blocks pedestrians and creates issues for people with prams, in wheelchairs, etc. |
| Encourages active and public transport and reduces the excessive space allocated to parking |
| For a small cost to drivers, the parklet is hugely beneficial to the location more broadly - it has brought life to Rathdowne St, has become a feature over the summer and is so wonderful seeing people out in the open air. |
| Creates a space that can be used by many, rather than just the driver and passengers of a few cars. Better vibe along the street |
| I wanted to tick some positive, some negative but mainly positive because it improves the street amenity and vibes no end. |
| Outdoor dining is more fun and it's enjoyable to see people out having fun. It doesn't seem to have had a big impact on getting a car space & perhaps encourages people to use another form of transport. |
| Less cars is great more bikes and walking. It feels safer. |

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| Impact on the area is positive as it allows space for the majority of users in the area (i.e. pedestrians). Brunswick St is dominated by foot traffic and the parklets cater well for this use. Car park space is wasteful as it benefits only the driver. |
| We are well serviced by public transport. |
| I think it has had very little impact on car parking. We live between Smith and Brunswick Streets, and it has not been more difficult for us to park, even though the cafes and restaurants have been busy. |
| Less cars taking up public space |
| It was only a carpark used for morning pick up coffee. |
| We don't need more cars through yarra, making people travel to these venues via public transport/uber etc allows these spaces to remain permanently. |
| Parking is a poor use of public space. A single unoccupied private car takes a lot space that could otherwise been used by the community or to support our local venues. In addition, "build it and they will come" - providing more parking just encourages people to drive more. In the context of a climate emergency we need to prioritise other modes. |
| Because there were spaces there.but to be honest they're usually a pain to park in, there aren't many and it's such an easy place to get to. |
| Encourages Yarra locals to explore their own area. Creates a more positive outside atmosphere. Encourages people to use sustainable transport |
| It makes the space much less industrial. |
| Lots of public transport to area anyway |
| Created a more spacious environment |
| i love less cars parked on the thoroughfares, it also makes crossing the roads a bit easier. |
| It is a better use of public space - per hour one car park benefits say 1-2 people who park there, whereas a parklet benefits many more than this. Also it encourages people to walk, cycle or get a tram around the local area - there's no need to drive to most of the 'eat streets' in Yarra as they are all easily accessible by public transport |
| Car parks are unproductive use of public space. |
| What's the ratio of extra patrons to parking spots? |
| Less cars in City of Yarra should be encouraged. |
| Enough parking already, side street off street parking (car parks) under utilised previously |
| It's a much better use of space along Rathdowne st. Creates a lovely atmosphere and feels like it puts people and pedestrians first, ahead of cars, which is also nice |
| As a cyclist, the parklets present whole strips of areas where: 1) I can't get doored 2) I don't have to deal with parking or departing cars abutting the lane and forcing me to swerve over tram tracks |
| I live in the block and we have lost a carpark but dont care as we want George to succeed! It is all for the neighborhood. |
| Less traffic, more space to sit in the fresh air, easier to find a table and a better 'vibe' |
| Minimal loss of parking space for maximum use of space for to support the hospitality industry |
| Outdoor dining spaces give a very European Mediterranean vibe. Great spaces to enjoy a glass if wine or some food. Richmond doesn't have many areas like that so these parklets are a greatand wrlcome addition to our suburbs |
| Still brings people to the area to spend money at local places |
| There is currently too much public space given over to parking private motor vehicles. Parklets are making better use of public space, create a great street atmosphere and support local businesses. It goes to show that people, and not parked cars, spend money in shops and create vibrant streets. |
| Yarra has great tram access in most areas. It's easy to take trams to great restaurants - no need to drive and park |

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| Veneziano parklet concept is excellent and needs to be included in more City of Yarra publicity materials. The shipping containers and lawn chairs have transformed the vibe of the street. I saw a photo posted on Veneziano's Facebook page and knew I needed to brunch there to see it for myself. |
| No one really misses two car parks - especially at a venue where alcohol is involved |
| Car parks are 1-2 cars vs 20+ diners. Please keep!! |
| It makes it more pedestrian friendly, more like a public space, it's really nice. Much better than sitting on a footpath table with a car parked next to you. There are enough car spaces - we can spare a few to create awesome neighbourhoods. |
| As someone who drives, I find parking along Smith street to be unsafe, not very secure and quite stressful. With trams, bikes and pedestrians always travelling simultaneously it can be quite overwhelming to park there and I feel not very safe for bike riders when cars pull in and out of the spot. I would love to see no parking along Smith st to encourage public transport and a more pedestrian friendly environment where people could walk and dine and hop on and off trams freely. |
| Businesses are relying on these parklets to keep their capacity up. Much more valuable to the community than parking spaces under the current circumstances. |
| Some of the street could be avoided as main traffic thoroughfares anyway. A lot of people walk or catch cars to the area avoiding parking requirements anyway. |
| What kind of idiot would try to park on Gertrude St in the first place? |
| Smith St has too many car parks, the parklets reduce the dominance of cars on what can be an overly choked road. |
| Not sure who would be driving to a neighbourhood pub in a back street - dining is a far better use of public space than parked cars. |
| People using PT, cycling or walking from their car parked elsewhere. Good for emissions I think and general public health if we are all more active. |
| There's plenty of parking around Collingwood |
| The whole place doesn't smell like fumes and have such loud background noise, people seem calmer, it's better for the environment |
| Better use of space, encourages alternative travel |
| Changes the whole vibe of Collingwood for the better |
| Reduced traffic. Safer roads from people not constantly trying to reverse parallel park and obstructing traffic, trams and cyclists |
| If anything I (and others) have utilised bicycles or walking. |
| More people dining outdoors, better use of space. We should be encouraging people to walk/cycle/use public transport anyway. |
| It has enlivened the streetscapes in a way planners could only dream, it provides more space to residents and visitors to Yarra who are vital for local economy. It is an exciting and positive change that reminds me of the best towns in Europe. |
| Too many cars, we don't need them, walk, cycle, take PT |
| It was a single car park used by a ride sharing scheme. They can find a new home elsewhere, further, the original outdoor seating was more dangerous given people who drive share cars are less familiar with the reverse parking than those n regular cars. It's a blight that car park and should have never been placed near an existing footpath with outdoor dining. |
| Encourages other means of transportation better for the environment. |
| People more likely to tram |
| It's a much better use of the space creates a much busier feel and allows businesses to help out more customers |
| Parkings a nightmare anyway in this area, its just not necessary with such good pty around |
| It has barely reduced the overall number of parks. |

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| Parking is a huge waste of space, especially in Yarra where space is at a premium |
| I live locally and ride my bike or walk anyway |
| There should be less car parks in cafe and bar areas. You can sit more people in a car spot than you can fit people in the car. Businesses need the extra space. |
| Car parks are generally bad and more should be removed and replaced with bike lanes and other uses |
| A problem with a lot of activity centres in Melbourne generally, is that they serve a dual role as major arterial roads. By taking back some parking, it creates a much nicer space for to be in with less wasted space (i.e. a single parking space which may be occupied by a single driver, could potentially seat 10 patrons). Also, given the density of the area, the number of people who arrive via public transport, walking, and bicycling is possibly higher than the number who drive. |
| It has created more opportunity for people to try new restaurants. Much better to look at happy people than look at parked cars. |
| Less traffic/moves parking and cars away from the main street |
| It creates more foot traffic, and lessens the overall car traffic, which is safer for everyone |
| Increased amenity and improved atmosphere. Also takes pressure off smaller outdoor seating spaces. |
| Public transport is great in Yarra! As a driver, I'm more inclined to use PT if it improves the use of public space |
| Less cars makes it more pleasant for walking, less noise, less unpleasant smells, more relaxed atmosphere. Less aggressive and rushing around |
| Reducing car traffic to and from licenced venues is always a positive in my opinion |
| Puts more of a focus on walking, bike riding. |
| Gives people another reason to reconsider driving their own car to an area |
| Less traffic is better for noise pollution, the environment, and pedestrian safety |
| People can feel connected again after stage 4 lockdown |
| Less cars, therefore less vehicles on road. |
| Less for car more space for us. 1 car vs 10 people dining |
| I think it's improved the general experience on Smith street and discouraged excessive parking that can cause congestion on the street. |
| People bring people. The atmosphere generated has been superb - it's another string in the bow of Melbourne's already vibrant hospitality scene. They also promote community as it is easier to mix outdoors compared to indoors where groups often keep to themselves. |
| Visitors reverting to non-motor transport |
| Plenty of parking in this area |
| Much more attractive |
| Progressive move |
| Less parking should encourage people to use public transport which is great for the environment. The parklets look great and create such an awesome vibe. Much better use of the space! |
| Cars should stop dominating roads. Roads should be for pedestrians (walking or customers) and bicycles just as much as for cars - if not more. |
| Discouraging people driving who can easily travel by other means |
| This is one of the leafiest and nicest streets in Melbourne and it is wasted on what would otherwise be two car spaces. It makes for a great atmosphere which connects busy Smith St with small park on Peel/Oxford St. |
| There is still plenty of parking spaces around the city of Yarra. Many in side streets and surrounding streets that are under-utilised |
| Visitors reverting to non-motor transport |
| Shared spaces for community are more important than street parking. Plus more people would use public transport. |

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| Encouraging less car use in the city and more outdoor dining seems win win. |
| more people can benefit from a parklet than a car space, and it encourages public transport use |
| I drive and have had no more trouble than usual finding parking on smith or Brunswick street |
| A single car spot (benefit to one person) vs a space for multiple - greater good to the greatest number of people. |
| Encouraging more people to take public transport, walk or ride. Look at the success of Barcelona's superblocks, it promotes community building |
| Encouraging less use of cars is very important so I strongly support anything that encourages this |
| It's only taken away a couple of parks on a minor traffic street. |
| It encourages people to walk, bike, or take PT to their destinations |
| Cars should be strongly discouraged in our cities if we are to meet climate adaption targets. Parklets and closure of on-street parking is a positive impact as should encourage people to think about alternative transport means e.g. PT or walking, cycling. |
| Let's pedestrianise Yarra and/or encourage public transport. We also need more safe bike lanes please, as have been installed on Wellington Street. |
| Car parking is a very poor use of public space. |
| People avoid driving and take PT |
| These parks benefit a really small number of any individuals on any given day - the space I'm positive was better utilised for dining in terms of rate of people. It's also reducing the congestion on these streets and I guess encouraging people to find alternative ways to get to the destination. |
| Less cars on the road is always an amazing thing. Especially around pubs and bars where I see people drink driving alllll the time (thinking that driving after 3 glasses of wine is fine) but . Hopefully this inspires them to cycle or catch public transport. |
| Cars are dumb |
| More people should be public transporting or riding, it improves the metropolis and creates a greener and more environmentally friendly community when there are less cars through our restaurant busy streets |
| Area is so well served with public transport. It's created a vibe that has helped other businesses. |
| It has made the streets less congested with traffic and more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. It has encouraged people to walk and potentially explore, increasing foot traffic and exposure for the various businesses in the area. |
| More space to dine; better able to enjoy the sunshine while dining |
| As a council which seeks to lead on climate action, Yarra must implement policies which replace cars with pedestrian, cycling and public transport friendly alternatives. |
| trading empty cars for outdoor spaces that totally liven the street up while reducing car traffic in the area is what should be aimed for anyway |
| Less parking space is no that good but we need to get used to use more public transport in general, the problem is that its expensive and not very useful in some areas because the routes are not practical. Bikes are great but there is been an increase on the amount of stolen bikes in the area. |
| Good atmosphere |
| It's bringing life back to local businesses, staff and locals, not just monetary but also morale. A safe space without subjecting patrons to direct indoor exposure |
| Cars can park elsewhere. |
| Limited car space anyway, if people know hard to park they will find alternates, and encourages locals to stay local |
| Less people should be driving and parking anyway, encouraging that is no bad thing. |
| Less car spaces encourages local dinning and decreases traffic. It's so great to see our community open up more and stay local. |
| Encourage people to drive less and ride or walk more!! |

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| It only takes up a couple of car parking spaces, but creates a really great outdoor eating/drinking area. |
| Parked cars are terribly inefficient use of space. Opening doors is a serious (potentially deadly) hazard to passing bicycle traffic, fumes from cars idling and parking negatively impacts pavement seating, parked cars impede visibility and amenity for street life. |
| Reducing cars is good. It makes it more personal, friendly, and safe. It makes people want to attend those spaces, and return due to how positive the experience is. We live in a great area for biking, this takes advantage of it. |
| I've lived in the area for over 8 years , there's less traffic, smog , noise, dust and carbon monoxide in the air .. |
| I drive and still parking available many times.. |
| Love the vibe of more people out and about on the street |
| Public space should be for people |
| There is still plenty of parking around. I don't think we should be encouraging people to drive more. I really love walking down the streets of Yarra with the park let's. The streets feel so alive and you can actually see the area pumping! |
| You can fit 1 car, carrying probably 1 person, in a car spot. you bring a net value of 1 person to the surrounding businesses. parklets can fit probably 6-10 people in that same spot. they probably arrive by walking or public transport. it's more people for surrounding businesses, it's fewer cars on the road. |
| I found a car park very easily |
| The parklet looks so much nicer than car parking. |
| Cars look awful and its a waste of usable public space. In particular when the ongoing effects of covid will make people uneasy about indoor dining for quiet a few years. We should be using places like smith street for dining, trams, bikes and walking not a place for cars. |
| Makes the street feel alive |
| Strong, positive community vibe. Although I live just across the border in the City of Melbourne, the total number of parklets has significantly added to the community vibe and helps make City of Yarra feel like my local. |
| The sidewalks are very thin so takes back space for activities |
| It's so nice to have less car noise and pollution and be able to enjoy the beautiful outdoors and amazing restaurants pubs and cafes in our neighbourhood! |
| More space for people |
| Means people are more likely to walk. Less cars on the street improves the vibe of streets like Brunswick street. Super fun |
| More cheerful neighborhood feeling, vibrant life to lure us back to cafes, a feeling that we are doing the right thing to limit pollution and build stronger, more visible communities. |
| Less cars on the road and more people enjoying the space! |
| Fitzroy and Collingwood seem so vibrant and full of life! Plus safer cos there are always people around. They are wonderful. |
| Parking has always been a disaster, the change has not been noticeable. The benefits have been. |
| This parklet was set-up entirely in a no-standing/driveway space. |
| Honestly, you can't notice the difference. Parking has always been a struggle and doesn't seem to be well policed/enforced. Actually enforcing parking restrictions would have a positive effect on parking, well in excess of any impact the parklets have. |
| Guys, if the parking limits were regularly policed, any space taken-up by the parklets would be returned by people doing the right thing. Besides, if parking is a serious issue, why are planning exemptions around parking continually granted? |
| Effectively doubles the outdoor dining space in the the side street, which feels more intimate and quiet than Swan St (less traffic noise etc). |

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| Feels like France or Italy, much more vibrant |
| Creates more of a community vibe for everyone, makes the streets feel welcoming for everyone |
| It is better for the environment having less cars on the road and it has added to the vibe of the suburb |
| The amount of foot traffic in the local neighbourhood has increased which has bought a fantastic atmosphere around the streets. |
| They are great. Claiming back a bit of the roads for everyone rather than single occupancy cars. We should have done this years ago! |
| Two car spaces may account for 2-6 people. So many more can dine in a parklet throughout an evening. It encourages use of public transport (good for climate) and increases safety for cyclists!! |
| Most people coming here are arriving from walking distance away. That much carparking is unnecessary, and detracts getting the street. |
| Plenty of parking still available |
| Safer streets for kids and pedestrians to walk. |
| Traffic flow is better! Safer! Can still get a car park on the street. Hasn't negatively effected traffic or parking at all. |
| See comment above regarding vehicle traffic. |
| For now, very positive. The impact on parking has not been an issue as so many are still working remotely. Generally speaking we had a parking problem in our neighborhood before the pandemic (collingwood/fitzroy border), that all the street parking we can supply could not solve. We really need either less drivers or more multilevel publicly controlled carparks. Perhaps a requirement that the huge new developments going up all around us build a certain amount of additional parking for this purpose would be a good start, and help offset revenue losses from reduced street parking. |
| I am all for reducing the amount of cars in the area. |
| I think this was a fantastic initiative. It supports local businesses to have greater capacity and also improved the atmosphere in areas. We should prioritise dining and socialising over car spaces. The cars can park in side streets! |
| Makes me think twice about driving.slows down traffic. Makes a strip shop more amenable to shoppers than cars |
| These should 100% be permanent. It is sooooooooooooooooooooo much nicer having these parklets and outdoor dining. Close more streets and create more parks |
| Less cars! |
| Streets look better , more spacious, less fumes from parked cars and trucks |
| Less cars |
| Better use of space. We have good public transport for getting around so parking shouldn't be the priority. Excellent opportunity to enhance the community atmosphere by having more outdoor eating/ drinking areas. It really creates a friendly and more Mediterranean vibe! It should stay! |
| We need to be encouraging people away from cars and using more positive ways of travelling - e.g. walking, cycling and public transport. |
| Vibrancy, energy transport is good so don't need the parking |
| Enlivened the street |
| Parked cars around eating areas are ugly and cause pollution |
| Three car spots have been removed but there is seating for 20-30 people. |
| The less cars on the road the better |
| No limit in car parking from what I've seen in this area. |
| We have great public transport; we have a strong local patronage of cafes etc where we walk to the cafes; it supports our beloved local cafes that need all the customers they can get and will take them ages before they get back to where they and their staff and all their suppliers were before Covid. It creates a great atmosphere and people can greet neighbours, friends... I love it |

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| and would love to see it become a permanent feature. It adds to the "feel" and community of Yarra. Inspired idea-keep it going. |
| No issue apparent with less parking. Promotes a friendly community space for people to meet and separate groups are able to interact |
| I personally don't own a car and have no use for the parking spaces, I think that the value added to the business and patrons for extra room outweighs the value of a car park space |
| Love all of the outdoor dining areas and the atmosphere it brings to the neighborhoods |
| More pedestrian flow, people walk or cycle to venues. Streets are full of people not cars. Businesses are more visible and I have tried so many new places I never knew were there. |
| Less cars and more opportunities for safe outdoor eating/socialising. |
| Cars clog up the roads and take away from Melbourne's community, cafe atmosphere |
| Public space shouldn't be used to store private vehicles, especially on popular locations |
| In this particular space there would have been 1, possibly 2 car parks. All the people I observed coming to the cafe were walking or riding (a lot of bicycle riders). The car parks would not be missed |
| The metro areas are still significantly quieter than pre Covid times. There is an abundance of parking available. We don't need anymore back |
| There is plenty of parking nearby still including at the woolworths There is just so much more energy and vibe |
| There are better ways of travelling than cars. |
| Less traffic makes outside dining more appealing rather than sitting on the pavement next to a parked car |
| On street parking is a hazard for pedestrians and tram passengers. There's ample parking on nearby streets. |
| People focused spaces, less cars, more culture. |
| Instead of an empty car, the space is instead filled with joy, fine food, happy people and LIFE! |
| I'd rather support businesses, it's a worthwhile sacrifice. |
| Given the proximity of businesses, fewer cars around the area is better! |
| Livens up smith street. |
| Street parking is a waste of space on main roads in Fitzroy. We should be discouraging driving and encouraging walking, cycling, PT, etc |
| People are forced to either park away from the busy streets or use public transport. The look, feel and vibe of the area is better with less traffic and cars |
| It's great having less car traffic parking right outside a business, it makes it feel safer and has a better vibe |
| Discourage private cars as a transport option, instead encouraging cycling, PT or rideshare options. |
| Better use of space |
| Most yarra residents and many visitors use PT or active transport, particularly in the evening (smart to avoid drink driving) |
| Much better use of public space. The atmosphere livens up the street and I felt it inspired conversation with others. |
| Its only a couple of car parks - its a lovely outdoor area now. |
| Less traffic congestion and more reliable trams |
| The street looks more active and energy, looks like a festival, atmosphere way better than only car parking on the street. |
| Less congestion down Smith Street with cars parking. Trams move faster.. Great for the commuter! |

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| By removing car spaces, people are encouraged to use active transportation to arrive at these venues, removing more cars on the roads to make our roads safer. Removing idle and unprofitable car spaces, local businesses have been able to make more money and support workers. |
| Creates a community atmosphere |
| It creates a social atmosphere without congestion |
| There is plenty of parking around - taking away 4 or 5 car spaces so around 20 people can dine outdoors is such a better use of the space. This is a neighborhood cafe most people walk to anyway. |
| Punctuating the lines of car parking spaces with parklets provides greater visual interest and softens the streetscape. |
| It allows more customers. People don't really drive to bars. |
| This street is very low traffic to begin with and the parklet brightens what would otherwise be a boring industrial street. |
| The parklet is full and there is still free parking nearby that I can see. Car parking should be off street. |
| Parking provides space for cars and it's not a good use of public space in such a denser urban environment. Less cars equals less traffic and more room for people. |
| Better use of public space |
| People spend money in local businesses, not parked cars, so it is a much better use of public space. |
| Has allowed the business to expand with more seating and create a much better vibe along that patch of Wellington st. Still plenty of parking for my friends who drove. |
| The vibe the parklets give to Yarra makes it far more pedestrian friendly and when we're a country with such good weather as Australia, we should be utilising outdoor spaces much more. |
| I think this parklet only fills one car parking space, and that had limited impact. |
| We don't need more cars spewing emissions all over the place. This is a win win on all levels |
| There a lot of people dining out on Gertrude Street despite the pandemic. |
| Less cars and traffic much nicer environment |
| Makes an area more bicycle-friendly, but also means uber and uber eats drivers oark in random places including in bike lanes |
| I noticed a number of empty on-street parking spaces. Businesses in Yarra need as many opportunities as possible to recover after the 4 month shutdown. Parklets bring people to the area and are a very positive reflection on the City of Yarra. |
| More people in the street-safer and good vibes! |
| It has brought back a great sense of community. I have not noticed the lack of parking and think it has increased foot and bike traffic |
| Too much parking on smith street and in Fitzroy/collingwood in general. |
| It's made people walk and use public transport. Better for the environment and people's well-being to be out walking instead of using a car |
| Outdoor dining across Collingwood & Fitzroy make for a more international feel and it connects people to passing traffic as excellent advert for the location. |
| Great advertising for area and venue and it's connects passing traffic to the joy and fun of the venue. |
| I LOVE it - creates such an amazing community feel to have people out on the streets. I feel so connected to my neighbours and community members when I see everyone out. It's also so nice to have less cars around especially as I ride my bike a lot, it actually makes me feel safer |
| It makes the pavement easier to walk on as there aren't tables directly in the walking path, it also makes the street feel more welcoming and friendly |
| More people walking and riding than driving |
| Yarra is walkable, public transport is everywhere, safe cycling options are everywhere. |

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| Visible dining culture, safe, promo businesses |
| More of a community feeling |
| Traffic is flowing better without the parallel parking spaces. More people walking to local venues. |
| Only maybe 2 car spots are gone and there's still parking spots especially if it isn't a clearway time on Victoria St. Seems to be more of an issue that the traffic in the area is bad so driving there would be difficult if you had to drive. |
| It makes the area feel more pedestrian friendly and more alive. These have been a fantastic addition to the area. I hope they stay longer term |
| Less cars on the roads, better overall vibe |
| Its so unique and creates a really great atmosphere. it reminds of places in europe where the roads close at 5pm and then the restaurants spill out onto the roads. |
| Areas of the Yarra council where parklets have been established have become more friendly towards bikers and pedestrians and observationally safer. As the businesses that have seen with parklets are usually on street fronts like Brunswick St, Smith St, or their direct side streets the spaces are accessible by tram and for the space of a car occupied usually by 1/2 people it has been able to create space for around 6 diners each. The smaller lanes and side streets also feel safer now when using footpaths or crossing the roads as there are cars that would generally push for position and ride curbs in making turns. It also generally feels like a positive shift to be encouraging a pedestrian centered area aside from the major thoroughfares (Alexandra, Elgin, Hoddle) |
| Makes for a very people friendly atmosphere. Definitely adds to the community feeling. |
| I support all initiatives that favour pedestrians over cars. |
| Culture is more important than parking. I own 2 cars and a motorbike and still rate this as much higher |
| It's added a great vibrancy to the whole area. Smith and Gertrude Streets (And everywhere else) are buzzing It feels right |
| If it were not for the safe dining options made possible by the parklet, I wouldn't have come to Fitzroy to meet friends and eat out. So the parklet has brought my money to a local business as well as to other local businesses that I wouldn't have shopped at if it hadn't been for the cafe meals in the Covid safe parklet. |
| I feel safer biking. |
| We have more people using public spaces, creating a sense of community and supporting local businesses. |
| Less cars the better. People need to be educated about this through action and removal of spaces! People adapt quickly. |
| Increased foot traffic rather than vehicles. |
| Everyone adapted really well to them and used pay for parking like on rose street Fitzroy or coles car park in Collingwood, it's safer if they park in those places and offers better management of traffic as less people are parking on busy streets such as Brunswick st or smith street |
| It's helping business bounce back. By having people out in the streets having meals and drinks it attracts them also going in to retail spaces because they are walking around the streets rather than just parking running to do what then need then drive off again. |
| Because although there are less car parks where the parklets are, people are drawn to where people congregate, not cars. |
| It's created a lovely European atmosphere and vibrant community space. It reminds us that our city is for people and not cars. |
| Parklets are a way better use of public space - multiple tables at restaurants, where people can eat. A single parklet on 1 or two parking spaces is adding way more economic value to the area than 2 parking spaces. More parklets forever! Makes for much nicer urban space with the al fresco dining. |
| Much better without the cars |

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| It's a great atmosphere and feels connected. It's nice watching people walk by and people watching |
| People are out supporting small business. Seeing people out enjoying themselves creates a sense that the shopping strips are vibrant. |
| Less traffic, greater capacity for businesses, less pollution |
| Less traffic congestion, care noise pollution & exhaust fumes |
| One car space can be used by a number of people when seating people, whereas that car space may only be used to store a vehicle carrying one person who is not visiting that business. The removal of car spaces has made streets feel safer, more inviting and pedestrian friendly. |
| Parked cars just take up space, I'd rather have three tables of happy people! |
| Looks like no car spaces where taken up |
| Great for local businesses! |
| It was only two parks in an area with lots of parks further down Lulie St |
| People use alternative transport so feels better for the environment |
| Better use of public space |
| We don't need more car spaces. |
| It enhances the community environment. |
| It's about time our streets be used not just for car parking and cars driving. |
| Less cars in general in the inner city is a good thing. |
| Keeps more traffic off the road, very accessible by public transport |
| In Fitzroy and Collingwood there is ample public transport so there is no need for extra parking. There should still remain some parking for those who need it but given that these are two areas where people come to socialise and eat out public transport should be encouraged. I can only speak for this area as this is where I'm most familiar with. |
| Let's get more cars off roads and less parking tickets issued |
| Adds such a great atmosphere to the street-scape. The vibe is much better with the added outdoor dining, brings our area to life! Would hate to see them go! |
| Fewer cars |
| No need for so much parking, should encourage less driving, more riding/PT, add green spaces etc |
| This only took one parking space and you get amazing outdoor dining |
| Encourages people to cycle, walk or use public transport instead of driving. Great for the environment |
| I've noticed less traffic and fewer disruptions to trams. |
| More dining to area |
| The loss of parking is minor and the addition of open social space for members of the public to enjoy is a hugely important benefit for the community. Cars aren't everything. It is more important to be able to walk and sit safely outside. |
| We must choose creating cultural vitality, social connectedness and small business support over an individual's preference to drive and park their vehicle on a what is essentially a prized communal space. |
| It has made the streets less congested with cars and given our community a positive atmosphere that it needed. |
| Safer for cyclists regarding parked cars and cycle lanes, getting doored, parking all along busy narrow streets like smith increases movement of people on roads and delays traffic |
| Less cars are needed everywhere. Plenty of public transport options and bike parking. So much better for everyone. |
| Fabulous European dining vibe. |
| Its good for all. |
| Less car spaces might make more people choose PT or to walk/ride |
| Lots of life on the street |

