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## Customer Service Centres

### Dandenong Civic Centre

225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

### Springvale Community Hub

5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

### Keysborough Customer Service

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Police / Fire / Ambulance.....000

Street lighting faults /

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United Energy..... 13 20 99

Traffic signal faults /

non-operational..... 8571 1000

Hoon Hotline..... 1800 333 000

Hard Waste Collection

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Services..... 9721 1915

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RSPCA..... 9224 2222

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Springvale Police..... 8558 8600

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# Mayor's message

## Welcome to the September issue of Greater Dandenong Council News.

After a cold winter, spring has finally sprung and we are celebrating. This month is Biodiversity Month, and we encourage our community to get outdoors and take part in the Biodiversity Blitz. Turn to page 10 to find out more.

School holidays are coming up, which means it is once again time for our annual Children's Festival including the Little Day Out on Sunday 17 September. This year we look to the sky for inspiration. Read more on the next page.

A new customer portal has been introduced to improve your interaction with Council and to help you find the key information you need, from rates payments and pet registrations to your local rubbish bin days. See page 7 to find out more.

Council has also introduced some new local laws recently, including a cat curfew and a law to protect our tree canopy. Read more about these changes on page 11.

I hope you all enjoy the beauty of this new season.

Mayor  
Cr Eden Foster



## My City

### Heatwaves affect more Australians than any other natural disaster.

Council will host a *Prepare for a Heatwave* virtual emergency management exercise on 19 September.

Guest speakers from the Department of Health, Ambulance Victoria, Forest Fire Management Victoria and Council will be in attendance.



Learn more about what to do to stay safe in a heatwave emergency.



Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/emergency-management-exercise](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/emergency-management-exercise) for more information.

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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## Deckchair movies



Join us for some great family movies during the school holidays. Bring your family and friends and a picnic for a series of free screenings.

- ▶ **Puss in Boots: The Last Wish**  
Monday 18 September,  
Springvale Community Hub, 6pm
- ▶ **Ponyo**  
Wednesday 20 September,  
Springvale Community Hub, 6pm
- ▶ **Minions: The Rise of Gru**  
Friday 22 September,  
Springvale Community Hub, 6pm
- ▶ **Paddington 2**  
Monday 25 September,  
Harmony Square, Dandenong, 6pm
- ▶ **Sonic the Hedgehog 2**  
Wednesday 27 September,  
Harmony Square, Dandenong, 6pm



## Blackspot grant funding



Council's Transport Team has been successful in securing funding of \$2,251,000 for five road safety improvement projects under the 2023-24 Federal Blackspot program.

The successful projects include signal improvements at Hammond Road and Logis Boulevard in Dandenong South; installation of raised safety platforms along Athol Road in Springvale South, View Road in Springvale, Woodlee Street in Dandenong and Brady Road in Dandenong North.



For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/parking-roads-and-transport/road-safety](https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/parking-roads-and-transport/road-safety)

[www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au)

## Children's Festival takes flight



Council is proud to celebrate our youngest residents during our annual Children's Festival.

Join us for a range of fun activities and workshops across the upcoming school holidays. With the theme *Up in the Sky* the festival will focus on all things you can find in the sky, including insects, butterflies, birds, planes, rockets and planets.

The Festival will take flight with the headline event Little Day Out at Ross Reserve, Noble Park on Sunday 17 September from 11am-4pm.

Families are invited to join us for a day full of fun activities, live entertainment and delicious food.

The rest of the school holidays will be full of events to keep children aged 5-12 years entertained across venues including Drum Theatre, Dandenong and Springvale Libraries and Springvale Community Hub.



Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/childrens-festival](https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/childrens-festival) to see a full calendar of events.

