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Mayor's message

Welcome to the August edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

This month we share the results of the Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey. It is pleasing to see that our Council compared to other Victorian councils scored 11 points higher overall than the state-wide average. Thank you to the residents who responded. Read the next page to find out more.

Our 2023 Make Your Move Ambassadors are featured this month. Read about the ways they are encouraging all Greater Dandenong residents to be more active on page 6.

National Homelessness Week was held from 7–13 August to raise awareness of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Read about Council's advocacy on page 7.

I particularly love the cover of this edition as it celebrates our city's cultural diversity in a very colourful way. You can read more about what makes our city so unique on page 10.

Enjoy the last month of winter.

Mayor
Cr Eden Foster

My City

Pet registrations are due by 9 April each year as the law requires all cats and dogs over the age of three months to be registered with Council.

Heavily discounted fees are offered for desexed pets and those aged over 10 years.

To register your pet visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/pet-registration or phone 8571 1000.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respect to their Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters.



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Front cover: Kuchipudi dancers from Shyama Dance who performed at the Noble Park Community Fun Day. Photographer: Hilton Stone



Community Satisfaction Survey Results

 **For the 11th year in a row, the Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey has assessed Greater Dandenong City Council's performance across a range of measures and compared Council's results to other Victorian councils.**

Greater Dandenong City Council continues to outperform the metropolitan and state averages in seven out of eight categories in the state-wide annual community satisfaction survey, with the eighth category 'Customer Service' equal to the metropolitan average.

This year Council achieved an overall performance score of 67 which was five points higher than the metropolitan average and 11 points higher than the state-wide average.

Performance Measure	Council	Metro average	State-wide average
Overall performance	67	62	56
Community consultation (community consultation and engagement)	59	55	52
Value for money	61	56	49
Making community decisions (decisions made in the interests of the community)	60	55	51
Sealed local roads (conditions of sealed roads)	63	61	48
Customer service	71	71	67
Overall Council direction	53	49	46
Waste management	72	68	66

Mayor, Cr Eden Foster said: "Council is proud of our results and we thank our residents for providing the valuable feedback we need to hear to help improve our service delivery".


The survey results also found that:

- ▶ Council scored highest in waste management with a score of 72, which compares to the metropolitan average of 68
- ▶ residents identified waste management as the best thing about Council, closely followed by diversity, parks and gardens, library services and facilities, and customer service
- ▶ areas for improvement included sealed road maintenance, parking availability, general maintenance of public areas and public safety
- ▶ the areas identified as being most important to our community were waste management, elderly support services, local streets and footpaths, and sealed local roads
- ▶ 67 per cent of residents surveyed are concerned about climate change and 78 per cent believe that it is important for Council to respond to its impacts.

 **A copy of the full report is available on Council's website at greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/community-satisfaction-survey**

National Field Services phone residents on behalf of Council on a quarterly basis to seek feedback for the annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.



 **Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria (KABV) has announced that Council's Keep it Clean campaign has been shortlisted for the 2023 Tidy Towns and Cities – Sustainability Awards (litter category).**

The Keep it Clean campaign aims to combat illegal dumping and street littering by utilising social media, signage, and billboards to raise awareness throughout our municipality and to further promote Council's free hard rubbish collection service.

 **For more information on Council's Keep it Clean campaign visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keep-it-clean**

For more information on KABV visit kabvic.org.au/shortlisted-litter-entries-2023

I Cook Foods drops case against Council

Greater Dandenong City Council CEO, Jacqui Weatherill said the case against Council was dismissed by the Court following a day-long mediation between I Cook Foods and Council on Tuesday 25 July.

"The fact that the claims were dropped shows that there was no substance to any of the claims made against Council and its officers.

"Nothing was paid by Council to I Cook Foods. Both I Cook Foods and Council have agreed to pay their own legal costs.

"We will also continue to focus on the welfare of our staff involved in this case. Council has been doing everything it can to support them through this issue," Jacqui said.

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are held in the chambers of the Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong, commencing at 7pm.