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| Cars are ugly and take away from atmosphere |
| It doesn't seem to have affected parking ability for me but has give greater outdoor dining options for venues who were previously restricted to one or two tables. As a bike rider, there's less chance of being door'ed. |
| We need fewer cars on our roads |
| Much improved vibe. People and conversation and food are 1,000 times as appealing as a parked car or two. Parklets should be made permanent. |
| Atmosphere |
| I like the fact that cars and car parking aren't dominating our streets, especially the main streets (Smith, Gertrude, Brunswick). We should be encouraging people to walk, bike, eventually PT to the neighbourhoods of Yarra. |
| Less cars backing out of parking spaces in this pedestrian-heavy area |
| The amount of traffic and more people walking/catching PT. It's nice as a pedestrian to have less traffic and speeding cars. |
| Feels much more generous to have people socialising in our streets rather than stationery parked cars that add risks for our cyclists. |
| Cars should be discouraged within the inner city. The pros of having vibrant outdoor spaces which help local businesses far outweigh some missing car parks. |
| I hope the lockdown continues until Yarra is forced to redesign as a proper community where people can get everything they need within walking distance. |
| It makes use of an unsafe laneway |
| It makes good use of a very unsafe laneway. I've had many bear misses in this laneway. |
| It's one or two car spaces, usually a with short parking time limits so it's not really effecting people |
| As a regular participant in active travel and recreational cycling, the removal of parking has had a profound impact on my perception of safety in the area and significantly reduced the risk of concerns such as car dooring. It has made the area more attractive and created a strong sense of community in the area. |
| Better atmosphere/vibe, but also benefits the environment and encourages people to walk/take public transport! |
| The parklets have helped businesses to stay open. If the businesses had closed there will be no reason to park there anyway. People complaining about lack of parking might not realise this |
| We should really be encouraging people to walk, ride or take public transport. It has a calming affect on the local area |
| Fewer cars means cleaner air in the area, and the streets providing more space for residents and pedestrians |
| We need to reduce our car use. The only reason why you want parking spaces back is for revenue and it's disgusting. |
| Just seeing people using the streets in this way totally changes the atmosphere. I wish it had always been this way. Brings the focus back to people stopping and interacting as apposed to parking, shopping and leaving again. |
| More people walking or PT'ing |
| Less parking the better for air quality and promoting cycling |
| Promotes walking and public transport use, discouraging private car storage in public places. |
| Discourages travelling to Yarra by car (plenty of other transport options), makes the main roads feel more pedestrian-focused. |

Some positive impact

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| Taking away some parking isn't great but is well worth it. This is not the problem with parking in this area - again it is the tradespeople and constant works going on in the area that make the |
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| streets dangerous and parking limited. As well as homeowners selling their permits to local officeworkers who drive in |
| More restaurant safe dining availability but less parking |
| Less traffic, less people using cars, more people using public transport. |
| It is already too hard to park around Brunswick st, at least this way lots of people get to use that space instead of just one driver. |
| some positive, some negative. it's often very hard to find parking in yarra which may frustrate some, but if it pushes more people to public and active transport, i'm all for it. |
| Less traffic! |
| Smith st doesn't need to be a busy street for all the through traffic |
| Deters people from trying to drive down smith and park in it |
| only a couple of spaces affected. |
| fewer cars the better in my opinion |
| Less cars |
| Although we parked opposite the cafe due to high availability of car spaces, we would have been happy to park on one of the side streets and walk. Less cars around parklets feel safer. |
| I have had no issues with parking on Gertrude street, despite the loss of a few parking spots. |
| Removal of car parks from already main thoroughfares is positive |
| Compared to some of the others, this one was less done up and fancy, but it still worked |
| No loss of parking. Improves street atmosphere |
| Actually, this is one of the few parklets that I think doesn't work as well. But I don't think it's the parklet idea, I think it might be the fact they've got long tables and benches? I'm not an interior designer so I can't quite say but I think the ones with smaller tables and actual chairs (vs benches) work better for parklets? Plus I really like when there are planters with plants like across the street. I really wanted to like this one, just the design is slightly off... |
| The street usually has few cars parked anyway, so the park allowed for activation of otherwise vacant space and created a destination to walk to. |
| Nicer for pedestrians |
| Encouraging other modes of transport to the venue, the remaining carparks should prioritise temporary parking e.g. Uber drop-off, or food delivery pick up. |
| There seem to be fewer cars trying to park & the parklets create a definite community vibe. |
| Nicer to have tables than cars right outside the cafe. Mainly impacts the tradies working on the building site next door. Usually the street has some available parking. |
| More options for social activities at this venue rather than spots being taken by cars |
| Less traffic in such a busy road. |
| Cremorne has too much traffic, so removing non-permit on-street spaces will hopefully discourage workers from driving there. If we did this everywhere in Cremorne the positive impact would be large. |
| There are enough parks in the area so removing one or two wouldn't have been a problem. |
| More foot traffic and less car traffic |
| Less traffic. More people parking off of main road |
| In summer I am more than happy to walk or walk further from a car space to dine out. However in winter when I'm not particularly interested in dining out I would want to be able to park closer to my restaurant/cafe. |
| The street is more vibrant with diners in the parklets |
| Lovely outdoor vibe / brings the street to life. |
| I am a cyclist, so less parked cars is safer for me. However, some of the parklets cover the bike lane which if merging from a traffic light, is more dangerous for me. So I don't mind the lack of car parks, but the covering of bike lanes is frustrating. |
| To allow more diners to support the cafe |

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| People should be walking or getting Ubers to local places for dinner not driving and causing traffic congestion |
| Less cars coming to the area is a good thing. More people walking, cycling and catching public transport give it better ambiance and make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists. |
| So long as immediate vicinity residents have permit parking spots I think removing some parking is fine. |
| Less cars right up in your grill when you're eating and drinking |
| Fewer cars. More people friendly. |
| There are usually plenty of parks down side streets but any lack of parking may encourage the use of public transport |
| Better use of space, more people walking around giving the area a better vibe |
| Fewer cars opening doors into bike lanes |
| Improves the appearance. |
| It has encouraged me to make use of public transport and walking rather than using my car all the time |
| Business can have more patrons and longer trading hours |
| More motivation to walk is good, especially in a community like Yarra |
| We may have lost parking but it has driven more people to the area and created a buzz for hospo |
| Encourage locals to commute not bar car. There's enough parking around. |
| This area is so well serviced by public transport. Even before the parklets it was always difficult to get a parking spot in this area so I think people are accustomed to either parking further away and walking/catching the tram or just getting an uber to drop them off instead. As long as there is still disabled parking available then I don't think cars should have priority in this built up area. |
| I'm I local, on Keele St. Although we lost parking spaces, there are still plenty available. |
| Plenty of parking on Smith and surrounding streets. |
| Safer for bicycles as less people are driving around the main streets |
| These parklets have brought the streets to life and encouraged us to dine at other restaurants we wouldn't have otherwise chosen |
| Car parking is the most inefficient use of street-side land. There is much more to be gained by converting to usable space. |
| The parks are not always full. I live in a side street off smith and still can find a park therefore it hasn't increased in volume |
| Less incentive to drive, better for the environment. |
| More people are using active transport to get to the venue rather than driving. It's bringing the community together in a way that is safer and mutually beneficial |
| Less furniture on the footpath. Traffic flow seems slower. |
| Better use of space |
| The parklets take up so few parking spots that it's hardly noticeable when trying to find a carpark. |
| Encouraging non car methods of transport. Adds to street atmosphere |
| There is plentiful parking around the area, with two large supermarket car parks nearby for long-distance visitors and permit parking for locals |
| It didn't take up many car spaces and there is ample parking nearby anyway. Parklet seemed to be better use of space. |
| It's fantastic to see all the people enjoying drinks and meals in these spaces – it makes the streets much livelier than they were before the parklets, and it's given businesses an opportunity to keep serving the same number of patrons even with social distancing restrictions. I drive as well as walking to my local venues and to be honest I haven't found it difficult to get a parking spot. I think the parklets encourage people to walk, cycle and use public transport rather than the easy option of cars, which is great for the environment. |
| Less people are driving into the area anyway. |

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| The limits on parking were less of an issue when everyone was working from home but now that traffic is returning the impact on parking is more of an issue. |
| If you get a park on smith st, it's a lucky day |
| Less cars on the road, a tick for the environment |
| Less vehicles in street overall makes streets more part of public realm |
| I mostly cycle but it means people are out and about to walk more which is more environmentally friendly |
| Anything that encourages people to find alternate methods of transportation (rather than cars) is a plus in my books. Yarra is well serviced by trams and buses, and even though we could do with more bike lanes, we do have a reasonable network. |
| Having limited car spaces is a minor consequence for the improved use of public access spaces. Yarra is well setup to support PT and cycling. |
| Huge vibe. People know Fitzroy stretch of main roads aren't great for parking. I wouldn't choose to park on main roads anyway |
| Encouraging people to ride/walk. |
| Less cars |
| Because with all good structuring around we don't have much parking already and + open space will reduce parking for permit I hope it is not for ever 😞 All good something new we can walk good for us ❤️ |
| There are many other ways to get to the location or just park a few streets away |
| It has created the feel of a global city, it reminds me of New York. It's a great initiative to support local business and enable the public to feel safe while socializing. |
| Reduced cars on the road, people are walking/riding more. Or supporting other business such as taxi/Uber |
| The small street is a one-way and other street options exist not far away. |

No impact

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| I haven't seen an increase in parking on backstreets so I'm guessing it hasn't affected parking |
| Prior you couldn't park there for long durations anyway, so has not effected me |
| Supporting the business is much more important than a couple of car spaces. |
| Clearly further car-parking spaces along Napier St. |
| At this location there are a lot of parking options |
| I think that the parklet only took away one parking spot. |
| Coles have a carpark that is never full. There are multiple bike lanes and trams to access the area other than a car. |
| Little impact to parking and those parking on that street are short term or travellers according to registration plates on vehicles. |
| I used to live on this street, the few spaces it takes up make a negligible difference |
| Parking is still required to service customers of retail businesses that do not reside locally |
| Did not have parking before. Only the tram stop. |
| In this area you weren't previously able to park. |
| It's at the end of Cameron St, where traffic cut through to Lennox St |
| Maximum it's taken 2 spots I think. One which the publican uses. So the positive outweighs the loss of two parks. |
| Plenty of parking available in the area |
| Plenty of parking in the area and the cafe has a larger percentage of walkers. |
| More people now walk and it's safer for diners with less traffic on the road and good for the environment. Could make Brunswick Street into an Acland Street. |
| I am a local and this has not affected my parking at all |

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| There are a few less spots, I haven't noticed any impact. |
| The parklet is located in Cameron Street where it used to join Lennox Street. In this location it impacts two car spaces in Cameron Street. This location has very limited impact as there are existing streets running North-South/South-North that allow traffic that would have otherwise joined Lennox Street from Cameron street to join Highett Street only approximately 15 metres from Lennox Street. Very little impact on amenity as a result of this minor traffic diversion. |
| Only a handful removed, and plenty of parking elsewhere |
| People who drive will find car parks where they can, most people would walk, PT or ride share if going to a bar however |
| No impact to me I don't drive anywhere. Within the inner suburbs or city. I prefer to walk or use public transport |
| Because most of the parking spots are 1P anyway, people find alternatives away from the main roads or are residential |
| Coffee Pedlr in russell st abbotsford is in an industrial area where motorists disregard traffic signs and park anywhere there's room to park. |
| In summer, more people are likely to walk to the venue so I don't think this would have a significant impact on parking. |
| Only a few spaces are lost, and there is ample parking around this area. Heaviest demand is when the Gleadell St market is on Saturday morning, but many people come on foot, and there is a range of parking. |
| Sufficient parking in area. Patrons would only have to walk a short distance if driving. |
| Easily accessed via pt or bike |
| Parklets have been put in places where there is already high traffic and low accessibility. People were already looking for alternatives to driving prior to parklets being installed. I would Uber or walk to locations with parklets prior to them being installed |
| Plenty of other parking options & most locals walk or ride to venue |
| It only takes away a very small number of spots and there are still plenty around. A lot of these parklets are in spots where people are used to having to search for car parks too |
| Despite not driving, I have spoken about the benefits of the parklets to many people who do drive and none have complained that it's harder to find parking now etc. |
| I haven't noticed cars driving around seeking out spaces more than usual. I think the removal of those spots (the ones on Brunswick St) has had no impact really. |
| I've heard no one complain about it |
| There are many parking options In The area however most people take other means to travel to this location |
| I think (hope) more people are cycling now. However, i feel it has caused more congestion on the other streets. |
| None. There is still so many car spaces along the street so customers have many options for parking. Plus there isn't an overload of places with the park let's so there is ample amount of space along Rathdowne Street |
| Ample public transport available. Use of space benefits 3 to 6 tables of people every hour instead of just 3 cars in the same period. |
| I don't drive to inner city locations. |
| People just get on with it |
| Cameron street was only able to turn right so limited use. Traffic now diverted to bigger and safer roads |
| Obviously it's an odd time with less cars on the road, so it is hard to gauge, but there seems to be less service cars (delivery drivers). I think a mix of "loading zones" with 15min limits in busy areas would accommodate delivery drivers, and more bicycle access |
| I live in the area and walking or cycling is my preferred mode of transport |

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| Although parking in Cremorne is a challenge at times taking away a few spaces to allow local businesses to recover faster is worth it. |
| Less driving |
| People chose smarter options... less cars, more walking, better environment |
| There are plenty of parking spaces around Supermaxi |
| There is enough on street parking already. Most people who work and live in the area use public transport. |
| People can always find parks elsewhere |
| There is still plenty of parking and alot of locals walk around the area or dont bring their car into this location |
| There were usually vacant spaces in the area, and still are. |
| You can find a spot anyway |
| Very minimal spaces required |
| Many venues in this area are supported principally by locals, we are able to walk or cycle to venues. Excellent public transport also makes this easy. |
| There is plenty of street parking and public transport options to this establishment. |
| The car park spaces are 15 minute only. They are usually empty. |
| There are plenty of parking and public transport options nearby. |
| There is public transport and bicycle lanes on the street in front of the venue. |
| A few less notable vehicles on these roads. |
| Parking is still available further on. Many people use public transport and share rides. |
| It's 2 car parks in a low vehicle traffic area. Hardly missed. |
| I wouldn't have thought it would impact to many Yarra city businesses. |
| People park and walk |
| Because I'm local I'm happier walking, I think people are happy to explore locally right now |
| Encourages a greener Melbourne |
| There is still ample parking in the area |
| Parking is limited anyway, I feel that many diners to the Fitzroy precinct are locals, or accessible by tram, bike or a short ride share. |
| Pretty sure it was only a loading bay and rubbish bins before the park let. |
| I feel that in the local area there is plenty of space to park elsewhere nearby |
| No parking was removed. |

Some negative impact

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| There's a lot of trucks etc that go down that street as it's full of businesses. Noticed a lot more just stopping in the street - not a huge deal but surely less parks is making things a little harder |
| People may be less likely to stop and walk in, but most of the customers probably would just find another spot to park! |
| "Out of towners" will find parking more difficult to find. |
| It can be harder to find a car park but that's what you should expect in the inner city. Walk to where you want to go instead of driving. |
| There's not many parking spaces left for non-Yarra residents |
| Residential streets are getting very full if cars again making it hard as a resident to park close to home often |
| 15mins for Coles shopping was handy to have |
| Taking up valuable parking space for 70% of time when not in use. Discourage some patrons/families who would drive and park near. |
| impact on bike riders but support parklets. |

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| Guests who have to drive there have to park further away - a problem when they have to extend their 'meter' time. |
| Surely any idiot realises the negative impact duh! Take away parking space equals less parking space. More congestion and less parking for people with homes in surrounding streets |
| Loss of revenue for the council but worth it for the business |
| Less parking available for residence |
| if people can't park cars then they will not come to strip. |
| Less places to park however, the benefits outweigh the negatives |
| Lose two of 13 parks in Waverley st. Customers staff park in Waverley st, which is seldom policed |
| Less parking for other businesses |
| Side street parking seems harder to find |
| Less on street parking |
| Don't know the name of the place, but it is on NE corner of Stanley and Smiths St. They have many tables built on the road, but very few customers. It is difficult to access the footpath from the road because of the semi permanent barriers they have built. The barriers encroach onto the bike lane. (this is a common problem) They pipe loud music through a vent in the basement into Stanley Street. |
| This street is frequently full of parked cars however there is plenty of parking in the local area. |
| I understand this can negatively impact drivers because parking is a hot commodity, but I'd love to see something like this encourage people to think about using public transport or share rides, etc. |
| There's less parking but I don't think it's a bad thing. It encourages people to walk, take PT, or Uber in |
| Parking in my local street is now a total pain. Visitors taking up all the spots and I can never get a park. Also if I want to have guests to my house it's impossible for them to find a park. |
| Generally I think it massively has positive impact. For drivers though, there needs to be alterations to parking times on parallel/nearby streets to offset the lost parks if they keep expanding since it affects businesses like hairdressers etc. I absolutely love the parklet's, and STRONGLY think they should stay permanently. |
| Limits ready access for deliveries to businesses in the street and also for people who are disabled or can only walk short distances from a parked car. |
| The Royston parklet occupies three car parking spaces, then there are two others close by namely Brogan's Way and Veniziano Coffee who take up car parks too. |
| I live in Gore st - without a parking permit and finding a spot for myself or a guest is impossible |
| Inevitably people are going to continue to drive to destinations so removing car parking spaces would impact these people |
| Short term spaces are in short supply for quick visits to local traders |
| The parklet for Niche is such a huge area and it is not utilised and should be removed |
| No doubt this would have negatively impacted some residents |
| Getting parking is always an issue with less car parks available it's made parking even more difficult on Yarra in general. I think the parklet's not affecting parking should be able to stay. Those where roads and parking is impacted should be removed |
| See above |
| No real consideration given to surrounding neighbours. We were not even given the courtesy of a note in the letterbox advising what was happening. |
| It means I can't get a ride share from in front of the establishment and have to find another place to get picked up/dropped off from, however, it's not a big deal for me. |
| I imagine it's annoying for some residents and people who would prefer to drive, but it's still a net positive policy |
| Think parking is already difficult to find in these areas for locals (most houses in this area don't have an off street parking spot) |

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| Of course taking away some parking spaces is never going to be without its challenges, but I feel there are ample parking spots left. It may even encourage people to use public transport more than they drive |
| It's probably annoyed some people wanting to park close to the shops but also a lot of people walk and catch pvt so they aren't affected in any way |
| Parking is hard in the area as is, so it will impact parking availability. |
| Parking is always a challenge, less of it make it worse. I don't feel comfortable taking public transport in a pandemic. |
| Parking in Yarra is an ongoing problem and reducing any parking spaces will create more problems, mainly for residents. |
| There is limited parking in the City of Yarra and although the venue may have enjoyed the benefits of extra customers, other businesses rely on the parking spaces may have found it to be detrimental for their customers. Also challenging for residents if their road is closed and puts extra traffic onto other side streets |
| I think where parklets have protruded onto the road and hindered flow of traffic this has resulted in a negative impact. Also, for diners there is more exposure to traffic which perhaps creates more risk. |
| I live in Neptune Street and with the increased number of people vs less the few less spots the parking has become difficult for even residents, let alone the diners |
| Fewer parking spaces and more crowding elsewhere |
| Affects non food businesses during the day...less parking for people visiting other food outlets on Bridge that don't benefit from the parklet |
| Less carparking when offices return to 100% may cause issues for people wishing to shop and dine and not being able to find a park. |
| Deliveries has been a minor downside |
| Proud Mary's outdoor dining structure has taken up three parking spots which I, and my guests, would otherwise have been able to utilise via my parking permit, for which I pay an annual fee. |
| It has blocked off a end of a street - this is not sustainable long term |
| Harder for visitors to area |
| Most of the time the parklet isn't in use it just removes parking space. when it is in use the put tables on the narrow foot path as well as this parklet seems to be a particularly bad design compared to others I've seen, and it's hard to walk past on the street to my house. |
| It's both good and bad. Obviously there's less potential revenue for the council (bad), and less people may be able to travel to and park in the area, but the standard of living for the community has improved (good). |
| Parking in Yarra is limited at the best of times. As a resident there are errands that require a car. It would be helpful to have additional free 15 min spots or adopt a 30 free spot similar to Balmain Council in Sydney. |
| I have heard people saying parking is reduced however locals walk |
| In busy suburbs like Fitzroy/Collingwood/Richmond etc parking is a premium. As a Fitzroy resident I've found that it's harder for friends and family to visit me in my home because of the parking. Perhaps residents could be compensated by being able to apply for a visitors permit through Yarra council. |
| In previously busier locations the further reduction in car parks increased the demand on existing parking, however, if the parklets were a more permanent fixture I would likely source alternative transport to those locations, such as by public transport or walking |
| If I wanted to drive it would make finding a parking space a bit harder. |
| More difficult to find a park |
| Less parking available |
| Car parking is trickier, but this might encourage more people to walk, ride a bike, take public transport. Or support the struggling Uber industry! |

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| Loss of parking spaces however I'm all for that! |
| Less car parking spots |
| Takes car parks that are needed and patrons sitting too close to traffic in some cases. Some are all right but not all of them are successful |
| Lack of parking is obviously an issue in Yarra generally. The council seems to believe they can just encourage people not to own cars and that will solve it but that's so unrealistic. Atm it's ok because during COVID with people working at home there is less pressure on the roads. |
| Limited parking for food delivery vehicles who ultimately have to offload supplies in front of nearby residential premises causing an obstruction. |

Very negative impact

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| Parking in the area is already difficult and this just makes it more difficult |
| This parklet is problematic to the residents on Waterloo St. It blocks the street. A detour was created but trucks cannot use it. The street also serves commercial tenancies. So four times a week we have trucks reversing down the street at 6am with loud reversing signals to service bins etc. |
| we need to keep every single car park |
| Parking in Richmond is already in such high demand. Especially in the area of Palmer St and Whites Pl where there are no parking restrictions or permit system so local businesses and non-local visitors abuse the unrestricted parking. Not leaving any spaces for local residents. So the Whites Pl Parklet by Niche Cafe is occupying very valuable car spaces that are required. |
| It reduced parking in an area already with overloaded parking |
| Parking has become significantly more difficult increasing frustration when trying to find a place, resulting in a more annoyed client when you first arrive at the dining facility. |
| Encrachment onto bike lanes and footpath. Removal of load in area so load in to pub now happens in front of residents houses which is noisy and dangerous. |
| Residents have more competition for on street parking and trucks and vans unloading goods cause hazards as they have limited parking |
| Approximately 16-20 car spaces are lost with the Parklet causing apartment tenants and shoppers aggravation and stress |
| its a grab for space by the business owner |
| Another impediment to people coming from outside the immediate area. |
| Because there are so many parklets, access to strip shopping is severely limited in some streets. |
| I totally understand that our local F&B businesses need support but the lack of already limited parking in Yarra has really been impacted and if one has mobility issues, a car is essential to daily life and the reduction of car parking spaces has been a real hassle.... |
| Obviously those who wish to dine at such an establishment and have no other way to travel there except by car will find parking very difficult, particularly with the very limited - and short time frame - available to diners. |
| Lack of rate payers car spots in surrounding streets. |
| Loss of around 4 spaces for parking in an area where parking is very limited. Very few patrons have used this parklet. |
| People cluster on the street and disregard social distancing; it's just an outside stand-up bar. It causes congestion for passing pedestrians, and makes crossing the road hazardous - as do all of these structures. |
| Cars are now parking more frequently in Permit Only parking spaces. Ubers and taxis are stopping in places which make it more dangerous to passengers because passengers have difficulty accessing the footpath. Delivery vans are stopping in non parking areas and/or double parking in bike lanes because of the reduced parking close to the venue. |

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| This view is related to the parklet outside the venue labeled Coconut Palms. The packing cases erected full time in this place are at Stop 17 on the 86 tram. I got off the tram in the pouring rain and had to walk along the road into the oncoming traffic to access the footpath. I am elderly and this was extremely dangerous. All parklets at tram stops need to be inspected immediately to ensure that there is access to the footpath for passengers alighting from trams. |
| This is an unsightly mess which is dangerous to bike riders. It is there full time causing ugliness and danger, but I have only ever seen 5 people sitting at the tables in all the times I have passed. |
| Because going about my business on the way to and from work is nigh on impossible because there is nowhere to park. |
| Car parking is limited. Increases traffic congestion. Impacts accessibility. |
| Car parking is limited. |
| Car parking is limited. |
| There are now additional 9 tables with additional 36 chairs, that is hotel patrons, being extremely noisy directly outside our front garden and patio BBQ area. |
| This blocks the end of a one way street forcing us to turn right out of Bosisto st and this is treacherous. I've never seen anyone sitting there |
| It is unsightly. Bike riders have difficulty navigating between cars and the hard barriers erected. It is rarely used. As I pass by I have only ever seen five people seated in the large construction. It looks like a refugee camp, not Paris. |
| Residential car parking spaces are being taken up by non- permit vehicles and the lack of enforcement by Yarra Council is a well known fact amongst patrons. |
| My vehicle is over 2.3m tall as required for my work. I would like to see some parking reserved for taller vehicles as there is plenty of off street car parking that only accepts less than 2.2m |
| Getting rid of parking spaces has meant that the Great Northern Hotel has had their delivery trucks double parked out the front of residential houses in no standing zones and over laneways. This is very noisy, dangerous and illegal. Street signs have also been damaged on Pigdon Street. |
| Because it losing a car park. When we go out with family, using a car is cheaper and easy to mobile. Less car park is pain for find a spot. |
| It reduced public parking by 33%. (Took up 2 out of 6 2-hour parking spots.) It's position also makes the disable parking spot hard to see. |
| I think this was a good idea during this the pandemic, but in the long run it will have a detrimental impact on local businesses |
| No parking for my house! |
| Unloading is happening in no standing zone |
| Very few permit parks and now frequent non permit holders use these. |
| ight st is already very narrow and has limited parking. If cars are waiting at the traffic lights you cant get into the street |
| Resident's car parking taken by non-residents. Trucks double parked in side streets as they can't park to unload in the shopping strips |
| I have only seen a few people using these parklets. |
| Half the parking has been taken in my street and it's hard to get a spot. I got a traffic fine the other day because I had no where else to park whereas previously I would have. Can Yarra stop issuing parking tickets to residents adjacent to the parklets?? Or create some more parking? There are no standing zones where they do not need to be! |
| I use Smith and Brunswick streets regularly, parking is always a premium there. On weekends I cannot always complete necessary business because of parking and have to find alternative businesses to go to outside of the area |
| Parklet is 20 metres from residential houses and yahooing and unruly behaviour impacts on Pigdon St. Residents. Hotel management cannot control rowdy and inebriated patrons. It also abuses its liquor licence provisions and serves alcohol out of hours. |

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| removal of parking has interfered with access to the pavement when crossing the road. Ubers and taxis double park in traffic lanes or bike lanes because they can't find parking. cars looking for parking more frequently park in Permit Only spaces. |
| No one other sits here? - The council need to assess how busy these parklets are. Some are very busy - but others lie empty |
| There is already a lack of parking and despite what the inner city lefties think some of us are of an age or have health issues or are transporting relatives where we need a car |
| As a person with a disability who can't rely on public transport. The reduction in spaces make it even harder to access various areas of the community. |
| Drivers double parking. Fighting for parking spaces. Increased traffic than before covid 19. |
| Noise pollution has been terrible. |
| As a Collingwood resident, I'm commenting in relation to the parklets within Smith Street and Gertrude Street as these streets are close by to where I work and reside. I also regularly travel along these main streets during different times of the day and generally on each day of the week so I've been able to observe how the parklet dining areas have been used (or rather not used!) As a general comment, it appears that most of the parklets are not utilised for a number of reasons. Some parklets have no shade and people are not wishing to sit in the hot summer sunshine. Other parklets with shade are also not highly utilised as they also have footpath dining and there appears to be a preference for sitting on the footpath rather than out in the street and parking zone. In Gertrude Street, the parklets to the east end are largely vacant during the day, with the exception of 'Archies All Day' which seems to be very popular during the mid-late morning up to around 3pm. The parklets adj (Read More) |

Unsure

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| Logically I expect it's harder to find parking, but I haven't seen anyone upset about it, and I'm not aware of people circling the block, haven't heard it discussed. Maybe people understand there is less parking and so Uber or public transport it to cafes now? |
| I don't know the facts around how many people drive or how many people have complained. And I've heard nothing anecdotal - therefore I can't give an informed opinion. |
| I don't really know because I don't ever park on the street so don't notice, |
| Don't know as we don't live nearby or visit frequently enough to know. But I believe well used parklet is a much better use of street space than parking for private cars. |
| I don't live on station st so I don't know. |
| I don't drive and I live in the area we walk to a lot of these places |
| I can't comment as I don't live in the street. It's not a venue you would drive to really and no other businesses near by so assume the parking isn't needed for trade. |
| I don't drive, so it does not impact me. |
| How would we know? |
| Because I live here and use parking space of building. In general, parking has been fine for me. I also tend to like having space made to actually use the suburb. |
| If I lived in the street that was blocked by it, I am unsure if I would be bothered by the inconvenience of having to drive a little further to get in or out or I would prefer the fact that the street was no longer a thoroughfare |
| Have found parking easily, every time. |
| I would guess that there are less available parks |
| M doesn't concern me but I see how it could concern drivers |
| I would imagine it's harder for retailers without as many car spots for shoppers but better for hospitality to offer more tables |
| I don't drive |

I haven't heard reports of people complaining about reduced number of parking spaces but given parking is a hot issue in the area I assume it must have an impact. But may encourage people to stay local and support nearby businesses.