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

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](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-meetings)**

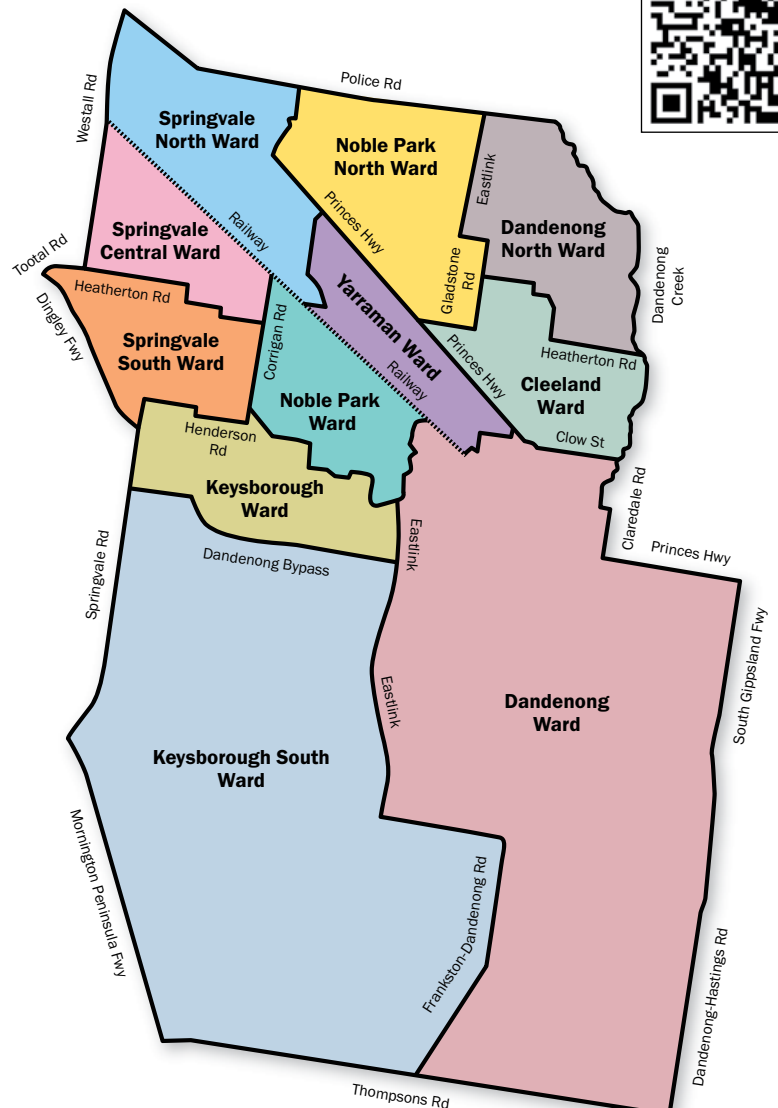
## Council Meetings

**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 11 September**
- ▶ **Monday 25 September.**

## Greater Dandenong Ward Map



## Cr Tim Dark

► Keysborough Ward



**With the recent release of the 2023–24 Annual Budget, I can confirm there will be plenty of projects taking shape across the Keysborough Ward in the coming year.**

Following the completion last year of the new netball court and quarter practice court at Rowley Allan Reserve, Council is investing in more improvements to this reserve. We have committed to upgrading the oval floodlights and behind goal fencing to protect netball players from stray footballs. The car park will also be reconfigured to allow for safer pedestrian access. Funding has been set aside to create a design for female-friendly changerooms in the sports pavilion and I will continue to advocate for funding to see these upgrades completed as soon as possible.

The Frederick Wachter Reserve has also seen a number of upgrades over the years. As I mentioned in my last

column, works to upgrade floodlighting at Keysborough Tennis Club have been completed. Council will also begin works on a floodlighting upgrade to the north oval as well as an upgrade to the public toilets at the reserve.

Our youngest residents won't have much longer to wait for the completion of the playground upgrade, as they are due to finish soon. Council will also be installing new park furniture in the nearby picnic area, as well as increasing the tree canopy cover to provide shade and shelter from the elements. A total of \$100,000 has been put aside to complete these works.

