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Mayor's message

Welcome to the August edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

While we continue to monitor and adapt to restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to congratulate our community for doing a fantastic job in adhering to the preventative measures that help keep us safe, keep it up.



Food waste recycling is well and truly underway in Greater Dandenong. Council continues its new food waste recycling service where residents with an existing garden waste service can place their food scraps into the garden waste bin. Read more on page 3.

Celebrate science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics during the Greater Dandenong Library Services STEAM Festival. Some of the program will be delivered online and there is something for all ages. Read more on page 10.

Very recently Council had the opportunity to clarify and simplify the operations of our local law. Read more on page 11.

If you are looking for entertainment, we have plenty on offer. Turn to pages 12 and 13 to see what is happening across our city in the arts space and a range of shows at Drum Theatre.

As COVID-19 restrictions slowly ease I want to remind Greater Dandenong residents to be vigilant and maintain social distancing practices, good hand hygiene and get vaccinated if you are eligible. These measures have helped protect so many in our community by slowing the spread and impact of the virus.

I hope you all have a great month.

Mayor
Cr Angela Long

My City



Council engaged well known illustrator, designer and much-loved Melbourne creative Beci Orpin to work with a select number of artistic students from Dandenong West Primary School. The students made creatures out of rocks that have been adapted into a mural design and installation pieces along the shopping strip. Look out for the vibrant mural on Woodward Lane.

Front Cover: Lucky the dog happy to be back home.
Picture: Thomas Barnes.



This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.

Food Waste Recycling



Food waste recycling is well and truly underway in Greater Dandenong.

Since April, residents with an existing garden waste service have been able to place their food scraps into the garden waste bin. Food waste means any food that is left over from meal preparation and plate scrapings, including meat, fish, cheese, rice, pasta and cake.

Approximately 45,400 properties in Greater Dandenong have a garden waste service. Of those residents, over 6,000 households have received their kitchen caddies.

Greater Dandenong City Council would like to thank all residents who have registered for a kitchen caddy and are using the food waste recycling service. Many residents have embraced the new service, using their kitchen caddies whilst preparing meals in the kitchen and playing their part in recycling their food scraps, contributing to the creation of high-quality compost for our Victorian farmers.

Resident Zoe Mohl said the service has benefits for her family as well as the environment.

“It’s great to be able to include our food scraps in the garden waste bin along with our garden clippings. It reduces what we place in our general waste bin and we know it’s not going to landfill, which is a win for us and the environment,” Zoe said.

Frequently asked questions

Will the food and garden waste bin continue to be collected fortnightly?

The green lid food and garden waste bin will continue to be collected on a fortnightly basis and the red lid garbage bin collected weekly.

Can I place my food scraps into a compostable (or other) bag and place it into the garden waste bin?

No – it is very important that food waste is placed loose into the bin. Items such as plastic bags, wrappers, food containers and other general waste items cannot be processed by the composting facility.

The process used to turn the food and garden material in the garden waste bins is highly specialised and is designed to create quality compost. This process is not designed to break down the compost liners quick enough – including those marked with the Australian Standard.

Also, by not accepting any kind of bags, including compostable ones, we are minimising the risk of soft plastics finding their way into the food and garden waste bin.



Zoe Mohl and her daughter Lennan

Hints and tips for managing food waste

- ▶ Store your food and garden waste bin in a shaded area
- ▶ Layer your food waste in between garden waste material such as grass clippings and leaves
- ▶ You can wrap your food waste in 1–2 sheets of kitchen paper towel or a single sheet of newspaper before placing into your bin
- ▶ Store food waste in a sealed container (like an old ice cream container) in your freezer until the night before collection and then empty directly into the bin
- ▶ Rinse out your kitchen caddy and green lid food and garden waste bin regularly.



Free kitchen caddies still available

Council has a limited number of free kitchen caddies available for residents who would like to participate in the food waste recycling service.

Caddies assist with sorting food waste, by providing a convenient collection point to keep on your benchtop or close to your kitchen.

Residents must have an existing garden waste service to be eligible.

 To register visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/food-waste



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Council Meetings

Council meetings are usually held on the second and the fourth Monday of the month at 7pm.

All Council meetings are held at the city chambers at the Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong.

The August meetings will be held:

Monday 9 August

Monday 23 August

Subject to COVID-19 restrictions, the general public is welcome to attend meetings and can now ask their questions in person during Public Question Time, but did you know you can watch Council meetings live via our webcast service?

You can keep up with all the latest decisions, hear questions from residents and find out the many ways your local councillors are serving the community.

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

New Ward Structure for Greater Dandenong

After the Victorian Local Government elections in October 2020, Greater Dandenong City Council moved to single member wards.