Did not answer

Still heaps of parking in this area.

What other positive or negative impacts (if any) have you experienced with this parklet? (Optional)

More space between tables so that dining is quieter.

It's a residential street and now the noise will be a big issue and even more impact upon minimal parking.

The parklets look great and lend a festive atmosphere. I'd really like to see them stay.

I love them - makes the streets look festive.

Loud unruly noise in close proximity to houses. People wandering the street with alcohol, urinating on the fences of houses, drinking and doing drugs on house verandas, entering properties to drink from taps, unruly noise and behaviour up until 1 am.

positives - great that business can operate safely during Covid

Great design. Visual impact. Offers customers options.

Parklet in side street off Johnston St looks great and offers diners options.

I have seen frequent use of the area, and it seems generally more busy than usual, which is fantastic

All of the parklets are exceedingly ugly and as my summary below articulates, that is a very bad look for CoY.

I love the aesthetic, and the sense of caring for community it offers

This structure is too large for the cafe.

Taken up rare free parking in Fitzroy. As a result I don't shop there anymore.

much quieter than being inside

Very loud late into the night.

This parklet has been created in a narrow residential street and is located about 4 metres from the bedroom windows of my rental property. There are also other residential properties within metres of this parklet. My tenants and I are happy to put up with the noise disruption short term to help this business out during this time of crisis. However this particular parklet should not be allowed to continue beyond the Covid crisis period because of its location in a narrow residential street.

I think it's a great initiative for some very hard hit businesses. Great to see them reestablish, street getting its vibe back. Just can be a little frustrating getting a park in your own st. If temporary happy

The outdoor space has tables in the parklet and recently they have added more tables on the footpath close to the parquet tables. Customers use the outdoor space as a bar where they can also smoke. Sometimes there are no chairs near the tables so the parquet is used as a stand up bar/ smoking area. It is not possible at times to use the footpath because of the over crowding. The parking spaces are not available at any hour, but the majority of time there is no one there. The noise from large gatherings is intrusive and the doors to the venue are open piping loud music onto the street and neighbouring residences. Drunken behaviour is in clear evidence as people are served on the street or stagger from the street to go into the venue. When there are chairs put outside people shift them to allow larger gatherings and to block the footpath further.

It is usually empty

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| None, except if they become permanent it will allow a café to really personalise the space with planters, etc. |
| Dining in the car exhaust - yuck! |
| Walked past it and the multiple ones nearby and daymn it's vibing. Brings priority of the street back into foot traffic / people rather than cars which is a massive positive. I couldn't be more supportive of them. |
| In Smith Street Collingwood (near Coles supermarket) the parklet spreads right across the tram stop and blocks safe access for people trying to get on or off trams. You can only board the tram at the front or rear, which could become an issue if the boarding restrictions in place last year have to be reintroduced. There could be other examples within City of Yarra - this is the only one I've noticed so far. Bad planning decision - why didn't anyone consider tram access before approving the placement of parklets? |
| It allows outdoor late night drinking in conflict with the planning permit and liquor licensing conditions. Meals are not the reason that people come to this venue. A permit has been granted for a roof-top dining area with very strict conditions. The parklet circumvents these conditions. |
| It shuts of a road and it is not required as there is not enough customer traffic to warrant it |
| Impact to my family - accessibility with double pram, car parking etc. |
| Impact to my family - accessibility issues with double pram, car parking etc. |
| Accessibility issues for my family - double pram, reduced car parking. |
| The parklet is an eyesore and has had a negative aesthetic impact on the surrounding area. It appears to have been very cheaply and haphazardly assembled. It is not cleaned and maintained with litter and dog faeces constantly found in and around parklet. |
| The noise and public disturbance is now 3 times as much than it was prior. |
| None. I don't frequent the café. |
| Despite my comment i am overall in favour of the concept and think they work well in other locations |
| I do not understand why the parklet at 1000 blessings is the size it is. Why is is not confined to the boundary of the property given they also have footpath dining. This parklet obstructs clear access to our property. |
| I am really in support of parklets in general but not this one. It makes accessing Waterloo Place really tricky and dangerous. In particular, the small car park at the Vets. While I tend to walk everywhere in Yarra, if I have a sick pet I need to drive and be able to park to the Vets. Having one end of Waterloo Place blocked means it is tricky getting in and out of the small car park as the turning circle is v. small. Previously you could drive in one way and out the other. I haven't actually seen a lot of people using the parklet either in the day time so perhaps it could only be open at night? |
| community!!!!!!!!!! |
| Not sure but might result in people walking to local spots rather than driving a distance when they know parking will be restricted wherever they go |
| Great atmosphere, nice community vibe |
| I have seen multiple cars almost run into the barriers as there are absolutely no safety measures in place. Majority of the parklets in the city of Yarra are dangerous with no safety barriers in place. Actually surprised no one has ben injured. |
| The parklet for Great Northern Hotel was erected in a R1 zone on a side street less than 20m from residential housing with out any consultation with residents. The GNH have been booking parties including bucks parties in Pigdon St which is a residential only street. The noise level is so loud, every room in our house is affected. We have had people urinating in our front garden, people walking around the street with beers from the pub then going back to the parklet. Guys snorting drugs on our from verandah from a bucks party in the parklet, when confronted they became abusive to a female resident. Guys coming into our property to unplug our hose and drink from it then going back to the parklet. Broken glasses all up and down Rathdowne and Pigdon Street from |

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| people walking around the street with glasses of beer. The front of Rathdowne St has more seats added post covid which butt straight up to the bus stop and people and now feeling unsafe to catch the bus. New City of Yarra bikes are positioned right next to the parklet which people are frightened to use. The parklet has no security and cannot be seen from the inside of the GNH so people can act in any way they want out there. We are working from home and have been unable to conduct meetings to get our business back up and running post covid which has affected our mental health. |
| I did go to use one but found the traffic noise too much. The restaurant constructions within these zones would need some aesthetic standards in a sustained model. The camber of the road necessitates platforms for dining, which longer term probably impact of road and drainage maintenance. |
| The concrete bollards positioned at the edge of the angled parking spots on this small side street narrows the access for larger vehicles to come through, such as garbage trucks and delivery vans. On Brunswick St, it doesn't matter so much as all the spots are parallel parks and the road is wider. |
| An increasing number of cars going the wrong way down our one-way street. This is very dangerous and could lead to a serious accident. |
| Noisy/ restricted access for pedestrians/abusive drunk behaviour/ homes opposite have no privacy / parking/illegally drinking off the parklet/ no crowd control |
| Makes me excited to go out for a walk knowing I can see faces and experiences that you don't get to witness in an indoor setting |
| This is a residential street and I have concerns around the noise level with dining on the street. Totally appropriate in streets like Brunswick and Smith where the street is full of nightlife and cafes but not in a residential street. |
| It has made it dangerous to get in/out of Neptune St |
| The parklet is right in front of apartments so the noise from people sitting out there is excessive and unreasonable, especially at night. |
| Love to see better use of the outdoor space. |
| More trees/ greenery are extremely important to improve the environment |
| Uber drivers are taking over parking spaces, often parking over driveways till their order is ready. |
| Nil positive, all negative. Emphasises the lack of awareness by hotel management to community residents welfare and wellbeing. |
| seats in parklets are frequently empty because the parklets are 24/7 and potential usage is not 24/7. The noise level in streets has increased as people appear to be less restrained as they yell and talk louder to communicate above traffic noise. |
| Positive for those which are used. The council need to do an audit of all parklets to determine how often they are used. |
| The spaces are generally great however some have been poorly built limiting accessibility for disabled patrons and can cause overcrowding on footpaths making passing difficult. |
| I read in the Age that these parklets are the reason we aren't getting our food waste bin and I would honestly prefer the council to be spending the money to reduce waste rather than on these parklets, some of which also block bicycle lanes. |
| I imagine it is great for families and keeps people outdoors, which is good in the current climate |
| Also more difficult to drive and navigate the streets, a lot more congestion and being stuck behind trams on single lane areas with parklets blocking the second lane. Also some of the parklets have been decorated in a way that looks messy and negatively impacts on the look of the street. I.e. Have a look at Chotto Motto, 287 Wellington St, Collingwood VIC 3066. It looks like a hoarder has decorated it and it very unsightly. |
| None |
| The structures look poorly designed; they have been constructed from cheap materials and generally workmanship has been poor. This has created an uncoordinated and unsightly collection |

of parklet dining boxes which detract from the mix of heritage and contemporary shopfronts which comprise the streetscape found along the Smith and Gertrude Street precincts. Footpath dining has been under utilised and this should option should be explored further for the summer of 2021-22.

As above.

I love how some business have gone out of their way to really make it an extension of their indoor spaces - it really adds to the visual appeal of Smith St.

How likely are you to dine in this parklet or another parklet in Yarra in the future?

| Value | Percent | Count |
|-------------------|---------|-------|
| Very likely | 95.00% | 2,268 |
| Somewhat likely | 3.00% | 76 |
| Neutral | 1.00% | 19 |
| Somewhat unlikely | 1.00% | 14 |
| Very unlikely | 1.00% | 14 |
| | Totals | 2,391 |

Parklets are currently scheduled to be removed from 31 March 2021.

Would you like to see parklets in Yarra in the future?

| Value | Percent | Count |
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| Yes, on a permanent basis (year-round) | 75.00% | 1,932 |
| Yes, on a temporary basis (during spring/summer months only) | 20.00% | 514 |
| Yes, on a temporary basis (only if COVID-19 restrictions limit indoor dining) | 3.00% | 67 |
| No | 2.00% | 58 |
| | Totals | 2,571 |

Comments

Yes, on a permanent basis (year-round)

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| I like the atmosphere |
| amazing atmosphere, more capacity helps businesses continue after our long lockdown, more room to sit in places that normally are mostly standing |
| I think they improve the look and vibe, I think they are a better use of public space. |
| Create a more vibrant atmosphere in our suburbs. Year round as we have sunny days all year |
| The parklets can vitalise an area and foster a community feel. |
| It could be another unique feature for the Yarra area, |
| I think they should keep the parklets where businesses have invested a good amount of money into and look nice. It creates a much nicer community feeling on the street and neighbourhood feels safer with more people on the street |
| Encourage active transport, use of outdoor space. Can leave footpaths clear for use by pedestrians while still giving businesses more customers. |
| This will allow venues to invest in their spaces and improve our community |
| So much more pleasant walking in Fitzroy with fewer cars. |
| It has added such a great vibe to the area - as well as being safe it is also easier to get a table and support local business |

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| They make the road so much more pleasant and nice - keep them forever! |
| Have tried several and they're great including those that block streets making the street quieter |
| Because they improve our streetscapes and ability to use them for people, not cars |
| The roads in Fitzroy (for example) are very generous and wide, people feel comfortable driving way over the 30km limits on side streets. The more stuff like parklets, cycle lanes, narrower roads, etc. compels drivers to drive slower and safer. |
| They're great! Much better than car parking |
| They create a lovely street atmosphere and community vibe |
| I think they are good for business and good for the community. |
| More capacity for venues |
| Increased capacity for venues in an area where the population is fast growing |
| I'm not sure I'll ever feel as comfortable with indoor dining as pre-COVID. It gives those of us an opportunity to sit outside if we want to. The prior footpath seating was not enough, it's just really obvious now when you see the sheer amount of people that are sitting outside. |
| So many of them are quite pretty and we'll constructed, I think they really add to the ambience of the area. I live in an area with many parklets and have not noticed any increased issues with getting a car park. |
| It reminds me of the awesome way Scandinavians use their hospitality outdoor spaces, just add some outdoor heaters and branded wool blankets and it's incredible. I live on the cusp of Yarra in Carlton and love all the parklets that have sprung up. Out of adversity comes a positive pivot. |
| I'd be perfectly happy with just the warmer months but in general I think they're great and it would be nice to see them all year round. They seem to have had a positive impact on businesses, especially smaller footprint businesses. They're often very funky in design and I like that most of them have their own style. |
| Contributes to the creative/buzzy vibe of Fitzroy. Costs of set up and dismantling then set up again. |
| Its great to sit outside and on the street especially when you work a desk job and are inside majority of the time. During winter even its nice to be outside. I have loved it. |
| Better use of public space and encourages more public transport |
| Brunswick street has come alive again! Fantastic festive atmosphere- would love these to stay |
| I'm so sad to hear they might be removed! These parklets have been amazing for the local community and for local businesses. |
| It's fun, good for dog owners, good people watching, more social than sitting inside |
| These have really added positively to the feel of the streets - vibrant and a much better use of space than car parking |
| Some businesses could provide outdoor heating and create cosy winter spaces. Some may be only appropriate for summer months |
| More space/capacity outside for restaurants |
| I think making spaces more pedestrian friendly is a great idea and there's plenty of other parking around for those who drive to the area. It also encourages the use of public transport, biking and walking |
| Decrease/discourage car usage on main retail streets |
| I think they are a great use of space and are a fantastic way to add another layer to Melbourne's rich hospitality culture that boosts support for local business and helps create a sense of community after a year that left Melbourne a bit fractured. |
| I think it really adds to the atmosphere of the area. |
| Brings so much more atmosphere to the area. Prevents being crowded within venues. Better for both physical and mental wellbeing to spend more time outdoors. Allows businesses to increase their customer numbers/profits after a very difficult year. |

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| Improves atmosphere of the surrounding area. Much better for both mental and physical wellbeing to socialise outside rather than in. |
| So much better for families to be able to sit outside. Improves the atmosphere of Smith Street. |
| Allows local businesses to attract significantly more patrons. Improves street/community atmosphere. Better for health to spend more time in fresh air. |
| It's a great addition to Yarra and should be made permanent |
| It makes the community more interactive and creates a great atmosphere |
| It updates and extends Melbourne's "laneway culture" all through out the suburbs. It also gives Melbourne an exciting and vibrant new dining experience no other Australian city can offer. Keeps us a step ahead of the pack |
| It creates a beautiful vibe to the street and the whole experience. I would love to see them all year round. Also, this initiative supports small businesses plus the council. |
| Has made our streets safer and supports hospitality to recover and thrive. |
| Please keep them! I would love to see them become a permanent fixture and restaurants having the opportunity to make them into extended awnings in the future. |
| I think this is a really valuable opportunity for residents and businesses. Just look at the success of the 'pop up park' in Yarraville outside the Sun Theatre. A great community initiative that has supported both local businesses, public spaces and residents. |
| They add such a great atmosphere to the street. |
| Removing car spaces adds vibrancy to an area. |
| More parklets and green spaces, less parking spaces. |
| It looks lovely and festival-like. Makes the streets vibrant and alive. Maybe in winter they'd be used less? But putting them up and breaking them down would not be great for the cafes? If the parking isn't needed now, it won't be needed later. It's safer for cyclists also. |
| 1. Covid will be an issue for long after March 2021. 2. Parklets bring life to the streets. 3. It's great to support the local businesses |
| It gives us somewhere to go that's comparatively COVID safe and there are spaces also off the beaten track (Brunswick St). |
| Add to the "Vibe" |
| More friendly streetscape. |
| Look terrific. Great visual impact. Offers diners options. |
| I like to see and be with humans on the street, esp. after the lockdowns we have had to have. |
| Adds so much to the vibe of the streets, less cars and more enjoyable seating |
| They add to the vibe of Yarra |
| I think it's good for businesses to have the option available especially if they don't have footpath trading opportunities or if their inside area is small. But feel that it would be reasonable for businesses to pay a fee for these spaces (like they do for footpath trading) post COVID. Also some footpaths are very crowded and this could help with that for some sites. |
| Cars have cluttered up the whole city. I'd rather have a vibrant city scape with people enjoying our eateries and main streets. |
| They're great. Gives businesses more space and eating and drinking outside is lovely. |
| Adds to the atmosphere in Richmond |
| It adds to the vibe of the bars and restaurant areas |
| They add to the community atmosphere, they make the area feel more communal and loved. They also feel like a safe place to spend time. I'm also more likely to spend time in a business. |
| They add tremendous atmosphere |
| Love them |
| The area is very well-served by public transport. Dining space is way more valuable to locals and customers than parking space. |
| Love them |

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| They give restaurants more covers and the opportunity to make more cash which they need. From a customer perspective it is enjoyable and feels safer re Covid |
| They give visibility to cafes - I have noticed many more eating places. They give a festive, happy, healthy, vibrancy to the streets- they make use of the space much better than a carpark |
| Makes the street feel more lively, extra business for the restaurant, and I love dining outdoors |
| Because it adds life to the area |
| It significantly enhances the area and atmosphere. |
| For the reasons given for why I like them. |
| Great way to attract people to the area; really like eating outside |
| Removing and reinstating will increase costs and increases the risk that a noisy minority's opinion sees them not return. But there needs to be a series of surveys of usage, and those not being used adequately should go and not be replaced. |
| It increased the greening of the municipality |
| Adds to the streetscape and makes less traffic |
| It feels like there is excessive space allocated to cars & parking just for short peak periods. The parklets allow that space to get better usage and provides additional aesthetically pleasing space for the public. |
| Love being able to eat outside. Love being able to support local businesses. |
| Awesome idea - better vibe, more space for dining out, reduce number of people driving. |
| They brighten up the street and atmosphere and would be a big drawcard for tourists |
| This is a much better use of public space than giving it over exclusively for people to store their private property (aka "car parking"). It makes the streets more vibrant and feels more fun. |
| For some it should be summer only, but for backstreets like the Brandon all year makes sense. |
| They add a lovely atmosphere to the street. |
| Parklets are great, but they need to contribute some revenue in return for use of public space, a modest rent. That should mean that the space is used efficiently - the Warm Hug Cafe is great when open but it has limited hours and the public space taken up is large. |
| It adds to the amenity/ambience and encourages people to support local because they're so visible; also if they're permanent local business will be more likely to invest in weatherproof infrastructure like umbrellas & heating |
| we dont know how long covid will be around and these businesses need to operate with as many tables as possible |
| They bring an awesome vibe to the street, use public space better and allow us to support local businesses |
| We are well served by public transport so there is no need for as much parking |
| If a road has trams, remove ALL car parking and have Restaurant, Footpath Park let Bike lane Road Tram track |
| Gives local business the opportunity to serve more customers. Creates a lovely vibe and atmosphere. |
| As above - more social interaction, less cars. |
| As long as business knows that it has some certainty they may spend a bit more to make them look nicer |
| Gives more option. |
| Fantastic initiative & a great chance to reclaim public spaces! |
| It looks nice and has a vibrant feel to it. |
| This has been an incredible initiative and has added a new dimension to Melbourne hospitality. As a permanent fixture, venues could make them unique and be a real highlight. |
| I love the community vibe and the vibrancy it adds to locals neighbourhoods. I also wish to support those businesses that have done it so hard over the last year. They need our support. |
| They provide more options and space and in this local are hugely beneficial to the community |

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| Wider footpaths and places for our community to enjoy spaces. One car park takes up space that 10 people can enjoy in a parklet. |
| apart from rain, there aren't a lot of days where the weather is so bad or windy to preclude their use. |
| It's what Melbourne has been missing compared to many European cities. |
| Initiatives like this help return our local areas to a convivial, people-oriented area, rather than a car-oriented one. |
| Because they add a great atmosphere and make it feel like you're overseas |
| Because they add a great atmosphere and makes it feel like you're overseas. We all need that! |
| Because it adds so much vibrancy and interest to an area. |
| Good vibe, extra outdoor seating, less cars |
| I would be happy with year round or seasonal parklets |
| They add to the vibrancy and atmosphere of the neighbourhood, as well as offering dining options that feel more covid safe. |
| Covid will be with us until at least October when vaccinations are due to be completed. I feel safer and more comfortable dining outside whenever the weather permit. |
| Better use of space and vibrancy of the neighbourhood |
| They are a great institute that makes the street better and there don't seem to be significant problems arising from the removal of the parking spaces. As a cyclist, I'm happy to see as life's vehicles on this bike route as possible. |
| Marked improvement and one of the good innovations to come out of covid-19. |
| They add to the community interactions, less barrier between the diners and the people on the footpath fostered conversation!! |
| They're great! Two car spots can be utilized by 20-30 people - a much better use of space. |
| Returning outdoor space in Richmond to people instead of cars. |
| Road space needs to be better allocated for open space |
| Great feel to them |
| It's a positive step for business's and the public to have more outdoor spaces to hang out. |
| We choose to live here for the social and communal benefits, not for the parking |
| More parklets means less cars means more space for people. |
| Fresh air option, better for Melbourne. Safer. |
| This cafe is too small for much indoor dining |
| They provide increased capacity for our struggling businesses |
| They are great and a few less car parks makes no difference. Make the place feel alive. |
| With heaters you can still dine outside in cooler months. It helps our tourist and hospitality sectors |
| Space for people is better than space for cars. |
| Great for the community |
| They are great! And even when covid is gone, it will be nice to not be so close to strangers, potentially reducing spread of other things like the flu. The parklet look really festive and also, if there were permanently less parks maybe it would encourage people to use more sustainable transport methods. |
| I love the outdoor vibe. We have good weather for alfresco dining. They do it in Europe where the weather is not as good. Why not here? |
| I think the businesses have put a great effort into creating interesting and lovely spaces and I'd hate to see them lose the spaces. I think they add to the atmosphere of the area and help us all eat safely. We won't have the vaccine by March so we really do need to space out for a bit longer. |
| It would allow a cafe to really raise the quality of a space to have it permanent. Perhaps with retractable blinds for rain and sunshine |

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| Extending outdoor dining space is a good thing and makes sense in areas where cars are travelling at 30 or 40. Maybe spring/summer months are better suited for this, but Melbournians love to be outside in winter as well. It makes the streets bubblier with life (vs having people inside only) |
| I would like to see the parklets stay year round to see if their usage is maintained through the winter months. |
| Dining outdoor is safer due to Covid-19 pandemic |
| Great atmosphere in the community |
| I think the benefit of the increased outdoor dining space outweighs the loss of a car park or two. |
| I will choose to dine outside weather permitting. I think the parklets are a better use of space than parking for a car or two. |
| Melbourne has the benefit of relatively mild weather and these spaces could be adapted to accommodate cold/wet weather so why not year round |
| Fresh air. |
| Better use of parking spaces! |
| Provides more options for socialising. |
| The parklets have added an extra vibrancy to the Fitzroy collingwood area. |
| They are a much better use of the space, people always prefer outdoor dining in warmer weather and helps local businesses. |
| Creates good atmosphere. Impromptu opportunity to say hello to friends and neighbours as they pass which is good for community building. |
| I like them year round for COVID times but maybe seasonal later? Then again, even in winter there are some nice days where outdoor dining is good for lunch |
| Increase the viability of the restaurants. Adds to the atmosphere. Making it less than all year round will make it harder for restaurants to provide suitable structures. |
| BUT - strong consideration needs to be had as to how the parklets impact the safety of cyclists on some roads |
| It is nice to eat outside without being close to the traffic like along Bridge Rd |
| More options for diners. Covid safer than being inside. |
| Street dining is great |
| I will be fascinated how the local business community feel about this. I am dining out more as its a more pleasant experience and the atmosphere/vibe is so much better. Less car clutter but plenty of people out and about dining. Business owners have resisted such ideas in the past I wonder if their views have changed now? |
| It's a great use of the space, better than using the spots as car parks. Encourages travel by public transport and foot. |
| Maybe after COVID the seasonal vs full time issue could be the choice of the business? |
| I love the look and vibe, so on a permanent basis so long as it doesn't upset the neighbours or totally hinder car parking availability, it feels like a nicer way to use space than just cars or empty concrete. I don't feel hugely strongly about this. What I DO feel really strongly about is that until covid is really eradicated, I will not be dining indoors and am intensely grateful for these extra opportunities to socialise safely. |
| The neighbourhood is so much more lively. People are out meeting each other and hanging out. Instead of 1 or 2 cars parked, there's now 20 people enjoying the space. |
| Nicer to eat, drink and be social out side |
| The better atmosphere in the street, provides communication and neighbourhood interaction. |
| I'd hate to see that area go back to what it was before the parklets. It's so much nicer to visit now. |
| vibe, good use of open space |
| Melbourne always has times you can sit outside. The weather is so variable but there are pleasant days in every month. |

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| Well we understand that parking for cars is important, having a thriving livable community with outdoor space to enjoy is also very important for residents. Without the parklets we would need more focus on creating usable outdoor space anyway, it is lacking in our area. |
| They are great, love the ones people have actually made to look amazing. |
| Businesses have put in impressive work to make the parklets functional dining areas, including some pretty great infrastructure - would be a real shame to lose them! |
| Yes, great idea. |
| A fantastic all weather all season design and a real feature in the street and community |
| Because there is not enough people friendly spaces in Yarra. Collingwood in particular has almost no parks and places to sit. The footpaths on the high streets are often busy with pedestrians so it gets crowded and for smaller venues it provides more space. These are spaces feel safe too as they are very visible. |
| Better use of our streets and more enjoyable. They can use covers and heaters in winter months. |
| The atmosphere and vibe they have brought to the area is brilliant! |
| It provides more space to venues, it's nice having an outside option. |
| Because there simply isn't enough outdoor dining and garden space in inner-city Melbourne! I live in an apartment in Collingwood, which means I don't have access to my own garden. I have loved seeing little pop-up garden boxes in parklets around the City of Yarra. The cafe parklets have also led me to dine in instead of take-away on many more occasions, which reduces waste and improves a sense of community with small businesses and the nearby residents who frequent them. I have connected with so many of my neighbours and their dogs, and feel more connected to my neighbourhood than ever before. |
| They have significantly increased the amenity of Yarra, I think it is an irreplaceable addition to COY |
| Many of the parklets use areas that at best provided 1 or 2 car parking spaces, now they serve as dining areas for hundreds of customers per day. We are still actively walking to new parklets each week to explore and find new spaces to enjoy. |
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| In an area with lots of apartments, it's nice to enjoy outdoor space and support local businesses at once. |
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| Evolve the city! |

