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- Emergency calls
- Police/Fire/Ambulance..... 000
- Street lighting faults/
non-operational
- United Energy.....13 20 99
- Traffic signal faults/
non-operational..... 8571 1000
- Hoon Hotline.....1800 333 000
- Hard Waste Collection
WM Waste Management
Services.....9721 1915
- Australian Animal
Protection Society.....9798 8415
- RSPCA.....9224 2222
- Nurse on Call.....1300 606 024

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Mayor's message

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

This month we welcome the wonderful hues and colours of autumn. Speaking of colours, turn to page 3 to read about the new flora and fauna mural in central Dandenong and discover the beauty of local gem Heritage Hill.

Find out how you can contribute to a more sustainable future by heading to page 8.

Make the most of the twilight hours and visit the Springvale Community Hub to enjoy a free Open Air Movie session with your family and friends. Find out what other great events we have on in March on pages 10 and 11.

As we celebrate Cultural Diversity Week (March 21–28), we have much to be proud of as Australia's most culturally diverse community. May we continue to respect each other and reflect on the great contribution we all make to our inclusive and harmonious Greater Dandenong.

Stay safe and remain kind to each other while enjoying all our vibrant city has to offer.



Jim Memeti

**Mayor
Cr Jim Memeti**

My City

Channel 9's popular travel and lifestyle TV show Postcards filmed a segment in Springvale recently to feature the suburb as one of the state's best food destinations.

Postcards presenter, chef and Providoor founder Shane Delia was hosted by the City of Greater Dandenong's Food and Cultural Ambassador Karl Lim as they visited the popular Springvale Market Square, Bun Bun Bakery and Golden Lake Cake and Roast.

Fresh and unique produce, cheap prices and friendly traders were presented by Karl as Shane and the Postcards crew enjoyed the vibrancy and cultural richness of Springvale.



Book a food and cultural tour to travel the world without a passport. Various tours are on offer throughout the year, including individual and group tours.

To book visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/food-tours

► Afghan Bazaar Cultural Tour
Dandenong
Thursday 24 March
6pm–8pm

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise and respect their continuing connections to Climate, Culture and Country.

Front cover: Photo of Laurel Lodge, Heritage Hill, Dandenong by Hilton Stone.



This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.



A hidden gem

Positioned in the heart of Dandenong, the stunning Heritage Hill precinct is of great local historical and cultural significance. The precinct features three well preserved heritage buildings nestled within two acres of beautifully landscaped gardens.

This hidden gem is a peaceful green oasis, providing a calm space in the bustling suburb of Dandenong. The two mature Moreton Bay Fig trees create a shady canopy, perfect to sit under and relax with a picnic or a book. Another noteworthy tree on the grounds is the rare Queensland Kauri Pine, which also joins the Moreton Bay Fig trees on the National Register of Significant Trees.

Perched among the lush garden are the buildings Laurel Lodge (1869), Benga House (1936) and St James' Anglican Church (1864). They offer a glimpse into the everyday lives of prominent locals who lived in the

region during the late nineteenth and early-to-mid twentieth centuries. The three buildings all have rich and fascinating histories that highlight Dandenong's transition from a small slab hut township into the bustling, diverse community centre we know today.

Laurel Lodge and Benga House offer opportunities for learning, participation and creative endeavours through tours, programs, exhibitions, and special events. The original staircase in Laurel Lodge sets the scene for vintage photos, whilst Benga House opens out onto a beautiful formal garden surrounded by roses, ornamental trees, and manicured lawns making it perfect for weddings or special events.

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

For venue booking phone 8571 5340 or email bookings@cgd.vic.gov.au.

➔ For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-venues/heritage-hill-museum-and-historic-gardens

New art transforms park



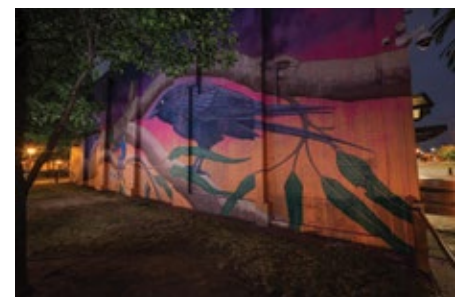
Established mural artist Hayden Dewar has created a large installation to transform the south facing wall of Pocket Park, between Palm Plaza and Lonsdale Street, Dandenong.