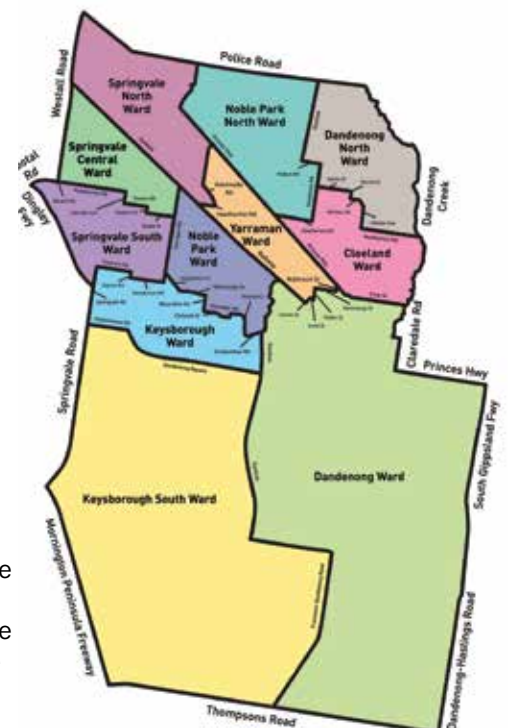
The decision follows reforms to Victorian Councils' electoral representation frameworks and was made by the Minister for Local Government in mid-2020 after a substantial consultation process. Greater Dandenong now has 11 wards and the 11 elected councillors represent a single ward each.

The new ward names are Springvale Central Ward, Springvale South Ward, Springvale North Ward, Noble Park North Ward, Noble Park Ward, Dandenong North Ward, Dandenong Ward, Yarraman Ward, Cleeland Ward, Keysborough Ward and Keysborough South Ward.

Ward meetings can be held to provide an opportunity for councillors to meet informally with constituents over a range of issues and do not typically have a pre-set agenda. They relate to the single ward and would usually only involve the single ward councillor, however other ward councillors may attend.

Community forums can also be held when the community indicates a need for discussion on a specific matter, or when Council needs to engage with the community.

For more information, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au



Cr Lana Formoso

► Noble Park North Ward



In the 2020 Greater Dandenong City Council Elections, Noble Park North residents voted for change. They wanted a fresh perspective and a new pair of eyes. A new, renewed focus on the community and its needs. Since day one, that's what I've endeavoured to deliver.

Already, we've worked together to achieve some stunning accomplishments for Noble Park North Ward – a community that had been underfunded and deprioritised for decades.

The WJ Turner Reserve upgrades that our community wanted for so long are finally completed, working with local sporting clubs to achieve the best outcome possible to maximise open space for community use. The Barry Powell masterplan is also back on the table, and residents can expect that we'll push as hard as is needed to get the necessary upgrades we deserve. As a PE teacher at a local high school, this is incredibly important to me, because I've seen first hand how community sport can change lives.

We'll soon be installing a much-needed crossing point on Bakers Rd which will

include some periphery works at the nearby Halton Rd crossing point. This is an important project that will ensure the safety of parents and students is put first.

More broadly, Council has put a significant effort in to supporting all local community and sporting clubs during our COVID recovery. I've been a strong advocate for Noble Park North as we've formulated our plans going forward. I spoke in the election of the need for an equitable COVID recovery, and together, that's exactly what we're delivering.

As an SES volunteer, I've continued to work with my fellow volunteers to keep the community safe during the recent unprecedented storms. It's been heart-warming to see the way our community has banded together to support one another during tough times.

Focusing on the future, I'll continue to advocate for the signalisation of the McFees Road and Stud Road intersection, which will include pedestrian crossing facilities. This important road safety project will assist with improving access to the basketball stadium and I invite you to join me in this effort.



To the Noble Park North community, thank you so much for the support you've shown over this first year. I'm looking forward to achieving even more together.

➤ **As your local Councillor, I'm always open for a call or to take suggestions about what the community needs. Never hesitate to text or ring me at 0435 530 536, or email me at lane.formoso@cgd.vic.gov.au**

► Dandenong Ward



Council has commenced planning for a community hub in central Dandenong.

This will be a multi-purpose community facility providing a range of complementary services in a single, accessible location with a range of shared facilities and functions for the community, groups and organisations.

This project represents the next step to develop infrastructure in central Dandenong to meet current and future community needs.

Council is committed to engagement and consultation during the development of the Dandenong Community Hub and has recently completed the first stage of consultation into the development of a business case and concept plan. The consultants sought community views on services

Cr Jim Memeti

for inclusion in the hub and possible locations along Stuart Street in Dandenong. The community also provided their views on alternative locations.

A precise building footprint and construction costs have not yet been finalised and will be informed by feedback in the next stage of development, which includes the production of draft concept plans.

The initial engagement findings were discussed at a Councillor briefing last month and I look forward to seeing this exciting project progress.