I am working to see another project listed in the Frederick Wachter Master Plan to commence soon. This is the design of the multi-court space for informal recreation. I will continue to advocate for this project to be completed soon.



► Please contact me anytime at [tim.dark@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:tim.dark@cgd.vic.gov.au) or phone 0466 403 914.

## Cr Sean O'Reilly

► Springvale North Ward



**I was thrilled to see so many people come out to celebrate winter in Springvale at the recent Springvale Snow Fest. This annual award-winning festival is one of Council's biggest events and provides a great boost to local businesses. Greater Dandenong is home to a thriving business community that employs many local people. We are committed to supporting our businesses.**

Ross Reserve in Noble Park has undergone a lot of change in recent years. The Ross Reserve Sports Pavilion was completed in April this year and is now being used by local sporting clubs. New electronic scoreboards have been installed and the north oval's floodlighting is almost complete. The synthetic soccer field is due to be completed this month and the athletics track is due to be completed in March 2024. Council will install new coaches' boxes and complete drainage upgrades on the two ovals over the summer months.

Following extensive community consultation, Council is updating the Springvale Reserve Draft Master Plan to ensure this space meets our community's needs for years to come. A number of projects are due to be completed before July 2024, including a new playground, LED floodlighting upgrade at the oval, two netball courts, replacement of coaches' boxes and an upgrade to the pavilion and toilets. These projects are funded by a \$2 million grant from the State Government.

We want to encourage our residents to be active and healthy and the upgrades to our recreation spaces make it easier and more fun to do so.

► Should you wish to discuss any local issues please email me at [sean.oreilly@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:sean.oreilly@cgd.vic.gov.au) or phone 0422 523 258.

## How to pay your rates

**Residents should have received their rates notice for 2023/24.**

Council collects rates to deliver services to the community and offers a number of options to pay.

Your rates notice this year includes a scannable QR code, allowing you to schedule and control your repayments in a way that suits you via the Payble app.

Payble allows you to choose from flexible weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments from a credit card or bank account. The service will remind you with an SMS before each payment is due to be debited from your chosen banking account.



You can also:

- ▶ pay in person at any of Council's customer service centres or Australia Post outlets
- ▶ pay online at **pay.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au** or via BPay through your banking app
- ▶ pay over the phone using a credit card or via BPay using telephone banking.

Rates can be paid in full before 30 September 2023, or in four equal instalments. To qualify for instalments the first payment must be made before 30 September 2023.

➔ Visit [pay.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](https://pay.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) to find out more.



Sustainability mascot Lily Litterbug gets active

## Make Your Move this Spring



**Enjoy the many wonderful outdoor spaces, parks, reserves and playgrounds throughout Greater Dandenong this Spring.**

**throughout Greater Dandenong this Spring.**

There is so much to explore in your own backyard.



Visit Council's website for a list of outdoor spaces near you at [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au)



## Dandenong streets realignment

**A road project to realign Robinson and Mason Streets in central Dandenong has resulted in safer streets, better connectivity, reduced congestion and more green space.**

Works included relocation of the bus stop, planting of six new trees and raised platforms for pedestrian safety.

The project will reduce the number of traffic accidents in the area and improve pedestrian and motorist connection to the Little India precinct and the Dandenong Railway Station.

The eight-week project was completed on time and included road detours as well as temporary changes to bus stops and routes.

A future stage of the project will include more plantings and trees in the open green space.



Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/robinson-mason-realignment](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/robinson-mason-realignment) for more information.

## Soft plastics recycling



**Council is supporting the recycling of soft plastics following the end of the RedCycle program.**

Collection bins have been placed at key locations around the city for soft plastic items, including shopping bags, pasta and rice bags, biscuit packets, vegetable produce bags and frozen food bags.