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| Atmosphere, space, i enjoy outdoor dining and you can see the world go by rather than being in a back garden area |
| Walked past it and the multiple ones nearby and daymn it's vibing. They bring priority of the street back into foot traffic / people rather than cars which is a massive positive. I couldn't be more supportive of them staying as a permanent feature. |
| They create a great atmosphere and discourage people from driving |
| The parklets throughout Yarra have been an amazing addition to the atmosphere of Yarra. |
| I think they should be permanent, though perhaps seasonal. Not much point in winter! |
| The choice between a couple of cars parked in the gutter or a vibrant, airy, safe eating area that expands public space for locals? Answer is so obviously the latter. |
| They look and feel fantastic |
| COVID has highlighted how easy it is to catch viruses from people. I'd like the choice to sit outside in the fresh air and rug up, even on a cold day. |
| It helps support local business, the outdoor dining vibe is great, it looks great seeing more people out on the streets, please don't get rid of it permanently! |
| Small bars and restaurants get much more space for diners which means more money, and the atmosphere is great. Keeps cars off the road also. |
| This adds an atmosphere to the area |
| They liven up the streets as well, the sense of community as you walk or drive by. Seeing people dine rather than them being hidden inside. Previously outdoor dining was only for smokers, I'm very excited that this has mostly changed. The vibe of streets in Abbotsford has changed a lot. A stark comparison with empty streets during lockdown. It's lovely to see neighbors enjoying a meal/drink. |
| The whole dynamic of the streets change with these parklets. Even as a car user myself, i would happily forgo parking in service of these parklets. They reframe what and who the streets are for - they generate such a positive atmosphere and have the effect of sucking in passers-by into those hospitality venues. |
| COVID will be with us for a long time (or forever) and removing them in March is very short sighted and ignores the health advice re ventilation and physical distancing. Some venues will need to consider shelter / heating for the Autumn / Winter..... |
| We need more public spaces for people not cars. Currently many streets in melbourne and the city of yarra are dominated by cars which reduces the likelihood of people wanting to be in those spaces due to noise and pollution and safety. Yarra should aim to create walkable villages and the way to do that is make more spaces available to walk/run/cycle. Please create more public spaces for people not cars! |
| they make yarra better :) |
| The Warm Hug Cafe parklet has minimum impact on the amenity of the neighborhood. It is well constructed; (by professional carpenter) the parklet deck is professionally constructed; the floor is flat; the parklet provides for all class of customers - able-bodied and customers with disability (via a ramp entrance); is level and has shade via large umbrellas. It has no adverse effect on the footpaths on the three sides where footpaths exist. It only affects (removes) two car parking spaces and has minimal impact on traffic flow. It is a very welcome addition to the limited space available inside the Warm Hug Cafe |
| Brings life to smith st and getrude st which are not looking good at the moment with a lot of shop fronts available for lease. The parking was expensive anyway. |
| Best yet atmosphere being able to dine outside. |
| They add to the community feel of venues |
| It'll be good to keep them year round, perhaps with heaters and other infrastructure to make it appropriate during winter though |
| It creates a great atmosphere |

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| I'm not sure they would get use year 'round with Melbourne weather, but there doesn't seem any point taking them away. |
| Please keep the parklets! They're a great addition to Yarra. They allow for more outdoor dining, which is what people want!! They had a nice atmosphere to the streets too. |
| No sense removing them & storing them over winter. Good to keep the motorists used to the absence of these car spots. I doubt they will get as much use in winter. |
| At bare minimum for spring/summer months but ideally all year. We should be trying to minimise car trips in Yarra and encourage walking/cycling/PTV to public spaces. Outdoor dining is just one potential use of parklets- businesses should be encouraged to propose additional uses of parklets for seasonal activities that might include pop-up markets, produce stalls, coffee/food tents, etc. |
| They make the area a nicer place to live and work. |
| 1: Post-covid the hospo sector needs years of increased trading to recover what was lost. 2: The increased 'safe' dining and entertainment have brought a better vibe to the area and increase my enjoyment of the suburb. |
| Gives more options for daytime social events. |
| They are great!! Please keep them. Gives a much more European vibe to the street. I am a Yarra rate payer, in an apartment. It more noisy but that's what I love about Yarra. We are vibrant. I would love them to stay! |
| They are over much better in every way than car parks |
| It a great advantage to those who have limited space indoors and therefore assisting local business. Perhaps some covering or heating may be required in the colder months though |
| They represent a safe and equitable use of public space. As a rate payer, I'd rather my rates subsidise the space as a publicly accessible spot for all (or most, at least) than for a lone car driver. |
| Many footpaths in Yarra are too narrow to be effective for outside dining - this is a solution which provides great atmosphere. |
| It creates more ability for those business to make money and keep jobs for those working there, plus add back to the community. If we couldn't have them permanently then they should be available until vaccine rollout is 80% (or whatever the national goal is) at the very least |
| Outdoor dining is great for businesses as it increases the number of patrons they can cater to during COVID-related limits on seated patrons inside. The parklets also contribute to the neighbourhood/community vibe. |
| In order to make our streets for people, culture and connection, not cars |
| It's a much better use of space and the atmosphere is great. To be honest some streets should start being converted into pedestrian zones only |
| They are an enjoyable way to dine, it's great to be in the open air & you are more likely to get a table. |
| They provide loads more extra seating for businesses. |
| I've loved the focus on outdoor dining and entertainment. It's been great to enjoy the outdoors and be trusted by governments that we can drink outdoors and not be savages. |
| It creates a whole new vibe. Makes Fitzroy beautiful for locals and visitors. |
| Creates an awesome vibe in the community and brings hospitality to the streets |
| Yarra is a mecca for dining but the space available is often restricted. Making better use of the outdoor areas currently used for parking is a fairer use of this space. Ambience and vibe in the streets is heightened. |
| Parking lots are wasted space in a metropolitan area. Parking lots are only good for the interest of one individual whereas parklets offer the chance to support the need of a whole community. |
| Because it's a great use of public space - allows those venues who have really suffered during lockdowns to have more diners. |
| It feels much more vibrant on the streets since the parklets opened - space that was used by cars is now used by people enjoying local businesses and the company of friends, family and dogs. It's |

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| lovely. In an area with so much public transport, it seems crazy to have a car space instead of space for people. |
| Because generally they are aesthetically pleasing and create a welcoming atmosphere as well as adding to community safety of the area. |
| Good to have this option. Creates a good vibe. And covid safe likely to be needed for a long time at some level. |
| I would absolutely use these for a winter lunch if they were dry... |
| Better use of space. |
| Better use of space |
| It has created a much better atmosphere and culture. |
| Allows venues to open up to more people. They are safe and create a great atmosphere in the street |
| I enjoyed that the additional outdoor space allowed for more seating outside. All the people outside enjoying food and drink creates a good atmosphere |
| Less parking = less driving. We need to provide spaces for mobility impaired people but apart from that the less parking the better! |
| Boosted atmosphere on the streets, better use of public space |
| Atmosphere! |
| I love dining outdoors and I think the parklets give the streets a safer and livelier feel. It really makes you feel like you're in a dining precinct and somewhere cohesive. |
| It's a great use of space. |
| We need to use public space in a more productive manner than to be clogged up by parked cars. |
| Love the vibes and energy |
| I prefer dining outside. Less Claustrophobia and I can hear better. |
| I love them - it activates the streets and makes them feel safer for pedestrians and diners, and for the small space used, they benefit so many more people than car parking. They also support local businesses by giving them more capacity for more customers. |
| Gives the neighbourhood a more community feel and more green space |
| Parklets support local businesses and contribute to the liveability and atmosphere of the neighbourhood. |
| They activate the streets. |
| Definitely should go beyond COVID, if the restaurants can set up heating then great, there's a really good vibe about street eating this way |
| Seems to me they have been a raging success - it would be a shame to lose the space and the better aesthetic. And, of course, COVID is still with us. Heaters and outdoor dining could be a great thing for the colder months |
| Good for cyclists overall Nice to spread out They are hip and trendy as hell |
| They activate our suburb making it more vibrant. Also soften the invasion of cars. |
| Great to have people dining on the street - vibrant and welcoming. Will also allow businesses to accommodate more guests. |
| If it is good for the cafe it is good for us! |
| The parklets have been a breath of fresh air to smith street and the surrounds. Too much space has been surrendered to the car: road & parking and I applaud Yarra council's initiative to provide additional space to residents and local businesses. Well done 10/10 |
| They provided small businesses with extra space, extra capacity, extra income which could then be reflected into the community by encouraging employment, and also encouraging more people to visit surrounding businesses. It benefited small business, the surrounding businesses and allowed some spaces to employ extra staff to keep up with higher demand. It also made booking easier as places had more dining space, and I personally think that they add a touch of greenery to what can sometimes be a concrete jungle |

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| In north fitzroy sound St. George's Rd/ Holden street/ Park st it has brought a great vibe to the area. As these are not late night venues tgere is no problem with noise. It's great for locals to be able to walk and it's feels safer eating outdoors. It's beautiful on warm evenings and heaters could be put out in the winter. |
| Everyone loves dinning outdoor and these just give a great vibe to Melbourne and restaurant also |
| As above, parklets make better use of public space than parked cars, support local cafes and restaurants, and create a great street vibe. |
| To make more spaces for people in dense inner city living to meet outside |
| This is the city we want. Who drives in our city anyway? Please keep the parklets |
| It gives public space back to the community. |
| They are a great use of public space. Many more people can enjoy the parklet than could use the car park. They add to the vibrancy of Smith St. |
| They make the street more attractive, appealing, and vibrant. Such a better use of public space than car parking. |
| Hopefully people will use other transport options to get to busy places in Yarra so there are more parking spots for residents |
| Reminds me of the way Europeans dine and have more of an interactive and friendly outdoor atmosphere. Since dining outside I often run into friends and feel more part of a community. It's just so much fun! Would be a real shame to see them go. |
| It brings life to the streets and supports business |
| Australia needs to catch up with and practice what Europe does so well...I have always missed eating al fresco in Australia and this is the perfect way to do it |
| I would actively use them in spring through autumn, as well as in winter if restaurant look at heating options. Restaurants on Brunswick and smith st don't have enough outdoor dining & i avoid a lot of them in summer as sitting inside is unpleasant. Parklets creates a great atmosphere and attract people to the area for dining. |
| They dramatically improve the streetscape, bring the neighbourhood to life, help local business and improve the overall amenity of the area. |
| They dramatically improve the streetscape of Smith St, transforming it from something of a traffic sewer into a place where people can gather and enjoy themselves. |
| For the sake of 1 or 2 car parking spaces we can support local businesses, make communities more vibrant and provide more space for customers |
| Seems like a hassle to take them down and put them up for certain seasons - why not just year round! That being said, Melbourne is cold so seasonal use could be valuable. |
| The atmosphere is very inclusive and reminds me of other countries I have visited. Australia seems so far behind in this it's almost silly it took covid to have the councils entertain the idea that public spaces for outdoor gatherings were a better use of space than bloody car parks, and it's nice to see the space used for human interaction rather than revenue. |
| I like them |
| It's so much better |
| Very simply - They add so much more to our community than they take away. You are giving the street back to people - not parked cars |
| The parklets are a much better use of public space. |
| They add an extra interesting vibe |
| They bring a community vibe to the local amenity and provide safe spaces for hospitality with a continuing COVID environment. |
| with heaters |
| More space, better options for dining, good street atmosphere |
| You would be crazy to dismantle these parklets, I honestly cannot understand why you would do it. |

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| It makes me want to dine out, even in winter |
| While they may not be needed or wanted by all businesses, for me as a patron the parklets bring a new atmosphere to the experience of going out in summer. It's nice to be outside and having seating out on the street makes a business' presence more visible in the community in addition to increasing venues' capacities. It would make sense to me for the council to make the parklets a permanent fixture in many locations, e. g. parts of Fitzroy and Collingwood. |
| They are the best, they make the whole suburb nicer to be in! |
| Why remove such a positive development? Why strangle the economy? For a few carparks? |
| Allows businesses to accommodate more customers. After dealing with substantial losses no doubt as a result of covid it allows them the opportunity to increase earnings to help recoup some of that. They may not be as popular in the winter, but definitely would like to see them return for next Summer. Some restaurants like the Great Northern have really invested in their parklets. Cost to remove and reinstall would almost not make it worthwhile, it would be better financially to just leave them in place all year round. |
| They create such a great atmosphere in the area! |
| It's also a great way to bring my small dog with me |
| I feel the businesses that use them deserve them. |
| On a warm evening theres nothing better, the vibe on the street is incredible and makes more people want to dine out ext, why limit this ??? |
| This kind of dining is commonplace around the world. It is always preferable to dine outside wherever possible |
| I love the feel of having more people on the streets. It feels so much more community centered, means people are enjoying the outdoors and has a really fun vibe. |
| We need to take back the road space that is disproportionately given to motor vehicles. A parklet is so much more productive (for society and business) than a couple of car parks |
| The pandemic is still raging worldwide. It's a long way from over. Reduces chance of outbreaks. |
| I think it brings such life to the street. It brings all the atmosphere and vibe into the streets for it to be shared with all who walk past. Simply walking down the street is such a bigger joy now, especially in the evening. |
| Make them permanent!!! Year round. With heaters in the winter. People need to feel festive and social and see people out and about mingling on streets in a safe way. Fitzroy, Collingwood etc really thrive on these parklets. Do not remove them. More parklets and more green areas...don't miss this great opportunity to give people more connection! |
| I think its good to increase venue capacity even not in covid. Makes the area have a better vibe. |
| The space they occupy feels wasted for parking. They create a more active outdoor space, without overly infringing upon footpath space. |
| It never really gets that cold that you can't dine outside. It brings culture and personality to our streets and brings more business to our community. |
| Please keep the parklets, they've brought such vibrancy to the street, it feels so Melbourne, and it has truly transformed the way we enjoy our local restaurants and bars. |
| I really like the way they turn the street into a social space. It changes the vibe of the entire area - right along Brunswick Street there's a feeling of community, socialising, friendliness because of these spaces. I also like the introduction of green(ish) space where once there was just road. It's a much friendlier place. |
| A lot of the cafes and bars in the neighborhood are very full at peak times, and the outdoor space provides more seats. It also really improves the vibe, making the neighborhood feel more like its there for the residents rather than people driving through. |
| I think they are a great idea that open up our living space and soften our streets. Brings life outside our buildings and into the streets. I would be happy for them to be in summer only as well. |
| It is much nicer sitting outdoors and I'm more inclined to eat locally |

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| Allowing more seating at local businesses both supports the venues that struggled so much over the last year and allows our community to come together. |
| They add a more community feeling to a sometimes very busy and loud street. |
| Adds to the atmosphere of the area by having people out in the sun, visibly having a good time |
| Why not? |
| Because they're wonderful additions to the city that will bring tourists, brings greater seating space to businesses therefore increasing their potential revenue, and only having it during summer months means that the set-up cost for businesses that benefit from it the most, such as the ones that need the extra revenue, will be less able to take advantage of it |
| It's just a nicer use of the space and promotes a sense of culture. When you're on the tram or in a car going past you can see people enjoying their meals and having a nice time and it makes you want to join them. This will obviously assist the hospo industry that was dormant for so long. It creates an atmosphere that reminds me why I moved to Melbourne |
| I love being outside. I live in a small apartment and it's a nice way to enjoy nature |
| These parklets are an asset to melbourne's dining/club scene and make the city feel alive and exciting. I would love if they could become a fixture forever! |
| Better use of space, outdoor dining for many people on the "expense" of a few parking spots seems like a very good deal |
| Outdoor street dining and socialising is fantastic - it creates a real buzz in the area and makes the community safer as more people feel comfortable walking streets. |
| Support community spirit |
| More permanent structures can be built |
| It's just a better use of the space |
| More permanent structures can be built |
| Additional capacity to boost businesses |
| More cost-effective for businesses |
| It's a much nicer use of the space than car parking. |
| Great option for sunny/warm days in cooler months |
| Hospitality is by far Yarra's biggest asset: the restaurants and bars of Fitzroy and Collingwood are our most important feature for local residents as well as visitors. The parklets are a far better use of space than the one or two car parks they occupy. It activates streets and makes them feel like laneways. The chances of slipping back into tighter capacity restrictions is going to continue for at least a year and this gives businesses the ability to adapt to these. |
| It creates a better community environment. There is limited public space in the city of yarra, so having the option to sit outside at our favourite venues is fantastic and a breath of fresh air |
| It's a great use of the space, business can fit more customers while also encouraging people to catch public transport/ alternative transport so there's less cars on the road ! |
| I think it is a better use of space than parking |
| More cost-effective than temporary |
| Al fresco dining is such an integral part of the vibe of Melbourne. I think it creates a lovely atmosphere on streets that otherwise can lack ambience. |
| Great atmosphere |
| They have great atmosphere and make the streets feel so much more alive. They the amount of cars, people are finding other ways for local trips, Because they feel that they won't find a parking space They increase the capacity for smaller businesses/venues. |
| Everything about them is great! |
| This is a great opportunity to shift the culture to encourage supporting small business (rather than driving to coles eg.), healthier transport options (both for personal health and health of the environment) and minimise incidents between cars and pedestrians/cyclists. |

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| It's nice to have more space and to be able to sit outside if the weather allows! Plus roads are generally quieter in winter so if it's going to be there in summer it may as well stay year-round. |
| They bring a real vibe to the city of Yarra, are social and help build a community feel |
| It provides an incredible social experience which emulates the areas overall vibe. Very nice to be able to walk past places and see people who you previously wouldn't have. |
| As long as the business can provide appropriate cover from winter weather, I don't see any point way they shouldn't stay year round. This would also save business owners money, as they wouldn't have get them installed and taken out every six months. |
| Encourage use of public space for non-car use. So many parts of the city of Yarra are accessible by public transport, it makes sense to use parklets to curb vehicle congestion - ESPECIALLY on smith st! |
| These parklets have been one of the best effects of covid; they've brought a much more neighbourhood feel to Yarra. It would be a real shame to lose them. Even in winter, they create a dog-friendly vibe that works well with the recent increase in dog ownership. |
| Because less cars and more vibe!!!! |
| They are a great use of outdoor space and create a much better vibe everywhere while also helping businesses. I have found parking to be reasonably unaffected and reducing cars is no bad thing either even if this were the case. |
| Being outside makes ppl happy |
| It's Melbourne we are the food and booze centre of Australia - we have such good restaurants to showcase and great booze why not give the small business more a chance of redeeming losses occurred through covid |
| It would be great for customers and I assume it's great for businesses so they can fit more people in after what's been a tumultuous time for them |
| This city finally feels like it has some European charm on the streets - space should be for people not cars! |
| But wouldn't be mad if it was just in spring/summer |
| Cars are dumb |
| I have really enjoyed dining out at parklets over the last few months. It's a very European way of doing things, and definitely creates a fun vibe on the street for all to enjoy (whether dining or not). It is also safer for people to continue to dine out doors if we want to keep covid a-bay! |
| Better use of space. |
| It's a positive development in Melbourne's renowned cafe/bar/restaurant/live music culture. |
| Better use of public space, encourages more active transport methods |
| For outdoor dining to become a more pronounced feature of restaurant, cafe and bar culture in Fitzroy would be a positive outcome for businesses and patrons. If that comes at the cost of a few parking spaces, that's even better. |
| Safer than indoors. |
| Melbourne has good weather on random days year round. Keep it so we can enjoy the good weather in all months! |
| Less car spaces and more space for outdoor dining. Makes the street more friendly and warm to walk and dwell in. |
| I don't think they should be removed, they create life in the area. Melbourne's winter is not that bad if heaters are out in place. Venues are gonna need these extra seatings to make more money and recover from last year's lost income. |
| With appropriate heating options, I'd love to be able to use them year round |
| They are great... |
| They are a great opportunity for businesses who are unable to have outdoor dining and it brings new life to the streets |
| They are fantastic. I would still sit outside in winter if there were umbrellas and heaters. |

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| Gives a vibe & uniqueness to area, helps local businesses, more outdoor space better utilized, and look nicer than car parks |
| They add a wonderful sense of liveliness and community to the area, and give more people the opportunity to dine. They could easily be made year round with outdoor heaters and marquee covers. |
| I think they make a street feel more welcoming and vibrant. And not having parked cars right next to you is a really nice feeling. I really think they should stay! For businesses and for the patrons that use them |
| These parklets are fantastic. They encourage people to get outside, swap cars for bikes, reduces traffic congestion and makes the whole street feel more lively. |
| To provide further options for seating for small businesses. More seats more income for businesses that were struggling during covid. |
| I love outdoor dining in the spring/summer and the ability to dine outdoors. Melbourne has always been missing this aspect in the summer as I hunt high and low for somewhere I can dine outdoors without being confined to a rooftop under cover or a dark beer garden. I have found it so refreshing to be in bright outdoor areas for dining which I think is wonderful for mental health as opposed to being stuck indoors on a bright spring/summers day. It is just what Melbourne needed |
| It's great to dine outdoors in our beautiful country. Let's stop focussing on driving and get people outdoors, on their own doorstep. |
| It creates a better vibe on the streets and I prefer less cars |
| They don't take up much space, and create something quite special. |
| Keep them, if the venues want them. They don't take up much space. |
| Let them stay, if wanted. |
| The pandemic will be ongoing. The parklets make people feel that they can safely enjoy their lives. Keeping the parklets will support local businesses into the future. Don't get rid of them until the pandemic is truly over. Or just keep them forever because outdoor living is a great thing and it has brought a much needed sense of vibrancy back into Fitzroy and Collingwood. |
| Already making a very positive impact on culture, social cohesion, safety etc. weather/winter issues are all solvable using European precedents. Make the parklets permanent and contribute to the unique evolution and improvement of Yarra shopping strips! Definitely permanent!! |
| More business, more jobs, more fun. |
| Its better for all who live in the area , less traffic, great feeling , and Ive found I feel safer walking in the evenings |
| I like the option of sitting outside. I can bring my dog to places I normally can't. (My dog is unable to stay at home alone) |
| Better use of space |
| Far better option if the weather is even remotely good, better vibe to the street. |
| Because they are great! That look appealing and are a great use of space. The greenery and lights in many of them are amazing |
| I think they should be year around until the pandemic properly ends, and then after that at the least it would be great to have them every spring/summer |
| They're so great for the atmosphere of the streets. Honestly has lifted my spirits so much to see my favourite areas of Melbourne pumping thanks to a fresh concept of outdoor dining. |
| It adds so much character to the area! It's so representative of what made our area so special! |
| Outdoors is nice. |
| They add to the landscape and offer flexibility. Less cars is better |
| Parklets are an excellent way to help local businesses, and if COVID is going to be a feature of life going forward then I feel safer with the option to use parklets. Additionally I think they improve the look of the local spaces they're in. |

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| I would AT LEAST like to see as temporary for spring and summer, but ideally it should be year round. Winter will be worse for contracting illness, I think outdoor seating with outdoor heating will be crucial to the survival of these business over the winter months. |
| The shape of our streets needs to change and be more user friendly |
| Seems like a really easy thing to extend to grow community, support traders and better use public space. May be other views about some loss of parking, but presumably you can be data informed and data led on costs and benefits to overall business trade, resident parking and parking availability. |
| We love dining outdoors all year round |
| It's created more space for businesses to flourish and better amenity for pedestrians |
| It's just nice to enjoy the outdoors even in winter, heaters would be wonderful. |
| I think there should be more outside dining options in Yarra. I love the parklets and the vibe they create. I also think we should be discouraging car traffic in favour of cycling. |
| It's a great vibe and great for the community. Also enables social distancing. Will be lovely in winter with some heaters too. We should be discouraging cars in these areas. So i am all for the parklet |
| they are wonderful |
| They liven up the street atmosphere. Remove ugly cars and car parking - and just overall improve the vibe of all the neighbourhoods they've been installed in. Keep them!! But perhaps look into better barrier protection. |
| More room means more customers. We should be focusing on spaces for people, not vehicles. |
| I feel that car parks are not as important to the community as supporting small businesses and creating a safer and more vibrant atmosphere in the neighborhood with parklets. Particularly in the inner city, where the overwhelming majority commute using trams and bicycles. It may also encourage more people to travel using these means, which is better for the environment too. |
| With some outdoor gas heaters, this space can be used year-round and some venues have gone to great lengths to have great cover options which means successful use is really not only restricted to spring/summer (I mean... look at the summer we've had, it's raining as I type!) |
| Melbourne is the dining capital of Australia - outdoor dining is both safer and more enjoyable despite the cold. |
| I love having the option to dine outdoors, I don't mind colder weather either as long as there are heaters or blankets available |
| Much better use of public space! |
| Please don't remove these visible and vibrant, positive signs of community life! Please, let's not just go back to the way things were, when we have a genuine chance to make a positive change in the community! |
| The parklets are bringing the streets in Yarra back to life; far more cosmopolitan, provides appropriate social distancing and I'm sure represents a revenue opportunity for the city of Yarra. |
| If there's adequate cover and the restaurant is happy to keep the parklet, then why not! |
| This is a great parklet along with all of them in Yarra. They add 10 fold to the vibe and should be carried through in a pos covid world. The use of one car space is an absolute waste when a busy pub can house an additional 20 patrons on the street! |
| In North St Richmond & surrounds, the numerous parklets (veneziano, Royston, Brogans Way & Makers) have added a wonderful life & vibrancy, and have made the venues more pleasant, with options for indoor or outdoor seating. It's definitely attracted more patrons, and has increased community as people connect on the street. Parking in this area was always nightmarish, but the loss of the few car parks has not been a significant impact. Would love to see this become permanent! |
| This has added a terrific outdoor "park to a warehouse space - the best of both worlds! It looks great, we chatted to other people we hadn't met before & added something special to go with their fabulous drinks & music. Can we please make these permanent? |

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| Great option for dog owners, covid safer! Holiday vibe! |
| I think by removing them we are missing a fantastic opportunity to make Yarra a great, liveable city. |
| I think it is an excellent initiative that really transforms the feel of the neighbourhood and improves its desirability. |
| This is a fantastic asset to the community. A number of businesses have taken a great opportunity to create an environment that really makes the neighbourhood feel special. Reducing the width of the streets and making them one-way plus bike path and parklets would curtail the speeding we see through the narrow streets of Yarra and would really improve the vibe and livability of the neighborhood. With the increasing density of Yarra, this is exactly the permanent measures we need! |
| With an increase in the density of building in Yarra, we need more options for liveability. I suppose this is a return to the local pub being a families living room, just a more modern version thereof. The parklets give Yarra residents and workers great opportunities to get outside and use ad-hoc meeting and recreational spaces. This has been the best initiative from Yarra in my 15 years as a ratepayer. |
| Could definitely extend over most of the year. Much more comfortable option when we are still required to wear masks indoors (like at the moment). Overall I like the vibe and community feel of outdoor dining, it adds life to our streets and passive surveillance in the evenings. |
| Really lifts the vibe of Fitzroy and I love outdoor dining. |
| It is amazing initiative |
| They add so much to the atmosphere. They are super |
| Seeing people out supporting local businesses is amazing. The feel on the street is great and I keep running into friends at tables on the street when I'm out shopping. So lovely. Please make them permanent! |
| Parklets allow better use of public space that make the most of the Australian climate and Melbourne food culture. It feels both European and uniquely Australian to be able to dine outside in so many locations as part of day-to-day life; it's not a token, one off gimmick. |
| They're popular safe and build community |
| Above reasons. Vibe/climate/cyclists ! Everything! |
| It makes for as much nicer street, it's good for businesses, gives the area a much better vibe, is more pedestrian friendly. |
| Warm hug cafe park let us a great use of public space, it improves the neighbourhood, makes the place feel more safe and inviting, brings people together and has great potential to provide more for the community. I hope it stays permanently regardless of COVID. |
| Fantastic way to dine, great atmosphere |
| Additional space for business. More likely to get a table. Melburnians used to dining year round outside in laneways |
| lots of spaces are dying, the vibes are down. these space have revitalised the area and mak |
| Parklets provide a space where people can be in community. There are not places along Lennox street and within Richmond that have outdoor space allocated to small businesses. |
| They are bringing life to our beautiful community! Also very important to LGBTQ visibility & inclusion - has brought our community out from behind closed doors. |
| Outdoor heating makes it all year round. Perhaps assess on individual parklets |
| It can be like European countries in winter that are enclosed and have heaters/blankets! |
| There are so circumstances where the parking space the parklet took wasn't being used regularly. I think business success ultimately is most important for councils to ensure employment in the area and bringing people to the area. Successful businesses pay rates and increase the demand for people to live in the area |
| They are great for the warmer months, but also can be used in winter. Would cafes be able to afford to pack them up and store them every year? Is that sustainable? |