➤ **If you would like to contact me you can email me at jim.memeti@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone me on 0434 560 239.**

New Vision Set For Greater Dandenong



As part of the new **Local Government Act 2020** all Victorian Councils are required to have a long-term vision developed by their community. Although Greater Dandenong City Council already had a vision in place for 2030 that states “Greater Dandenong is a safe and vibrant city of opportunity for all – to visit, work, live and play”, the development of the new Council Plan and the requirements of the Act provided the perfect opportunity to review this vision and create a new one for 2040.

This project became the focus for a group of community members called the Greater Dandenong People’s Panel.

Who is the Greater Dandenong People’s Panel?

8,000 community members were randomly invited to register their interest for a community panel to develop a new vision and provide recommendations to Council on community priorities. Of the 157 registrations received, a group of 31 residents and business owners were selected to take part. This group was representative of the diversity in our city in many categories including age, gender, household type and country of birth. This diversity can be seen in the statistics displayed which represent the demographics of the panel.

The panel spent three days discussing the future vision for our city and how Council can balance the community’s diverse needs. They reviewed community engagement responses, read reports about Council’s ongoing challenges and commitments and heard from experts

in a number of key areas relevant to our city. After many discussions and debates the panel members then agreed on a vision and presented this to Councillors in May.

The vision captures the hopes and aspirations of the panel and our broader community. It will influence Council’s decision making and its priorities for the next Council Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan.

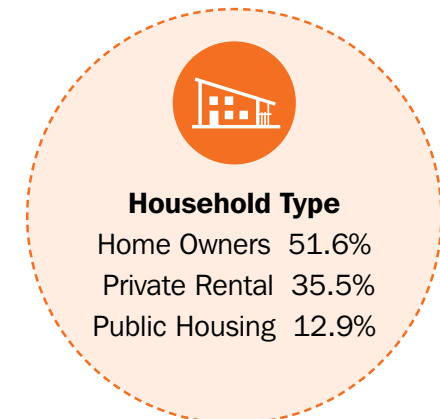
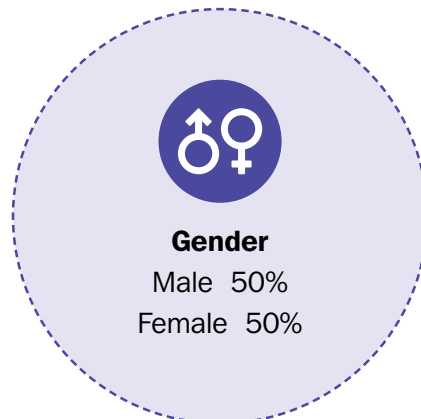
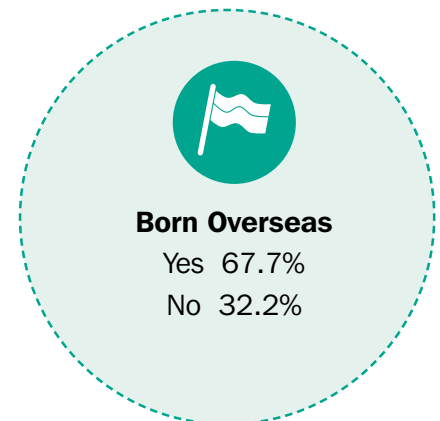
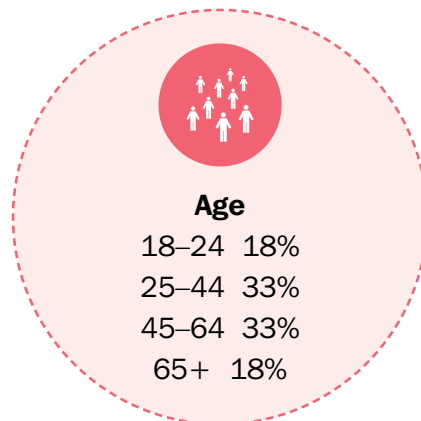
As part of the process the panel also developed six key principles which support this vision:

1. Safe and peaceful community
2. Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities
3. Sustainable environment
4. Embrace diversity and multiculturalism
5. Mind, Body and Spirit
6. Art and Culture.



To read more about this process and the key principles visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-plan-2021-25





The selected panel was made up of the below:





Greater Dandenong's new Community Vision

The new community vision as created by the panel is:

-  The City of Greater Dandenong is a home to all. It's a city where you can enjoy and embrace life through celebration and equal opportunity.
-  We harmonise the community by valuing multiculturalism and the individual. Our community is healthy, vibrant, innovative and creative.
-  Our growing city is committed to environmental sustainability.
-  Welcome to our exciting and peaceful community.

Information in your language



The City of Greater Dandenong is proudly the most culturally diverse community in Australia.

Our residents come from 157 different birth places and speak more than 200 languages.