The installation titled *Together* acknowledges and celebrates our First Nations People, local flora and fauna and the diversity of Greater Dandenong.

The artwork features two large creatures, the ringtail possum and a crow painted on a gum tree branch with a mythical creature called a solarquin. This creature sits at the centre of the work and represents the search for a harmonious existence with nature and each other.

Hayden said: "the possum is one of the most recognisable native fauna species which has learnt to adapt to the urban environment. It will be rendered with many colours to represent the diversity of cultures and backgrounds that exist in Dandenong".

In 2020 Hayden also completed a painting in Noble Park called *Roots* which can be seen from the street and train.



For more information on Council's public art program visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/public-art

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are usually held in the Council chambers of the Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong, commencing at 7pm, or online during COVID-19 restrictions.

Upcoming meetings will be held on:

- ▶ Tuesday 15 March 2022
- ▶ Monday 28 March 2022.

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

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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 check the agenda and to view meetings online or to find out more about Public Question Time visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-meetings**

▶ Cleeland Ward

Cr Angela Long

An artist's impression of the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre's main pool hall.



Greater Dandenong City Council will build a new aquatic and wellbeing centre to replace the Oasis swimming pool in J C Mills Reserve, Dandenong, within the Cleeland Ward.

The centre will include on the ground floor an eight lane, 50-metre pool which will have a boom so it can reduce to 25-metres, two warm water pools, a leisure pool, a learn to swim pool, spa, sauna, steam room, toilets and change rooms. Also on the ground floor will be an allied health area, community rooms, cafe, and kitchen. On the first floor will be a large gym, program rooms, toilets, and change rooms.

On the east side of the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre planning is underway for new club rooms for hockey and soccer clubs to replace the old Maurie Jarvis pavilion.

The Oasis swimming pool will not be demolished until the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre is opened to the public. This exciting major project is planned to start next year and be completed by 2025.

Another project I am advocating for is the Dandenong Community Hub which will be built near the Dandenong Market. Design work is underway on this project.

I encourage anyone that is eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Please ensure you have your first two doses and your booster soon; it is how we can best keep each other safe.

➔ **If you need to contact me, please do so on 0466 004 616 or angela.long@cgd.vic.gov.au.**

Cr Bob Milkovic

► Dandenong North Ward



We have had a great start to the new year and Councillors are always excited to see new developments and improvements happening across the city and in their own wards. The Dandenong North ward is seeing ongoing upgrades to facilities and sites.

Council recently negotiated a new short-term deal with the Department of Transport to provide a limited number of new bus shelters within Greater Dandenong. The first of these has been delivered at a busy bus stop on Outlook Drive near Outlook Gardens, replacing an old shelter.

Over in Tirhatuan Park, stage 1 groundworks are underway to create a futsal and basketball court, along with a netball training area.

The community notification posters are installed on site, and the works are expected to be completed by the end of March, weather and schedule permitting.

The safety of our community is of the utmost importance as always. The full kerb, channel replacement and road resurfacing works along Kriegel Way and Outlook Drive are due to finish at the end of March. These road resurfacing and kerb replacements in the ward ensure that whether you're travelling on foot or in a vehicle, it will be a smooth ride.



If you would like to talk to me about any Council matters you can reach me at bob.milkovic@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 0435 237 051.



Cr Rhonda Garad

► Keysborough South Ward



It is tremendous to see so many people enjoying the two new dog parks, since the opening of the new section along Villiers Road. The 90 trees that were planted last year, in and around the dog parks, are doing well and will soon provide greater shelter for dogs and their owners.

The old dog park is still in use until the work on the Keysborough Hub starts later in the year. Unfortunately, construction of the Hub has been delayed due to COVID-19 impacts, the Green Star accreditation process, and some changes within the architectural firm overseeing the project.