Upcoming meetings will be held on:

- ▶ **Monday 14 August**
- ▶ **Monday 28 August.**

You can ask questions during Public Question Time and watch our Council meetings live via our webcast service.

AUGUST

Connect with us to learn about community consultation opportunities and the latest decisions made.

Hear questions from our residents and find out the many ways your Councillors are serving the community.

➔ **To view meetings online or to find out more about Public Question Time visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-meetings**

▶ Noble Park Ward



There is always so much happening across the Noble Park Ward, and this month is no different.

I want to share that the Noble Park Revitalisation Board is funding streetscape upgrades to Leonard Avenue. The works will enhance the village character of Noble Park.

Works started in May and weather permitting should be finished by the end of September. Workers will endeavour to minimise disruption to local traders, but the works have required the temporary closure of some on-street parking.

The Noble Park Revitalisation Board has supported community and Council-led projects that have breathed new life into Noble Park. Late last year a beautiful new park at 2A Frank Street was opened to the public, creating a green corridor between Ross Reserve, Aubrey Moss Memorial Gardens and Copas Park. The second stage of this development, which is being funded by Council, includes a picnic shelter, which should be in place by the end of the year.

In addition to Council funding road projects, we also seek funding from the Federal Government's Black Spot Program to install safety measures at locations with a history of traffic accidents. We have received \$484,000 to improve the safety on Railway Parade, Noble Park, to install raised safety platforms and line marking between

Cr Sophie Tan



Cr Sophie Tan with Lee Tarlamis OAM MP, Labor Member for the South Eastern Metropolitan Region in the Victorian Legislative Council and Chair of the Noble Park Revitalisation Board

Chandler Road and Bennet Street. Detailed designs have been completed and works are due to be completed by December.

A new service delivered by Greater Dandenong Libraries in the form of a Library Locker is coming. Residents in Noble Park will be able to pick up requested items locally and return them via the new Library Locker. The library team is looking for a central and accessible site for the lockers, and library patrons will be informed once the new service is operational.

If you are not a library member join now so you can take advantage of this upcoming new service.



If you have any local issues you would like to discuss, please contact me via email at sophie.tan@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone on 0466 793 727.

Cr Bob Milkovic

► Dandenong North Ward



If you haven't visited Tirhatuan Park then you are really missing out. It's one of the best places to experience nature in Greater Dandenong.

Recently Council put the finishing touches on the new jetty, unveiling it at the Discover Dandenong Creek Festival in April. The old jetty was in poor condition and in need of an upgrade to comply with current safety standards.

The floating jetty was constructed offsite and installed over a couple of days. Surrounding landscape works were also completed in time for the Festival, which celebrated how important the Dandenong Creek is in supporting native flora and fauna across Greater Dandenong and beyond.

Another recent project carried out in the Dandenong North Ward was the upgrade and installation of two streetlights outside the Carlton Road shops. A new

light was installed next to the laneway directly in front of the shops, while a second light across the road had a more powerful LED light installed.

Shopkeepers spoke to Council about their concerns that the street was not well lit for customers coming and going at night, so I am pleased that Council was able to rectify this and make this area safer for all.

I would like to make a shoutout to a local charity making a difference in the lives of families doing it tough. Earlier this year I helped launch the Magical Getaway Foundation's market at Menzies Hall. The Foundation gifts much needed holidays to families who have never experienced one, helping to make these 'magical getaways' a reality.



In the meantime, you can contact me with Council related matters via email at bob.milkovic@cgd.vic.gov.au or by phone on 0435 237 051.

Cr Rhonda Garad

► Keysborough South Ward



After eight years of community advocacy, construction of the Keysborough South Community Hub has finally begun. Located at the corner of Chapel and Villiers Roads, the Hub will offer a range of services, programs and meeting spaces. Our Mayor and CEO, and State Government Ministers Stitt and Richardson, Dhani Chandra and Heather Louis, Council staff and I recently attended the 'turning of the sod'.

One of my greatest joys since joining Council was attending the soft launch of the *One Tree Per Child* initiative, where 70 Keysborough Gardens Primary School students braved the freezing weather. A sincere thanks to the Principal and staff for their support.

