



# St Kilda Esplanade Market

## Parking at the market

As the St Kilda Esplanade Market continues to grow, stallholders face increasing challenges for relating to parking arrangements, particularly during market bump-in and bump-out times.

In addressing these challenges, the City of Port Phillip has proposed changes to parking arrangements on the Esplanade aimed at:

- improving bump-in / bump-out access to stall sites
- improving parking availability during the summer event season in St Kilda
- ensuring stallholders comply with parking and traffic regulations

## Frequently asked questions about market parking

### What changes is Council proposing?

The City of Port Phillip has proposed the following changes to current parking arrangements to address these challenges while ensuring a safe and practical solution for stallholders and market visitors:

- approximately 13 half-hour parking bays (Sundays, 6 am – 7 pm)
- no parking to the full length of The Esplanade on the market side (6 am – 7 am, Sunday mornings)
- remarking of angle bays to standard size widths (2.6m) along the market side of The Esplanade.

### Why are these changes being proposed?

Creating ½-hour parking bays from 7 am to 7 pm on Sundays will allow for greater turnover of these parking bays throughout the day. It will also assist with access in the event of any weather related

### Your OHS obligations

The safety of all users and stallholders is paramount to the success of the Esplanade Market, and we will take every reasonable precaution to ensure that the operation of the market does not pose undue risk to any person, in accordance with our obligations and duties under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 and other relevant legislation.

Stallholders have their own occupational health and safety (OHS) responsibilities that extend outside Council's OHS responsibilities. Each stallholder is urged to consider what further controls relating to their individual operations they can implement, to control the hazards they are responsible for, to facilitate their own safe loading and unloading practices while still maintaining compliance with all relevant legislation.

issues or personal emergency where traders need to pack up early (assuming these spaces rotate all the time and are available).

Implementing 'no parking' restrictions from 6 am to 7 am on Sunday mornings to the market side of The Esplanade means these parking bays will be available for stallholder bump-in from 7 am onwards. This will be particularly beneficial to stallholders during the busy summer event season, when there is greater demand for early morning parking in the area.

Remarking the angle bays along the market side of The Esplanade, to standard size widths of 2.6 m will maximise the number of available parking bays while maintaining a safe distance between the kerb and the yellow line along the tram line.

### What if I arrive just before 7 am on Sunday morning and park in a 'no parking' spot?

You can stop for 2 minutes in a 'no parking' car park, provided:

- you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods
- you stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

If you stop in, or partly in, a signed no parking area and are not picking up or dropping off passengers or goods, you are considered to be parked and may be fined. This is the case even if you stay with your vehicle.

### Why can't I park on the footpath to unload and load?

The Victorian Government's Road Safety Road Rules 2009 state that you are not allowed to park, stop or leave your vehicle on a footpath, nature strip or reservation unless the vehicle is a motorcycle or bicycle.

Part of our risk-based approach to ensure the safety of all Esplanade Market users and stallholders is to limit any non-operational access of vehicles to pedestrian areas.

While food-trucks and some other limited vehicles have been approved for these areas, this is due to operational needs of the market and is highly controlled. We cannot provide stall-holders the same conditions for bump-in and bump-out purposes, as driving into / parking on pedestrian zones compromises the safety of the market area.

Stallholders and market visitors are expected to comply with all relevant parking and road regulations, including purchasing a ticket in paid parking areas and not double-parking on roadways.

Further information about road regulations and your obligations is available on the VicRoads website <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/parking>

For more information about Council's parking policies or other parking related information contact Council's parking team via ASSIST on 9209 6777 or email [assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