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| It creates more of an atmosphere in the area and feels nice to see people enjoying themselves on the street. |
| They give vibrance, life and a community feel to the streets. |
| Pleaseeeeeee keep them I love sitting amongst the traffic!!! It's such a vibe and outdoors is sooo good |
| Improves the neighbourhood amenity |
| We need more space for outdoor dining. Less car spaces on the road is good. I'm all for more car parking so business can attract customers from out of YarraCity, but this should be a public/private partnership with adding more Public paid parking in new developments along the main roads of Nicholson, Brunswick, Smith, Wellington and Hoddle Street. |
| It's so much more inviting and brings a different vibe- more free and open like overseas |
| We have a great climate for outdoor use. And we should be encouraging this. |
| We will always choose to eat/drink outside except in a thunderstorm and we actually don't have that many during the winter months. Easy to rug up when it's cold! |
| Weather here can be really variable - April/May etc can have really warm days. Also, parklets are dog friendly so I can bring my furry friend - these days if he can't come, I'm not going |
| It gives Fitzroy an outdoor, European dining vibe. The few restaurants that had footpath space before didn't have enough space to do that. |
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| As above - I think they're really positive and enhance our environment and community - especially after we were indoors and isolated from the community for so long! |
| We need to be encouraging people away from cars and using more positive ways of travelling; removing parking helps discourage car use |
| Fun, energy, increase space and dining option |
| Gives Melbourne more of a vibe |
| Because they give far more atmosphere to the area and they help to reduce pollution |
| They make the place more vibrant with people visible enjoying the products and services of local businesses. |
| They provide for a more vibrant and alive streetscape. |
| Keep them, much better for locals than a few dirty parking spaces |
| This is a far better use of public space. |
| Dining outdoor is one thing that I cherish about living in Melbourne. It's a special part of our food, dining and drinking culture. |
| I'm sure it will make Yarra a better, more interesting place to come to for tourists, people from other suburbs and would be wonderful for all us locals! Yarra is special-enhance that! |
| Community building environment , Accessible and increased amenity |
| If venues know they are permanent they will invest in high quality parklets |
| Good atmosphere |
| They add life and conviviality to the streets. |
| It really adds to the dining culture of Melbourne and allows business to maximise number of patrons. Everyone wins |
| I love alfresco dining. It suits Melbourne and should be all year round |
| It brings a completely different vibe to Melbourne, something unique. I also think it's challenged venues to rethink how they deal with smokers and food, plus brought the inside outside. |
| I have a dog with separation anxiety so it's great to be able to bring her more Brings people to the City of Yarra |
| I think it has had a massive impact on the general vibe of it, I rest my case. |
| Melbourne is very much an outdoor dining and drinking city. These parklets very much play into that offering |

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| Less cars parked on the street and more opportunities for safe outdoor eating/socialising. More flexible options for traders. |
| Because the era of the motor car is over people should cycle or take public transport. |
| they are a great addition to Yarra. Cars will have to be phased out in the city as it is. |
| They encourage a better atmosphere in the streets, and encourage more walking/public transport |
| It will be something that sets apart Yarra as a dining hub well into the future. |
| It is a better use of public space than vehicle storage. It allows businesses to extend their space. It is safer than indoor for covid. It encourages drivers to slow down. |
| I think it has revamped businesses, and it looks great. Every business is bringing their own flair and style and it's keeping Melbourne hospitality culture alive |
| This is a terrific use of space! Prioritise people over car parking anyday! |
| It's really nice being able to eat and hangout outside, more space than the footpath is good. |
| It is a better use of public space and encourages people to walk and use public transport by restricting parking. |
| I'd like to see them year round because it give Melbourne a very European feel and brings the streets more alive! Plus it gives extra capacity to venues so you're less likely to miss out on a spot |
| They improve the amenity of the area and are better for hospitality businesses than car parks. They distance parking cars from outdoor patrons which makes for a more pleasant and safer dining experience. |
| Because they made Yarra a better version of what it was. Back in the day, lygon st was your one and only option. But now having the opportunity to experience a European style dining experience in the more progressive part of town, just makes me so incredibly happy! |
| It makes good use of laneways. |
| These spaces increase demand for dining. We don't need the parking, we need the business! |
| I think its great for the restaurants to recope revenue that they dramatically lost over 2020 and the residents love them |
| Should be available year round if the business feels they would have value from it during the winter months. Also businesses will need somewhere to store outdoor furniture during winter months if Parklet was removed in winter. |
| Yes, more outdoor seating for dining. I want to support them year round. |
| Because it's a much better use of the space than street parking |
| All the reasons above. Prioritising diners and people having experiences over vehicles that just sit there empty makes much more sense to me, especially with so many nearby public transport options. |
| Great addition to the area. Creates yet more distinct and creative publicly accessible spaces |
| covid is not going away so businesses need to keep the parklets to stay afloat |
| as covid is still rife, we need to support local businesses |
| Heaters could be used in winter. Parklets bring more life to the street. A busy street is safer. Parklets attractive for visitors and could boost business and can encourage greenery |
| It's much nicer sitting outside at a park let especially in Yarra where most suburbs have narrow and not particularly attractive footpaths and street scapes |
| Permanent means businesses can establish the parklets and properly develop them. If they were seasonal they would have to be something able to be packed away, and would require storage. Permanent would change the atmosphere of these streets for the better. |
| We always pick outside dining if the conditions are tollerable. Fresh air - more space - no dodgy music - less noise from other patrons. |
| It provides an atmosphere that can't be achieved with only indoor dining. The sense of community is heightened. |
| They're great for the businesses and those attending |
| It's better use of space |

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| The area is vibrant, that's what I love about Fitzroy & Collingwood |
| I like that atmosphere and environment |
| They are great |
| It is great to experience our seasons in Melbourne.. Even rugged up in winter is nice outdoors |
| The parklets are a wonderful use of public space. I love seeing diners out in the streets in place of cars. This applies to all parklets - not just the ones I have dined at. I love the friendly and upbeat atmosphere it creates on the streets. I'd love to see them stay permanently - they are a great addition to our neighbourhoods. |
| Because Melburnians don't get enough vitamin D. Especially through the cooler months. |
| Especially in commercial strips like Smith Street, these parklets provide a welcome break from the car-dominated atmosphere, they make the street more accessible and give a more pedestrian-oriented feel and as a driver they remind one that this 40km/h street is intended to be shared and not a thoroughfare. They are creative and interesting spaces and often include greenery that Smith Street is in desperate need of. |
| Convenience |
| I really like the idea and I think it gives the streets a cool social community feel. |
| It allows smaller popular venues the ability to cater to more people |
| I prefer dining outdoors, and before parklets many of these venues had very limited or no outdoor seating. It's such a better dining experience and these businesses deserve to thrive as they are foundations of our community. |
| Parklets make a positive contribution to streetscapes. They send the message that the village is about liveability, and not primarily a thoroughfare / space for vehicles. This would continue to promote and support local businesses - something I believe Council should do actively and continuously, not just in exceptional circumstances. |
| As long as they are used and maintained, they're better use of public space than parking |
| It makes for a more lively feeling community |
| Local business needs our support Cars do not. |
| More space for people wanting to try the distillery's offerings and a much better option for a nice day. |
| This is an amazing utilisation of public space |
| I think the parklet's are going to be even more important in the winter when there might be another covid outbreak and it won't be safe to be indoors with strangers. Melbourne has mild weather so I think the parklet's are a good use of space all year round and it's always nice to be outside, even in the winter. They also provide a vibrant atmosphere which is nice all year round and make Yarra a better place to live and work. |
| We need to make our streets more people centric and less car centric to maintain liveability and achieve sustainability. |
| More outdoor dining means less crowding. Also safer for patrons moving around a cafes dining area |
| More spacious dining spaces and less over crowding when waiting for take away. |
| If the businesses want them they should stay! Not only have the businesses spent money setting them up but they add life to our streets. They look great and they genuinely make me happier to walk through my neighbourhood. I'd rather look at people having a great time and enjoy that atmosphere than look at a parked car. |
| They make the suburb feel more alive. They give crowded places more space. Businesses are really investing in making nice parklets. Will be interesting to see how they go in winter. |
| Outdoor dining adds capacity to the venues and creates a really nice vibe |
| They increase the vibrancy of the area! It makes me happy to see people enjoying themselves and businesses thriving with the extra (needed!) space during covid. |

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| Again, when we have such good weather we should be utilising more outdoor space. Also less parking encourages more people to use public transport which is not only good for traffic congestion but also for the environment. |
| These areas have been a lifeline for local business, giving locals a (real and perceived) safe way to dine out. It has also created a sense of community and connection, when there's more a need for that than ever from a mental health and community perspective. I support these areas being available for at least 12 months. Usage during the cooler months will give businesses and council a sense of value during those times. |
| To avoid crowding in venues that are popular enough to need parklets. |
| To avoid crowding in venues busy enough to need them year round. |
| They have added an extra special experience to dining in Yarra. My elderly mother in law has particularly enjoyed them as sometimes she finds restaurants too noisy. She wears a hearing aid and the background noise and music in some restaurants can really affect her, to the point that she rarely dines out. Since the parklets started popping up, we've enjoyed some amazing dinners. The parklets have encouraged me to have a meal in places I've never been, they are great for attracting extra customers. Overall they add such a great vibe to the streets, it's really encouraging to see so many people from the neighbourhood supporting local businesses in a safe and fun way. |
| To avoid crowding in businesses that are busy enough to need more space, and to stay covid safe. |
| More space to support our businesses, great vibe in the outdoors and less traffic everywhere |
| To avoid crowding in busy venues that need to keep patrons covid safe. |
| Why not? It is more social space, makes businesses more money and allows people to be out. Melbourne's winters are not harsh enough to only sit indoors. |
| Better atmosphere and is helping small businesses |
| These parklets have improved the liveability of Yarra and provide an improved community feel in the area. The car parking spaces removed are very minor compared to the benefit of additional seating spaces. |
| Covid isn't going away anytime soon. Keen to support local businesses who benefit from these parklets |
| I love the feeling of the street with the parklets—it's so vibrant and feels nicer as a pedestrian. |
| The parklets have reinvigorated shopping and entertainment strips that were ghost towns. They make these places feel friendlier and they make venues less crowded. Melburnians already like alfresco dining and drinking spaces and the parklets extend social spaces into the street. |
| Creates extra seating, atmosphere. Need to support small businesses as much as possible, particularly during covid. |
| I would think that there would be better dollar value coming back from the parklets rather than revenue from parking. |
| Creates a great atmosphere, makes streets more safe and encourages use of public transport therefore great for the environment. |
| They are a great addition! |
| They are beautiful and bring such a vibe to life |
| It creates a brilliant community vibe to the neighbourhood. It keeps us safe by being spread out and it is supporting local business to regroup after being shut last year and it's potentially creating more jobs |
| Creates a great feel and advert for the suburb |
| Best advertising and marketing I have seen across the Yarra council area. Brings the fun onto the streets. |
| Because I think they're neat and also COVID is more likely to spread in winter when we're all indoors, so I'd be happy to sit outside and wear a coat, weather permitting |
| Better (and more) options for dining out!! |
| Covid will be with us a long time. Extend dining capacity for businesses |

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| Yes! More room for customers to support local |
| They have brought new life to local neighbourhoods, and more customers to local businesses. This will hopefully flow to helping local retailers as well. |
| More options for customers always a good thing. |
| It helps us feel like there is some certainty and stability in a very uncertain period. They are a good opportunity for neighbours to connect, help local businesses. |
| Covid restrictions of some form or other are here to stay for a long time yet. With outdoor heaters all these spaces could stay viable when it gets colder - helping local businesses to stay afloat and helping locals get a good feed |
| If they can work in winter. Otherwise just summer |
| They're so wonderful! |
| I think that parklets serve a greater public purpose than their sacrifices. It should be available to businesses year-round if they choose to utilize them. I would expect that some businesses with seasonal traffic could opt out of having them in the winter if the upkeep becomes more than the potential gain. However especially for 2021 I would like to see it extended all year permanently to reevaluate if it is still beneficial in the winter of 2022. I have spoken to business owners who have been very excited about the prospect and the outcomes of parklets during covid recovery period. As a customer I feel very safe and have enjoyed my experiences dining at parklets. It has made a visible boost to the streetlife, accessibility of areas to pedestrians and has the potential to becoming an iconic feature of the area that shows of Yarra Councils great assets of culture and gastronomy! |
| It's a great community innovation. |
| The parklets contribute to the sense of community in Yarra. It is uplifting to feel part of a vibrant diverse community. The parklets may also inspire people to use their cars less. |
| Makes it feel like Europe and adds a great vibe to Yarra |
| Because it makes the area the most lovely, convenient and joyous - especially after this insanely hard year. |
| It makes Melbourne even better! |
| Only if they are compatible with inclement weather, otherwise spring and summer months would be ideal |
| As above |
| They are so welcoming and again, better use of space than parking! |
| Less cars the better. Outdoor dining create a great community atmosphere. And lord knows, we need that a whole lot more now than we need more car parking spaces! |
| They add so much more for business that people want to support, they have had very little impact on the amount of car park spaces in busy areas, they allow more people to support more business, a lot of places our customer/ clients love wouldn't have survived and it will take years to recover. It should be the new normal, progression in a positive way that really supports both local business and customers and people who live in this area. Not to mention all the work for the trades to build and remove them. It's adding to the local economy for more than just small business |
| Melbournites will fine out in the cold know matter what. Maybe not so much in the depth is winter but definitely through autumn. Reducing parking also reduces people driving to dinner where they may drink then drive home |
| As long as covid is around i think we need to increase options to dine outdoors for safety purposes. |
| Spring, summer and autumn, however I can understand the limitations this may have during the colder winter months |
| If they can be effectively heated (outdoor gas lamps and rain cover) it's a good alternative even in the winter months. |
| I think they're great. No good in rainy weather but would be lovely in winter sun. Or with heaters. |

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| So nice to be outside. Just need some heaters and rain shading in winter. |
| More outdoor dining, creates incredible vibe, more opportunities for a table at favourite spots |
| I love it and i feel so safe and it is great for those of us who live alone |
| Helps amplify community & atmosphere 😊 |
| Maybe they don't need to be in the winter. But they are fantastic. There can be warm days in the winter that I could see myself eating out side. |
| If heating options can be considered it would be nice all year, but also happy just to have in warmer months |
| I think they're a fantastic addition to so many communities. They bring an exciting, vibrant and friendly atmosphere to so many streets across Melbourne. It can be something good that comes from COVID! |
| Melbourne's weather can be iffy but people cope with it! COVIDSafe is going to be an issue for the rest of this year so let's support our small businesses and allow them to keep functioning profitably with this extra 'safe' seating |
| People love to dine outdoors and it increases capacity for businesses |
| Good for businesses and community |
| I love them ! I love the atmosphere and how much warmer the streets feel. |
| It's not confined & easy access |
| They are a wonderful addition to Yarra and they can easily be adapted for different seasons |
| Permanent means you can plant trees. I want to eat under canopy! |
| Because they are awesome |
| For some. Lulie is a good example of low impact to parking and using street. Others on busier roads seem less safe (like along Brunswick st) and I wouldn't feel as comfortable |
| Why change them? They are only helping the community. |
| Parklets are a great use of public space. |
| I love the vibe parklets have. And it would be a shame for businesses who have invested in making the area nice to have to remove them. |
| While Covid 19 is a risk, parklets should remain to keep the community safer and assist local businesses. |
| They improve the vibe, atmosphere and accessibility of venues. |
| It enhances the ambiance of the environment. |
| All year around! It's great in Summer and Spring, but so great to get outside run the sun in Winter too. |
| Supporting business, friendly, safe and welcoming environment |
| Melbourne has an amazing al fresco dining scene, and the implementation of parklets has only boosted this further. People will still drink and dine outside in winter if there is heating provided by businesses |
| The vibe |
| So much better for the vibrant community being able to see everyone than being hidden in backyard courtyards Better sunlight and fresh air More attractive streets More enticing to stop for food or drinks |
| Its a great use of space that adds an amazing vibe to the municipality. Its beautiful to see people happy, whilst eating and drinking with friends. If kept it will make Melb such a fun and unique destination. Its madness to remove them. |
| Because they are great |
| The cost to venues to pack up and set up during the summer months would discourage from use. Venues should be obligated to maintain the parklets so they are not a visual eyesore and if they are not being maintained, then they should be removed but specific to the venue only and not in general. |

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| It lends a great vibe to the city of Melbourne seeing people enjoying the great outdoors while dining. Witnessed this during my recent trip to Melbourne! |
| Outside seating is the best. Great vibe, enjoying the good weather, and covid safe. It also gives businesses the chance to hold more patrons. |
| More dining available, great atmosphere, improves streetscape, better community vibe |
| Safety with COVID but nice year round |
| They look great and they help local businesses |
| I don't see how it is feasible for businesses to do this on a temporary basis. |
| This place needs more space for dining. |
| They provide a nicer atmosphere outside and allow for safer outside dining |
| The pandemic has taught us that it is so important, even in winter, to have safe and well-managed outdoor spaces to sit and socialize. The parklets have opened up valuable opportunities to do this that I would be very unhappy to lose. Post-pandemic, I don't want to be forced into close contact with other people and the parklets offer people like me the opportunity to socialize more comfortably and safely. Also, the parklets offer a lovely outdoor vibe to the local social scene and their designs provide fresh visual and social interest to the city and inner urban environment. |
| They add so much to the atmosphere and vibe of the area |
| They create a vibrant, lively atmosphere, they make the streets feel safer (and perhaps actually be safer) and they create a sense of neighbourly friendliness and camaraderie. |
| Yes they should be permanent! They make the yarra community lively and exciting. It's so good for the small business's as well. |
| Great for the business and economy like in Europe on winter |
| A combination of permanent and temporary summer pop up Parklets would be best in my opinion. Brings life and energy to summer outdoor dining. More venues with outdoor seating and fresh air |
| Year round if heating can be installed |
| They are great for businesses. Provide flexibility for business owners with restrictions coming back and forward. Car parks are a hopeless use of public space. Climate emergency!!!! Encourage LESS cars. |
| These are one of the best things to come out of COVID and a far better use of space than carparks. They significantly improve the vibe of the retail strips, creating a relaxed 'village' atmosphere, while also making us much safer by providing ventilation while we eat. COVID will be with us for years and if we want retail to survive this period we definitely should continue Parklets, if not all year round absolutely for the summer period. I have not found there to be a shortage of parking and am more than happy to park further afield for the benefit of eating outside, or better still make a plan to walk or bike. |
| Much safer in today's climate of covid |
| It is good for the local businesses and customers too. There isnt enough open public space in yarra. |
| Its good for the public even when not used for specific businesses |
| Its good. |
| Great vibe, less cars. Win win |
| Love them |
| Encourages active transport, looks better, is enjoyable, safer, and great to have more dog friendly areas. |
| Permanent basis would be great and business could invest in making them even better. If restricted to certain months, businesses may not feel the benefit of investing in making them better. Could also be used instead of footpath tables, widening the footpath and making it easier for people to get around. |
| More dining, fewer cars |

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| Jard not to like. Change the streetscape in a good way and bring an outdoorsy friendly vibe to the neighbourhood. |
| Love it! Love the vibe and community feel and that hospitality can still service capacity when indoor is limited. Win win |
| I love them, they give businesses more seating and create a super attractive European-style dining vibe which I think tourists will love. |
| As above. It is way past time streets are recognised as being for people and activity, not for dead slabs of metal belonging to one person. Private vehicle transport should not be encouraged. Be more equitable, be diverse. |
| It always been lonely to be out and social with people but still keep all safety aspects for all ur love one |
| Add vibe - COVID safe - would not dine indoors at all so parklets mean I can go out and support businesses (all while feeling safe) |
| outdoor dining adds a positive vibe to an area which previously looked like a concrete jungle. |
| It supports local businesses rebuild, they have been devastated. |
| I'm not sure if it would be too cold in winter, but maybe with some heaters and blankets it could have a fun vibe in winter too, as well as allowing businesses to keep operating with social distancing. Alternatively just during summer and spring could be ok too. |
| It needs some serious rethinking of how to effectively and safely implement long term solutions. Some of the parklet spaces are so dangerous and little regard for safety given. |
| If a business can make it work in most / all weather I would always rather sit outside than inside. Especially during covid or the warmer months. I think it's brought life back to the city of yarra. |
| It's a better use of public space, although businesses should, obviously, rent them |
| So much friendlier, good for local business and reduce cars in our streets. The atmosphere is wonderful seeing people rather than cars |
| Great atmosphere and greater seating capacity for venues. Healthier to be outside |
| In Europe people finish work, collect their kids and dine in the local square where parents have wine, kids have ice cream and run around. In Melbourne we finish work and are forced to cook because eating out at night is only junk food or fancy restaurants and nowhere to get quick healthy food where kids can move around. |
| Better use of public space / removes car use from the council area |
| You keep locking down businesses they need all avenues possible to regain revenue, it also creates a great atmosphere at the same time. |
| It uses under-utilised space |
| It makes Cremorne seem more human scale to see people enjoying outdoor spaces as you walk past, instead of just buildings. Also an opportunity for greening with pot plants etc. |
| I think spring, summer and autumn and in winter if there's the option to be under cover and have heaters! |
| The parklets have added a positive atmosphere and a better sense of community around my area. My nearest parklet "hub" includes Molly Rose and Chotto Motto. I have visit these venues especially to sit outside in the parklet. |
| helping expand local businesses trading areas and customer dining areas is a bonus in every way. Reduction of cars on the roads al is a bonus in small local areas. as long as the parklets are well designed and maintained i feel they are a perfect addition to our melbourne suburbs. All year round will require the correct furniture ie. umbrellas and heat lamps but all in all feel they are worth it. |
| It's just a really lovely atmosphere and sometimes being inside venues or in the original outdoor areas at venues, it can be too much, too noisy. The parklet's can give you a quieter option (away from music or sports on TV) |
| I always prefer outdoor dining. I only go to restaurants with outdoor options. |
| Alfresco dining rules. |

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| Parklets are a better use of public space, they create a safer and more welcoming environment for residents and active travel commuters. They will allow businesses who have been severely impacted by COVID-19 to increase their capacity in a safe way. |
| I enjoy eating in the Parklets and they greatly enhance the streetscape |
| Within reason. Maybe reduced in size in winter months. Usage dependant |
| Most of them that I have seen would be uneconomical for small businesses to remove for winter. With creative thinking they can be used in good weather during the cooler months. |
| Having more space dedicated to residents for enjoyment is preferable to having higher vehicle levels which leads to higher pollution levels in this local area. |
| We need to move away from a car centric design for our local communities and I think it is a great advertisement for local food and beverage businesses. Even just catching a glimpse of people outside a restaurant in the sun eating and drinking has made me want to stop and find out what is happening there. Whereas in the past I wouldn't have even noticed that particular restaurant. |
| Adds interest, vibe to our community |
| Many proprietors will be able to provide blankets and cover for variable weather, and we will need to keep social distancing for 2021 while vaccinations are slowly rolled out (and maybe even beyond that, depending on their efficacy); small hospitality providers cannot afford to give up much of their capacity if this continues. Plus removing the parklets now would be a huge Sustainability issue - how would the Council maintain its sustainability targets, holistically? |
| They're a great addition to our suburbs in terms of the vibe and unique atmosphere that they bring. They're also great for businesses at a challenging time, and a safer way to dine |
| Melburnians aren't afraid of dining outside in cold weather, and as permanent fixtures businesses can really invest in making them something special. |
| Better use of public space |
| There's so much on-street parking, even with parklets. Parklets make the street so much nicer. They also help businesses stay open during the pandemic - businesses is what attracts people to Yarra's high streets. Post-pandemic, parklets will allow more people to visit Yarra's fantastic cafes and restaurants. Not to mention the environmental impact of removing parklets - hopefully any that are removed are reused not chucked out. |

Yes, on a temporary basis (during spring/summer months only)

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| They are delightful during the nice weather! |
| During day light saving season or if Covid restrictions return |
| Spring and summer every year! Festival like atmosphere! |
| I'd be happy to see them during warm months or permanently. I think they're a great asset for everyone, business and residents, and really improve the neighborhood. |
| I love the parklets! I love seeing the enthusiasm for outdoor dining. Previously only The Fitz really had a lovely outdoor area. Now so many businesses have the opportunity. I love how businesses express themselves in their parklets. They're all different. I love that we have a +++ outcome from COVID - the parklets. It would be a lovely time of the year when all the parklets come out. I just love the parklet's expressions of vibrancy, and the community resilience and positivity they represent. |
| Could probably go into April/May, then removed for winter months? |
| I don't know how practical they will be during Melbourne's rainy weather but weather permitting I'd like to see them year round |
| - more capacity - can enjoy outdoors during warmer months |
| I think they really encourage walking, walk-ins and enhance the feel of the area. |
| They are SO good for the vibe in summer. If they can't be filled in winter, by all means take them down if you have to but PLEASE ensure they're put back up again for good weather months |

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| I can see that they could still be great during mild autumn and winter weather, but think they have particular value in summer |
| Unless there's heating or umbrellas - dining outside in winter isn't that pleasant |
| It's a great use of space, nice Al fresco dining |
| Creates additional vibe therefore drawing more people to the area, safer in terms of COVID 19, better earning capacity of the businesses |
| I also think if Covid restrictions on indoor dining are reintroduced they will be necessary to be safe! |
| Absolutely. They are fantastic and bring people back into community. The city looks fantastic with them and outdoor dining feels fun and safe. They help to give a sense of ownership and community to our city. Love them. |
| This optimises outside spaces when it's possible to do so and when people are more likely to walk or cycle to venues. |
| Napier Quarter - not listed - was great because Brunswick St tourists don't know about it. It was a delightful interlude. |
| Dining outdoors is much less pleasant if there is rain, cold winds, etc. |
| I don't mind if they are year round. I Would probably use them more in warmer months as in colder months I would want to dine indoors to keep warm. |
| I personally wouldn't mind all year round but it's probably pointless allocating outdoor space that goes unused on cold weather. |
| They should be year round if they're not on main streets. |
| They add a fantastic vibe |
| I can understand the parklets being removed during cooler months but it creates a great vibe during the warmer months |
| Not likely to be used in winter so they might as well be used for parking then. |
| Park let's fit neatly with Melbourne dining culture in spring/summer |
| Great for summer and good weather but less likely to be used as reasonable size inside |
| Too many business have not utilised the allocated space ... some only using it on a few nights a weeks and the rest of the week it remains closed hindering traffic due to road closures and limiting car park space ... an absolute waste |
| Outdoor dining is good in Summer. Just not right on a tram stop. |
| They look beautiful and make everything lively. It is a minor inconvenience (our street now only has one exit) but they're a net positive. |
| it is really nice to eat/drink outside somewhere without the usual footpath foot traffic |
| I'd say only part of the year but I imagine they're expensive to take down and up. Might as well leave them year round? |
| The vibe and atmosphere |
| They create a more positive feeling in the beighbourhood |
| Fun |
| Out doors is nice even if it creates additional work for staff to provide service. |
| Keeping some permanent would also be great |
| Probably too cold in winter unless there is outdoor heating |
| Spring/Summer months would be great as people are more likely to be dining outside. In the colder/wetter months, the spaces could be used for parking again as people will be indoors. |
| Certain businesses may benefit from year round use, but greater number would likely be used in Daylight savings months |
| Good for business. We can enjoy being outdoors in nice weather. |
| If it had heating it could be year round |
| This doesn't have any umbrellas or shelter so really only suitable for summer but really nice in good weather |

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| I think parklets are a great idea but make the most sense in summer months when it is easier to walk/cycle/take public transport and it is far more likely to be appropriate to dine outside. |
| I'm not sure the outdoor parklets would be as enticing during the winter months. In summer, they'd encourage more patrons but during winter the car parking might be useful for businesses and also provide Council with parking revenue. |
| Either during summer/spring or all year round. They've really livened up the area. |
| They are a great way to allow more people to visit restaurants and bring a cool new experience and vibe to eating out |
| Anytime it's not raining they are great |
| I don't think they will get used enough in winter and therefore won't be maintained well. To avoid creating mess, litter, vandalism etc better to have them when they will get most use. Also creates a good vibe when they return each year. Winter just needs something different to make it cosy. |
| It looks nice. It's nice to dine outdoors. Good to support local business. |
| Embrace the summer season. |
| I feel outdoor dining is pleasant in warmer months. Also having it arrive seasonally is a good way to welcome a new season as something special. |
| Great community spirit and very nice to dine outside |
| It adds to the outdoor dining experience for warmer months. Brings atmosphere to the streets |
| Extra outdoor seating is always a good thing. We love to be outdoors in the warmer months and it creates a great community vibe |
| I love the outdoor eating and cafes. These parklets further support the business and the community. It's wonderful to see the street come alive. In particular Bridge Road, as it has certainly been a very quiet street for business for a long time. |
| I would be happy for them to be permanent or seasonal. |
| Means that I can enjoy the sunshine - most restaurants don't have much outdoor dining |
| During spring and summer seems a good compromise to accommodate resident parking but would also love them to say with cover and gas heaters in winter. |
| Yes but businesses should not get them at the expense of the rate payer. |
| Great atmosphere, great use of space and creates more capacity for small businesses |
| I think they're a wonderful feature |
| Happy for them to be permanent, but they will need a covering during the wetter months, so have opted for the first option. They make the streets look more liveable and inviting. |
| Good for patrons as increases seating Good for the financial viability of small business. Creates a great local vibe. |
| Outdoor dining in winter increases energy use (eg outdoor heaters) and would require permanent rain structures. However if the permanent weather structures were built I would be amenable to that. |
| In the warmer months - winter would be a waste as it's too cold and rainy to dine outdoors |
| It's too cold to dine out in winter anyway. Better used as parking to park closer to the restaurant. |
| Smith Street is a dead zone in Winter |
| They are great but during the winter months, people are less likely to want to sit outdoors. Also, more people will want to drive to places in Yarra and they do take up parking spaces. |
| Love the atmosphere they create. Helps build a community vibe & support local businesses with more seating. |
| It's lovely to sit outside and embrace the great weather. I imagine parklets will be less desirable when it gets cold and rainy |
| Great spring summer weather is the best time to enjoy the outdoors |
| The weather/temperature |
| Parklets will not be used by diners during the colder months |
| Continue into colder months if covid restrictions continue. |