I introduced this initiative to Council with the vision that every child in Greater Dandenong will plant a tree while in primary school. We also held a second major event with the renowned John Dee (Planet Ark), who co-founded the *One Tree Per Child* initiative with the late Olivia Newton-John. As part of this program 800 students from 14 schools planted more than two thousand tree seedlings on National Tree Day for Schools.

Our two dog parks look fantastic, thanks to the incredible work of volunteers and Council's Parks team. We're initiating regular meetups with myself, Council staff and friends of the dog park to be safe and enjoyable places for all. Particular attention will be given to providing protection from weather for dogs and owners, and the transition of larger dogs from the old park.

Lastly, there may be some of you who are aware of plans to convert the Keysborough Golf Club into a housing development. This project has a long way to go, including passing an amendment in Parliament. I firmly believe the residents of Keysborough South should have a say in this and I'm pushing for a comprehensive consultation process. I'm also doorknocking on weekends. If you'd like me to visit your street, please let me know.

I'll keep you updated on all these issues and more on my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RhondaGarad4KeysboroughSouthWard/>.



Feel free to contact me anytime via Facebook messenger, phone on 0435 107 584, or email at rhonda.garad@cgd.vic.gov.au



L-R: Cr Rhonda Garad, Mayor Cr Eden Foster, Junior Mayor Tasneem



Hi, my name is Tasneem and I am the 2023 Junior Mayor for the City of Greater Dandenong.

I am so grateful to be able to share some of my amazing opportunities this year and what a difference they have made to me.

I have taken part in two Council events recently, the Reconciliation Week event in Springvale and the *One Tree Per Child* tree planting initiative.

I made speeches at each event and immersed myself in Australia's Traditional Custodian history and culture. I learnt more about going green and what it means for everyone to protect, preserve and foster the environment. If we take care of mother nature it will take care of us. The *One Tree Per Child* initiative is an example of an action that helps us get further to a carbon emission-free future with pollution-free air.

In my opinion we should be the voice of a generation and I think incorporating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and perspectives into schools is extremely important. We can help to achieve reconciliation by educating all Australians about the Traditional



Custodians of the land we often take for granted. As we are the future of Australia, it is especially vital for us to learn about the different aspects of their rich culture and implement their sustainable practices as well.

The City of Greater Dandenong is a child-friendly city and kids from all local areas have a say. It means so much for me to experience just how much the Council does for us and how it can be overlooked by many. The opportunities for the youth are amazing in Greater Dandenong and I advise anyone to step out of their comfort zone and give a new opportunity a go.

2023 Make Your Move Ambassadors

Council encourages all residents to live a more active lifestyle through the Make Your Move program.

The program has three new ambassadors who will use their local influence to help people get active and make their move.



Sanil from Keysborough

Upcoming immunisation sessions

Immunisation sessions are held regularly for residents.

The sessions are free and provide important vaccinations to prevent diseases such as Whooping Cough, Hepatitis, Tetanus, Pneumococcal Pneumonia, Measles and Meningococcal disease. The Influenza vaccination is also recommended and available for all children from six months to five years of age.

Bookings are required for your child's immunisations.



To make an appointment visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/immunisation or phone 8571 1000.



Caroline from Dandenong

and fast, it can be a slow flow as long as you are moving your body,” Caroline said.

Keysborough General Practitioner (GP) Sanil is passionate about promoting the benefits of health and wellbeing to his patients and leads by example in his community.

“Some suggestions I tell my patients when trying to improve their mental health is to go for a walk in the fresh air and open space, grab a coffee and have a chat with a friend or there are apps available to also use,” Sanil said.

Keysborough school student Gemma loves to dance and do cross country running and said getting active can help with both body and mind.

“It’s important to be active. You can kick a ball, throw a frisbee or ride a bike. It helps you to be social and play with your friends,” Gemma said.



➔ Find ways to make your move and visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/make-your-move-ambassadors to find out more.



Gemma from Keysborough



Wellness advocate Caroline from Dandenong enjoys using her local green spaces and is passionate about health and wellbeing through ‘movement’.