Communicating with everyone can be challenging, but Council is working to make information as accessible as possible. Our website includes a Google translation function, which can change the language across all pages of the website. The function currently translates more than 85 languages, including Afrikaans, Albanian, Arabic, Chinese (traditional and simplified), German, Hebrew, Khmer, Urdu and Vietnamese.

Council places a select number of articles from this magazine onto the website to allow for information to be shared in multiple languages. Look for the icon attached to stories in this magazine then visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/gdcouncilnews and click on the translation icon on the top right corner of the screen to select another language.



Young Women's Leadership and Advocacy Program



Do you want to build your leadership and advocacy skills? Do you want to work with like-minded young people to develop a campaign highlighting the strengths of women in the workplace?

Join Youth and Family Services for Break Out – a young women's leadership and advocacy program to help tackle gender stereotypes and promote opportunities for women in the workplace.

This program is open to young people aged 18–25 years who identify as female, gender fluid or non-binary and have a connection to the City of Greater Dandenong (live, work, study or play).

Break Out is a six-week program that will:

- ▶ Explore issues relating to gender equality, with a focus on women's opportunities in the workplace
- ▶ Develop your leadership and advocacy skills
- ▶ Build your capacity to deliver a project or campaign highlighting the strengths of women in the workplace and empower women to challenge inequality.

Participants may be asked to complete project tasks in between sessions.

Date: Every Monday for six weeks, starting 6 September
Time: 4.30pm–6.30pm
Cost: Free
Ages: 18–25 years

All COVIDSafe guidelines will be fully met to ensure public safety.

How can I get involved?

Visit the website to register your interest via our online form or contact Youth and Family Services on 9793 2155.

For more information, please contact Youth and Family Services.

Phone: 9793 2155

Email: youthservices@cgd.vic.gov.au

Facebook: [cgdyouthservices](https://www.facebook.com/cgdyouthservices)

Instagram: [@greaterdandenongyouthservices](https://www.instagram.com/greaterdandenongyouthservices)

...build your leadership and advocacy skills

Be a creative champion of your community

Be part of the creative movement that promotes our great city to others. We are on the lookout for young people aged 12 to 25 years who are connected to the City of Greater Dandenong to contribute to the 'Greater Dandenong. My Place. My Community' art competition and exhibition.

Using paint, pencil, charcoal or digital art, we are encouraging young creatives to show us:

- ▶ What you love about your community
- ▶ What is special about your community
- ▶ What connects you to community.

Join the collective and create a visual narrative on what it means to belong to our community. Artworks in the form of painting, drawing or graphic illustration will be accepted and must



Be part of the creative movement


Young people get creative at the recent Youthfest event

be submitted online through the Youth Services website. The original artwork must be kept as it may form part of the exhibition. There are great prizes to be won and your artwork could feature as part of an art exhibit.

Submissions are open from Monday 2 August to Sunday 3 October.

For more information or to submit your entry, visit youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/greater-dandenong-my-place-my-community or contact Youth and Family Services on 9793 2155.

Progress for Dandenong Green Wedge

 **Green wedges are the non-urban areas of metropolitan Melbourne that lie outside the Urban Growth Boundary. The City of Greater Dandenong green wedge is located in the middle of the broader 'South East green wedge' which extends from Clarinda in the City of Kingston, to Cranbourne South in the City of Casey.**

Council is developing a plan for walking, cycling and equestrian trails in the green wedge.

The first project Council is planning to deliver is the construction of the Riverend Road Loop Trail along Riverend Road and Thames Promenade. This is anticipated to be delivered alongside a road reconstruction of Riverend Road in Bangholme. The project will run over two financial years with the first year developing detailed designs and the second year being construction.

Mordialloc Freeway

The Mordialloc Freeway is currently under construction - connecting the Mornington Peninsula Freeway to the Dingley Bypass.

Construction in or near our green wedge includes:

- ▶ A bridge over Springvale Road with new freeway entry and exit ramps
- ▶ New entry and exit ramps at Thames Promenade
- ▶ An intersection with traffic lights at Wells Road and Thames Promenade
- ▶ A new shared walking and cycling path along the Freeway between the Dingley Bypass and Springvale Road, including a water re-fill station, seating and wayfinding signs at Springvale Road.

Council continues to work with the freeway delivery team to minimise the impacts construction has on the green wedge. Once the project is complete, we will undertake consultation to address the traffic impacts the Mordialloc Freeway may have on the area.

Low tree canopy coverage

Greater Dandenong currently has very low tree canopy coverage, at 9.9%. We have a target of 15% coverage by 2028. To track our progress towards this target, Council is currently seeking to map tree canopy across the municipality, including across our green wedge.

Planning reform

Planning for Melbourne's Green Wedges and Agricultural Land project is a State Government project looking to strengthen protections for Melbourne's green wedges and agricultural land. Council made a detailed submission earlier this year which can be viewed on our website. A report summarising feedback received during this consultation phase is due to be released later this year.