Work on the two public toilets at Westwood Boulevard and Picnic Park have commenced and will be completed

very soon. These will be welcomed new amenities for users of the parks.

Further improvements to Westwood Boulevard have commenced with the upgrade of the sports and recreation area and the exciting redevelopment of the playground later in the year.

Finally, we have started a local group of volunteers to assist with planting native plants in nature strips. This will not only reduce the need for mowing but also increase insect life in Keysborough. If you would like to be part of the group or want to plant your nature strip, please get in touch with me.



You can phone me on 0435 107 584 or email rhonda.garad@cgd.vic.gov.au.



New kindergarten now open



Keysborough Primary School Kindergarten is now open.

Located at Keysborough Primary School, 31–53 Coomoora Road, Springvale South, this wonderful new facility was funded by the State Government through the Kindergartens on School Sites Program. The program is one of a number of infrastructure funds to support the rollout of funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten.

The Bilbungra Kindergarten service has relocated to the new Keysborough Primary School Kindergarten site to expand its service delivery and to accommodate both three and four-year-old children attending two years of funded kindergarten.

Having the kindergarten and school together may help local children make a smooth transition from pre-school and reduce the number of drop-offs for



some parents with kindergarten and school-aged children.


For enrolments phone 8571 1817 or email council@cgd.vic.gov.au

 **For more information on kindergartens in Greater Dandenong visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/kindergarten/kindergartens-greater-dandenong**

Have your say



Council's *Complaints Policy* outlines the approach to providing a fair, transparent, and consistent process for managing complaints about a service, action, decision, or policy made by Council, Council staff and Council contractors.

 **To have your say on the policy's content visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/community-engagement/complaints-policy-consultation**



Traffic works in Springvale

Works have started to install traffic lights at the busy Springvale Road, Virginia Street and Newcomen Road intersection in Springvale.


The Victorian Government is investing \$3.9 million to improve safety and traffic flow at this key intersection with new traffic signals, new pedestrian crossings on the northern, eastern, and western ends of the signalised intersection and an extended right turn lane for northbound and southbound vehicles on Springvale Road.

Other safety improvements include modifying parking around the intersection, road renewal and resurfacing works, and improved public lighting.

As part of these works, Rosalie Street will become left turn only on to Springvale Road and a safer speed limit of 40km/h will be implemented along Springvale Road from the Springvale shopping precinct to Watt Street.

During works there will be changed traffic conditions with lane closures and safer speed limits in place for the safety of workers. Traffic management will be on-site to help motorists travel through the area safely as works progress.

Construction works will be taking place between Sandown Road and Lascelles Street to deliver a smoother and safer Springvale Road with works expected to be complete by mid-2022.

 **For more information visit vicroads.vic.gov.au and search 'Springvale Road safety improvements'.**



Clean Up Australia Day



Lend a helping hand and join us at multiple sites across the City of Greater Dandenong for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March.

Clean Up Australia Day is a national day to care for our environment and to help pick up litter. Come along and tag us in your Instagram post at #CUADdandenong.



For more information visit cleanup.org.au

Illegal rubbish dumping



Council's parks, works, and waste and cleansing teams work tirelessly to keep our streets and public spaces clean, safe, and enjoyable for all.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) can fine individuals and businesses caught dumping rubbish or organics unlawfully.

Please do what you can to protect our environment and dispose of your rubbish properly via your household bins and or Council's waste and recycling services.



For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keeping-city-clean/illegal-dumping

Give your unwanted items new life

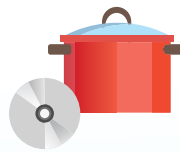


Homecycle will occur from 8–19 March and gives residents the chance to take part in a free one-off collection of smaller items that can be reused and

recycled but are not normally included in the regular kerbside recycling bin.