“My advice to others about making their move would be to reframe thinking of movement as exactly that - so not exercise. When I started to think of moving my body it included gentle movement. It doesn’t have to be hard



Homelessness

➔ **Statistics released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics earlier this year showed Greater Dandenong has the highest number of homeless people across Victoria.**

On Census night in 2021 there were 2366 people who were homeless, including people sleeping rough, couch surfing and living in boarding houses or other temporary accommodation.

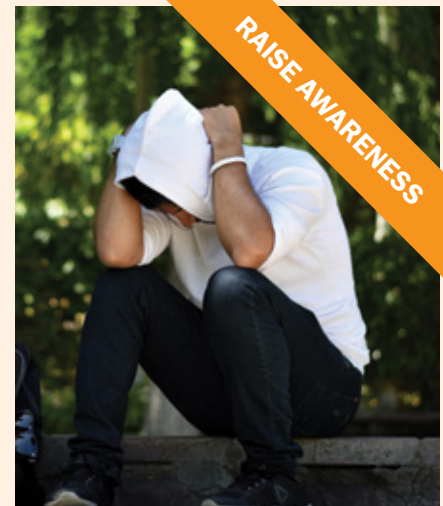
The Dandenong Zero Project was launched in July 2022 by Greater Dandenong City Council and Launch Housing. Figures released monthly by the project show the issue continues

to grow, you can view these figures at melbournezero.org.au/progress.

The project is supported by local service providers and aims to end rough sleeping on the streets of Greater Dandenong. The journey out of homelessness is long, up to 15 years in some cases, and there is a desperate need for more affordable and public housing.

The Dandenong Zero Project is making some inroads in this space, but Council continues to advocate to State and Federal governments for more local social and affordable housing, as well as increases to rent assistance payments, JobSeeker rates and liveable income supports for people seeking asylum.

About one-third of the people sleeping rough in Greater Dandenong are from the culturally and linguistically diverse communities including people seeking asylum. Along with restrictive visa conditions, the lack of family



and friends to offer support means these people are at a greater risk of homelessness.

➔ Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au for more information.

There's something for everyone in Greater Dandenong

Friendly reminders

Clarification – fried foods at sporting grounds

You may have seen recent media coverage relating to the use of deep fryers at Council's sporting grounds.

Some of these stories have been misreported. Council has not banned fried food, nor any type of food at sporting facilities.

Visit our website to find out the facts.

Council is working with local sporting clubs to better understand their needs and how they can be met in a safe way.

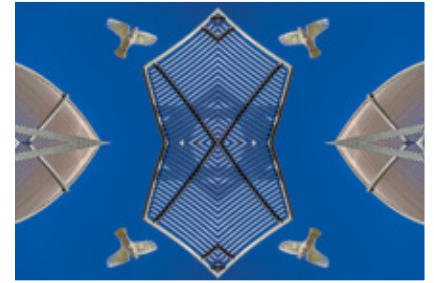
WILAM BIIK exhibition

Until Friday 8 September

Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

Tuesdays–Fridays, 12pm–4pm

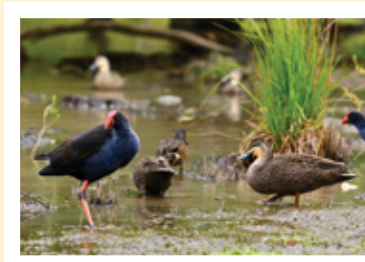
Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/wilambiik



Dandenong Wetlands Community Planting Day

Saturday 19 August, 10am–1pm

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/greater-dandenong-council/events/dandenong-wetlands-planting-day



Mindful Mark Marking

Wednesday 23 August, 7pm

Online event hosted by Arts in Greater Dandenong

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/greater-dandenong-council/events/mindful-mark-making

Voice to Parliament

Council supports a 'yes' vote for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

Our role is to also share information on the importance, purpose and process of the Voice referendum so you can make your own informed decision. The Australian Electoral Commission has released 'yes' and 'no' pamphlets, visit aec.gov.au/referendums/2023-referendum.htm