The collection bins look like your regular kerbside bins but are bright orange at the Dandenong Customer Service Centre, Dandenong Community Building in Clow Street, Springvale Community Hub, Noble Park Aquatic Centre, Jan Wilson Community Centre and Springers Leisure Centre.

Mayor, Cr Eden Foster said the service will reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

“Council has joined forces with Dandenong South company APR Plastics to take these items out of



Sustainability Award winner Zöe Mohl

general waste and see them used to manufacture other plastic products or fuel.

“Many of these plastics can take up to 500 years to break down in landfill, so this is a great way to ensure we reduce, reuse and recycle,” the Mayor said.



Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/soft-plastics) for more information.



## New customer portal

**Council has introduced a new one stop shop for residents and property owners to manage all Council-related tasks and services online.**

You can:

- ▶ view your rates balance and set up flexible payments
- ▶ check your bin day and see which bins to put out
- ▶ view all of your customer service requests
- ▶ view planning applications
- ▶ register pets and pay registration fees
- ▶ quickly access information about your local Councillor
- ▶ see upcoming community events
- ▶ have your say on community consultations.

The portal is available in 133 languages using the Google Translate button on the site and can be customised to view multiple properties from the same account.

More functions will be added as the portal is further developed.



Visit [portal.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://portal.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) for more information and to register.

## What role should Council have in aged and disability services in the future?



**Greater Dandenong City Council is reviewing its future role in aged and disability services.**

All residents should have now received an invitation to become a member of a Community Panel to help shape the future of aged and disability services in Greater Dandenong.

The Community Panel will meet on three occasions at the Dandenong Civic Centre:

- ▶ Wednesday 25 October, 5.30pm–7pm
- ▶ Saturday 28 October, 10am–3pm
- ▶ Saturday 11 November, 10am–3pm.

People of all ages, backgrounds and abilities are invited to apply so the Panel reflects the Greater Dandenong community.

There are also lots of other ways to have your say both in person and online regarding the future of aged and disability services in Greater Dandenong. This includes providing your feedback via online or hard copy surveys, and attending one of our upcoming community pop ups.

Translation services are available to ensure everyone in our community can participate.



Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/aged-care-reforms](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/aged-care-reforms) or phone 8571 1000 to find out more and have your say.

# There's something for everyone in Greater Dandenong

Friendly reminders

## Youth School Holiday Program

There are so many great activities for 12–25-year-olds to take part in these school holidays.

Visit [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) to find out more.

## Voice to Parliament – vote on 14 October

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



For information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/the-voice](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/the-voice) and [yes23.com.au](http://yes23.com.au)

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](http://aec.gov.au/referendums/2023-referendum.htm)

## Save the Date

### Multicultural Community for the Voice



Hosted by Council in partnership with Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria and the Bunurong Land Council

**Sunday 8 October**  
**1pm–3pm**  
**Harmony Square and Council Chambers, Dandenong**

## Greater Dandenong Children's Festival Drawing Competition

Create a drawing with this year's theme *Up in the Sky – how to keep our sky clean*.

Prizes are on offer with three divisions for children 1–5 years, 6–9 years and 10–12 years.

For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/childrens-festival](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/childrens-festival)



## Learn from a Local Employer

Online sessions for jobseekers available to meet local employers. You can learn about employment opportunities, career pathways, skills you need and industry examples.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions and have a conversation in a workshop style session.

For more information and to register visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/learn-from-employer](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/learn-from-employer)

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](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/promote-your-event)

## Celebrate Noble Park

Lights, colours, music, performance and play will combine to celebrate the streets and laneways of Noble Park.

From now until March 2024, Noble Park's community will show off their talents, creativity and pride of place in the Our Street series. Featuring art installations, street performances and village celebrations the program will celebrate the suburb's community spirit.

An initiative of the Noble Park Revitalisation Board, promotions will include:

- ▶ Light Up Our Street in September 2023
- ▶ Colour Our Street in November 2023
- ▶ Perform in Our Street in January 2024
- ▶ Play in Our Street in March 2024.