For further information, please visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/green-wedge-management-plan

Your River Red Gums

The remnant River Red Gums are the most significant and predominant tree species within the Greater Dandenong green wedge and these trees are now protected.

They are beautiful to look at, supply shade and protection and provide valuable foraging and nesting resources for native animals. They also increase property prices.

Treat with care

Most River Red Gums can fend for themselves. Those planted within the last 3–4 years benefit from additional fertilising and watering but can be damaged if too much is applied.

Be careful

Mowers and trimmers can damage the tree's roots and trunk and weaken a tree. Also watch any lawn or herbicide applications – so you aren't pouring chemicals near or on the tree's roots.



Watch where you dig

This is the biggest killer of mature trees. Even if development seems relatively far away, a root system can extend 2–3 times farther than the tree's canopy branches.

Mulch regularly

Mulch around the base of your tree. It should start 2cm from the trunk of the tree and extend as far as the drip line. This also protects your tree from lawn equipment, keeps weeds down and moisture in the soil up.

Know your tree

Keep an eye out for any diseases, dead twigs and mushrooms growing.

Cut back the pruning

Mature trees seldom need help here – except for the removal of damaged branches or branches that are rubbing together.

No parking

Do not park cars under trees. Over the years the soil becomes compacted and can slowly kill the tree.

STEAM Festival

STEAM Festival returns this August to Greater Dandenong Libraries to celebrate all things science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. This year's festival features special inclusions from Children's Book Week, Science Week and a whole range of new workshops and programs the whole family can enjoy.

Kids can look forward to an assortment of fun activities. Our Think Tank programs provide the opportunity to build anything from hydroelectric generators to prosthetic legs, Code Club will teach participants how to build and control your very own program, and our Choose Your Own Adventure workshop will work through stories with one beginning, two middles and four endings.

Youth and young adults will find a variety of exciting programs to tap into their creative side, including DJ workshops from Big Bao, a Saturday afternoon spray painting stencil-art session and a zine workshop with

Melbourne artist and illustrator Ashley Ronning. As a special addition to any young person getting their licence soon, STEAM Festival will also be the home to a special car maintenance workshop from Ford engineer, Petra Ohrt.

You are never too old to learn new tricks and STEAM Festival is the perfect place for it. Adults can learn a wide range of new skills from smartphone photography, air-dry pottery, crochet and cross-stitch, as well as using graphic design tools such as Canva.

Thursday nights will include our regular Libraries After Dark programming where you'll learn to make jewellery using electrical wires and compete with your friends (or meet new people) at our special Sci-Fi Trivia.

➤ Dive into a world of new learning experiences for all ages. Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/steam-festival for more information.



Please note, some programs and events may be moved online as required.

⚠ Events are subject to COVID-19 restrictions. Visit our website for updates.

Support to stay active

People aged 65 years and over who need assistance to remain living independently will now have access to affordable exercise classes run by a qualified physiotherapist in Greater Dandenong.

Active Physio classes run in Dandenong, Springvale and Noble Park and will assist participants to regain and maintain their strength and resilience, remain socially connected and live independently. The program includes simple resistance and weight bearing exercises under the guidance of a physiotherapist and program support workers.

Mayor Angela Long said many people in this age bracket have reported feeling more isolated since the start of the pandemic, and this is a great way to



boost physical and mental health and wellbeing.

"If you're feeling like you've lost confidence and mobility during the COVID-19 restrictions, you're not alone. There is support available and our Community Care team have a range of options," Cr Long said.

The program is designed to be introduced at an early stage to prevent older people having to rely on more intensive services such as a Home Care Package or residential aged care accommodation.

Classes cater for people of all abilities, with individual support and transport also available to help build confidence for those who feel unsteady or at risk of falls.

Bookings are essential

- ▶ Tuesdays 2pm–3pm
Dandenong Oasis Cnr Cleeland St and Heatherton Road, Dandenong
- ▶ Wednesdays 9.15am–10.15am
Cooinda Centre
587 Springvale Road, Springvale
- ▶ Thursdays 9.15am–10.15am
Noble Park Aquatic Centre
9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park

➤ For more information or to book, call Community Care on 8571 5503. The program is subsidised by the Australian Government Commonwealth Home Support Program and eligibility criteria applies.

Register your pet online



Last month, an 11-week-old Jack Russell escaped his new home, leaving his owners distraught, having only had him for a few days.

Thanks to dedicated Council officers and a chip that went to the breeder, Lucky was safely returned home, and the family were thrilled and grateful for their support. Losing a pet can be a very stressful time, and Council wants to help reunite owners with their animal companions. That's why we encourage all pet owners to register their pets online as soon as possible. Registered pets are given a tag to allow for easy identification by Council, making it easier to reconnect furry friends with their loved ones.