IT'S TIME TO RECOGNISE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES IN THE CONSTITUTION THROUGH A VOICE

Electronic Sound Workshop

Wednesday 23 August, 6pm–7.30pm

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/greater-dandenong-council/events/mess-electronic-sound-workshop

Botanical Drawing – Art Series

Tuesday 22 August, 6.30pm

Dandenong Library

Visit libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries/events/botanical-drawing-art-series

Arts, Identity and Indigenous Storytelling exhibition

Until Friday 1 September

Garnar Lane Light Boxes

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/public-art/garnar-lane-display-boxes



Free Cat Desexing Available until Saturday 30 September, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/free-desexing-cats

All Abilities Badminton
@ Springers Leisure Centre, every Wednesday, 6pm

Springvale Urban Harvest
@ Springvale Community Hub, second Saturday of the month, 1pm

Dad's Group @ Dandenong Library, every second Friday and @ Springvale Library every second Tuesday, various times

South East Leisure's newly opened **Noble Park Aquatic Aquatic Centre (NPAC)** gym is now operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, visit nobleparkaquaticcentre.com.au



Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve Spring Thing

Sunday 3 September, 11am–3pm

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/spring-opening

Through My Eyes exhibition

Until Sunday 22 October

Harmony Square Windows

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/exhibitions/harmony-square-exhibition-windows

Visit the **Dandenong Market** to enjoy a host of delights on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, visit dandenongmarket.com.au



Afghan Bazaar Cultural Tour, Saturday 9 September, 6pm, to book visit drumticketing.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

Day trips throughout Victoria for local seniors on our community bus, to book your place on the community bus visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au or phone 8571 5556

Please visit our website and social media platforms for updates, as event details may change.



To submit your event for our website and Council news visit: greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/promote-your-event

Parkrun @ Dandenong Park, Every Saturday, 7.45am

Jan Wilson Community Centre hosts a range of fun activities for all ages and abilities, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-venues/jan-wilson-community-centre

Carers Walking Group
@ Burden Park, first Thursday of the month, 10am

Little Day Out

Sunday 17 September, 11am–4pm

Ross Reserve, Noble Park

This year's theme is 'Up in the Sky', visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au





Sustainability Champion

Zoë Mohl won the Sustainability Award at the Greater Dandenong Australia Day Awards in recognition of her efforts to help everyone live more sustainably.

The Canadian native and mother of two has brought her passion of the three R's – reduce, reuse, recycle – to her new home, and is sharing her love for the environment.

“The connections I have made in the community are amazing. We need to be more vocal and demand change,” Zoë said.

She shares sustainable living tips through the Friends of Victoria Avenue



Mayor Cr Eden Foster and Sustainability Award winner Zoë Mohl

Reserve Group and a monthly clothing swap at Springvale Community Hub.

“If we provide the community with more options and show them how easily we can make changes then they could wake up tomorrow and make a choice for change. Every little bit helps,” Zoë said.

The Springvale Community Hub Clothes Swap is held on the second Saturday of every month, at 5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale, from 1pm–3pm.



Our Greater Dandenong community is unique



We are proudly the most culturally diverse community in Australia.

Data from the 2021 census reveals our residents come from at least 154 different birthplaces. Almost two-thirds (63 per cent) were born overseas and nearly three-quarters (72 per cent) speak a language other than English at home.

Mayor, Cr Eden Foster said our diversity is our strength and something that we work to celebrate.

“Regardless of your background we welcome everyone here in the City of Greater Dandenong and we want people to feel at home.

“The wealth of culture, customs and knowledge that we all share, honour and celebrate is what makes our city so special and unique,” said the Mayor.

Every part of our city recognises our diversity, from the Afghan Bazaar and Little India in Dandenong, to the Asian influences of Sensational Springvale, our global community is celebrated in the food, fashion, entertainment and retail experiences on offer.

“Every week I attend community gatherings and festivities celebrating cultures and traditions from all over the world. This diversity makes our community vibrant, and I am proud to represent our unique community,” said the Mayor.