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| The key benefit of parklets for me is that there were so few venues before hand that had good outdoor eating/drinking options. Everything is indoors or in small back area gardens. That said, i dont think i'd eat on the street in the middle of winter. Its just a warm weather activity. |
| Adds to the ambience of summer and makes Yarra a more vibrant place |
| If the weather is bad people are more likely to travel in cars so the car spots will be needed more. |
| I think the drivers get used to the altered traffic conditions and it encourages people to leave their car at home for short trips as on street parking is reduced |
| Everyone wants to sit outside in summer |
| through the beautiful autumn days as well! but i think through the winter months particularly when the weather is bad that car parks are more useful for cars |
| Parklets should be permitted during spring/summer months and strongly encouraged to stay as a semi-permanent thing. The vibe, liveness of Smith Street & surrounding streets is SO much better with parklets. Always seems busy now rather than as a transient space, with people walking down to various destinations - where you can't tell people are dining (indoors). I imagine much more people dine/drink out now given parklets then they would before. Some smaller venues have really benefitted from the extra space they didn't have before - good to capture new clientele. Need it extended to support business recovery from covid. Spring/summer months would be perfect. Not sure how effective in autumn/winter due to temperature and weather. |
| The weather is not enjoyable enough for the winter months. Hospitality loses trading in winter, and no one wants to sit outside when it's 10 degrees and windy. |
| They're a nice way to make the most of the good weather in warmer months but without the burden of caring for them all year round |
| Park let's are a perfect addition to inner city Melbourne's food and wine culture, just look at the long standing success of Degraives street - people go here for the atmosphere even though much of the actual fare is average. Parklets also boost the capacity of venues allowing for the hiring of more staff and offsetting the exorbitant rent businesses pay for their premises. It's a no brainer. |
| It brings a feeling of community to the area and makes the street feel more lively. |
| Even permanent but makes more sense if just summer spring months. It gives a much nicer community atmosphere and greatly lifts friendliness of the street. |
| Extend them into the cooler months also. |
| I'd like to see them in winter, but I disagree with outdoor has heaters, so better as a spring/summer/autumn thing |
| Extends dining areas and gives more options to both businesses and patrons. |
| I think that they are great uses of space and are an amazing way for local businesses to increase number whilst people the benefits of being outside however I don't think they will be utilised enough in colder months |
| Sitting outside in the winter is no fun |
| if there's less parking then it's less likely for people to travel in winter months - i refuse to take PT if it's raining purely because i hate getting soaked & i know others feel the same |
| i feel like they bring a certain "vibe" with them. they feel like a long summer afternoon kinda thing. i imagine people will start to fight for indoor tables when it starts getting colder. |
| I hate it |
| I would love them all year round but realistically with the weather in Melbourne it might not be worth it in the winter months. Unless they were somehow sheltered/heated. |
| The outdoor dining is great! |
| I think it's a great way to expand outdoor dining. As long as it's not removing accessible parking, I'm all for it. |
| For optimal use. Parking should come back in the terrible weather when it's most needed - be sad to see spaces not being used if parklets continued in winter (many of which could not deal with rain) |

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| It gives a very European feel. It feels safe. It's great that business can still function during an event such as this pandemic. Fantastic initiative. |
| With careful consideration for the impact on residents, other businesses relying on parking and additional traffic on side streets. Adds atmosphere. |
| Much warmer atmosphere |
| Summer is the perfect time to have everyone out and about every summer with this would be great to create a better Melbourne vibe |
| Because it creates stress atmosphere which totally lives up a place!! At least just during summer months - would be interesting to see in winter months if the interest remained. |
| autumn also as usually warm enough to be outside, and if not, to provide heaters and byo rug |
| I wouldn't want to dine outside in the middle of winter anyway. |
| Unless there is a requirement to provide heating in the winter months, it seems it would largely be a waste of space. If heating was there, I'd still be happy to dine outside! |
| All year round sounds great to me but realistically warmer months are more likely to be used. |
| More enjoyable in nice weather |
| There's something nice about seasonal change. It would be a beautiful marker of spring each year to see all the parklets get established. Almost like a ritual that winter is over and it's time to come out again. Helps us celebrate spring and summer |
| It's so nice to eat outside and have a positive vibe in the neighbourhood. While we live with COVID this is much safer too. |
| People don't sit outside in winter, heating is prohibitive for businesses. I'm a dog walker and in winter only the dog walkers sit outside . |
| The atmosphere seems very happy. |
| Happy to eat outside when weather is appropriate (probably seven months of year) but I object to outdoor gas heaters for environmental reasons. It's possible to rug up! |
| Great outdoors atmosphere and supports local businesses |
| Al fresco in Melbourne is one of our star attractions, I strongly endorse warm weather Parklets |
| They give the city a distinct vibe. It feels community-oriented and exciting, and it brings more income to local businesses |
| They are not well used by the public. Might work in summer |
| Only good for warm weather. |
| Increased venue capacity and outdoor space. Nice to sit outside and get fresh air |
| Would like to see it aligned with daylight saving period |
| It's great to sit outside and enjoy the sun and end of day sunlight hours. It creates a great outdoor vibe across the city. It's safer and it's just awesome |
| Weather in winter will likely be too cold. |
| in relevant places, it is a fantastic idea, on busy congested streets it is foul |
| Only certain streets should be eligible for Parklets - e.g. side streets, low traffic streets. Major precincts require parking for retail and other businesses. Furthermore some hospitality businesses are predominately takeaway which would impact them. Only a select few benefit from this. |
| If parklets are to continue, City of Yarra residents who have paid for parking permits in close proximity to a parklet should receive a pro rata refund of their annual parking permit fee, or additional parking spots (in areas where the parking permit does not currently allow for parking) should be provided. |
| I think they add so much to the city. Bringing them back for spring or summer will keep the novelty factor. Don't ditch the parklets! |
| I think they add a lot to the community and are enjoyable to eat out at |
| Not needed in winter |
| I think, if done correctly these give a great vibe to the city. |

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| Creates atmosphere on the streets. Increases traffic between businesses, reduced traffic, encouraging public transport |
| Implementing the parklets in summer makes sense, as it'll be the highest usage rate, and removing them in the winter allows the council to retain some of the revenue stream from parking. |
| I think this should go into fall. |
| Enjoyable way to done, particularly in the summer months. It has also seemed safer from a covid perspective. |
| It's nice to enjoy the warmer weather outside. But also because of the covid 19 pandemic. Outside feels safer |
| I have really enjoyed the parklets I've visited however do not feel they will get significant use during the cooler months to justify being installed year round |
| Outdoor dining during winter may not be as enjoyable |
| I think Parklets make a lot of sense in the warmer months. Once the population gets the vaccination, I would be less inclined to use parklets in winter. I can see that their arrival each summer season could be something that we all look forward to. |
| I love these parklets. They make me feel like I'm in Europe. Would be too cold in winter. But please reinstate them in summer. |
| Brings the streets to life and increases capacity of face restaurants |
| I can see the benefit of having them all year round and if they are they all year round it would be great as I am local and so walk everywhere. However, I'm also aware that a lot of people travel into these areas and Melbourne winter weather may deter people from coming in to these areas from outer suburbs so businesses may suffer. All year round would be great but even if they are a spring/summer pop up that would be great. |
| I wouldn't dine outdoors during colder months |
| They add a vibrant new energy and life to the city of Yarra. |
| The vibe and feel, it brings the community closer (literally) so one feels rejuvenated and energised to be out on the streets and see businesses full. The Melbourne summer has never felt better |
| They provide extra seating for businesses that have minimal outdoor seating capacity. Helps support local businesses |
| I'm not sure how appealing they will be in the middle of winter, but when the sun is shining they are great. |
| Too cold during winter to dine outside |
| While I love the idea and would like to see them long term, I expect outdoor dining to be less popular in winter, and disused parklets may fall into disrepair and "tarnish the brand" of parklets overall. |

Yes, on a temporary basis (only if COVID-19 restrictions limit indoor dining)

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| Parklets are impacting the ability for people to find parking spaces, which were already very limited in Yarra. |
| Winter outdoor dining would be uncomfortable on occasions. |
| Small specialist shops struggle without this extra pressure. Good parking proximity to strip shopping is very important to me. |
| There is generally quite sufficient indoor dining space in most if not all restaurants. The inclusion of these temporary outdoor seating in parking spaces will be totally overlooked in a Melbourne winter, and are being paid for by rate payers (of course). |
| Parking is already very limited in Fitzroy and as a resident I find it difficult to park with permit in my own street and near by street that often I have to park at a meter and left wondering whether parking permit is if any value. |
| Many of the Parklets don't feel very safe where they are located. |

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| Patrons congregate after hours and make a lot of noise late into the night |
| has to be a good balance for everyone |
| Having these permanently would reduce the limited street parking even further. We are seeing that people are reluctant to use public transport. So while these may encourage more people to want to attend these parklets, the inability to find somewhere to park would just force them to go to other shopping strips that have more plentiful parking options. |
| Maybe spring and summer if street still needs support |
| As a local resident the extra outdoor space in a residential area is unpleasant - smokers and drinkers late every night. Would prefer they remain within the venue. |
| The parking is untenable |
| It depends on the venue, but generally not to encourage consumption of alcohol in public. |
| The impact on parking is too great |
| Parklets are a crucial part of keeping our favourite local businesses covid safe |
| Covid doesn't go in March and the vaccine won't be fully rolled out. We need to give businesses the best opportunity to keep operating in a covid safe manner. |
| Only for the duration of the pandemic |
| More street dining is good but spring /summer weather is more reliable. Good idea in cooler months if restrictions continue, ie give businesses and customers maximum options and choice |
| Only where it doesn't have other deleterious effects. Case by case assessment required. |
| Blocking of small side streets is not helpful with so many one way street around bridge and church that it makes it impossible to get around or even home. |
| Most parklets are empty most of the day. Certainly as the weather gets colder there will be less people who want to sit outside. However if covid restrictions continue, being able to eat outside is a good thing all year but as the extra spaces are rarely filled, perhaps cafes could share the parklets? |
| Outside seems safer! |
| Ratepayers are paying for this not just the business |
| The take up parking space and some cover bike lanes. Not all of them are well designed. Also they seem to be draining revenue from the council |
| COVID19 restrictions are likely to continue, or be reimposed, ongoing until the pandemic is over. I support parklets for at least the next 18 months. |
| Drivers double parking. Fighting for parking spaces. Increased traffic than before covid 19. Businesses shouldn't get a free ride (ie lease or purchasing space) at the expense of residents' limited parking options. |
| I understand the requirement but it makes it very difficult as someone who works in the area full time and doesn't live near public transport so has to drive that parking is now far more limited. |
| It's probably not necessary to be made permanent but certainly while the risk of COVID restrictions remain in place, they're very valuable. Keep them until end of 2021. |

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| Given traffic and parking difficulties I would avoid Yarra venues seeking places where accessibility is easier. Yarra makes it too difficult. |
| See above please note i am all for helping local businesses out after covid - As long as they are NOT in a residential zone i am in favour of parklets. |
| This particular park let is at a busy intersection and on roads with bicycle roots and cycle paths. It is a pub and behaviour are not suitable for residential zones and where access to traffic lights and bus stops are blocked by tables |
| its a grab for outdoor space by the business owner |
| Interfere with possible diners coming from outside Yarra or other parts of Yarra |
| Don't work |

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| See above & below |
| They are unsightly, dangerous, obstruct the pedestrian footpath, of low use, occupy traffic parking, puts to much pressure on rate payers resident and visitor car parks. |
| It is a residential area and this increases the street noise for local residents |
| Depending on spots. Bendigo parklet is horrible. Archies is great, but takes away spots that are usually hard to find anyway. This initiative is aimed at people walking but anyone travelling to the area now struggles. |
| see the above |
| They create a great vibe. We already dine outside in winter. Let's keep the parklets all year round. |
| Many of the temporary structures built are ugly. They are an obstruction 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are only used for a very limited time. Most are empty most of the time. It is difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to cross the road and these structures create a very real hazard. |
| They are dangerous for pedestrians and bike riders. They restrict access to footpaths and from the road for delivery vans and passengers alighting from vehicles. |
| They are unsightly and add too many risks to pedestrians and bikeriders. They add street noise with their piped music. They are used by smokers without regard for passersby. They are mostly empty or have few customers despite being in place full time. |
| The semi permanent barriers are a hazard to bike riders because they enclose what was previously open air space for handle bars, easy access to foot paths if you need to stop suddenly and obstruction from diners who butt their cigarette over the barrier or hang their arm over the barrier. |
| Because I found they have not enhanced the environment. I have found them very uncreative, cheap looking and even dirty |
| Obstructive |
| Only if access to trams is improved by better placement of parklets. |
| Congestion/Impact to traffic (foot, road). Accessibility issues. |
| Congestion/accessibility issues - foot and road traffic. |
| Congestion - foot and road traffic. |
| For us any footpath trading just outside our home is totally unbearable - specifically as it is from drinking patrons from a pub. |
| Selfish reasons! This isn't the only small street/laneway i can't get through anymore (Lyndhurst St into Bridge, Waterloo Pl from Bridge to Church... I like to be able to avoid congestion on main roads) |
| They impede cyclists and pedestrians. They are underused for the space they have taken up. It is difficult to cross the road without weaving through the multiple shabby constructions. |
| Noise from residential pub too loud |
| Residential amenity issues have not been addressed by this knee jerk response to an economic issue of a pandemic. |
| ALL OFF THE ABOVE HORRIBLE IMPACT ON OUR LIVES. This has been a cookie cutter approach which did not consult residents that put business before community. |
| The parklets have impacted amenities for established residents. Council needs to come up with a plan to accommodate the displaced parking and how to control the increase in noise and pedestrian traffic in residential areas. |
| A parklet should only be an option during a pandemic. They were not needed before COVID-19 and only exist to help businesses recover. |
| This is a residential area and where there's alcohol involved leads to issues as currently experiencing. |
| Yes for areas with already dining in place. But this one is not suitable for the area. |
| it was a poor decision to allow them to be built in front of residences. Noise becomes an issue especially when alcohol is involved. |

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| The extensive use of these parklets aren't being kept clean enough for consistent use given the guidelines of COVIDSafe procedures. |
| They interfere with parking. It's hard for me to find a park to support food/provisions businesses on the street. |
| The hotel will only extend circumstances that it cannot control - noise, unruly behaviour, car parking issues, drinking in the streets, threatening behaviour by pub patrons toward residents living close by. |
| We tolerated these shanty town eyesores because we were told they were temporary, |
| Just use the footpath |
| Noise pollution by going outdoors ruining residents life. Even if they only go to 11pm it is very disruptive and a nightmare for the neighbours who never would have bought there had they known they would be living in an outdoor nightclub. |
| Once COVID-19 vaccinations have been rolled out and the risk from indoor dining has receded, the novelty factor will quickly wear off. It is not an option generally in Melbourne with our cold and wet climate to be dining outdoors from mid - late Autumn through to late October. Summer 202-21 has seen a lot of the parklets not being utilised to a great extent and valuable parking spaces for less ambulant members of the community have been forsaken for other demographics with a louder voice who have agitated for these parklets with little understanding of why they are negatively impacting other non-hospitality businesses. |

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| All of the above depending on location, venue, size etc. |
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Any additional feedback?

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| I think the parklets create a great vibe and have actually revitalised many areas making the streets places for people rather than places for cars. |
| The loss of car parks (as a driver) has not been of a negative impact. The park let's are a great way to promote small businesses and certainly have a positive impact on the vibe of the Yarra areas. |
| I think the parklets are an excellent idea and should be kept as they bring a positive atmosphere to the neighbourhood. |
| Heaters for winter. |
| Not all of them, but lots of them |
| please keep them, particularly on smith st it's been amazing |
| Scrutinise the allocation of parklets better? Fonda, like other businesses on Bridge Road could have been given the space outside their restaurant on the main street. This location has had considerable impacts on residents. I encourage the continuation of parklets, but I would ask council to be more selective to who gets them, where the parklet is located, and how long it is given for. I would strongly encourage this location be removed promptly at the end date and that it NOT be extended. Thank you kindly. |
| Great to see council acting in an agile, low cost manner. |
| Park let need to become ARTWORK as well . |
| This is the best thing I've seen happen on this street in 20 years, it's fantastic |
| Keep the parklet |
| These Parkletts are crucial for getting the hospitality industry back up to speed, |
| As Collingwood and Fitzroy are growing at a rapid rate with hundreds of apartment buildings having been completed in the last few years and still continuing to be constructed I think there should be a focus on expanding outdoor dining areas/spaces, there should be a focus on expanding outdoor parks also, maybe additional public toilets, might be time to build an aquatic |

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| centre ie upgrade Fitzroy pool. Have a look at Eltham for inspiration. Mornington Peninsula have closed off their Main Street to traffic this could be a consideration for Brunswick St & Smith St, it feels like not much has been done to improve the area in a number of years and these parklets are a much needed step forward in the right direction for activating the area and maintaining the rapid population growth. |
| Keep these valuable assets! |
| I think there needs to be greater attention/ rules and expectations that must be met in the upkeep and look of the parklets - the axil one's plants are all dead. For neighbours that live close by, this is unsightly. Parklets that look like the one outside Gilson on Domain road would create a much nicer streetscape. |
| More greenery has often been introduced or visible with parklets, which makes the street more attractive and relaxed. |
| Parklets add to vibe/feel of the city in a good way |
| I love them and the vibe they have created. You should be asking for more feedback about the construction and how the tradespeople impact our daily lives. Many of them are rude, drive dangerously, park dangerously and make living here unpleasant. I am all for growth in the area but don't think it's fair that parking and safety is impacted by them on a daily basis. |
| They are a great idea, that encourage a better use of public space and enables safe and wider access along footpaths |
| The more parklets the better in my opinion. |
| Less carparks ! More street trees and active transport 1 |
| Parklets such as the ones at the front of Piedmont's should be removed ASAP as they do not add anything |
| There are issues with bike lanes being covered, which can cause safety problems for cyclists. Some of them crowd the footpath a bit too much and it can make it difficult to pass with a pram without coming very close to the people using them. |
| I love these parklets and never want them to go. It creates such a good vibe and community within Yarra and is really good for businesses. Let's get less cars in yarra and more areas for the public like this initiative! |
| Great initiative - this is exactly what I want my council to be doing to prepare for a future away from the motor car |
| Parklets are much better use of public space than car parking. |
| Every year! |
| Keep the parklets! |
| Noise is an issue that needs consideration. The outdoor nightclubs etc have changed the environment quite a lot for neighbours and will be difficult to live with long term. |
| There needs to be someone who actually checks on the number of patrons packed into this (and other) businesses as it's wrong they can get away with it when others are doing the right thing. |
| Well done to Yarra for supporting businesses during covid :) I would also like to add that some of the parklets do look a bit less safe/enticing, I am overall in favour of them but it would be good if there are clear guidance about how to make them safe (or if this guidance already exists, that it is made more publicly available?) |
| I am so happy to learn of this survey, and the opportunity that parklets may become ongoing. I didn't know they were called parklets. Thank you Yarra for measuring the parklets phenomenon, and for trialling them in 2020. It's a sobering reminder of COVID in our community, and an example of positive change from such a devastating situation. That's what I think of when I see parklets. |
| Love it. Keep doing it. |
| I love parklets! They have drawn my attention to many venues I'd never noticed before. They are inviting. Add some space heaters and I will happily patronize them all year |

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| Thank you for organising these. I love sitting in parklets at all my fave Yarra places and would be so sad if they finished in March! |
| Parklets have been fantastic! It allows for more patrons and I definitely feel a lot safer dining outside regarding covid. |
| I love the parklets! They led to more spontaneous interactions with other diners and really enhance the vibe of the area. |
| Please keep the parklets!! |
| Not all parklets observe appropriate social distancing. |
| The addition of the parklets has brought an amazing atmosphere to the streets, such as Smith and Gertrude, which encourages people to get outdoors. Parking in this area is unnecessary as there are so many trams and now the newly upgraded bicycle paths. I would be dissapointed if they were to be removed. |
| make it solid. people out and about brings vibrancy like European nations. its amazing something we should adopt years ago |
| Get rid of on street parking and start to design streets for people not cars. |
| Keep them! They're great and transform the city of yarra. I go out more because of them. Great use of outdoor space and reminds me of europe but Melbourne's version. We don't need more parking; most people can walk and catch trams. |
| Love Parklets! |
| The parklets have brought a new energy to the dining precinct and have increased the positive aspects of community. The minimal loss of parking spots has had little detrimental impact because the parklets are generally constructed in areas that were not ideal for parking anyway |
| I think they're great! It's great to be in nature when dining and catching up with friends. |
| Have used many of the parklets over the last few months, all have added to the atmosphere and been a great experience. They should be kept year round, parking is free/longer on the side streets anyway so let smith/Brunswick be for bars and parks. |
| There should be guidelines for design including feedback from the local community. While many parklets look amazing, some are very unattractive. They also result in additional loud noise for nearby residents. |
| These outdoor dining areas have made streets feel alive rather than transit routes. |
| Consider shade for outdoor areas as a requirement |
| Please keep the parklets! |
| Excellent and unique idea, would love to see them stay |
| Parklets make venues more visible and appealing to foot traffic and give venues outdoor seating options. They're in areas with great public transport access so I don't see any negatives. |
| Keep them through autumn. Probably no point over winter tho |
| Love the parklets!! Please keep them year round |
| Keep the parklets!! |
| Less parking spaces are ok for locals |
| Ask residents before installing them |
| Thank you for setting up this awesome initiative |
| Please continue the City of Yarra parklets during summer and spring. |
| Let's keep the parklets! |
| I think if they are being used and well maintained they should stay. It would have to be on a case by case basis. |
| Loving the vibe of these outdoor parklets would love to see them back next year! |
| Less cars, more outdoor dining please! |
| Please please keep the parklets on a permanent basis AND allow/encourage more of them |
| We need to expand the use of these parklets in Yarra and maintain them on a permanent basis. |

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| Have really enjoyed outdoor dining options which have increased the amenity of many establishments. |
| Art work, pot plants, dog water bowls, umbrellas for shade/ weather |
| We want more emphasis on sharing roads equitably, and parklets are a great example of how to de-emphasise cars and parking. Would love to see parking spaces used for bicycle lanes, bicycle parking, more trees and more besides. |
| These parklets have transformed Melbourne & the city of yarra. Very positive in supporting local restaurants and cafes. Would be such a positive thing in keeping them around forever to help transform Melbourne business's back to full strength & promote outdoor dining. |
| Please don't remove the parklets. |
| No additional comments. Thank you |
| Keep Parklets and support local businesses who are finally finding their feet again! |
| PARKLETS ARE MINT |
| Let the parklets stay!! |
| The Great Northern already has a (dubious) outdoor space which serves as a beer garden/sports bar which seems to have been granted a license to make loud noise until 1am? They also have an outdoor space at the front which butts up against a bus stop, a potential traffic hazard. This is already one too many outdoor spaces in an R1 zone. The Great Northern have fostered a culture of rowdy hooliganism and have made little effort in controlling it - and they have encouraged people to book parties in the parklet so that it is like a constant house party is happening adjacent to residents. |
| Yarra be officers should visit the site to access safety |
| Parklets are a great idea. I would love to have them as permanent. It can be demarcated by planting more trees around them. More trees - less parking bays. |
| Increase permit parking zones in surrounding streets to support residents access to parking |
| N/a |
| Thanks for all the work supporting businesses, the community, and setting the parklets up. they are fabulous! |
| I've dined in several parklets. If they are somewhat weather proof I will dine in them all year round. |
| I love the human-centred spaces that are the parklets and hope we can expand them in future. |
| Fantastic program for supporting our local businesses when then needed it. Well done! |
| Please keep the parklets - they're great |
| Some parklets are totally useless. A marquee has taken over the whole of Whites place beside Dan Murphys taking over 30? Much used and well turned over parking spaces. As such on occasions I have shopped elsewhere, not at Dan Murphys on Bridge Road because i cant park outside and heavy purchases from the store. The NICHE restaurant adjacent has a huge and largely empty indoor dining space. Its not much chop so has few customers inside most of the day and hardly anyone outside in the marquee. It is wasted space inconveniencing 100s each day for huge cost and minimal benefit. DUMP IT. NEVER AGAIN. |
| I am more open for parklets remaining in main roads than residential streets. If parklets were to remain after COVID-19 restrictions end, there should be greater consideration of the number of residential properties near each parklet. The number of outdoor tables allowed pre COVID-19 reflected a balance between business and residents and that balance shouldn't change in the long term and once more people are allowed inside again. There is a cafe over the road from my house and it is noisier with more tables - both as they are being set up between 6.30 & 7 and during the day |
| Really appreciated how quickly these parklets were put in place once things re-opened. It gave neighbourhoods and extra vibrancy and more opportunity to support local venues. I would not be adverse to extending beyond summer! |

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| Noise levels increased and caused tension between cafe and tenants. Plus it was very annoying as a tenant. |
| Parklets can also be used to traffic calm other streets. |
| Please keep them but don't charge businesses huge amounts for them (several people I've talked to are worried about this) |
| Love them !!! |
| Keep the parklets going, they are a great use of space :) |
| considerable bad effect for residence - the cafe is in a residential street and customers are nosey South Yarra types |
| Please make them permanent. We need *less* cars on the road, and more feet (and bums) on the pavement. |
| The covers on the concrete blocks are very, very ugly and that is more than disappointing. CoY used to have a reputation as a municipality that nurtured arts & culture - not ugly nylon/concrete plinths. CoM has rolled out a far more aesthetically pleasing response to the challenge and I'm disappointed that CoY didn't tackle it in a more creative manner. |
| I'm not sure what the implications are for restaurant business owners. Do they have to buy/rent additional tables and chairs or can they store these warm weather requirements? |
| Cool initiative :) |
| I think they are great , they make me want to fine out more and they create a social happy atmosphere in the street . Make them permanent! |
| Maybe clear demarcation of where the footpath is vs the parklet would be good so people dining don't accidentally obstruct the footpath. |
| Parklet's are a great use of space and much better than cramming loads of tables onto the footpath making it difficult to walk kids/ prams/ dogs down the street. |
| Parklets are great ,we need them temporarily. |
| Good idea, local business has been supported by this I think. |
| Where there are no dinning areas stall holders during day and night time should be encouraged and the entire street Should be permanently given over to these areas. Where not dinning or stalls then greenery. |
| In general, I would be unlikely to use a parked on any road with more traffic than say Rathdowne St North of Princes St. I question the usage viability of some on busy roads with higher speed limits. |
| As long as business owners and Yarra Council maintain the parklets in good order, I think they're a great idea. |
| Thanks for making Fitzroy even beyter |
| Parkllets are a terrific addition to the Yarra streetscapes. Are we able to make a longer st (perhaps one off Swan?) permanently blocked and create an Eaton Mall (Oakleigh) type of situation with multiple cafes and seats longer term? |
| Please make them permanent! |
| This is a great idea to bring life to our streets, support local business and make Yarra a vibrant exciting place to live |
| Please don't remove these parklets, it would be a tragedy to hand this public space back to private vehicle storage: they are fantastic and Yarra should instead expand the concept permanently, with a reasonable fee to be paid by businesses wishing to use this public space. |
| Thanks Yarra Council. I think you're the best. |
| Remove them. |
| In the case of Warm Hug Cafe the whole street has been closed which is good for local residents except that bike access should have been retained (in both directions). |
| The support local businesses have received from allowing patrons to dine in parklets has far outweighed the loss of revenue for the council |