Every dog and cat three months of age and over must be registered with Council. Pet registration is a legal requirement under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

Council does not charge registration fees for pets under three months old.

Council registration gives you more than just a lost and found service for your pet. Even though microchipping will help in these situations, there are many things that microchipping cannot provide that registration does, such as key community facilities and services that your pet's registration fee pays for.

For more information and to register your pet online, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/pet-registration

Have your say



Greater Dandenong City Council is currently developing the 2021–25 Domestic Animal Plan with a draft expected to be available for community feedback later this month. Council invites you to give feedback on:

- ▶ Animal management services, programs and strategies
- ▶ New Orders that could be made to address responsible pet ownership in the community
- ▶ Concerns associated with current council policies on animal management
- ▶ Ideas and resources to assist residents to manage and care for their pets
- ▶ Dogs in parks and reserves
- ▶ How well information provided by Council about pets and animal management addresses the needs of residents.

All Victorian councils must develop a Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) which is renewed every four years. The *Domestic Animals Act 1994* Section 68A requires Councils to evaluate any program, service strategy or review outlined in the DAMP. The Act also requires annual reviews and an evaluation of its implementation, published in Council's annual report.

For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au



Council adopts new Local Law

Under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*, all local laws sunset ten years after the date they commence. Council's old local law expired on 25 July, providing an opportunity to review what was in place.

The making of the new local law has also been an opportunity to combine Council's old local laws into one collective local law, to clarify and simplify the operations of our local law for the community and council officers.

All members of Victoria Police are authorised officers of Council, and as such are able to take action under Council's Local Law if, and when, they are required to do so.

Victoria Police are often called upon to assist Council officers when dealing with issues such as illegal camping, poor behaviour on Council land or when there may be a risk to the safety of Council staff or other members of the community.

Some clauses of the local law however can be only enforced by Victoria Police. In particular, local laws that relate to the consumption of alcohol or hoon driving, as only the police are provided with the powers to enforce alcohol restrictions or the power to intercept people driving a motor vehicle.

The recent review of Council's Local Law saw an example of this partnership when Victoria Police requested Council to include a new local law to support them in responding to the increasing number of hoon driving incidents they are being asked to deal with. This request has seen Council, within the legislative scope available to it, introduce a local law that only the police will enforce, in lieu of the necessary amendments to the State's road safety legislation being made.

For more information, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/services/local-laws

What's on at the Drum



Sun Rising: The songs that made Memphis

Saturday 14 August, 7.30pm

This critically acclaimed show celebrates the music and stories of the early years of Sun Records. You are promised an unforgettable night as Sun Rising brilliantly interprets the timeless songs, legendary performances and classic stories of 1950s Memphis. The show pays homage to both the artists and Sun's owner and producer, Sam Phillips.

The sublime musicianship is an impeccable tribute to the greatest rock 'n' roll performers of all time. Fully endorsed by the Phillips family, this critically acclaimed show has been selling out across Australia.

Review

"This has been the best night ever!" – Tess Armstrong, ABC Radio Melbourne

"Sun Rising was brilliant!"
– Inpress Magazine

"Energetic, funny, pitch-perfect and undeniably dedicated to this particular era in Rock 'n' Roll,"
– AAABackstage.com

➔ **For more information and to book your ticket, visit drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au or contact the Box Office on 8571 1666**



Marina Prior and David Hobson

Marina Prior and David Hobson: The 2 of Us

Friday 20 August, 8pm

After three back-to-back years of selling out more than 100 shows around the country, soprano and tenor powerhouse legends of musical theatre and opera, Marina Prior and David Hobson embark on their encore tour, The 2 of Us.

Brand new songs, back-stage and life stories and classics from their vast repertoire spanning 35 years. Accompanied by renowned pianist David Cameron, the two-hour, intimate performance includes classics from The Phantom of The Opera, Cats, Evita, Les Miserables, West Side Story, Guys and Dolls, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and La Boheme, as well as favourites from their award-winning albums.



Events are subject to COVID-19 restrictions. Visit our website for updates.



Gone With The Wind by Lux Radio Theatre

Thursday 19 August, 10.30am

See *Gone with the Wind* performed on stage as a classic radio play.

The Lux Radio Theatre company has become an audience favourite. Its group of distinguished actors double roles, create live sound effects and perform classic soap commercials of this popular story set during the American Civil War.

Venue Hire

Looking for a venue to stage your school presentation or performance? Why not present your events at the Drum Theatre, your local, award-winning performing arts venue?

The Drum Theatre is available for hire to schools, dance groups, community groups and performance companies. It also offers an entertaining and challenging program of high-quality performances for south east Melbourne to enjoy. The Drum is wheelchair accessible, including lift access to Level 2. Schools, not-for-profit organisations and community groups can also enjoy lower price.