Census 2021 data revealed the top birthplaces and languages spoken in Greater Dandenong.

Birthplaces	Languages
Australia 38%	English
Vietnam 9%	Vietnamese
India 7%	Khmer
Sri Lanka 4%	Cantonese
Cambodia 4%	Punjabi
China 2.5%	Greek
Afghanistan 1.8%	Sinhalese
New Zealand 1.6%	Mandarin
Italy 1.5%	Arabic
England 1.5%	Italian



Dumping rubbish is illegal.
Getting your hard rubbish collected is free and easy.
Phone 8571 1000 or scan the QR code for collection.




Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/community-services/our-diverse-community to find out more.



Secondary school students at Climate Changers Forum

Climate Changers Forum

 **Local secondary school students have shared their concerns about climate change at the Climate Changers Forum.**

Hosted by Council's Youth and Family Services team alongside the Strategic and Environmental Planning department the engaging day featured interactive workshops and presentations.

Sixty students from five local schools developed their environmental leadership skills and shared their thoughts and concerns about climate change.

One participant said: "Climate change is real. It's affecting our planet and we need to do something about it".

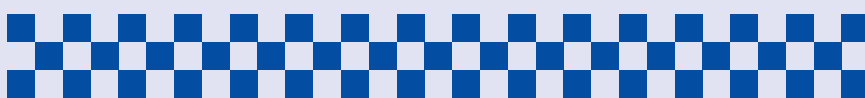
The day revealed that young people in Greater Dandenong are worried about:

- ▶ global warming and natural disasters
- ▶ the future of our planet
- ▶ impacts of climate change on animals, leading to extinction.

Although young people were concerned about climate change, they were hopeful about the progress that could be made if we act now. Students brainstormed ideas to tackle climate change and make a positive environmental impact – individually, at school, and as a community.

One student said: "Creating change starts with us. There are small actions that we can take every day to make a difference".

Another encouraged others to take action saying: "There are so many ways to help save the planet – big or small, all efforts are valuable".



Community safety

My property has been stolen, what now?

If your property has been stolen do not confront the thief. Your safety is more important than your belongings.

Instead, immediately phone Victoria Police.

If the thief is still there and you need immediate attendance phone 000.

If you do not need Victoria Police to attend immediately phone the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or report the theft online at police.vic.gov.au

Contact your bank to cancel any bank cards as soon as you can.

Save the date

Dandenong Community Safety Forum

Tuesday 22 August
6.30pm–8.30pm
Dandenong Council Chambers

 **For more information phone Jenny Kurjan on 8571 5230**



The Home of Earthly Delights, David Lee Pereira and Goodie, 2020

Revisit *The Home of Earthly Delights*

Artists: David Lee Pereira and Goodie Completed: 2020

Documented by Phil Soliman

Location: Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre, Dandenong

The public mural *The Home of Earthly Delights* represents the artists' individual voices as members of the queer community and their broader perspectives.

During painting of the mural, in 2020, local queer artists and community members were invited to engage with the artists and share their experiences.

The artists said they are grateful for the opportunity to tell their stories through work on this scale, and hope it inspires more people to tell their own stories.

 **For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/permanent-public-art/home-earthly-delights**



Council supports **Wear it Purple Day** on Friday 25 August, a day that strives

to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people. To find out more visit wearitpurple.org



We value the ideas and opinions of our community so 'have your say' on our current consultations by visiting our website at greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/have-your-say

LOVE your libraries



Libraries At Dusk

Activities run on Thursday evenings during school terms, this fantastic series provides opportunities to be social while learning creative skills.

Events on offer include workshops, film screenings, games nights and more. Come along for a snack and free cup of tea or coffee and make some new friends.

For more information visit libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/lad



Children's Book Week show

Dandenong Library
Saturday 26 August
3pm–3.45pm

Suitable for families, come with us on a magical adventure as we celebrate Children's Book Week.

CARP Productions will perform a special Book Week show. Join this magical adventure to explore some of the 2023 shortlisted books.