We encourage Noble Park locals of all ages to create, display and perform in Noble Park over the coming months.

Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/our-street](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/our-street) to learn more.

## Springvale Community Hub 3rd Birthday Party



**Tuesday 19 September**  
**10am–12pm**  
**Springvale Community Hub,**  
**5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale**



## International Peace Day

**Saturday 23 September**  
**11am–5pm**  
**Harmony Square**

Heavenly Culture World Peace  
 Restoration of Light (HWPL)



## Community Planting Day at Somerfield Reserve

**Saturday 16 September**  
**10am–1pm**  
**Westwood Boulevard,**  
**Keysborough**



## Victorian Seniors Festival

Learn, Love, Live– your best life and join the fun locally and across the state during the 2023 Victorian Seniors Festival this October. There are lots of opportunities to participate in free events.

Visit [seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival](http://seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival) for more information.



## Lunar Children Lantern Festival 2023

**Sunday 24 September**  
**11am–7pm**  
**Springvale Community Hub,**  
**5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale**

Vietnamese Community in  
 Australia – Victorian Chapter



## Planting the Park for Biodiversity Month

**Saturday 23 September,**  
**10.30am–2.30pm**  
**Springvalley Reserve,**  
**Springvale South**



Register at [conservationvolunteers.info/USFPlantThePark](http://conservationvolunteers.info/USFPlantThePark)

## Save the Date

### Seniors Afternoon Dance

**Monday 9 October**  
**Menzies Hall**  
**41 Menzies Avenue,**  
**Dandenong North**

## Save the Date

### ABC Radio Melbourne LIVE in Greater Dandenong

**Matt Preston will be live from 8.30am on Saturday 7 October at the Dandenong Market.**

Further live outdoor broadcasts will be scheduled for the second week in October, stay tuned.



Matt Preston



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](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/have-your-say)

## FREE 8-week GO Soccer Mums program



**Wednesdays each week from Wednesday 4 October – Wednesday 22 November**  
**10.30am–11.30am**  
**Ross Reserve, Noble Park**

Register at [gofootball.com.au/play/Pick-your-location/City-of-Greater-Dandenong](http://gofootball.com.au/play/Pick-your-location/City-of-Greater-Dandenong)

## OUR BRIGHT GREEN FUTURE



### Biodiversity Blitz



Every September Greater Dandenong City Council celebrates Biodiversity Month, a chance for the community to get outdoors in nature and contribute to citizen science.

Join us in the great outdoors this month and record all the plants and animals you can see for the 2023 Biodiversity Blitz.

Participating in the Blitz is important and helps us discover vital information about the animals and plant life that call our city home. This information helps us plan for a future that better protects our environment.

Simply head outdoors to take photos of flora and fauna in Greater Dandenong and then upload to the iNaturalist app on your smart phone.

How to join:

**Step 1** – Download the iNaturalist app from your favourite app store

**Step 2** – Register online to participate

**Step 3** – Start recording your observations in the iNaturalist app

Throughout September, Council will host a range of events to support the Blitz.



Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/environmental-events](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/environmental-events) to find out more.



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



## Cat Curfew



**Cats in the City of Greater Dandenong are now subject to a cat curfew, with new rules being put in place to help address cat overpopulation.**

Following extensive community consultation, Councillors voted to introduce a night-time curfew, with cat owners now expected to confine their pets from dusk until dawn. Cats don't need to be indoors if you can confine them to your property.

Cat overpopulation has a big impact on the environment, with wandering cats posing a threat to wildlife in their native habitat. Greater Dandenong is home to many sensitive ecological wetlands and conservation areas that need to be protected.

Greater Dandenong City Council impounds an average of 700 cats per year, at a significant cost, and currently only seven per cent of cats are being claimed by their owners.

If a cat is caught wandering off your property during curfew every effort will be made to return the cat to its owner, but some cats may need to be impounded. Owners will have to pay a fee to release their cat from the pound. Owners will receive a warning the first time their cat breaks curfew and may receive a fine for repeated offences.



Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) for more information.

### Tips to support the cat curfew

- ▶ Feed your cat indoors and keep them inside after their end of day feed.
- ▶ In colder weather ensure there is a warm dry bed to encourage cats to stay inside at night.
- ▶ Install a cat run, cat enclosure or cat-proof fencing so your cat can roam safely on your property.

## Tree Protection Local Law

**After an extensive consultation process Council recently introduced the Tree Protection on Private Land Local Law.**

The new law is designed to safeguard the city's tree canopy by protecting significant trees on private land and means residents will have to obtain a permit to cut down trees over a certain size.

Protected trees have a stem diameter equal to or greater than 40cm. The measurement is taken at 1.4m above ground level. Trees declared noxious weeds or deemed an immediate hazard by a qualified arborist can be removed without a permit.

If you remove a tree covered by the new law you can be fined.

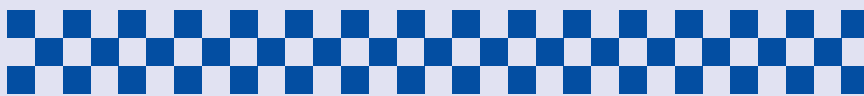
The new law supports the work of Council's *Urban Forest Strategy 2021-28* which aims to improve our tree canopy for the benefit of the whole community.

**Having more mature trees helps reduce the impacts of climate change by cooling our city streets.**

Our current tree canopy level of nine per cent is the lowest in metropolitan Melbourne. Recent research confirms our tree canopy coverage is decreasing at a high rate due to land development, property maintenance, climate change, and pests and diseases.



Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) for more information.



## Community safety

### Prevent home burglaries

Victoria Police offers a theft prevention checklist to protect your home and belongings.

Secure your property's access points, including doors, windows, sheds, pet doors and skylights. Install locks on garages, sheds and letterboxes, and don't hide keys outside your home.

Install a safe to protect valuables in your home and consider GPS trackers or tags for all vehicles.

When you buy new items, like televisions, don't leave the boxes on the nature strip.

If you go on holidays ask a neighbour to collect your mail, put out and bring in your bins, and consider asking someone to park in your driveway. Don't advertise your holiday plans on social media, and if you are away for a while consider getting a house sitter or visit [services.victoria.vic.gov.au](http://services.victoria.vic.gov.au) to register your absence.

Consider also joining your local Neighbourhood Watch group.

Visit [nhw.com.au/groups](http://nhw.com.au/groups) for more information.



**If you see anything suspicious phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

# LOVE your libraries




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



## School Holiday Fun

There are lots of exciting school holiday activities on offer this month including manga drawing, family friendly vegetable gardening, wildlife presentation, paper mosque building, a juggling workshop and much more.

 Visit [libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) to find out more.

## Chronic Pain Support Group


**Every third Thursday of the month until November  
4.30pm–5.30pm**

Are you affected by chronic pain? Consider joining our support group and connect with others who can relate to your experience.



## Work Link Mini-Fest

**Monday 2 October – Friday 13 October**

 The 'Central Employment Hub' priority action group has designed a two-week pop-up hub project at Dandenong Library.

Community members can drop in to see a hub staff member for help with employment pathways.

The project will provide a safe place for local community members to seek support on becoming work-ready and getting meaningful, sustainable employment.

 **Contact GameChange for more information at [gamechange@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:gamechange@cgd.vic.gov.au)**

## New to BorrowBox – eMagazines

Library members can borrow eMagazines on BorrowBox. Find the latest titles on the library website or download the mobile app to read on your device anytime, anywhere.

## Read and Relax Blog



Library staff review their favourite books, movies and more. Discover what is new in the collection, read about the latest titles and get some inspiration for your next read.

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Join our online bookclub. Each month we will read a book from our OverDrive collection and meet online to discuss it. Discussion notes provided.

