

# Greater Dandenong Council News



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## Customer Service Centres

### Dandenong Civic Centre

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### Springvale Community Hub

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### Keysborough Customer Service

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## Important Numbers

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 April 2022 edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

There is a lot happening in the world right now. Please be kind to yourself and each other. There are numerous services available to support you, please visit our website for more information.

You can also enjoy the great outdoors to enhance your health and wellbeing. I like visiting Dandenong Park where the flowers are in bloom, great facilities are available and where I take part in Parkrun on Saturday mornings.

Be sure to have your say on our Council strategies, infrastructure and park and reserve upgrades. Page 5 lists some of our current projects, tell us what you think.

There is plenty on offer in Greater Dandenong to entertain the whole family these school holidays. Pages 10-13 feature what's on this month, including live shows at the Drum Theatre and fun events at our libraries.

We are also excited for the return of the Keysborough Big Picnic on Sunday 3 April at Wachter Reserve, turn to page 14 to find out more.

This month, daylight savings ends, many celebrate Easter, others mark their new year, and we acknowledge the significant service of our ANZACs on 25 April.

There are so many culturally diverse celebrations in our great city, enjoy.



**Mayor**  
**Cr Jim Memeti**

## My City

In support of the people of Ukraine and their friends and family in Greater Dandenong, we have lit up The Drum Theatre building in blue and yellow.

We stand united with our Ukraine local community members during this time as we all watch on in horror at what is occurring in their homeland.

We act on our values and extend understanding, tolerance, openness, empathy, and acceptance. Living together harmoniously in such a vibrant community is something we are all very proud of.

We offer our support to our local Ukraine and Russian communities as we all seek peace and a hopeful swift end to the conflict overseas.



### 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 *SpongeBob the Musical* cast in front of the Drum Theatre, Dandenong. Photo by Hilton Stone.



This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.

## Park safely in our school zones



**There are more than 50 schools, 30,000 students, 79 school crossings and approximately 95 school crossing supervisors throughout Greater Dandenong.**

Students walk, ride, catch public transport or get driven to school.

Council is committed to minimising the risk of an accident or injury around our schools.

Peak times around schools are often congested and chaotic, please continue to drive at low speeds in school zones.

Parking restrictions around schools address safety issues, reduce congestion and ensure traffic keeps flowing.

Restrictions ensure drivers, pedestrians and school crossing supervisors can clearly see each other. They also ensure motorists can make safe decisions when turning at intersections.

By following parking restrictions, drivers can reduce their potential for a crash.

We all need to ensure the safety of our community and park safely in school zones, particularly during school drop off and pick up times.

Please:

- ▶ do not park on nature strips or within 10 metres of an intersection, even if there are no parking restrictions signposted
- ▶ do not stop on a children's crossing, a 'no stopping' area, a bus zone, nor on the right-hand side of a vehicle already stopped at the kerb (i.e. double parking)
- ▶ do not drive through a children's crossing while a pedestrian is still crossing.



**To learn more visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/road-safety/road-safety-around-schools](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/road-safety/road-safety-around-schools)**

## Help boost against COVID-19

**Thank you to those in our community who have already been vaccinated against COVID-19.**

The 5–11-year-old vaccination rate is still quite low however across Greater Dandenong at only 45 per cent.

Vaccinations for children are readily available at the Dandenong Plaza walk-in vaccination clinic and the vaccination centre at Sandown Racecourse.

To answer any questions you may have, the South East Public Health Unit (SEPHU) run by Monash Health, has some great resources available online at [sephu.org](http://sephu.org).

Please continue to keep your community safe.



## Use the Snap Send Solve app



**Living Treasure Bill Warner has given years of civic and voluntary service to the City of Greater Dandenong. At 96 years old, he continues to look for ways to improve his local community and regularly uses the free, easy Snap Send Solve app on his phone to report issues or incidents he notices while out on his scooter along the Dandenong Creek trail.**

The Snap Send Solve app allows residents and visitors to upload photos and detail immediately the issue or incident they have noticed in a specific location.

"I had never heard of the Snap Send Solve app, so I tested it out. I thought the results were amazing. I have completed nearly 100 reports using the app letting Council know about dumped shopping trolleys, mattresses, rubbish, furniture, syringes, damaged pathways and many other things that need fixing," Bill said.

To report an issue immediately download the Snap Send Solve app via [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/report](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/report)



**To learn more about Living Treasure Bill Warner visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/living-treasure/ivan-bill-warner](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/living-treasure/ivan-bill-warner)**

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MONDAY

11  
APRIL

TUESDAY

26  
APRIL

## Council Meetings

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

Upcoming meetings will be held on:

- ▶ Monday 11 April 2022
- ▶ Tuesday 26 April 2022.

With COVID-19 restrictions easing, the gallery is open again to the public.

You can ask questions during Public Question Time.

You can also 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 check the agenda and 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)**

## ▶ Noble Park Ward



**The Noble Park Activity Centre is becoming a more vibrant hub as stage 4 of the Douglas Street upgrade works near completion.**

The new planting, seating area, traffic signalisation, public lighting and overall streetscape upgrade of the Leonard Avenue intersection has also created a fresher look in the ward.