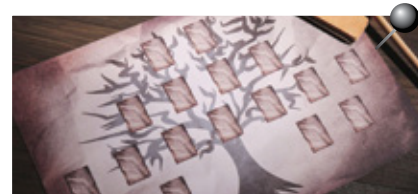
To register visit libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries/events/childrens-book-week-show

Dress Up Storytime

Dandenong and Springvale Libraries
Thursday 24 August
10.30am–11am

Children from ages three years and up are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character and enjoy fancy dress fun and stories for a special Book Week Storytime session.

For more information visit libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries/events



Family History Month – Search Your Ancestry

Explore databases and get tips on how to help grow your understanding of your family tree. You can also discover more about DNA testing.

For more information visit libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries/events



Warm Winter Reads

Delve into handpicked books that take you away to snow covered landscapes and heart-warming adventures. Chosen by esteemed authors, these recommendations will ignite your imagination.

For book recommendations visit libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/blog/warm-winter-reads-get-reading-now

Visit libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries/events to find out more about library programs and activities.

Greater Dandenong Libraries offer a fantastic variety of free programs and activities across our Dandenong and Springvale branches for early years, youth and adults.

STEAM Festival

Throughout August

Discover all things STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) this month.

Bridging the digital divide, Greater Dandenong Libraries support this year's theme *Innovation: Powering Future Industries* for Science Week.

All the local libraries' festivities will highlight how STEAM can innovate creative solutions to real-life problems.

For more information visit libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/steam-fest

Libraries Change Lives

Victorian public libraries change lives by offering communities a place to learn, create and belong.

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Great theatre, just down the road

NEW DATE Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman

Tuesday 15 August, 7pm

Set in post-war America, this timeless drama explores the themes of the American Dream, family and the human condition.



Death of a Salesman

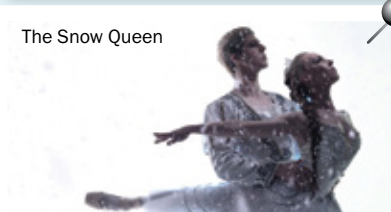
The Grigoryan Brothers: This Is Us – A Musical Reflection of Australia

Thursday 17 August, 10.30am

Experience original work inspired by objects from the National Museum of Australia's collection.



The Grigoryan Brothers



The Snow Queen



Promises, Promises

The Snow Queen

**Saturday 19 August, 7.30pm
Sunday 20 August, 2.30pm**

Based on the well-known classic fairy tale of Hans Christian Andersen, The Snow Queen is a beautiful ballet that portrays the heart-warming story of the young Gerda and her struggle against an evil and icy foe.

Promises, Promises

Saturday 26 August, 5pm

Internationally acclaimed vocalist, Janet Ross-Fahy, and band will swing and croon you through the hits of the magical collaboration of Burt Bacharach and Hal David.

Music That Moves You



Crazy Arms

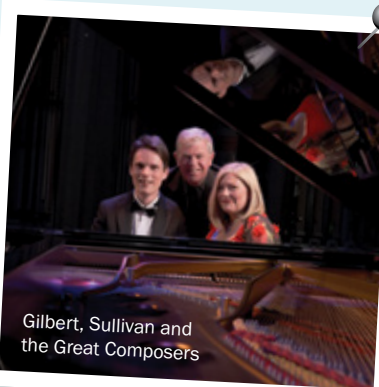
Thursday 19 October, 10.30am

Gilbert, Sullivan and the Great Composers

Thursday 16 November, 10.30am

Echoes of Pink Floyd

Friday 17 November, 8pm



Gilbert, Sullivan and the Great Composers



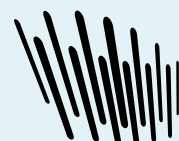
Echoes of Pink Floyd

Just Announced

Rent

*Presented by Escapees
Theatre Company*

**Thursday 5 October, 7.30pm
Friday 6 October, 7.30pm
Saturday 7 October, 1.30pm
Saturday 7 October, 7.30pm**



Drum THEATRE

**To book your tickets visit
drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au**

Hyzon Motors invests in Noble Park

 Mayor, Cr Eden Foster recently attended the opening of Hyzon Motors, Australia's first purpose-built assembly plant in Noble Park for zero-emissions, hydrogen-powered commercial vehicles.

