



Mentone

Mentone is a small bayside suburb with a cheerful presence. From European heritage to multiculturalism, and modest suburban homes to old beachfront mansions, it's bursting with a buzzing character.

The central shopping village is lined with wholesome schools and family-owned shops, and the café owners always pop out for a chat. It's simple and unaffected; charismatic with traditional community values.

The beach is known for its beauty, as are the houses fronting onto it. Further inland, the glamour makes way for simpler dwellings built for comfort and lifestyle. Melbourne's development wave hasn't yet overtaken Mentone, so homes are as they were 50 and even 100 years ago.

Mentone's rich history is evident at every turn, from the historically-preserved railway station, RSL, grammar school buildings and main streets to the long-established gardens and third- and fourth-generation family businesses.

It captures the best of two worlds: all the delights of a small town and just half an hour from the CBD. It's also closely located to the popular seaside communities of Brighton, Hampton and Mordialloc, and is part of the City of Kingston (www.kingston.vic.gov.au).

Fast Fact: In Mentone's east is Moorabbin Airport, a hub for private and chartered planes that also boasts the Harry Hawker Air Museum.

Locals recommend:

Cafes & Restaurants

Truly Scrumptious (Granary La.) Cosy café living up to its name.

The Lolly Jar and Cafe (50 Florence St.) Mouth-watering brekkies and lunches, with tempting gourmet confectionery on the side.

Java (63 Florence St. 9585 1002) Contemporary café serving breakfast, lunches, coffee and cakes.

Shakes, Juice & Icecream Bar Hampton (405 Hampton St. 9598 3833) Best smoothies, juices and gourmet icecream in Mentone.

Shopping

Scicluna's (2 Como Pde.) Seasonal fruit and vegies with family-owned character.

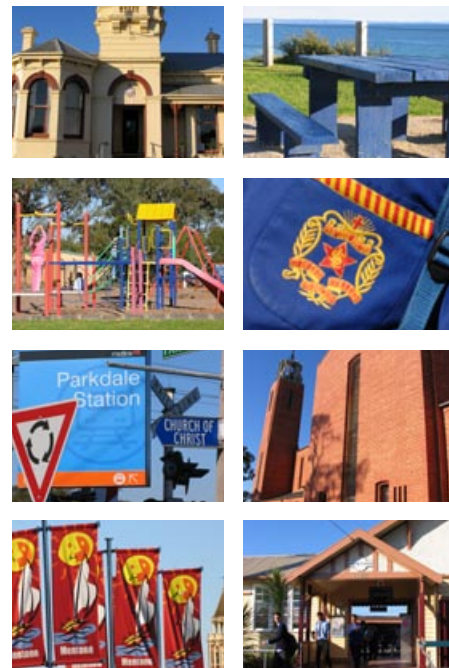
Bars & Hotels

Mentone Hotel (95 Beach Rd.) A local institution renowned for its live entertainment.

The Edgy (95 Beach Rd.) Upstairs at the Mentone Hotel, The Edgy is a hot spot for young party-goers.

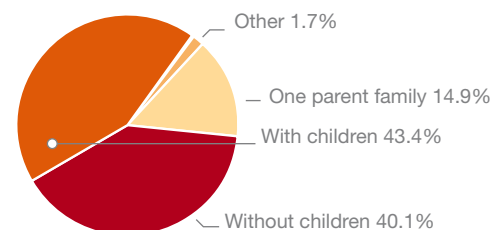
Nighthawk Blues (114-116 Nepean Hwy.) Dedicated blues lounge with live music and tapas nightly.

Gallery

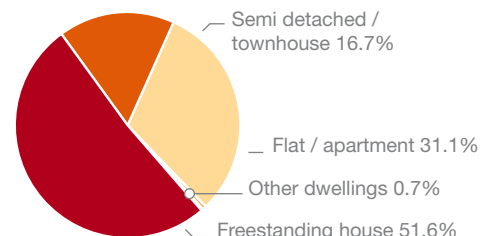


Statistics:

Family structure



Type of dwelling



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