Smaller items that will be accepted include:

textiles – clothing, shoes, handbags, fashion, accessories, manchester, linen, jewellery; household items – toys, games, puzzles, cookware, cutlery, craft goods, DVDs, CDs, records; sporting equipment – bats, balls; small electrical items – mobile phones, chargers, cables, anything with a cord and battery; and printer cartridges (empty or full).



Homecycle



Group your items into the categories listed above and place the items for each category into a separate plastic bag. Place the bags into your yellow-lid recycling bin the night after your recycling bin has been emptied. Place your bin on the nature strip for collection.



For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/homecycle



A sustainable tomorrow

The City of Greater Dandenong's Sustainability Festival is back for its ninth year.

This year's theme *A Sustainable Tomorrow, Together* reminds us that looking after our shared environment is everyone's responsibility. Even though everyone's 'piece' may be small, by working together our actions can make a significant difference.


Mark Saturday 9 April from 10am–3pm in your calendar for our all-day market event at Springvale Community Hub. This is a free, family friendly event with fun and interactive activities that cover a wide range of sustainability themes.

You can find out how to practice more sustainable living with interactive workshops and activities for all ages on waste, biodiversity, climate change and more at the festival. There will also be indoor and outdoor market stalls where you can get your hands on some great innovative products, homegrown produce and environmentally friendly food to keep you fed throughout the day.



 The festival commences at 10am with a special Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony from the Bunurong Land Council.

We will be revealing the full list of stallholders and workshops in the coming weeks so be sure to check our website regularly.

 For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/sustainability-festival

Proudly diverse



As participants in Council's Youth and Family Services Change Makers Program, a group of local young people have produced a powerful video to raise community awareness of racism and discrimination.


The video highlights that society places labels on people from different cultural backgrounds and ethnicities based on false stereotypes. These harmful racial stereotypes have negative impacts on the wellbeing and sense of belonging of young people in our community.

This video is a thought-provoking piece by young people championing an important and pervasive issue of public concern.



The Change Makers group shared their powerful message with the newly established Anti-Racism Taskforce and created a leadership forum to continue the important conversation.

To view the YouTube clip visit Greater Dandenong's YouTube channel and search 'proudly diverse'.

 For information on Council's Youth Programs visit [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/about-us](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/about-us)

Introducing our Make Your Move Ambassadors



Council has endorsed the Make Your Move Greater Dandenong Physical Activity Strategy to encourage residents to be more active, more often.

Being more active doesn't have to be hard or expensive. There are lots of free ways to keep active throughout Greater Dandenong. Small, gradual changes can make a big impact.

Our Make Your Move Ambassadors are keen to motivate others to lead active lifestyles.



Peter Ogunyemi, Dandenong

What activities do you enjoy that keep you active?

I am aiming to compete at the Paris Paralympics in 2024 in track and field. I currently play Wheelchair AFL for Essendon. I also play Wheelchair Rugby, enjoy riding my tricycle, going to the gym and like to join in any activity for fun.

What small changes have you made in your life that help you to 'Make Your Move' daily?

I got active. Getting active changes life and helps maintain a healthy weight. It also helps reduce the risk of having illness and helps improve cardiovascular health. Mentally you will be strong.

Why did you want to become an ambassador?

To help motivate not just people with disabilities but everybody I come across.



Julie Klok, Noble Park

What activities do you enjoy that keep you active?

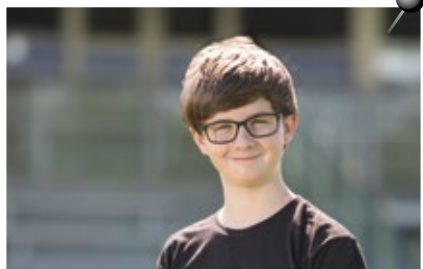
Cycling and e-biking on the many trails across Greater Dandenong, walking, going to the gym, gardening and generally keeping active.

What small changes have you made in your life that help you to 'Make Your Move' daily?

I try to cycle or walk wherever I can instead of using my car.

What is an interesting fact that you would like to share with everyone?

I never played competition sport, always in the 'leftover' team at school. I didn't enjoy the competitive aspect of it and developed my love for being active later in life.



