

Moonee Ponds Traders Association

Marketing Plan 2023-2024



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1. Aims and Purposes of Marketing Plan:

The Moonee Ponds Traders Association is an Incorporated Association whose primary function is to stimulate and create more business in Moonee Ponds through implementing various marketing strategies.

This document has been prepared by the Moonee Ponds Traders Association 2023-2024 Executive Committee and Marketing Coordinator and is intended to inform Association members and Moonee Valley City Council of the Moonee Ponds Traders future plans for the 12 months from July 2023 – June 2024.

This document has been prepared by the committee and is the culmination of ideas that have been discussed at meetings as well as speaking to traders and others.

This document outlines the proposed schedule of events that will be undertaken during the 12 months and within what time frame so that the committee and Marketing Coordinator can develop a budget and timeline for the marketing activities.

The Marketing Plan has been developed for the benefit of the members of the Moonee Ponds Traders Association which includes the traders and landlords.

The purpose is to improve across the Precinct by:

- Creating a 'Destination' and attract businesses to the precinct.
- Rejuvenating the night economy.
- Leveraging from current developments in the precinct.
- Developing a roadmap for green space and resting areas.
- Working closer with Council to develop a streetscape plan.

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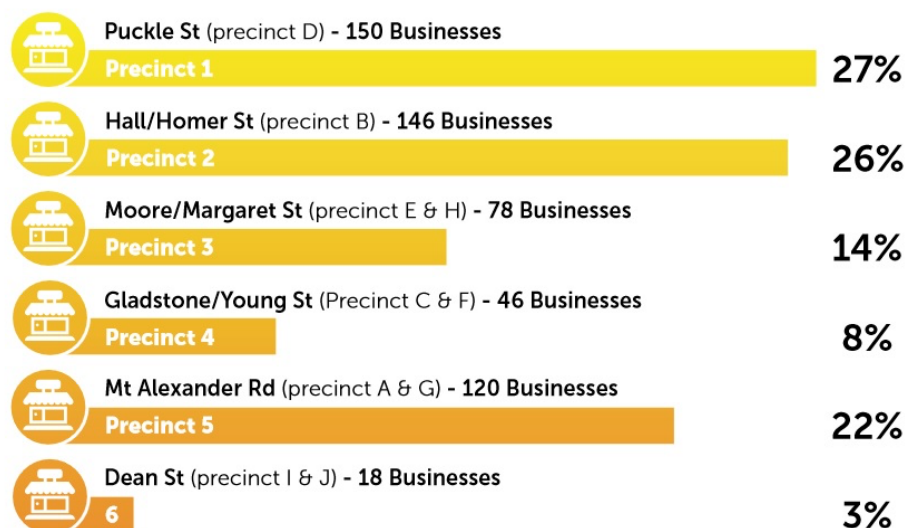
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2. Retail Mix - today

There is a large variety and mix of businesses within the Moonee Ponds precinct. Attachment 1 provides a full list of business by category.

A high-level summary is below of the categories of businesses in Moonee Ponds



3. SWOT Analysis

Strengths

The Moonee Ponds Traders Association has many benefits, which includes:

- One Stop Shop destination. Moonee Ponds is well recognised by customers and traders as the place you can “get everything you need”.
- Moonee Ponds provides a great atmosphere, and most people visit and shop in Moonee Ponds because of the community feel that the precinct radiates.
- Easy to access and connected. Moonee Ponds is conveniently located with well-developed infrastructure, the precinct is serviced by the three main public transport connectors – train, tram and bus, a key advantage over other urban precincts.
- Foodie growing foodie scene and emergence of destination food offerings - both cafes and restaurants, is a key fundamental for the precinct as it seeks to serve a variety of markets including locals, residents, workers and new customers.
- The precinct has a number of unique shops or products that cannot be found elsewhere, i.e.: at the major shopping centres. This creates a positive point of difference to shoppers and should be further leveraged.

Weaknesses

- The discontentment of both shoppers and traders over parking is palpable and may have been exacerbated by the large volume of recent development. It is a significant deterrent for the precinct.
- Streetscape of the precinct and housekeeping fundamentals of the area must be a priority moving forward. The visual appeal of the precinct is lacking.

- An underwhelming sense of arrival with a lack of welcome to the precinct highlights the need for stronger destination branding on the ground.
- Many of the precinct roads are in poor condition, which has only been heightened by the high level of development occurring throughout the precinct.
- There is a sense that Puckle St has been neglected in recent years. It appears a little old, run-down, dirty, lacks atmosphere and with vacant shops not painting a pretty picture it certainly is not the Puckle St it once was famous for.
- A disconnect, predominantly physical, between the sub-precincts discourages foot traffic and potential customers from exploring all areas of the precinct.
- In recent years the positive perception of the area has decreased/declined.