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| Yes, not all parklets are safe, there is a parklet in Cambridge St that is made out of used corrugated iron with jagged edges and is attached with packing crates making it easily climbed by children |
| This is a great incentive to encourage more patrons at local venues. It has lessened road traffic and increased foot traffic meaning better air quality for us all on Smith St and definitely a much warmer and nicer place to be. Please keep them! |
| Identify key streets and make an example, e.g. Smith Street, Langridge street, Peel Street |
| Keep them |
| Most people who use the parklets and support the money at restaurants are usually using public transport, walking or riding bikes. Parked cars do not create any atmosphere for our streets and are not what draws people to an area.. |
| Enforce and better regulate parking permits for residents |
| Limit parking permits |
| Not all Yarra parklets have been executed as nice as this one. Where I support businesses being able to add their flare to the design, some of them definitely add a negative effect to the amenity of the area |
| Nope all good my friends :) |
| The Parklets seem like a very Melbourne thing, where socialising, and dining out are valued as a part of our culture, I think they are a great fit and should stay. |
| Keep em! They're great. |
| Parklets support local business and attract new customers to try new retail and eatery experiences |
| Leave them as they are. |
| With Yarra's decision to approve more local developments with less car spaces it would be a reasonable conclusion that less people have cars in the area. The sacrifice of a few car spots for the immense gains for business and community far outweigh any negatives. |
| A great and very popular use of public space |
| Please do not remove our parklet's, they are a great addition to Yarra! |
| Please keep the park let's a great thing for the community |
| fantastic enhancement of Yarra |
| I know we live in a car culture but seeing people return to the streets in droves using these parklets has been so encouraging for our beloved inner city villages. I think we could really do with looking at hugely successful 'park and ride' schemes like the UK has, where people get used to parking on the outskirts of a village or a town, bus it in, or walk and therefore allow the village atmosphere to stay in tact - and predominantly pedestrianised. |
| I am curious as to why ONDA removed their parklet so early? (Removed 02/02/2021) |
| If they're going to remain permanent then they should meet certain standards of construction. All have been ok so far, but some appear more temporary than others. Noise is another item, but license should only be permitted to regular outdoor license. |
| Love them, please keep them! |
| Some parklets in select locations that don't affect nearby residents and have minimal reduction of street parking could be allowed to operate during summer months. However they may be seen by competing businesses as having an unfair advantage. |
| Please consider keeping the parklets! |
| Not all spaces in front of restaurants/café are suitable for Parklets. Some are creating difficult pedestrian access when combined with already existing foot-path dining, pedestrians are also entitled to Covid safe access to past these sites. |
| I worry about safety of diners. So close to cars and some park lets aren't too secure or strong enough to sustain a car breaking through |
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| They are good!! |
| Please keep them and allow venues to fully fit them out on a permanent basis. Heaters in winter. |
| More, permanent and improvements to open space and pedestrian and bike safety |
| Great idea which invigorates the city. |
| Please do extend the parklets, It seems way to soon and gives the whole city a good vibe/atmosphere. Testing this out for the winter season would be fun and would gives business's a good boost to keep running the great places we have to dine. |
| Love them! Keep them!! |
| The parklets have been a great success to helping the community heal after the lockdowns. |
| I haven't had any issues with parking since parklets have been introduced |
| City of Melbourne seem to have consistency in design of their park let's which is a much better neighbourhood look than in yarra with its inconsistency and lurid colours |
| you've made sure that a residential corner is covered in smoke and swearing twenty and thirty somethings. Some of us have been paying rates for a few decades and would like to leave our house without going by the wharfs |
| Please continue to create less traffic and more space for pedestrians and trees, it makes Yarra so much more liveable!!! |
| You have left Alimentari off the list |
| They are unnecessary and unsightly. The streets have been built in with recycled materials which often intrude onto bike lanes. They are blocking the road full time for a few customers. |
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| Roll out more of these across the City. Great way to activate our spaces. How can we use this spaces to support local artist and have murals painted on them that represent our heritage. |
| Why are business owners being asked if they want to continue?. We were told this was temporary and have put up with it on the public health basis. |
| Keep the parklets! :) |
| I love them! It encourages people to step outside their home and be more social. |
| I think businesses should have the option to keep the Parklettes if it works for them and doesn't cause a problem for the areas they are in. Goldy's is a perfect example of one that works really well. |
| This is a great initiative. And a smart use of dull street parking . I have a car but very happy for car spaces to be eliminated . It really invigorates a street. |
| You only gave the option to complete the survey for one venue. I have also used parklets on Brunswick Street and I believe on Smith Street. |
| Really gave a happy melbourne vibe to the streets. I didn't go especially for the parklets as asked in your survey but I stopped to eat/drink in several which I otherwise would have walked past. It made me appreciate the cafe culture again that I hadn't realised I'd missed. |
| Having proved that the loss of a few parking spaces is easily dealt with, I would like the area used for parklets to remain has outdoor dining or be used for increased tree and other plantings. |
| Yarra needs to make them more creative and attractive to sit in. Yarra's Parklets look cheap and dirty |
| The council must support small business in any way possible, it's been beyond difficult for them and to take these extra seats away in March is simply ridiculous. |
| Great initiative. |
| Being a dog owner, the parklets and increased outdoor dining space mean that I am now dining out much more often. |
| Please keep them! |
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| I love parklets and outdoor dining! So fun! |

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| This is a great initiative. It would be helped by providing the restaurants with assistance to provide suitable shelter. |
| Being a dog owner, the parklets and increased outdoor dining space mean that I am now dining out much more often. |
| I think the temporary nature of the parklets at the moment is awesome, but on some streets (i.e Gertrude Street) - I would encourage a more systematic review of movement, particularly with respect to cyclists having enough space between the trams and the edge of the parklets to ride. |
| Being a dog owner, the parklets and increased outdoor dining space mean that I am now dining out much more often. |
| Good initiative to support local traders |
| For this question Would you have dined at this business if it weren't for the parklet? - you might want to have a COVID option answer, because we're still mostly trying to get meals outside and tend to pass on places with only inside options |
| FYI: Some places are allowing smoking in these outdoor areas despite the "either smoking OR eating" restriction. I think this was one |
| Parklets are a great asset to the streetscape and vibe of Yarra. City of Yarra should be congratulated on their quick and effective response to support local businesses. |
| There is so much positive changes to livability being accelerated due to COVID response. Many of them are earmarked as temporary whilst being consistent with Council's long published strategies, policies and objectives. I do hope Council and the community see these changes as making Yarra a better place to be. |
| Why are they being removed so quickly. At least give vendors until the end of warm months such as the end of May |
| Very interested in having more pedestrian-friendly spaces and less reliability on cars. |
| Information is lacking on park let's for soon to be opened hospitality venues. We have several about to be opened businesses very near where we live and no information is available. Potential park let's May obstruct the main entrance to our 150 plus unit building. |
| These parklets have given a very positive feel to the community and everybody has enjoyed the outdoor vibe throughout the area. |
| City of Yarra should take a good look at outdoor heating. It's highly inefficient and the gas heaters blow soot and unburnt gas over your dinner. It's a health hazard a climate change disaster. Besides its Melbourne, bring a sweater, |
| Great for the community and great for business. |
| Love these and really hope we see them at least every summer, it's great to see the streets filled with people and to prioritise local bike and pedestrian traffic over cars |
| I have really thoroughly enjoyed these outdoor dining spaces and sincerely hope they will continue to exist - much as we offer businesses permits to trade on the street, perhaps we can add a permit to trade in parking spaces, with some consultation component with local residents if the business is in a street with significant residential zoning. |
| Love it, please keep them going It's a real positive to come out of 2020 and surprising we didn't have them before Well Dione |
| Would be great if St Andrew's Hotel, Fitzroy would have a parklet please? Not enough outside seating in area currently available. Why couldnt we block off from Bach Lane to Nicholson St on King William for them to have a parklet. Traffic heading down King William to Nicholson could still use Bach Lane to enter Nicholson. |
| Love it |
| I really hope they stay. The atmosphere of streets like Gertrude and Smith are on another level with outdoor dining and it's great to see so many people outside enjoying them. |
| The parklets are an amazing new addition that creates an exciting and positive vibe around Yarra hospitality venues. With so many ways to get around now (walk, tram, ride share, bike share) the |

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| need for flooding these streets with parking is no longer there. I think encouraging this increase in space and visibility can only grow the culture and businesses. |
| Need parking lots further out so people can park there and walk to restaurants. Keep cars out. |
| Would love to see them stay? |
| People friendly spaces should be prioritised over cars. I have loads of friends in Yarra, some of us have cars and we barely need to use them as we walk or tram everywhere. |
| Don't remove them |
| Good to see the Council supporting COVID affected hospitality. Could you support retail? Could you reinstate weekly yellow bin collection |
| Please keep the parklets! The joy of sitting outdoors in the sunshine and watching the world go by is irreplaceable, and many of these businesses have not previously had outdoor space that can be utilised for this. |
| The local councils are always saying they will create more outdoor and green space, the parklets have done this with minimal effort already, I can't wait to see how the spaces evolve into community hubs. |
| I like the way these have offered more options to local businesses and helped them open up sooner than they might have otherwise |
| Please keep the parklets! The joy of sitting outdoors in the sunshine and watching the world go by is irreplaceable, and many of these businesses have not previously had outdoor space that can be utilised for this. |
| I visited multiple other places and all my answers would be the same for them too. I visited more venues as a result of this council initiative. You should be congratulated on it. It's amazing. |
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| Your links to this survey could be clearer. The business and the person links aren't clear enough for people who want to quickly navigate (and not fully read the whole paragraph directing). Something like two buttons, Survey For Businesses, and Survey For Individuals. |
| My main concern with Parklets is the creation of accessibility issues for thoroughfare on the footpath. I've observed quite a few extend their seating/tables into the footpath area (in-between the Parklet and the restaurant/cafe), and also it creates heavy traffic as waiters and staff need to cross the footpath frequently. This is a significant issue for wheelchair users, people with mobility issues, guide-dogs, or people with spatial-processing disorders. I totally support the Parklets, but there need to be enforced rules that keep sidewalks completely clear for these members of our community. |
| Parklets are awesome, definitely continue these in the future! |
| I'd love to see you keep them permanently |
| Thanks so much for doing this experiment. Streets like Gertrude or Smith St suit this arrangement particularly well having a strong local community and well serviced by public transport. Driving in the inner suburbs is also a pain as is trying to find an empty parking spot nearby |
| Please keep them- they have really lifted the area and the businesses. |
| Love them! Keep them! They are such a point of difference for Yarra and the benefits will far outweigh the lack of a few car parks. |
| The big issue is noise. The Royston do a reasonable job managing it but nothing they can do to stop the smokers who congregate at either end of the park-let and sometimes cross the road and smoke. Nothing like a loud group of drunks having a meaningless conversation at the top of their voices at 10.30 pm. How about last drinks at 9.30 pm rather than 10pm. Lights out at 10 pm and stop selling cigarettes. All for supporting local business and can understand that they may well |

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| wish to continue to have their beer garden on a regular basis however hours need to be restricted and the staff proactive about noise management. Read their license they have been in trouble before long before the current owners. Should the park-let continue hours need to be curtailed and proactive noise control a condition of the permit. |
| Would love these to stay year round!! |
| I believe that this is a value add deck to the area and actually helps with the traffic management of the area which is always busy due to the hospital. It has only taken away 2 car spots, but by closing the western end of Cameron street the traffic is less imposing and dangerous on Lennox street. |
| Please keep them permanently! They are a much better use of space than car parks, I feel like I live in Paris now :) |
| The parklets are hands down the best use of the space and have also made the area feel safer and more exciting. I hope they stay forever. |
| Really liked them, lockdown was so hard for us, this added a new level to dining in Melbourne which was much more exciting. |
| I can be somewhat cynical about Councils, but seeing these are a clear reminder that the council gives a s*** about local businesses, hospitality venues and the community more generally. They reflect very well on the Council and indicate a commitment to positively improve the local area. |
| Please keep them.... they make us feel safer from a COVID perspective |
| Waste and litter has increased as people do more outdoors. I know Yarra is trying to stay on top of this, but business owners need to be held accountable for waste and mess created by outdoor dining. |
| Any modest development of this kind (parklets) is to be welcomed. Small businesses with parklets will be significantly more attractive to customers and the ambience of their setting with these parklets. The more Council and the community can support these initiatives the better - especially in situations like the Warm Hug Cafe which is a genuinely small business and whose parklet's advantages greatly outweigh the minor impact of loss of two car parking spaces and traffic leaving the area via Highett Street rather than Cameron Street |
| Make getrude st a pedestrian/tram And cycling street only from smith st to Brunswick st |
| Keep the parklets and have more business install them! |
| Yarra is well connected with public transport and I believe I higher usage of public transport to be a great benefit in reducing the use of cars and therefore lowering environmental impact. The parklets allow for us to take advantage of and enjoy the fantastic weather that is on offer. A heating solution would need to be considered during the cooler months but I believe it would be well worth it. |
| I feel more connected with the neighbourhood thanks to the parklets. While traffic is lighter post-Lockdown it makes sense to reduce available spaces, people won't notice as much as if you take them away in a peak period. Overseas experience says we will have another lockdown at some point, lets stay prepared. |
| Parklets have been an important element of the post-lockdown revitalisation of the Yarra community. The City of Yarra should be commended on the rapid but well-coordinated implementation of parklets as safe community spaces for all. |
| Keeping the parklets permanently would benefit the community greatly, increased trade = more jobs and more money kept in the community. I'd say the challenge is to fairly balance permanency with businesses that missed out - there are some 'hole in the wall' places that got massive spaces, and other traders that got nothing. A minor rebalancing would be appropriate. Everyone wins. |
| I think these parkleta promote a more vibrant atmosphere within the community, while offering both indoor and outdoor dining or social drinking options. As a resident of smith street, I've seen the street come alive and I'd like to see them continue going forward |

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| Ive dined at other parklets in Yarra too. They are great!! Please keep them. Gives a much more European vibe to the street. I am a Yarra rate payer, in an apartment. It more noisy but that's what I love about Yarra. We are vibrant. I would love them to stay! |
| Have had positive experiences and has made us go out for given we can sit outside and enjoy the lovely weather |
| I support them being permanent and there year round but suspect when its too bloody cold they will look sad and abandoned... perhaps businesses have the option weather permitting? Or could have fires or heaters outside to keep patrons warm? |
| I would like to see these encouraged more actively for those businesses that have migrated a lot of furniture onto busy footpaths. For example, Mavis the Grocer, the Carringbush Hotel and Three Bags Full in Abbotsford. |
| I don't have time to fill it separate surveys for each parklette- that's nonsense if you actually want responses ... I have dined or coffee'd in many in Fitzroy all great |
| It would be great if main roads could be included in the program too. |
| Please bring them back next spring |
| Please continue to monitor footpath dining to ensure that there is a clear access path for pedestrians. The parklet dining means more staff crossing the footpath and general clutter. |
| Would be good for parklets to be usable by all restaurants and bars - not just the ones next to it. Maybe look at undercover parklets during AFL season on days where matches are at MCG |
| Viva La Parklet |
| the smoking section was right near the dining area it was disgusting |
| These are a great idea. Just need to be well maintained and sensibly sized. It's especially great on Gertrude street. In fact. All streets with tram lines and narrow sidewalks. smith street needs more help. |
| Keep supporting the hospitality industry. They need it. |
| In some cases I feel the business is getting additional dining area they are not paying for on a commercial level. And sometimes at the expense of the local community either by lost car spaces or even possibly road closures. |
| Please please keep it |
| Love what they add to my local area. |
| I think the park lets that don't impact parking and blocking of roads should remain. The outdoor spaces are nicer to eat at. |
| I respect and acknowledge supporting local business to operate within COVID-19 restrictions is important. |
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| Please keep them, they are awesome Living in Yarra for 20 years, the park let's have been an amazing lift for the city |
| Thanks for such a positive initiative! Please maintain these parklets as a valuable permanent feature of our neighborhood. |
| Melbourne needs to transform to the 21st century. Cars are the past and public transport, bikes etc are the future. |
| I respect and acknowledge supporting local business to operate within COVID-19 restrictions is important. |
| Some businesses have made a huge effort to make their parklets look fantastic. This is greatly appreciated and really enhances the streetscape. |
| Keep them. |
| Keep them! We love them! |
| A minimum standard as to cleanliness and safety of these constructions and the immediate area around them should be imposed. |

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| I think these have really made a point of difference for the council and is a very attractive feature of Melbourne now for visitors. It creates a really fun atmosphere and aesthetically gives a lot of life to the streets. Everytime I walk around I always remark to myself that I'd wish they'd stay, but I do understand that they may be under-utilised during winter, so open to the fairer weather months only. In summer, more people are likely to walk to the venue so I don't think this would have a significant impact on parking. |
| It's great to see people out and about. It's soothing and confidence building to see people enjoying themselves |
| Beermash is classy and adds to surrounds. Some others look average and need to be tidied up . |
| Great idea and makes for a better use of space |
| We had objected to footpath trading (outside our house) when it was first introduced outside the Tramway Hotel - but the City of Yarra did not even reply to our correspondence. |
| Keep the parklets!! Never remove them :) |
| Please keep them, don't charge businesses exorbitant fees. They're great. |
| Important that council plays a role to ensure Parklrts well maintained and stay with safe designated area. |
| I have loved the parklets, both passing them (and seeing people using them) and using them myself. I am sad at the idea that they will be taken away and are only a covid thing - I would love us to keep using them. |
| Keep parklets!!!! |
| Keep them for warmer months! Nicer atmosphere, better use of space and adds colour and culture to the streets |
| Please stop calling them 'parklets'. They are not small parks, they are pop-up or temporary outdoor dining areas. |
| Just please keep them! |
| We need to discourage travel in individual cars in the inner city. It increases pollution and congestion and makes the environment less pleasant. Make the streets accessible, walkable and more pleasant to encourage more people to walk. |
| Thank you for this initiative- I hope it continues |
| As a resident we tolerated this temporary use of public space for commercial purposes because of Covid 19 health restrictions. We were not told that it was a trial for businesses to overtake our streets. |
| Work with cycling representation groups to see how they can be improved beyond what they already are now, which is fantastic |
| I love the parklets and think they are great for local businesses but I would love to see them be fully accessible to people with disabilities in the future. Currently many of them have steps or other obstacles that prevent wheelchair users from accessing them (some of them are okay for people with other mobility aids). I also think it's great when businesses add plants or fairy lights to them. It looks great and very enticing. |
| These are the best thing to happen ti this area in ages, please don't remove them |
| I think it should stay as it's brought a new community life to my neighbourhood. No driving just walking around in the local neighbourhood. |
| We love the parklets & think they add a cosmopolitan vibe to Yarra. They resemble outdoor dining in Europe with an emphasis on people from all walks of life enjoying outdoors. |
| Please make all the temporary parklets in Yarra permanent just like they have done in New York City and other modern cities around the world from their proven success. |
| More parks, more parklets! |
| Love the parklets - please bring them back! |
| In winter the venues can use heavy plastic sheeting for weather and if need be heaters (although I accept that this has an environmental impact, I'm not too sure how much more than heating a restaurant does) |

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| Parklets will need to be maintained in good order by business owners and council |
| It's ridiculous that City of Yarra requires a separate response for each parklet - it feels like this is a deliberate strategy to reduce positive responses. |
| Please do not listen to NIMBYs who want to transform Yarra into Balwyn by the CBD. The parklets are one of the best things to happen around here for ages. |
| I think the areas where multiple venues are using parklets for a long stretch (eg: Gertrude St near Archie's or along Smith St where Beermash and Alimentari are) has brought a great vibe to Yarra. These areas are the best uses of parklets I've seen and I've been meaning to dine at both. |
| People before pavement. Pretty simple really |
| This survey also applies to Sircuit, Beermash, CIBI, Noi Thai, Gabriel, and Kent Street |
| Traders should be required to manage graffiti on their parklets within a maximum time period or be encourage to add greening to the sides of their parklets to prevent graffiti |
| Friends and family that have visited from interstate have marvelled at how incredible the vibe of the suburb is with the additional outdoor dining. |
| Please keep them. |
| Keep them! It's so nice to see people out dining and drinking on summer nights. It makes it feel more pedestrian friendly and European. |
| Please stop being so wowserish at Yarra, we saw this with your embarrassing efforts with Edinburgh Gardens. Try to understand the people who live here, I don't care if the toffs or the tree tories in their \$2m houses don't like seeing all the rambunctious youths on the street, the increased area offered to hospitality helps small business recover and to employ people. We should be proud of this. This is not Malvern, this is not Balwyn, this is a vibrant area. Keep it that way. |
| It's a better use of public space than money grabbing white lines. It creates a better feel and space around the venues and it brings a better feeling to the entire area. I've dined in Collingwood, Fitzroy, chapel street and the likes and all round it brings a better feeling to the area |
| Please keep the parklets, they have changed the dining experience for the better and make it easier for me to support local businesses |
| Please don't remove them! |
| Stop being wowzers, enjoy life, stop trying to shut down or limit night life in Yarra. We are in our 40s and have lived here for more than 20 years, my elderly parents live here, none of us want to be living in Balwyn, if you want it to be more quiet, buy a house in Thornbury or Balwyn or wherever, stop trying to preserve the prices of your expensive homes a'la Edinburgh Gardens snafu, you shouldn't need a dressing down from Virginia Trioli to make sensible decisions. |
| Increase trams and then parking wint be an ussue |
| It's so lovely to walk the streets and see people out and about and venues busy. Has a very English feel being out on the street which is great! |
| Recommend allocating parking spots to taller vehicles if they are nearby to off street parking which has a height limit. Cato st car park is a perfect example of this. There were hundreds of car parks with no height limit now they have all gone. |
| Keep them pls! |
| I love them! They should all stay! Really help to enhance community and culture. |
| Please keep them! They're so great. |
| Keep the parklets and create more. Take back the streets. Just don't forget about bicycles |
| KEEP THE PARKLETS 😊 |
| Fewer cars, the better! Encourage public transport/walking. |
| Definitely keep the parolees!! |
| Please keep them on a permanent basis. It's a wonderful thing for businesses and the community. |

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| Year-round, permanent use of these spaces could have a rejuvenating effect on Brunswick Street, which was already suffering from lack of custom before COVID. It was a great idea to introduce these spaces. |
| I'm in general in favour of reducing parking in Yarra, as a way of encouraging people moving away from cars (or at least towards car-share options). Especially with all the apartment blocks going in, it's important to shift the mindset that everyone needs their own car - otherwise the city ends up looking like a parking lot. |
| Great idea and I think you've done them very well. |
| Please keep the parklets on a summer or permanent basis! The streets feel alive again |
| I think this is a great addition to Yarra particularly on Smith and Gertrude street. Gives the whole zone a very European feel and during the warmer months is much more enjoyable and social to be outside. |
| I think this initiative has greatly helped the recovery of the Melbourne hospitality scene, particularly in the Yarra area. As long as square-metre rules apply, the outdoor areas should stay. |
| the addition of parklets provides opportunities for artists, landscapers and designers to incorporate visual and structural elements to enhance public spaces which is great for people whose employment may have been affected by covid |
| Please keep the parklets! |
| Utility of outside dining compared to a car park can't be compared. We should be encouraging use of space for community, walking and in any case discouraging driving. |
| Great for local businesses! |
| I love the parklets! They create a much better sense of community in our streets. It's so nice to see everyone out enjoying themselves instead of a row of car parks. |
| They're fantastic |
| SO GOOD. |
| Please keep them!! |
| In a time when community spaces are even more important it seems ridiculous to take them away for cars. |
| the atmosphere they create, and the opportunity for businesses to expand and thrive is so wonderful |
| If you want to continue this initiative council really has to implement safety measures as it currently stands, there aren't any. |
| We should look to keep them in some capacity they are awesome |
| Up with parklets! |
| This is the best thing to have come from lockdown. The unique nature of these spaces cements Fitzroy and surrounding areas as the go to area for unique dining experiences. We should embrace this opportunity wherever possible and look at extending the free tram zone in order to move people from other areas that have available parking. |
| Extend free public transport such as the trams to these areas to promote their usage and decrease the environmental impact of car usage. |
| I've loved these parklets. They really lifted the vibe of the city, and make for great areas to sit and watch the world go by. |
| Parklets should be permitted during spring/summer months and strongly encouraged to stay as a semi-permanent thing. The vibe, liveness of Smith Street & surrounding streets is SO much better with parklets. Always seems busy now rather than as a transient space, with people walking down to various destinations - where you can't tell people are dining (indoors). I imagine much more people dine/drink out now given parklets than they would before. Some smaller venues have really benefitted from the extra space they didn't have before - good to capture new clientele. Need it extended to support business recovery from covid. Spring/summer months would be perfect. Not sure how effective in autumn/winter due to temperature and weather. |
| KEEP THEM |

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| Love the park let's would be great to see them stay |
| Parklets have transformed Yarra. It is an area renowned for it's food, drink, culture and arts scene — these parklets help create a thriving atmosphere and give businesses an extra boost! Don't ever get rid of them please, I love them! |
| I'm stoked the council jumped on this and did it in a swiftly manner , long live outdoor dining / only thing is maybe make neighbouring streets parking assessable or loading zones from 3 -4pm not 7 |
| It's been one of the few positive outcomes of this dreadful pandemic to see public places adjusted to serve the public better. This is an opportunity for us to reshape the culture and fee of our city that may never have come at all; we'd be silly to prioritise car parks over the great way we've begun using these spaces. |
| Love the parklets! Love the encouraging a more cosmopolitan vibe, car congestion is really horrible, unsightly and dangerous. |
| Keep park let's |
| Helps for them to have more shade (not an issue for Gabriel). Also, the outside barrier works well with corrugated iron look. Some other materials invite graffiti which spoils their appeal. |
| As a Collingwood resident who visits and drives through Smith St frequently I'm 100% in favour of keeping parklets permanently. They provide much greater public amenity than a couple of parking spaces lost |
| I loved them and thought they were cute and fun |
| A future with more outdoor dining, fewer car parks (and more EV-friendly car parks for those cars that remain) is a step in the right direction. |
| Great survey. Thank you for asking. |
| Keep them coming back |
| PARKLETS FOREVER!! |
| If the parklets continue into the cooler months, it would be great to have access to heating to make it comfortable for patrons. |
| KEEP THEM |
| Keep the parklets throughout Melbourne and surrounding suburbs. Very good idea |
| Great job rolling out this initiative, please keep. Have, and will, utilize many in the area. Love it! |
| Love them. Sociable and a fresh way to dine and drink. |
| We are so disappointed that City of Yarra did not consult us on an issue that would so profoundly change our lives. We have not been able to sleep, socialise, open windows in our house or spend time in our garden, we are horrified this has happened in a heritage overplayed R1 zone. GNH already has a large beer garden. We residents have no relief. Also wanting to know why GNH have drinking tables on the footpath next to community bikes? |
| Keep them! |
| great initiative! |
| Thanks Yarra for listening to us. I really hope the parklets can stay. Give back to the businesses and communities who need it more than lazy drivers. |
| Great job, Yarra!!! |
| Please keep parklets if the venues want them to stay. |
| Parklets are great, let's keep them. |
| Love parklets! |
| Apart from a drop in parking meter revenue, all other metrics must surely be registering parklets as an improvement. I can think of at least ten social, cultural, environmental and safety benefits but only one economic downside (parking revenue). The upside will reap long term benefits (including increased trade in all businesses and a faster return to leased rate-paying businesses) which will eventually outstrip any short-term loss from Parking. While you're at it, close more streets to cars, allow only trans, pedestrians and bikes! |