Murray Congues, Dandenong

What activities do you enjoy that keep you active?

I enjoy playing water polo, swimming at the local pool and walking with my friends.

What is the most surprising or interesting benefit of keeping active?

After you have completed exercise you feel satisfied and encouraged to do more.

Why did you want to become an ambassador?

I wanted to have a go at something different and encourage people of all ages to get outdoors and experience the wonderful amenities that the City of Greater Dandenong provides.



For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/make-your-move

Immunisation sessions – March 2022



Immunisation sessions are held every month for residents in a COVID safe environment.

The sessions are free and provide important vaccinations to prevent diseases such as Whooping Cough, Hepatitis, Tetanus, Pneumococcal Pneumonia, Measles and Meningococcal disease. 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.

Date	Location
Thursday 3 March	Jan Wilson Community Centre, BJ Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North
Thursday 10 March	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Wednesday 16 March	Springvale City Hall, Supper Room, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Tuesday 22 March	Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-34 Buckley Street, Noble Park
Saturday 26 March	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)



To make an appointment visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/immunisation. If you need further assistance, please phone Council on 8571 1000.








Save the Date





► **Sunday 3 April**
Keysborough's Big Picnic
Frederick Wachter Reserve

Visit our [website](https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au) for more details

What's On March 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p> Subject to COVID-19 restrictions, the following events and opportunities are scheduled for March. Please check our website and social media for updates, as event dates may change or be offered virtually.</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Day Trip for Seniors: Puffing Billy Belgrave to Lakeside Return 10am To book phone 8571 5556 ▶ Reading, Writing and Arithmetic: Early Education in the City of Greater Dandenong Exhibition Heritage Hill 10am 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social Knitwork Dandenong Library 9.30am ▶ Baby Bounce Dandenong Library 10.30am <p></p>	<p>3</p> <p>WORLD WILDLIFE DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Storytime Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am <p></p>
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Toddler Time Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am <p></p>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ International Women's Day Breakfast Springvale Town Hall 7.15am–9am ▶ Community Support Grants Program Information Session Online 6pm 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social Knitwork Dandenong Library 9.30am ▶ Baby Bounce Dandenong Library 10.30am 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Storytime Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am ▶ International Women's Day Lunch Venue TBC 11.45am–1.45pm
<p>14</p> <p>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Day Trip for Seniors Queen Victoria Market 9.30am To book phone 8571 5556 ▶ Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street 7pm 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social Knitwork Dandenong Library 9.30am ▶ Baby Bounce Dandenong Library 10.30am 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Storytime Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am <p></p>
<p>21</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Toddler Time Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am <p></p>	<p>22</p> <p>WORLD WATER DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Art Series – Acrylic Pouring Springvale Library 6.30pm–8.00pm 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social Knitwork Dandenong Library 9.30am ▶ Baby Bounce Dandenong Library 10.30am 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Young People Leading Healthier Communities Springvale Library 4.30pm–6.30pm ▶ Our Beat The Drum 6.30pm ▶ Rebel – rock n roll circus The Drum 8pm
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Toddler Time Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am ▶ Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street 7pm 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Day Trip for Seniors Direct factory outlets in South Wharf 9.30am To book phone 8571 5556 <p></p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social Knitwork Dandenong Library 9.30am ▶ Baby Bounce Dandenong Library 10.30am 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Storytime Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Community Support Grants Program Information Session Online 10.30am ► Celebrating Women: International Women's Day Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre 5.30pm–7.30pm ► Bend It Like Beckham Open Air Movie screening Springvale Community Hub 7pm 	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"><i>Celebration</i></div> <p>Community Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Springvale Community Hub 4pm–7pm ► Madagascar Open Air Movie screening Springvale Community Hub 7pm 	<p>CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><i>Open Air Movies Every Friday and Saturday 5 March</i></p>  </div>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Baby Bounce Springvale Library 10.30am ► Skater Girl Open Air Movie screening Springvale Community Hub 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► The Think Tank: Super Science Dandenong Library 3pm <div style="text-align: center; border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">?</div>	
18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Baby Bounce Springvale Library 10.30am ► Storm Boy (1976) Open Air Movie screening Springvale Community Hub 7pm ► 1927 Music Concert The Drum 7.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► The Think Tank: Super Science Springvale Library 3pm ► ISAIAH: Spirit and Beyond Tour The Drum 8pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► A Taste of Ireland The Drum 10.30am and 7.30pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  <p><i>Isaiah Firebrace 19 March</i></p> </div>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Baby Bounce Springvale Library 10.30am ► Stardust Open Air Movie screening Springvale Community Hub 7pm 	<div style="background-color: #8e7cc3; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"><i>Festival</i></div> <p>Noble Park Big Day Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Community Festival for all ages and abilities. Visit our website for more details. 	
Every Thursday	8–19 March	21–28 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Libraries After Dark Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 7.30pm every Thursday <p>Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries-after-dark</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Homecycle Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au for more details 	<p>CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK</p>