For more venue hire information, visit drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/venue. Contact the Drum Theatre via 8571 1666 or drumtheatre@cgd.vic.gov.au for bookings.

Arts in Greater Dandenong

Expression of Interest – HOME 2020

HOME 2022 is an exhibition exploring the journeys and experiences of artists with a refugee background or those seeking asylum. Opening in April 2022, HOME will be the second exhibition at the new contemporary art gallery opening in Dandenong.

Expressions of interest are being sought from emerging artists who have recently arrived in Australia as refugees or people seeking

asylum to participate in HOME 2022, alongside other emerging and established artists. Two artists will be chosen through the expressions of interest process and commissioned to make new works for the exhibition. Artists chosen through the EOI process will receive an artist fee.

Applications close at midnight on Monday 30 August. For more information and to apply online, please visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/arts-opportunities.




Signage Policy

Council has published its new Plaques, Memorials and Interpretive Signs policy. All community members are welcome to submit an application. The policy outlines what requests can be made and how they will be assessed.

Plaques, memorials and interpretive signs enrich our public spaces. They are a way to record, reflect on and celebrate history, heritage, and community achievements.

Council's Plaques, Memorials and Interpretive Signage Policy outlines how requests for plaques, memorials and interpretive signs on Council owned or managed land are considered. The policy also informs how we manage and maintain these assets.

 Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/public-art to download the policy or submit your application.



Hung Lin, Untitled, 2021

Past, Present and Future Exhibition

Thursday 5 August – Friday 17 December

This exhibition looks at the past, present and future of exhibitions in the City of Greater Dandenong.

What is a gallery without its audience? Visitors are invited to contribute to the exhibition by considering and sharing their gallery experiences, thoughts and reflections on the walls of the gallery. Looking to the future, artist Kenny Pittock will use these responses as inspiration to create a new work as part of the opening exhibition at Dandenong's new contemporary art gallery.

As we prepare for the opening in early 2022, a new series of works will also be exhibited by artist Hung Lin documenting the development of the new facility, from the construction to the intricate details of the build.

Through an installation of past exhibition posters, Past, Present and Future will also look back on some of the many wonderful exhibitions shown at Walker Street Gallery.



Photography Competition


Every year Greater Dandenong City Council produces a Community Calendar for residents which features photos taken in our municipality.

Council is encouraging residents to submit photos of architecture, outdoor space or something different that takes your eye. Submissions are open until 30 September for our 2022 calendar.

Council will select 12 photos to include in the calendar which will be distributed in December.

- ▶ The photograph must be taken within the Greater Dandenong City Council municipality
- ▶ The photograph must be taken by you
- ▶ If any people are included in the image we will need written permission from them if the photo is selected for the calendar
- ▶ Council will notify in October 2021 if your submission has been successful.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted photos so far.

 **For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/photography-competition**

Ibis Budget Dandenong secures ALLSAFE accolade

Everyone can relate to the repercussions of COVID-19 and the accommodation industry is no exception.

Despite the devastating impacts, there are still moments to celebrate and be grateful for. Global brand Accor, which Ibis Budget Dandenong belongs to, launched a global initiative in May 2020 for all Accor hotels to be certified with the new safety label – ALLSAFE. The ALLSAFE label has been developed and verified with Bureau Veritas, world leaders in testing, inspections and certification.

In July 2020, IBIS Budget Dandenong became an approved ALLSAFE hotel, after successfully undergoing extensive audits and inspections, ensuring full



Ibis Budget Dandenong

compliance across all areas. Regular inspections and audits are completed routinely to maintain these standards with three dedicated staff members enlisted as ALLSAFE Officers who have undergone additional training as an extension to their current responsibility. An ALLSAFE Officer is available onsite at the hotel 24/7.

Congratulations to the team at IBIS Budget Dandenong for completing this training during exceptionally difficult circumstances. It's a testament to the team in securing this accolade.

An iconic institution in Dandenong



Lunar Drive-In is famous for its animated neon rocket sign above the ticket box, which is often photographed and shared on social media. That's not all the drive-in is renowned for. Based in Dandenong, it is the largest drive-in theatre in Australia.

The drive-in has four screens showing all the latest Hollywood blockbusters, including frequent screenings of classic and retro titles. The business is open every night of the year, except Christmas night. Charging only \$30 per carload (up to seven people) it's quite a steal. David Kilderry, owner of Lunar drive-in says, "films should be affordable for every family, this way they can afford to visit often, making it a family tradition."

When the COVID-19 health crisis arrived in Australia the drive-in was forced to shut its gates like many businesses. At the peak of Victoria's first lockdown, the business had just completed its \$4 million expansion. A new Lunar

Café and upgraded facilities were ready to open with the café boasting 10 customer service points and over double the floor space.