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| One concern as a cyclist is pedestrians in bike lanes or parklets jutting into bike lanes forcing bikes into road traffic. |
| Trends on the future of restaurants and outdoor street dining will be set in cities such as New York. These trend will have a global influence. |
| Please keep them forever, parking sucks but we have brilliant public transport systems and it's so beautiful to see all these happy faces dining outside |
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| These are a great option for outdoor dining and is Covid friendly because car spaces encourage you to ride rather than drive. There is still plenty of parking along the street that has never even utilised fully anyway. Beermash is one of the only ones that looks neat and tidy the others probably need to be upgraded to add to the street scape |
| Love them! Have also used a few others but not going to re-submit multiple surveys. |
| They're awesome, please don't waste that space on parking for lazy people in cars |
| I have been to a lot of these venues over the last few months. I don't even remember them all. Take my survey response as about the general concept, rather than this individual venue. |
| Please let business keep them! It seems like an absolute waste of resources to remove them. |
| I'm not going to fill in a survey for all the venues I've been to in the last year. But all my answers are the same. This includes venues on Smith, Wellington as well as inner streets |
| Keep the parklets! |
| Well done |
| I love this idea and I think it makes the area as a whole more enticing to come and visit. I know some retailers might be concerned by the lack of parking spots but I think the increased foot traffic caused by the parklets should help to minimise that. I don't think cars should ever take priority in areas that are this well serviced by other means of transport (bikes, trams, buses, trains, uber and walking distance from CBD). |
| way better use of space! Cars are so big and bulky, one car space can make room for a great public area! |
| As the intro says, the parklets are to support hospitality businesses during Victorian Government COVID-19 restrictions. However, just a glance at some of the set up of the parklets, cafes do not comply with the social distancing guidelines. It is fine for Council to encourage businesses, but there is no follow up to ensure that the rules are followed. People seem to so easily forget the idea for the parklets started from the fact there is a contagious virus out there. And Council seem to forget that just around the corner, there are people trying to work and live in their homes. |
| I am strongly against parklets in any side residential street as they will cause noise problems for nearby residents. Existing noise problems are already bad enough without making it worse. |
| This is a brilliant initiative and I hope it will become permanent |
| Please don't remove the parklets!! |
| I think its important to maintain some disabled parking but otherwise I would love to see more parklets and more bike paths. |
| On the whole, I fully support them, but I think that their presence should be conditional on maintenance & upkeep. Some businesses have made no effort, & the chairs & tables are sloping into the gutter. Others, such as at Pillar of Pepper, look like an afterthought- pallet planters that have been tagged & so they've given up on putting in any plants & are just an eyesore. |
| A review of the locations and utilisation of the parklets needs to be undertaken. For example, there is one at the corner of Lennox and Cameron Street. I view it from my window and it is very under-utilised. Also, it blocks traffic travelling along Cameron Street from entering Lennox Street. There is a lot of confusion when passing traffic enters that part of Cameron St unwittingly and then has to reverse (down a one way street) to get back to Thomas Street. The closure of this part of Cameron Street has added additional traffic to neighbouring side streets and additional burden on the already busy Highett Street. Cameron Street is often blocked off between Bank Street and |

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| Church Street 6 days per week as a result of the new Coles construction site and local residents are having difficulty with ingress and egress to their homes |
| Please don't hurt local businesses |
| LOVE PARKLETS. They bring so much vibrancy, buzz and excitement to the city of Yarra. They ensure that you are more likely to get a spot at some of your favourite venues and ultimately support the businesses that need them. Keep them going. |
| Would be great to block off busy sections to traffic completely |
| Definitely something to keep. |
| I have a car and sure, I need driving lanes and parking spaces, but I still want as many parklets as possible. Let's support our small businesses and fight climate change at the same time!!! We need vibrant signals of thriving cultural and social life far more than another lane or another parking space for a car. I also see the benefit for greater numbers of people with parklets—two in my car, versus the multiple people enjoying the newly expanded outdoor cafe spaces? It's no contest!! Keep the parklets!! |
| I would support any opportunity for outdoor dining all year round. Maybe council could help the restaurants with funding for outdoor heating/outdoor coverings |
| These are great, well done to the team for supporting our amazing foodie scene |
| #savetheparklet #ditchthecarlovingnimbys |
| Great vibe Less car traffic Good use of space |
| I think the parklets should be made permanent, I think it really transforms and modernises Yarra. Think in-terms of the NY highline development... |
| The street Brogan's way is in could benefit greatly from re-development. Narrowing the road would change it from a convenient drag-strip for local (and transient) bogans to an asset. Changing the road to a 1 lane bike lane street with plenty of open-space would really reinforce the "make & do" nature of the street. Actually policing the parking restrictions would also assist in the parking challenges in this street. Given the number of apartments being built in the area, some thought must be put into making the neighbourhood more liveable, I think the parklets are a great opportunity to work on this. |
| Make the parklets permanent. Narrow the streets to allow one way traffic, plus green-space and Yarra will be well-placed to cope with it's ever-increasing density. |
| This is a great initiative. I love the new dimension it has brought Yarra and it provides a friendly outlook and additional enjoyable spaces. Providing more street space for parklets, mini-gardens, trees, bike repair stations, bike paths (as you see in Moreland) would be great. More one-way streets could provide this without too much disruption. |
| The pandemic isn't over and with restrictions constantly changing, it would be a good idea to keep supporting local restaurants by letting them keep their outdoor dining available. The end date to this seems arbitrary and not based on actual improvement of the situation (ie Covid). |
| The last thing I want to see is the GNH turned into appartments, but I've lived here for the past 55 years and this is the worst I've seen it. I think the 150 people license for the beer garden is more than enough for this residential area. |
| Parklets have bright back life to Yarra - and in a very visible way! We need more of it! |
| I love pallets!!!! |
| I love them |
| I think the parklets have been a fantastic addition to the neighbourhood not only bringing people out, walking more, staying local to dine out but I believe they have helped keep some business open as was the intent. |
| Please make them permanent! |
| Depending on the venue/location all year or just summer/spring may be best |
| Please keep parklets as a permanent part of summer life in Yarra (November-March). Parklets allow better use of public space that make the most of the Australian climate and Melbourne food |

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| culture. It feels both European and uniquely Australian to be able to dine outside in so many locations as part of day-to-day life; it's not a token, one off gimmick. |
| Please please keep them! |
| I'm not sure why we'd take these down - they have been so good for trade, so good to liven up vilage shops and create an a sense of atmosphere and community. |
| Surely this has proven the fallacy of the idea that removing carparking is bad for businesses - that one carpark, bringing just one or two people use far outweighed by the 5-10 people that can use that space. |
| What a fantastic initiative- thank you so much, I hope that they're permanent! |
| Please don't take away the parklets! One of the very few positives to come out of the pandemic. |
| a great initiative, only you could improve is the colour - I understand there need to ne visible but purple is not a popular colour and does not tone with most architecyure or retail/hospitality decor. |
| It will be interesting to see how parklets are used through winter, but I would guess overall usage would increase. |
| Thanks for this: we want to support business after their terrible year— this pandemic last a long way to go: please let us continue to support business while feeling safe— eating outside works for us |
| acoustic need to be considered and how noise can bounce around between buildings and dwellings |
| Parklets were the best thing to come out of covid. Adds so much character and charm to our neighbourhood. |
| Everyone i speak to loves the parklets, they are a fantastic example of local council innovation. Really hope they become on ongoing part of the community each year. |
| Keep these parklets and outdoor dining facilities. Perhaps you could introduce more attractive solutions to the concrete bollards. Lets take back more of the community space from cars and give it to pedestrians and the people. Look for ways to encourage new developments to provide underground public parking facilities. |
| I have dined at a number of establishments in Yarra. These places have been crying out for more eating space outside but council would not allow until covid. Don't take away such initiative now |
| Need more dog friendly venues/rules |
| - Parklets create atmosphere...learning for Council is to be more flexible and creative in creating zonesPermits for business are normally a horrendous process. - However, cannot create advantage for some businesses while reducing access to other businesses. Need to find a way that the other businesses are impacted minimally. - Fitzroy, while looking great for eating venues, has become a bigger nightmare for other businesses |
| Support them, make them even better, this is a great opportunity for lateral thinking and innovation |
| I think it's important that a business can only consume space immediately in front of their place of business - or perhaps half of the next residence along. There appears to be some parklets that go along 3-4 residences which seems rather unfair and profit-grabbing. |
| The park let at the end of Cameron st is very inconvenient and a hazard given the only option is a thin street with cars parked - just plain dangerous at times. Not a great choice |
| Has helped restore the feel and fun f the area lost through pandemic. Keep them and see how w e fare through winter |
| Love them! Gives Melbourne a more social, European feel. |
| Council should consider providing assistance & expertise for businesses to plant suitable and maybe edible plants in the planter boxes that are often used to delineate the parklets. More greenery would be good for Yarra. |
| Council should consider guidelines for parklet operators on how to provide shade for customers to help keep with sun smart usage. Council expertise from the parks and gardens department of |

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| council could be made available to parklet operators to help them in greening and planting their parklets. |
| Anything that helps us live a covid normal life is great and there's a lot of things we've been doing that should be permanent fixtures for us to be healthy and safe in general, this is one of them |
| It's a great. Keep it. |
| Thanks for considering the community's wants. |
| I think the park let's enhance the street life vibe of the area. It feels more relaxed and safe seeing people on the street enjoying them selves |
| It's a wonderful idea-make it permanent. It would bring in more tourists and more money for all the local shops and cafes. Perhaps on top of the concrete blocks could be garden beds of herbs and flowers or potted trees. Keep up the innovation Yarra! |
| Please let them continue |
| Great to see greenery and a bit of design style enliven our streets but a few issues need attention to get it right |
| Good vibe! |
| I am not filling one out for every park let as that is too time consuming. But others I have visited and liked are Cibi, Oxford Larder, the Japanese restaurant in Cambridge St, all in Gertrude st, Marion, etc etc. I also use them in Rathdowne St, Lygon St, CBD. I think all in Gertrude St and side Streets should stay. I wouldn't go to one in Smith street because it is noisy and dirty. They are the best urban design change in Melbourne for years. |
| I will be sad to see these parklet disappear post covid - I think they should be a normal part of life in Yarra city |
| I think having these year round will be exceptional in winter. Blankets and heaters, hot drinks, amazing food and lighting - it will make Melbourne magical |
| Parklets in retail zones are fine, but parklets outside pubs in residential areas create noise issues as punters get more drunk and less concerned about disturbing residents with their drunken swearing and generally unattractive behaviour. |
| I used to work at the Craft and Co which is further along Smith street and wasn't allocated a parklet. The business ran operations to a better standard of hygiene than others that I witnessed in the same precinct. |
| The vibe is good. Permanency of good vibes please |
| Great initiative from Yarra Council. These have been so important for us to feel like we can Melbourne again and support local. Thank you |
| it would be great if these parklets were extended to other types of retail not just hospitality. |
| I love the creation of more outdoor dining spaces and hope they get to continue in order to support local businesses and members of the community. |
| PLEASE KEEP THE PARKLETS!! they bring life to the city |
| Pedestrianise the whole of chapel and increase tram frequency and speed |
| Few seem to have overflowing garbage nearby the parklet |
| I've used several parklets in Yarra. |
| They're great, please let us keep them!! |
| They give such a good cafe culture to Melbourne and provide more space for venues. Surely they should stay beyond March at present as lots of businesses have limited indoor capacity due to covid restrictions which surely are not being removed rn. |
| I find it extremely dangerous to offer patrons the option to select "during spring/summer" as an option. The average patron doesn't even understand in the slightest through how many hoops hospitality has to jump to even get support and how slim margins are, which would make it impossible to build and unbuild parklets twice a year. |
| These parklets are a great use of public space and rejuvenating local atmosphere and dining culture. We love the outdoors, let's keep them full time! |

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| Get rid of street parking everywhere and replace it with dining and bike lanes |
| Great for hospitality. But I suspect bad for the other businesses who rely on easy/convenient parking to duck into a shop quickly to get provisions. |
| Minimum standards for safety/access/build quality should be met. |
| I love the excess of outdoor dining these parklet's offer, it also makes smaller cafes and restaurants more accessible where they were previously not able to dine there due to the tight spaces. |
| Glad to see Yarra being proactive in helping businesses to recover from COVID. It is good to see people taking a chance |
| Some better design should be allowed or encouraged Openable roofs such as vergola would be great for Melbourne |
| Please let them stay! A great initiative. |
| I think park let's have created a new amenity and have greatly increased the pleasure of dining in the city of Yarra |
| Please don't get rid of these. I feel lots of owners have done a great job making them feel part of the streetscape |
| The only negative aspect is car spaces. Build an extra level on top of the Woolworths carpark if we need to keep motorists happy |
| Keep them. |
| great idea! |
| Prioritise popular venues |
| This hotel cannot control its premises at any time and it will never be able to control the Parklets to avoid disruption to residents. |
| Parklets are a great idea. More permanent allocation would mean better investment in infrastructure. |
| The Parklets are a valuable resource fir the local community |
| I really hope the parklets can become part of our everyday, especially Smith St. |
| The first time I felt any sense of optimism as we started to come out of lockdown was when I read about the parklets initiative. This was something truly positive that came out of an awful year. It also was a pleasant surprise to see Councils adopting strategies that were a common sense and humane approach to liveability and the livelihood of businesses. |
| I've seen other parklets around the area and think these are a great use of space. Would like to see these extended while Covid restrictions are still in place. |
| Amazing utilisation of public space. |
| Melbournians are trailblazers in so many areas, food, theatre, entertainment, using our outdoor areas for all the above. Given this, using more outdoor spaces, in these challenging times just makes sense! |
| Please make all the parklets permanent! |
| I would like to see parklets for as long as COVID restrictions remain and from spring - mid autumn otherwise. They'd work really well around Swan St during early footy season |
| We love Parklets!! Transforming our city. Please keep :) :) |
| Love love love love love parklets |
| Most of yarra moves by foot. Lets reclaim all this open space taken by a handful of cars |
| Alighting from trams is now dangerous as a passenger needs to walk along the road amongst traffic to access payments which are blocked by solid constructions 24/7. |
| The council need to assess these as not all are used as to expected levels. |
| I really dislike the bullies dominating Yarra Council |
| As Proud Marys remained open and kept all their staff throughout 2020. I thought you would have constructed their parklet first. Instead I saw businesses that had been closed get the parklets set up first. Otherwise great work Yarra |

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| Keep them, it makes Yarra a better place to live. |
| Footpath spacing, adequate disabled access to tables and parking/curb access need to be considered during these periods. Especially as there is inadequate disabled access in general, let alone when parking and temporary structures contribute to these issues. |
| If these are removed, businesses will struggle even more, and we will see beautiful dining parties replaced with cars again. Please keep Parklets!! |
| Yarra Council has been a leader in this area and it would be a shame to undo that work before the real benefit has been realised. I support these areas being available for at least 12 months. Usage during the cooler months will give businesses and council a sense of value during those times. |
| Living in the city means living in confined space with limited outdoor areas to eat/socialise. This is a fantastic addition to our local area and has had a positive impact on our families mental wellbeing. Please keep these all year round or at least spring - summer - autumn. |
| Please continue to prioritize accessibility to local business. |
| Please continue to prioritize accessibility to local businesses during this time of economic recovery. |
| Thank you for prioritizing accessibility to local businesses in Yarra. |
| Thank you for continuing to prioritize accessible parklets for local businesses. |
| Parklets should be all year round and permanent |
| Please keep them at the very least on a seasonal basis! |
| I like the parklets as a cyclist too, unlike parked cars which have a risk of doors opening or moving unexpectedly I know the left side is safe. Gertrude St is a messy area to cycle in so anything that makes it safer is nice! |
| It would be a real shame if Yarra shut down parklets because it's afraid of losing parking revenue. It would make these precincts less friendly and sociable and would make it harder for businesses to stay open – which is what draws people to these precincts in the first place. |
| They've added such a vibrant and wonderful addition to our neighbourhood. Would be a big shame to see them go - for both the public and the businesses affected In saying that - some businesses have done better than others, so I'd be in support of some stricter guidelines around what they look like and what businesses can have them to keep it premium |
| The pandemic is not over. Businesses have not recovered. City of Yarra should not be removing parklets, which attract people and customers to the area and reflect positively on the City. |
| The Parklets have transformed the streets of Yarra into much more interesting and attractive scene . They should stay permanently, particularly as so many businesses have invested a lot of money on setting them up. |
| My only concern is that they're not built on, not obstruct any utilities or services ie. fire hydrants. There would be a real sense of irony should an establishment be burnt if the fireies couldn't access an at grade hydrant because a parklet was built over it. |
| After the difficult year of 2020, seems only fair to give these business some silver lining to help keep them alive. |
| Please don't remove them!! |
| I think the parklets have been an awesome addition to Yarra. They bring about a sense of community and connection and enhance the streetscape dramatically. Please continue this initiative in a permanent way and provide ability for business to construct long lasting and visually pleasing structures to utilise the space and create lasting infrastructure. |
| Don't get rid of them. It will be a massive mistake and loss for the community. |
| Great initiative by council. Best marketing I have seen in the district since I moved in during 2000z. |
| They are an awesome addition to the neighbourhood. |
| Great initiative by the council. Well done. Best marketing since I moved in in 2000. |
| Should be extended for businesses who can demonstrate it was used |

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| I have travelled specifically into Fitzroy to go to cafes with parklets (more than just the one i listed) I recently moved from Fitzroy (after living 7 years here) and would hesitate coming back for brunch without parklets in summer as it harder to find space to eat food. |
| Awesome program - please keep the parklets going. |
| This better not be amount penny pinching on parking revenue.... |
| Thank you for this initiative. It has been a great way to adapt to a covid 'new normal' |
| Please don't get rid of the Parklets! |
| Thank you to Yarra Council for your continued effort. |
| Thanks for allowing us to give this feedback! |
| Don't remove. Please. |
| I am very much in support of outdoor dining and am happy to travel from outside of Yarra to visit and take advantage of it as my local council has not got a similar scheme. I would like it to be year round as Covid is year round but offering it only in summer/spring months when the weather is better also makes sense. |
| Yarra may be losing parking revenue but its businesses are gaining income from me that they wouldn't have if it weren't for the parklets. |
| They're wonderful! |
| Please keep them permanently. They've been such a great contribution to the community and local businesses. |
| KEEP THEM!!! |
| The atmosphere around Parklets in the city of Yarra have been incredible. It feels like an open community space. Everyone I know in Yarra has had nothing but positive things to say about them. |
| I understand the parking fine loss the council has taken. We've all lost from COVID. You're a local council you're there to provide for the best in our community. Parking fine revenue when most people have lost so much in the past 12 months should be a little priority if you're there to support the local people and not cash grab this is the way to be a real local government and provide for you're local population and business. If you remove these spaces people will loose their jobs, places will have to downsize and a lot of people will loose their business that they have worked so hard to keep on going. Melbourne is a place of culture and night life, city of Yarra is one of Best providers of that, support it. Don't make that industry that provides the identity of Melbourne collateral damage to create a couple of car parks |
| Keep the parklets, on balance they are a great use of space and have allowed for better dining experiences for locals businesses, which I would like to see continue. |
| I think they are great. The life, they way business have decorated them. It reminds me of being in Europe with all the terraces. I love it. |
| The parklets have added so much life to the streetscape and people are forced to drive less. We need them all year round! |
| Please continue great initiatives like these! |
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| I think they've been a great stop gap during this very trying time. I'm proud that Yarra has taken the initiative to support local business and make a way for them to continue to operate and rebuild their businesses. But I believe some safety tweaking could be useful. I also love the creative freedom they've been given to express their businesses character. I drove down chapel st Prahran/Windsor and they're using orange construction barriers with measly black fabric draped over. It looked atrocious. I'm glad we're proud of where we live and that our streets continue to reflect that. |
| Really good initiative, I really believe it's had a positive impact on re-establishing the vibrancy of the neighbourhood. |
| Best thing ever |
| Remove more car parking. Streets for people not cars! |

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| Aesthetically awful. Limiting parking for residents, as they vie for spots with business patrons. Not enough disabled parking spaces. |
| Love them!! |
| The parklets have made the streets have an amazing community feel also I feel safe from COVID19 |
| Keep them! They are good for the businesses and the people. |
| Thank you - I really like this initiative!! |
| I think they're a fantastic addition to so many communities. They bring an exciting, vibrant and friendly atmosphere to so many streets across Melbourne. It can be something good that comes from COVID! |
| This is a great initiative for our community and neighbourhood. It should be continued. |
| I absolutely get that Yarra has missed out on revenue due to the loss of parking space. However, keeping Parklets - even for a short season each year - would add a lot to the vibrancy of our high streets (post covid). Please keep them in some capacity. |
| I love the parklet vibe. Yarraville is the perfect example of a successful permanent parklet!! |
| Some look better than others, feel the council should support a consistent look and feel if there are a few businesses in a row. |
| If Yarra plans on removing them at least wait until the citizens are vaccinated against Covid. |
| Please keep them! I love them, we love them, everyone loves them. They are always full to the brim with happy diners. I love walking by them and seeing our streets come to life. Keeping them will also help make streets more pedestrian friendly which will benefit everyone. |
| I eat in Yarra a lot and I think you've done a phenomenal job. I love how you've allowed the traders to innovate and I think with permanent permits traders could really get creative. I especially like how some of the parklets are nice places to sit for the public outside trading hours - let's try to keep these spaces public most of the time. |
| Great work City of Yarra. |
| Keep the parklets |
| I think they provide a wonderful addition to the hospitality resources in the area! |
| I wish we didn't have to have a pandemic to start talking about removing the selfish use of public space for cars. These have transformed Yarra for the good. Better for patrons, restaurants, urban amenity and passive transport - it's a 'no brainer'. |
| Keep them |
| This great initiative to help businesses through COVID has ongoing merit to permanently change bar and dining experience in Yarra for the better. Keep the Parklets |
| Please don't remove xxoo |
| I would extend them to end of April as the weather is still good and takes in Easter and the school holidays. You could also make extra exemptions into May for some businesses as Good Beer Week is in May and attracts a lot of people into Yarra from other parts of Melbourne and interstate. |
| Keep parklets permanently |
| Would have been better if the council in Yarra provided more for the businesses. My brothers Cafe in Werribee was given new barriers, grass flooring/decking and new tables and benches |
| I love parklets. They are a cool idea and a great addition to the look and feel of the city streets. I love the vibe that they add to the local scene. |
| I think parklets should be expanded and any individual opposition should be acknowledged, validated and, where appropriate, compensated, However the communal benefits shared by all (which are often much harder to quantify) should override the individual disutility that may be experienced by a few members of our community. |
| I love the Parklets! |
| They are great. Love them |

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| Keep them all! They're so fantastic and create a fantastic vibe. I am much more likely to dine somewhere outside regardless of covid. |
| Car parks encourage |
| Keep them. They are great! The atmosphere along shopping strips has been amazing!! |
| More parklets should be created to free up footpaths for pedestrians to distance |
| Some are poorly constructed and block up some already congested intersections |
| Go parklets. |
| Thanks for asking for feedback on this! |
| Please keep these out door spaces so our local traders can survive! As a rates payer in yarra I expect these spaces retained so our suburb can thrive |
| Really brought atmosphere back to the streets and allow people to dine safely = win win |
| Lennox street between Bridge road and Victoria street is in definite need of a cosmetic lift which Warm Hug Cafe has now provided for in the area. |
| We need to work together to help local businesses thrive during this time. If we don't we risk losing many of the local businesses that make Yarra (and Melbourne) such a great place to live. |
| They were great for short term benefits. Wind them back, think it through properly and introduce some stringent measures for their rollout rather than the random, haphazard nature currently |
| If council are worried about the lack of revenue from parking meters occupied by Parklets they need to look at other options including enforcing parking outside of these areas. As an example we had a tradie at our house in Fitzroy who parked for 7 hours on two different days without paying the parking meter and wasn't fined. Lucky him! Perhaps the introduction of metered parking in other locations to compensate for these parking bays is an option. |
| I am a resident of Smith Street, my house has sat looking over the changing streetscape for many many years. The parklets brought life back to a ghost town and create so much atmosphere and community presence. We are blessed with great weather in Australia and it seems stupid to not make the most of it. For the sake of a couple of parking spots the right decision is absolutely to keep them. We need to promote alternatives to private car use and less available parking spaces is a great one. It has made me leave the car at home and opt for other options. |
| I love the atmosphere that's been created by the parklets, & it's been a great initiative by yarra council to help local businesses to safely continue to offer their dining services to residents, I'm sure it has saved many jobs. |
| No additional feedback |
| When will someone grow an imagination and convince the cafe owners to open at night when we need dinner? After juggling home school/work from home I'd love to be able to walk to Brunswick St for a quick outside dinner that's simple, healthy and appealing to all ages. But alas, in Melbourne, kids are not to be seen after 3pm... |
| Businesses wanting to make this permanent should pay a small rental fee to council for the public space. |
| I loved how this initiative supported local businesses, and would love to see more of that support continue post Covid. |
| Molly Rose has is one of my local parklets, this turned it from an otherwise quiet little bar into a thriving public space that I can only imagine has increased their revenue dramatically. I have witnessed people see the parklet while driving past, and pull over to check it out, this wouldn't have happened at this otherwise indoor bar if not for the parklet. |
| Same as above |
| Not all parklets are created equal. The Everleigh gets my vote as best parklet. |
| The Parklets made me very happy coming out of lockdown. I love them. |
| Please take away the exclusive bike lanes in roseneath and Fenwick street in Clifton hill it's now too hard to get out of my suburb |
| The pandemic isn't going away anytime soon, but also from a placemaking point of view the parklets enliven our high streets and create a much more walkable Neighbourhood that makes |

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| people want to linger. Every opportunity to bring the outdoors in is a great endeavor, and really elevates the vibe of the Neighbourhood. |
| The noise pollution is a real problem with these and they are not safe. I have seen so many bear misses. |
| Appreciate Council's efforts to support businesses and make Yarra a nicer place to be. |
| Parklets are a better use of local space than car parking and encourages more sustainable behaviours like walking and public transport. |
| The parklets have helped businesses to stay open. If the businesses had closed there would be no reason to park there anyway. People complaining about lack of parking might not realise this. Some probably complain about lack of parking and to go and eat at a parklet. People are stupid |
| I feel that the additional liveable/useable space for Yarra residents' enjoyment and not vehicle convenience is a positive step for the council to take. If council have truly lost revenue in some areas through parking fees then a fee per table or area is justifiable for the small business owners of our city. |
| Please keep the Parklets, adds the vibe to Yarra |
| To compensate for the lack of revenue from parking fees, a dining out fee could be applied per customer per dining session of say around \$1 which could go directly to the Council to invest in further enhancing outdoor and green spaces for residents to enjoy, making the City of Yarra a healthier place to live. |
| Feedback from non-hospitality retail traders has generally been negative about the value of the parklets as it has generally not brought customers who are likely to shop for other goods or services. Hospitality businesses have no doubt loved the fanfare and attention they have brought. The reality is that patrons of cafes for brunch and/or lunch are likely investing a small amount say \$20-\$30; these types of hospitality customers do not translate to customers who will possibly buy high end fashion, artwork or jewellery. Disabled, less ambulant and more elderly community members use their cars and need parking because they do not wish to be taking public transport or are not able to ride bicycles or scooters like the millennials and Gen-Y cohorts. |
| Please keep parklets for the business who want them and are doing them well. Car usage among Australians needs to be reduced in general and a progressive council like Yarra should lead the charge. The atmosphere of streets like Smith St is incredible. These need to be a permanent fixture during warmer months. |
| Cycling to a parklet via Johnston St with absolutely no bike lane is incredibly dangerous and life threatening. Yarra would be a more attractive and accessible LGA to visit and dine at if cycling along Johnston St wasn't a death trap. |
| The program has been astonishing, successful and transformational. Well done and keep it up! |
| Parklets make the street safer for cyclists, pedestrians and active transport more generally, and should be kept permanently on the basis of these improvements and other positives associated with discouraging unnecessary car use |
| Parklets have been an amazing addition to Melbourne. I've travelled throughout the east coast in the last few months, nowhere else has changed as much as Melbourne. Parklets could become an iconic part of Melbourne - the new laneways perhaps? There's still so much parking even with them in place. |