



# Parklets Project

## What is a parklet?

A parklet is a footpath extension that provides more space and amenities for business operators and people using the street. Usually, parklets are installed on parking zones and use several parking spaces. Parklets typically extend out level from the footpath to the width of the adjacent parking space.

A parklet may be thought of as semi-permanent. It must be designed for quick and easy removal for emergencies or other maintenance requirements, allowing removal without damage to the curb or street. Successful and universally supported temporary parklets are often replaced by more permanent, long term solutions.

Parklets provide extended space to businesses that can be used for the likes of seating, alfresco dining, street- greening, waiting areas, bike parking, and art.

Parklets can consist of one or multiple car parking spaces. It may be beneficial for groups of neighbouring businesses to create larger continuous parklets that can be shared, and individual parklets may be shared by multiple businesses.

## Why Parklets?

Urban streets have multiple functions and serve not only as a vehicle thoroughfare. Streets provide a place for people shop, meet, and gather, and are also an important front for retail and commercial businesses.

Parklets create vitality and generate activity in commercial districts. They support local business communities by encouraging pedestrians to spend longer in precincts, as well as encouraging shoppers to increase their duration of stay in businesses – inevitably resulting in more spending.

Parklets also strengthen and provide a unique competitive advantage for business investment, which positively impacts empty commercial spaces, diverse goods and service offerings, and high foot traffic.

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