Opportunities

- Large influx of new residents who will call the precinct home.
- Opportunities exist for traders to work more collaboratively and cohesively.
- Continue to leverage off opportunities provided by digital and social media.
- Opportunities exist to capture more of the transport thoroughfare which attracts a large amount of through traffic.
- Moonee Ponds is situated in a high socio-economic area providing natural advantages to local businesses, which should capitalise on the typically high disposable income that households have to spend.
- With the Redevelopment and the re-launch of Moonee Valley racecourse, opportunities exist to leverage off the redevelopment and new residents.

Threats

- A big challenge is the new developing happening in Moonee Ponds – more specifically the level and number of developments within the precinct.
- Parking issues within the precinct see businesses losing customers to other centres, some businesses finding it difficult to attract and keep staff.
- Continuing to provide a unique, attractive and complementary offer for both customers and investors, ensuring business mix supports the strategic vision and associated brand of the precinct.
- Pedestrian Movements / Habits, the challenge will be to change existing pedestrian movements and break traditional customer habits into exploring the precinct further.
- Moonee Ponds must adapt to meet customer needs and expectations. The precinct will need to support and deliver on expectations that inner urban residents have and expect of an area.
- Both online and larger shopping centres will continue to be a challenge.

4. Target Market

- All Moonee Ponds local residents.
 - People who live within a 10km radius (Ascot Vale, Flemington, Kensington, Essendon, Strathmore, Pascoe Vale, Niddrie, East Keilor, Footscray).
 - Parents and children of local schools, kindergartens, preschools, childcare centres.
 - New residents moving into the area.
 - Community Clubs.
 - Train Commuters.
 - Specialty shop shoppers.
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Moonee Ponds Precinct has a great opportunity to establish itself as a unique reputable shopping strip. It can service both the everyday local shopper as well as the specialty destination shopper.

5. Objectives - what do we want to achieve?

- Create a 'Destination' and attract businesses to the precinct.
- Rejuvenate the night economy.
- Leverage from current developments in the precinct.
- Develop a roadmap for Greenspace and resting areas.
- Work closer with Council to develop a streetscape plan.

6. Marketing Mix - how can we attract our target market?

Promotion:

Advertising:

Posters
Real Estate Boards
Direct Mail
Business Directory

Social Media:

Facebook
Instagram
Website
App

Promotion:

Discount Vouchers/Cards
Trader Directory
Moonee Ponds Shopping Bags
Local signage

Publicity:

Editorials
Newsletter to patrons

Events

Brand Awareness:

Our goal is to build brand awareness and develop a distinct brand using the Moonee Ponds 3039 Traders logo and create a positive association with our brand.



Applications:

- all advertising
- business directory

7. Action Plan

7.1 Events and Campaigns:

The Moonee Ponds Traders Association run a variety of events to attract people to the area, to help improve foot traffic, exposure of the businesses within the precinct and provide an opportunity for the Precinct Businesses to market their business at event.

2023 – September

Run a Progressive Dinner to draw people to a select number of businesses on Mt Alexander road. The event will be held on a Wednesday night and people will pay a fee to experience dining at 4 businesses.

2023 – September

Father's Day: We will run a spend and receive campaign. When people spend \$50 in the centre they can receive a \$10 Moonee Ponds gift card. The promotion will be promoted online. Two stores will be selected as the collection stores. Roving music from the Ron Scott band.

2023 – October

Jazz Festival: Moonee Valley City Council will close Hall St on 14 October for a mini-Jazz Festival campaign. This event will be 100% funded by council. The Traders Association will assist in marketing the event.

2023- October

Opening of Cinema: The opening of Palais cinema and retail precinct will bring a great vibe to Moonee Ponds. The Traders Association will assist with the opening to drive people to the businesses and in ongoing promotions.

2023 – December

Christmas activities: In the month of December the Moonee Ponds Traders will decorate the streets of Moonee Ponds and bring light and life to the streets in an endeavour to encourage people to shop locally leading up to Christmas. Initiatives include; a roving Santa, decorating the streets of Moonee Ponds with pole decorations, and a Christmas tree. We will also provide roving music throughout December on the streets of Moonee Ponds. We will host a Christmas event on Sunday 14th December to bring some joy and fun to the street.

Christmas promotions – we will create an online catalogue listing businesses – this will help to promote local retail and hospitality businesses as we approach Christmas.

2024 – February

Holmes Rd activation: details of this event yet to be decided.

2024 – April

Easter: We will provide Easter activities again in 2024, however we will need to reassess to what capacity. As we have very little space in Moonee Ponds and these activities seem to be very popular, we need to manage the event to ensure traders are satisfied with the attendees.

2024 - May

Mother's Day: We will run an online Mother's Day campaign to promote businesses via a Mother's Day landing page on the Moonee Ponds 3039 website featuring gift ideas from local businesses.

Neighbourhood/Foodie Tours – these tours will run quarterly and take approximately 20 people on a tour around Moonee Ponds.