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 - Drum Theatre**
Ph: 8571 1666

 - Dandenong Library**
Ph: 1300 630 920

 - Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens**
Ph: 9793 4511

 - Jan Wilson Community Centre**
Ph: 8571 1436

 - Springvale Library**
Ph: 1300 630 920

 - Springers Leisure Centre**
Ph: 9701 5900

 - Walker Street Gallery**
Ph: 9706 8441

 - Dandenong Market**
Ph: 9701 3850

 - Cultural Tours**
Ph: 8571 1666

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

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COVID safe guidelines will be fully met to ensure public safety for all Council events.

Seen

Celebrating the local community through portraiture, *Seen* is a portrait prize that invites artists to capture the faces and people of the City of Greater Dandenong.

Using any medium, you are invited to submit up to two portraiture works for inclusion in the exhibition. The subject of the work must live, work or study in Greater Dandenong.

Judged by an esteemed panel of industry professionals, prizes will be awarded in the categories of Open, Secondary School, Primary School and a People's Choice Award.

Entry is free. Entries close 3pm on Friday 11 March. *Seen* Exhibition dates: Tuesday 5 April–Friday 17 June.

➔ Apply now at greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/arts-opportunities/seen



Vonda Keji, *Dichotomy series*, digital photograph, 2016

ENTRIES NOW OPEN

Have you been to Garnar Lane?



Shine is a photographic exhibition by artist Kitty Owens on display in Garnar Lane, Dandenong, 24 hours, seven days a week until June.

As an artist in residence at Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens in Dandenong, Kitty has created photographic work that depicts the reflections and the play of light of the local museum display.

Kitty Owens is a visual artist, writer, and museum curator. Owens' practice is focussed on history and museology.

➔ For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/public-art/garnar-lane-display-boxes



Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

Exhibitions on until Friday 25 March

Open: Tuesday–Friday, 12–4pm

Gallery One

JALSA: Celebration of South Asian women artists exhibition

Gallery Two

Lineage and Line exhibition


➔ Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/arts

Priyanka Kaur & Avneet Singh, *Dancing Rani*, acrylics and ink, 2021.

Around Town

Around Town will bring a series of art installations, performances, and events into public spaces in Dandenong, Noble Park and Springvale, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/around-town

Keeping COVID safe at home

 **While we continue to wear masks, sanitise and socially distance, there is still a chance you may catch or be a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.**

Catching COVID-19 is nothing to be embarrassed about and the focus should instead be on making sure you have the support you need to make isolating as easy as possible.

The Victorian Government has put together some tips to help you plan in case you or a household member tests positive:

- ▶ always have basic medical supplies like a thermometer, pain relief and your regular medications available


- ▶ make sure you have enough face masks, hand sanitiser and gloves if you must isolate
- ▶ plan ahead for who can safely deliver supplies to you if you must isolate
- ▶ plan ahead for home activities to keep you entertained if you must isolate.

If you get COVID-19, or you are a household contact of someone who has, you must immediately isolate for seven days and not leave your house during this time.

