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A vibrant, connected and safe community

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- ▶ Council has worked with a number of companies across various sectors to assist in creating more opportunities for jobseekers through the Community Revitalising Project. There are currently 160 registered jobseekers with the program and 21 per cent in employment.
- ▶ Library programs increased in participation by seven per cent with 35,036 total program participants throughout the year.
- ▶ The Ian Tatterson pavilion was completed in December 2017 and officially opened along with a new synthetic pitch in June 2018.
- ▶ Council awarded \$1,955,416.86 in grants as part of the Community Funding Program.
- ▶ 180 Council volunteers attended a Volunteer Appreciation Event in May 2018.
- ▶ New lighting and a shared path network have been completed as part of the Dandenong Park masterplan.
- ▶ Family Services engaged a total of 180 families and 486 children, providing a total of 9,418 hours of support.
- ▶ 11 party safe workshops were delivered as part of the Drug and Alcohol project which aims to raise young people's awareness of the harmful effects of substance abuse.
- ▶ The Environmental Health team conducted 1,401 inspections of fixed food premises and food vehicles.
- ▶ The Springvale and Dandenong libraries continue to attract a large number of visitors with 1,100,017 physical visits in 2017–18.

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A creative city that respects and embraces diversity

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- ▶ Council launched its Disability Action Plan.
- ▶ Drum Theatre increased its attendance by 7.75 per cent to 83,246 visitors to theatre events and meetings.
- ▶ Eight events were held including Springvale Snow Fest, Children's Festival, Little Day Out and Sunset Cinema.
- ▶ The Greater Dandenong People Seeking Asylum and Refugees Plan 2018–21 was endorsed by Council in April 2018.
- ▶ The Reconciliation Action Plan was endorsed by Council and launched in March 2018.
- ▶ 23 exhibitions were held across Council's cultural facilities.
- ▶ Council's website attracted 12,762 page views of heritage photos.
- ▶ 11 schools participated in the Children's Advisory Group.

A healthy, liveable and sustainable city

Highlights

- ▶ Council continued to advocate to state and federal members of parliament on the Lyndhurst landfill and the deposit of prescribed industrial waste at Taylor's Road landfill.
- ▶ World Wetlands Day was hosted in February at Tirhatuan Park.
- ▶ Two "Pop-up drive thru" recycle events were held with 1,321 vehicles attending and 127 tonnes of waste collected.
- ▶ 2,491 street and park trees and 26,772 indigenous seedlings were planted across parks and reserves in the municipality.
- ▶ The annual Home Cycle Collection Service was conducted in February 2018 and over 40,000 kilograms of household items was presented for collection.
- ▶ 80 community members attended the Community Clean Up Day in March.
- ▶ Nine projects were delivered through the Active Transport Infrastructure Priority Program.



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A diverse and growing economy

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- ▶ Eight workshops were delivered as part of the food manufacturers collaborative network.
- ▶ 13 small business workshops were conducted in partnership with Kingston City Council.
- ▶ 80 business network activities were delivered including group sessions, events, workshops and programs.
- ▶ 200 secondary school students attended a career event held in partnership with the South East Local Learning and Employment Network (SELLEN).
- ▶ 12 cultural and food tours were conducted across Dandenong and Springvale.

An open and effective Council

Highlights

- ▶ The 2018 Community Satisfaction Survey continued to show positive results from the 400 community members who responded. In six out of seven categories Council outperformed both the metropolitan and state-wide averages.
- ▶ Two community forums requested by Councillors were held.
- ▶ Advocacy continued across a number of important issues including gambling reform, dumped rubbish, road safety, improved public transport options, family violence and mental health.
- ▶ Council's social media channels grew by 13.6 per cent.
- ▶ Users of Council's digital property portal grew by 51.5 per cent.
- ▶ A review of the Council Plan 2017–21 was completed and a new Annual Plan 2018–19 was developed.

A city planned for the future

Highlights

- ▶ Improvements were made to Council's statutory planning processes and new software was implemented.
- ▶ The Sustainable Buildings Policy was adopted at the beginning of the financial year.
- ▶ The review of the Open Space Strategy commenced.
- ▶ Draft master plans for Warner, Frederick Wachter, Burden and Parkfield Reserves have been completed in preparation for community consultation later in 2018.
- ▶ The revised Springvale Activity Centre Structure Plan was finalised and adopted by Council.