As restrictions ease, David and his team are ready to welcome back customers. They have added extra ticket boxes, entry lanes and expanded parking areas. Online ticketing is also available, along with popular nightly sales at the five ticket boxes.

The Lunar Drive-In is one of the city's major tourist attractions, with over 400,000 people visiting in 2019. The drive-in attracts most of its patrons from a 20km radius, but also from country Victoria and interstate each day of the week. International travellers regularly attended prior to border restrictions.

Drive-ins are now a rarity in most other parts of Australia and the world. Australia once boasted 350 drive-ins with only 17 remaining in 2021. There are no parking problems, no babysitter concerns and you can come dressed as you are and enjoy a night watching movies under the stars in your cars. 'The Lunar Drive-In' entertaining you since 1956 in Dandenong," David said.



Visit lunardrive-in.com.au to see what movies are on offer.

Beer lovers and makers united at Brick Lane Brewing



Brick Lane Brewing (BLB) in Dandenong South is one of

the most innovative and flexible independent breweries in the world, showcasing the highest standards in brewing and sustainability.

The brewery has been built with state-of-the-art brewing facilities, process and packaging equipment and continues to expand. The BLB team ensure quality and consistency with a reduced environmental footprint a key focus. The facility was engineered to reduce primary energy consumption, reclaim energy from kettle vapour and minimise waste streams.

The BLB community includes all those who enjoy good beer – drinkers, customers, partner brewers, independent brewers, suppliers and friends. They believe in inclusivity and diversity in brewing and have an obligation to do good in their local community. BLB actively engage with a broad range of partners across a variety of areas – from brewing great beers, to helping community organisations and charities.

They strive to have a beer for everyone, no matter where you are on your craft beer journey. From their "bloody good Draught", through to the award-winning One Love Pale Ale and Lager, IPAs, limited releases and Someday Sours. They've always got something new planned and love introducing their beers and different styles to everyone. The BLB bar is currently open on Thursday and Fridays, with plans to develop the space further for events and functions.



For more information visit bricklanebrewing.com

Finding homes for feline friends



Late last year, Cheryl Ingram became the Greater Dandenong City Council's first Volunteer Enrolled Foster Carer. Since then, she has taken in over 60 kittens and has desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and found forever homes for 49 of them through her organisation Feline and Friends Cat Rescue in Noble Park.

Some of these litters needed to be bottle-fed until they could feed for themselves.

The kittens require constant care and attention which Cheryl provides around the clock. The litters are found abandoned and unwanted, often in poor health. They face a life of starvation and disease with a much shorter life expectancy than cats who are owned and cared for.

Every year, thousands of cats end up in pounds and shelters. Finding loving homes for these kittens where they will be part of a family is an amazing outcome.

Cheryl's kindness and generosity has saved over 60 cats from being impounded. Feline and Friends Cat Rescue relies on donations for food, litter and vet fees and is solely operated by Cheryl with a little help from a close friend, Judy.



If you can help support or are looking to adopt a cat, please visit: petrescue.com.au/groups/11872/Feline-and-Friends-Rescue or visit her Facebook page.



Cheryl Ingram and Richard Asquith

New home for Australian Animal Protection Society

The Australian Animal Protection Society (AAPS) has a new home in Keysborough. This relocation has been a long time coming, and now more than ever, could use the support of the community.

With thousands of lost, abandoned, mistreated and unwanted animals desperate for care and refuge every year, the AAPS has opened the doors to care for more animals than ever before.

AAPS is a community-based, not-for-profit charity that relies on donations, volunteers and community support as it does not receive government funding. Recently relocating to the new purpose-built facility, the future for the AAPS is bright. The facility will further accommodate the AAPS passion for animal welfare with a greater capacity



New location at 26 Aegean Court (off Naxos way), Keysborough

to care for, treat and rehome animals. The brand new, state-of-the-art veterinary clinic invites all members of the community to indulge in low-cost, professional vet services of the highest standard. With the health and wellbeing of all furry or feathery friends as their priority, you and your pets could not be in better hands.

Visit the AAPS website to learn about the many ways the community can get involved and support the good work of this organisation.



For adoption enquiries phone 9798 8415 or email office@aaps.org.au and for veterinary appointments phone 9585 7936 or email clinic@aaps.org.au

Ice Skating in Springvale – Early Bird Competition



This September school holidays, a temporary outdoor ice-skating rink is coming to central Springvale.

Dates: Thursday 23 September to Saturday 2 October

Ticket prices: \$5 children, \$8 adults.

Tickets go on sale 9am Monday 2 August.

All early-bird ticket buyers go in the draw for a family ski trip to Mt. Buller



To be in the draw, simply visit greaterdandenong.com/iceskating and buy your tickets before midnight Sunday 29 August.

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