Here are some pointers to help you effectively isolate at home:

- ▶ **stay in your room** as much as possible, away from others; use a separate bathroom if you have one; try not to enter shared areas, such as the kitchen or living room

- ▶ **limit the number of people** who are staying in the house; consider alternative places for them to stay if possible
- ▶ **masks, ventilation and hygiene matter** so keep the doors and windows open as much as possible to let the fresh air blow through; if you need to be in the same room as someone else at home, always wear a face mask and keep a distance of at least 1.5 metres away from other household members; wash or sanitise your hands for at least 20 seconds after you cough, sneeze, blow your nose or take off gloves and masks.

 **You can find more tips by visiting coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-prepare-covid-isolation and coronavirus.vic.gov.au/managing-covid-19-home.**

Copas Park's rich history

 **A new interpretive sign was unveiled by Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti and Minister for Suburban Development The Hon. Shaun Leane within the flourishing rose garden of Noble Park's Copas Park to celebrate the park's history and honour the unique contribution locals have made to its creation over time.**

The Mayor said the Copas Park interpretative sign provides opportunities for people to interact within the community and to acknowledge the special cultural diversity of Noble Park.

"The aim of this interpretative sign is to break down barriers and encourage community connectedness.

"We want to share local stories that provide a sense of place and meaning, especially for the 70 per cent of Noble Park residents who are born overseas.

"This new Copas Park interpretative sign highlights the park's unique creation and the dedicated Noble Park locals who have contributed to its establishment over time," said the Mayor.

Tom Copas, whom Copas Park is named after, was a Noble Park local



Minister for Suburban Development The Hon. Shaun Leane and Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti at Copas Park.

involved in the park's planning and landscape planting. He was a keen horticulturalist, coming from a long line of pioneering fruit growers and gardeners from South Australia.

Tom was also the head rosarian at Springvale Botanical Cemetery (formerly known as the Necropolis). Tom also actively contributed to the Noble Park community and was a trustee at the Noble Park Hall for 25 years.

To acknowledge Tom's contribution to the park and his passion for rose growing, a beautiful new rose garden with heritage pink roses and a cluster of the Spirit of Enterprise red roses

has been planted by Council's horticultural team.

The new Copas Park interpretive sign forms part of an ongoing placemaking program across activity centres in Springvale, Noble Park and central Dandenong made possible with funding support from the Noble Park Revitalisation Board and the Victorian Government.

The project is part of the Victorian Government's ongoing Noble Park Revitalisation and has been identified as a priority through the Noble Park Suburban Revitalisation Board.

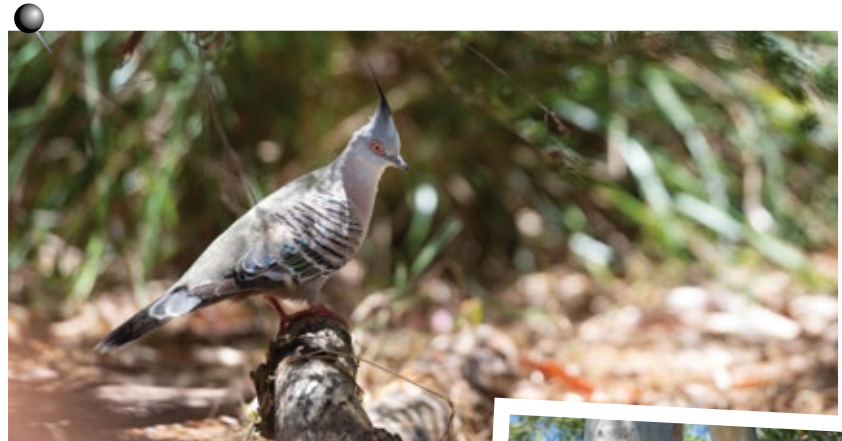
Connecting with our natural wonders



Home to flourishing biodiversity, there are more than 100 parks and reserves, totalling 600 hectares of open space, in Greater Dandenong.