## Access Global NewsBank



Access over 7,500 newspapers online in English and community languages including The Age, Herald Sun and The Financial Review. Read from home or in the library.

## LOTE4Kids – Storytime in Your Language Online

Watch, learn and enjoy picture books in over 50 languages.



## Libraries Change Lives

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

Visit [libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries/events](http://libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries/events) to find out more about library programs and activities.

## Great theatre, just down the road



**As part of Greater Dandenong Children's Festival, Drum Theatre is filled with child-friendly shows for the whole family to have a fun day out this month.**

### Whalebone

**Thursday 21 September, 2pm**

Telling a tale full of magic and action, **Whalebone** is funny, intriguing and touching. It opens the door to a fantastical world where the future of humanity is under scrutiny.

Performed by the imaginative mind of clown, tinkerer, inventor and comedian Jens Altheimer.



Whalebone

### The Resilience Project with Martin Heppell – 3 Happy Tricks

**Friday 22 September, 11am**

Through music, storytelling and plenty of laughs, *The Resilience Project's* most engaging and entertaining presenter Martin Heppell will teach children aged 5–12 years and their parents '3 Happy Tricks' to support mental health.

### Bon Appetit by Petit Circus

**Thursday 28 September, 10.30am**

**Children under 16 years are FREE with a paying adult.**



Bon Appetit

This delightful, three-person circus show set in a restaurant with incredible circus feats, lots of laughs and a fun premise, this show is engaging for children aged 3+ years and adults too.

*This performance is part of Drum's Encore Program. All Encore tickets include complimentary morning tea before the show from 9.30am and a parking voucher.*

**To book your tickets visit [drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) or phone the Box Office on 8571 1666.**

## The Arts @ Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

### Planetary Gestures

**26 September – 3 November**

Artists: Amrita Hepi, Susie Losch, Raqs Media Collective, Rirkrit Tiravanija, Jimmy John Thaiday and Trevor Yeung.

Planetary Gestures is an exhibition devised to explore ideas surrounding ecological systems, ancient knowledge, celestial blueprints and tidal movements across the land, sea and sky known as Australasia, part of the wider Asia-Pacific and the 'Great Ocean'.

Curated by Tess Maunder, Commissioning Institution NorthSite Contemporary Arts.

**For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/planetarygestures](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/planetarygestures)**



Planetary Gestures

### Creative Project Planning and the Funding Landscape Workshop

**Saturday 7 October, 10am–3pm**

Council in partnership with Burrinja Cultural Centre presents this professional development opportunity to equip you with essential tools and valuable advice to bring your creative ideas to life.



Creative Arts Workshops

Photo credit: Nicola Bailey

### Mother Tongue Community Spheres Workshop

**Tuesday 10 October – Thursday 12 October 9.15am–3pm**

A free three-day program of creative arts workshops led by professional artists to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. English is not a requirement.

## Business grants support local



**Council's Buy Local Business Grants backed local businesses to support other Greater Dandenong enterprises, creating a double benefit for the local economy.**

The grants required businesses to select Greater Dandenong suppliers to fulfil their service requests, ensuring the grant money stayed local. Here are three examples of grant recipients and how they used the funding.

### Granny's Food

Based in a small Dandenong factory, Granny's Food manufactures pre-made healthy and authentic meals. They invested their Buy Local Business Grant in business coaching. They were able to gain valuable insights and expertise to help grow their business. The coaching helped Granny's Food research new equipment and how to use it efficiently,



understand finance options, learn about effective selling strategies and how to deal with the challenges of having a small factory.

### Keys Denture Clinic

Dandenong-based Keys Denture Clinic has already seen the benefits from their Buy Local Business Grant, which they used for web design. Their website has proved to be a great advertising tool resulting in an increase of clients.

The business makes dentures onsite in their own laboratory, and by sharing images regularly via their website they are able to keep customers up to date with new advancements in technology.