7.2 Promotions:

Marketing & Promotions: Moonee Ponds Traders needs to constantly remind its existing and potential customers of their presence and promotions must continue to help us achieve this goal. Partners include Moonee Valley City Council, traders, community organisations, media, and sponsors.

2023 – 2024 Social Media: The marketing co-ordinator will manage the Facebook and Instagram platforms for the Precinct. Promotion via other Facebook pages will continue to grow and strengthen our page likes and engagement.

Precinct Marketing: The Traders Association will continue to implement localised strategies to encourage new and existing residents and the wider community to shop in Moonee Ponds. Several initiatives include; Moonee Ponds Shopping bags, Moonee Ponds Directory, Bin wraps, Local signage, Trader profiles, work with Cayden and other developments taking place in Moonee Ponds

Moonee Ponds 3039 website: Update the Moonee Ponds website with new information and businesses as required.

Communication with Traders: The Traders Association will communicate with the Precinct traders through regular email newsletters and once yearly (December) printed newsletter.

Streetscape

The Traders Association will work with Council on the proposed Streetscape Plans for Moonee Ponds. Should the project proceed, the association must work effectively working with Council to implement and regular communicate with traders during the project stage.

8. Maintenance and Streetscape Improvements

Many of the assets in the Precinct are Council property and maintained by Council. It is in the Moonee Ponds Traders best interest to continually work with Council to improve these amenities.

9. Business Plan 2019 – 2024 - Key Performance Indicators

Strategy - Marketing

- Develop Moonee Ponds business profiles for web and print. This will involve creating a profile about the business, taking photos, publishing and promoting on social media and producing A2 cork boards to display near businesses.
- Develop competitions on social media asking people to take photos of Moonee Ponds, tag #mooneeponds3039 and then they will receive a voucher to spend back in the precinct.
- Develop a 'Come Back to Moonee Ponds campaign' to shop local. Online, print and branded marketing i.e. shopping bags, traders' directories, bin wraps, signage.
- New resident campaign. This will be a competition asking people to take photos of Moonee Ponds, tag #mooneeponds3039 and then they will receive a voucher to spend back in the precinct.
- Maintain a strong social media presence.
- Update and maintain the mooneeponds3039.com.au website.
- Offer service based businesses professional videography.
- Events to include;
 - o Father's Day
 - o Christmas and Christmas Festival
 - o Taste of Moonee Ponds & Melbourne Food and Wine Festival Long lunch
 - o Easter
 - o Mother's Day
 - o Winter Festival

Strategy - Development & Customer Experience

- Undertake quarterly of customer service audits within the precinct to identify customer gaps in the visitor experience and offer business training.
- Communicate with traders on a regular basis through email circulars and newsletters, and an annual printed newsletter.
- Work with Council to provide a targeted professional development program specifically for precinct operators.

Destination / Place

- Develop a 'Come Back to Moonee Ponds campaign' to shop local. Online, print and branded marketing i.e. shopping bags, traders' directories, bin wraps, signage.
- Work with Council and Chamber of Commerce on parking issues.
- Work with Council on the Moonee Ponds Streetscape Plan.
- Continue to work with Council to ensure that council assets remain graffiti free.

Advocacy / Leadership

- Continue to work with Council on a range of matters by representing the trader's association.
 - Develop a new resident campaign and work with developers to encourage residents to shop locally.
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10. Budget

The Moonee Ponds Traders Special Rate was renewed in July 2019 for a period of 5 years. It will raise \$190,000 (excl GST) of traders' funds annually (CPI adjusted).

General Admin. Breakdown	Cost
PO Box	\$ 120.00
Microsoft hosting	\$73.00
Public Insurance	\$ 3,045.00
ATO BAS	\$ 5,000.00
Auditor fees	\$ 600.00
XERO	\$ 790.00
AGM printing	\$ 1,072.00
Mail chimp cost	\$ 720.00
Website/APP hosting annual costs	\$ 512.00
Storage	\$ 2,133.00
	\$ 14,064.60

Digital Marketing	Cost
Moonee Ponds APP	\$ 1,500.00
Digital Mgt (SEO/Ads)	\$ 24,750.00
Digital marketing costs	\$ 8,320.00
Website NEW	\$4,000
	\$ 38,570.00

Events and Marketing	Cost
Holmes Road Activation	\$ 5000.00
Easter	\$ 2000.00
Mt Road Activation	\$ 1000.00
Cinema partnership	\$ 5000.00
Neighbourhood Tours	\$ 1,500.00
Christmas decorations/activities	\$ 55,824.00
	\$ 63,824.00

Precinct Marketing	Cost
Real estate pack	\$ 500.00
Influencer marketing	\$ 6,000.00
Business Awards Night	\$ 5000.00
Business Workshops/networking	\$4000.00
Moonee Ponds bags	\$ 8,000.00
Newsletters	\$500.00
Photography	\$6000.00
Gift cards	\$ 6000.00
	\$36, 000.00

11. Implementation

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12. Feedback

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