This autumn explore the incredible biodiversity and natural wonders in your neighbourhood. Take a self-guided walking tour along the Alex Wilkie Reserve Nature Trail and follow the interpretive signage through the stunning bushland. You can also go birdwatching at Fotheringham Reserve, located across from Yarraman Creek. Visit Tirhatuan Park, a beautiful open space park that forms part of the Dandenong Creek vegetation corridor, providing important habitat for our native flora and fauna.

This month to celebrate World Wildlife Day on 3 March and World Water Day on 22 March visit the Dandenong Wetlands to see water birds fishing for food, birds of prey flying overhead hunting, and listen to frogs calling. You



can also read the interpretive signage placed around the parkland highlighting interesting facts about the wetlands.

Council has many environmental programs to join that promote and grow our biodiversity and increase the habitat of local wildlife, e.g. for the sugar glider and powerful owl. You can join the Gardens for Wildlife Program, a free service to support the creation of wildlife habitats in your own backyard.



For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/our-environment/biodiversity-nature-and-wildlife

Deputy Mayor, Cr Eden Foster with Living Treasure Be Ha.



Our Living Treasures



At a special Australia Day Awards ceremony on 26 January at Springvale

Town Hall, four outstanding people were inducted as Greater Dandenong Living Treasures, Be Ha, Natalie Irvine, Patricia Ockwell and Joe Rechichi.

A Living Treasure is a truly exceptional person whose contribution leaves a lasting legacy for the people of our municipality, tirelessly contributing to enrich the lives of others.

We honour our Living Treasures and thank them all for their selfless and valuable community service.




See the full list of Greater Dandenong Living Treasures at greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/history-and-cultural-heritage/living-treasures

Making: Our Future

Watch out for the street flags being installed across the municipality to celebrate and highlight Manufacturing Week this month. Co-designed with young people, the images on the flags underpin an ongoing marketing campaign promoting careers in the manufacturing sector to young people and their influencers – teachers, family members and peers.

Supporting our own thriving manufacturing base is essential for economic growth. *Making: Our Future* is about promoting the myriad of career opportunities manufacturing offers to young workers and to ensure a talent pipeline is maintained for existing and future businesses.

 For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/future-made



Victorian Tourism Award Winner


 For their leadership in tourism excellence, Melbourne Cable Park was awarded the *Excellence in Accessible Tourism* and came runner's up in the *Adventure Tourism* category at the Victorian Tourism Awards.

Melbourne Cable Park is a world-class outdoor adventure centre, located in tranquil parklands at Bangholme. Open all year round, the Park is an activity hub for the energetic, with spectacular panoramic views of Melbourne. A choice of exciting and challenging water and non-water based activities are available, suitable



for all ages and abilities (including an accessible wakeboard program).

The company will now progress as a national finalist to the Australian Tourism Awards later this year.

 For more information on Melbourne Cable Park visit melbournecablepark.com



Creative Writing Group at The Open Door

You are invited to join a group offering writers of all levels an opportunity to share creative writing prompts, stories, and brainstorm ideas in a relaxed manner. Take a couple of hours to awaken your inner writer and spark your imagination in this encouraging and fun workshop.


New writers welcome.

When: Second Thursday of the month
10am–12pm (excludes public/school holidays)


Where: 110 Ann St, Dandenong

A gold coin donation is welcome.


Full vaccination status and masks required upon entry please.

 For any enquiries/bookings please contact Jo/Tayla on 9791 8664 or email theopendoor@ssjg.org.au.

Support for new businesses

 If you or someone you know is looking to start a business, or has recently started their business and need support, then join the Ignite Program.

The program is free and offers workshops, mentoring and a range of activities and resources for people who are looking to start a new business.

 Register your interest at greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/ignite-program or email business@cgd.vic.gov.au.

SEEKING COMMUNITY GOOD NEWS STORIES FOR NEXT EDITION!

GREATER DANDENONG SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

'A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW, TOGETHER'

Saturday 9 April 2022

10am - 3pm

Springvale Community Hub

5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

**Free
entry**

**Live
music**

**Wheelchair
Access**

**Market stalls,
food and
workshops**