The plant opened in partnership with the RACV has future capacity to produce more than 1000 vehicles every year and represents a \$50 million investment into the local economy.

Hyzon Motors has delivered Australia's first locally engineered and manufactured hydrogen fuel cell electric truck and uses local talent to build and test fuel cell vehicles in Victoria for the global market.

The Mayor said it is exciting to see this global company based in our municipality.

"I am impressed to hear Hyzon Motors recognise the importance of upskilling local engineers and technicians to work in this specialised field, keeping jobs local," the Mayor said.



John Edgley, President of International Operations of Hyzon Motors Australia said the new manufacturing facility was a 'real game changer' for reducing emissions (decarbonisation) in Australia and New Zealand.

"Hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles will play a vital role in the decarbonisation of the transport sector and is a key component of Australia's fuel security strategy into the future," Mr Edgley said.

 Visit hyzonmotors.com.au for more information.

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Looking to develop, relocate, invest or start a business in Greater Dandenong?

Contact Council's business team to learn how they can support you and your business.

For more information:

 business@cgd.vic.gov.au

 **8571 1550**

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- Springvale Fresh
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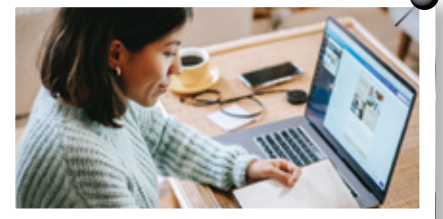


DID YOU KNOW

we can organise group bookings for 8-16 people available upon request.



For more information and bookings visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/tours or phone 8571 1550



Business Plan Accelerator Workshop

**Tuesday 5 and
Wednesday 6 September**

**Tuesday 24 and
Wednesday 25 October**

8.30am-3.30pm

**Dandenong Civic Centre
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong**

FREE

If you are looking to start a new business, expand an existing business or develop a business idea then this is the workshop for you.

On completion, you will have a tailored plan that can be reviewed by one of the business advisors.

This program is funded by the Australian Government, supported by Council and facilitated by Transcend.



To register visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

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GET YOUR FLU SHOT AND COVID VACCINE AT THE SAME TIME

This winter, we know what to do to stay well against COVID and the flu. Book now with your pharmacist or doctor.

Find out more at [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

Support to go solar



You can join the growing number of residents locally to save money on your energy bills while creating a cleaner future.

Over 5,400 homes in the area have had solar panel (PV) systems installed with the help of rebates provided through the Victorian Government's Solar Homes Program.

The Solar Homes Program offers rebates of up to \$1,400 for solar panel (PV) system installations for eligible Victorians who own existing homes, homes under construction and rental properties. Interest-free loans are also offered to further reduce upfront costs and improve energy efficiency in your home.

Through the Solar Homes Program, Greater Dandenong residents may also be eligible for rebates of up to \$1,000 towards the installation of an energy efficient hot water system.

By installing solar and upgrading your hot water system you can save substantially on your energy bills. The application process is quick and easy.

Visit [solar.vic.gov.au](https://www.solar.vic.gov.au) to learn more.



Social Knitwork members at Dandenong Library

Social Knitwork



For the past nine years, the Social Knitwork has been meeting once a week at the Dandenong Library to connect with like-minded people, to knit colourful items for charity and to share morning tea.

The group kindly donated their creative knitted toys, blankets, beanies, infant clothes and scarves recently to Fleur Smolenaers from Uniting Vic.Tas to pass on to those in need.

The Social Knitwork welcomes new members of all abilities who would like to help create knitted items for worthy causes. The group meets every Wednesday from 10am–12pm at the Dandenong Library.

The group is also seeking 8ply wool donations so they can continue their valuable work. Please leave your wool donations for the Social Knitwork at the Dandenong Library service desk.



For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries](https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries) or call Margaret on 9795 1238.

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