### First Ranking Real Estate

This new residential and commercial real estate business opened their doors at the start of 2023. They invested their Buy Local Business Grant in a six-month social media marketing campaign. By outsourcing their marketing efforts, the team at First Ranking Real Estate can concentrate on building relationships with potential clients, including door knocking and making phone calls to expand their business.

Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/business](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/business) for more information about how Council is supporting local businesses.

**GREATER DANDENONG FOOD AND CULTURAL TOURS**

**BOOK YOUR SEAT AT THE TABLE TODAY**

Want a chance to experience delicious food, while learning about the culture behind the food? We offer an authentic food and cultural experience in either Dandenong or Springvale.

**TOUR TYPES:**

- Afghan bazaar
- Little India
- Springvale Fresh
- Off the Menu

**DID YOU KNOW ?**  
we can organise group bookings for 8-16 people available upon request.

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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](mailto:business@cgd.vic.gov.au)

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## Greater Dandenong Australia Day Awards



**Nominations are now open for the 2024 Greater Dandenong Australia Day Awards.**

Do you know someone who is making our city a better place? This is your chance to recognise them.

Mayor, Cr Eden Foster said the awards are the perfect opportunity to celebrate the unsung heroes of our community.

"I encourage everyone to consider the individuals and groups who put others before themselves to improve our city.

"We want to celebrate the wonderful people who make Greater Dandenong the special place it is," said the Mayor.

Greater Dandenong Australia Day Award categories include:

- ▶ Community Leadership Award
- ▶ Young Leader of the Year
- ▶ Volunteer of the Year
- ▶ Sportsperson of the Year
- ▶ Corporate Citizen of the Year
- ▶ Community Group of the Year
- ▶ Sustainability Award
- ▶ Outstanding Contribution to the Arts Award
- ▶ Living Treasure Award.

▶ Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/australia-day-awards](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/australia-day-awards) to find out more and to nominate someone.



Australia Day Award winners



## Ride safe in e-scooter trial

**Under the expansion of a Victorian Government e-scooter trial, the vehicles are now legal to ride under strict rules.**

Riders need to be 16 years or older and are limited to speeds of 20km/h. E-scooters can only be used on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit of 60kms per hour or lower, they are not allowed on the footpath. Riders must wear a helmet and follow the road rules at all times.

E-scooters capable of travelling more than 25km/h are still illegal on our roads.

▶ Visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/e-scooters-in-victoria](https://vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/e-scooters-in-victoria) for more information.



## Neighbourhood Watch

**Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood Watch will this month host a public forum on community safety at Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18 Buckley Street, Noble Park on Wednesday 27 September from 7pm.**

Guest speaker Superintendent Jo Stafford from Victoria Police will talk about her role in the force over the last 25 years and will answer your questions.

▶ For more information phone 0407 325 030 or email [president@nhwgreaterdandenong.org](mailto:president@nhwgreaterdandenong.org)

## Yesteryear: A Glimpse into Greater Dandenong's Past Exhibition

**Until 24 November on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**

**10am–2pm**

Benga, Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens, 66 McCrae Street, Dandenong.

## Health and wellbeing corner



**Here are some tips to help you maintain your mental health and wellbeing.**

- 1. Connect** with the people around you to support and enrich you every day.
- 2. Be active** as discovering a physical activity that you enjoy makes you feel good.
- 3. Take notice** and be curious. Savour the moment and be aware of the world around you.

**4. Keep learning,** try something new. Rediscover an old interest.

**5. Give back** and volunteer your time.

*'You are what you repeatedly do. Excellence, then is not an act, but a habit.'* – Aristotle

▶ For more information visit [5swaystowellbeing.org.au](https://5swaystowellbeing.org.au)

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**Thursday 28 September  
11am to 2pm  
Noble Park Skatepark  
and surrounding area  
Memorial Dr, Noble Park**



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The Greater Dandenong City Council acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.