Up to 50 trees will be planted in a suitable location as part of the Tree Planting Plan. Appropriate locations are currently being assessed by our Parks team and will be planted this month.

A new interpretive sign at Copas Park has been installed within a new rose garden; and a new interpretive sign at the Noble Park Public Hall is currently in progress.

Several other capital works in the Noble Park Ward will be completed this year. The 2A Frank Street public open space redevelopment's community consultation and concept design have been completed. The new space includes a performance platform, shade structure, trees, tables and benches, landscaping and lighting. Construction is anticipated to commence in June.

The procurement phase of the Noble Park Reserve neighbourhood playground project is underway. The project includes a new playground,

## Cr Sophie Tan



the installation of shade sails, path connections and seating.

I'd like to extend my thanks to the Victorian Government's Noble Park Suburban Revitalisation Board for their support towards many new projects in the Noble Park Ward, including: the Leonard Avenue and Buckley streetscape concept designs, Library Lounge Feasibility Study at Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, pedestrian counters across five locations which provide real-time movement data, five seasonal display crates in the Noble Park Activity Centre and the Transformed temporary public art project.

There is much more to come, but I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone who celebrates their New Year in April a Happy New Year!

**▶ If I can help you and your family with any local government matters, please contact me on 0466 793 727 or [sophie.tan@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:sophie.tan@cgd.vic.gov.au).**

## Cr Richard Lim OAM

► Springvale Central Ward



**It is more important than ever to rejuvenate Springvale, and with Council's investment in ongoing projects, we are well on the way.**

The Springvale Boulevard project has been developing for some time now and I want to thank the traders and visitors to the area who have shown a great deal of patience. Our great communication with these business owners has meant that they are always aware of the changes happening around them and they have time to prepare for any possible disruptions. We have completed stage 2 drainage works and installed structural soil, which will help drainage for the new garden beds. Roadside kerb installation and public lighting works are now underway to enhance local safety.

Council is also assessing future upgrades to the 'Number 8' Balmoral Avenue multi-deck car park, seeking the best way to improve access and make structural repairs to improve safety.

I was so pleased to see so many residents and friends attend the Springvale Community Hub Community Celebration early last month. It was special to finally be able to officially celebrate the new community and civic heart of Springvale together.

I am determined to help transform Springvale into a cultural hub, where we can celebrate the diversity and contribution of our multicultural community across the Springvale Central Ward. I am in talks with Council and cultural organisations to share more live performances at Multicultural Place, so stay tuned.

It was great to celebrate Multicultural Arts Victoria's In Situ launch at Multicultural Place recently with music, dancing and global rhythms on display.

Thanks to everyone who took part in our Clean Up Australia Day efforts in central Springvale, the improved cleanliness in our public spaces is appreciated by all.



Finally, I'd like to wish all those celebrating a very Happy Songkran New Year and hope everyone's 2022 is off to a great start.



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## Have your say

Tell us what you think of these current projects out for public consultation.

### **Railway Parade Shopping Centre, Noble Park streetscape upgrade**

This project aims to improve the overall facilities and appearance of this neighbourhood shopping centre. Council is seeking your feedback on the draft concept plan. Your ideas will help shape the design of the shopping centre improvements.

Have your say by 11 April at [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/railway-parade-consultation](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/railway-parade-consultation).

### **Noble Park Community Centre business plan development**

Council wants to hear about your ideas for the future of the Noble Park Community Centre to make sure the plans reflect local community needs.

Have your say by 14 April at [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/NPCC-consultation](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/NPCC-consultation), or pick up a hard copy



Railway Parade Shopping Centre

survey from the Noble Park Aquatic Centre, Noble Park Community Centre and the Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, or in person on Thursday 7 April from 10.00am–12noon outside Coles in Douglas Street.

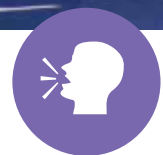
This Noble Park Revitalisation Initiative is funded by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR).

### **Draft Greaves Reserve Master plan**

Have your say on the draft Greaves Reserve, Dandenong master plan

that aims to provide more sporting and recreational facilities, additional parking, roads and pathway links, new infrastructure, toilets and improved landscaping.

Have your say by 28 April at [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/greaves-reserve-consultation](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/greaves-reserve-consultation) or attend a drop-in session at Greaves Reserve on Saturday 9 April or Sunday 10 April from 10.30am–1.30pm.



## Noble Park Youth Committee



**Fifteen passionate young people (aged 12–25 years) who want to make a positive impact in their local community and improve the lives of others have come together to form the Noble Park Youth Committee.**

After researching and developing two projects in September–October 2021, the group has recommenced meeting weekly at the Noble Park Community Centre to now bring these two projects to life.

- 1. Noble Park Students' Connect** – a weekly program that provides free tutoring and homework support to young people aged 12–20 years. Running every Tuesday during the school term, the program provides more than just study support, it features a calendar of workshops and recreational activities that young people can come along to build social connections. They can also access guidance to help navigate their education and employment pathways. No registration is required, young people can just visit the Noble Park Community Centre between 3:30pm–6.00pm, or access tutoring online via Zoom.
- 2. Noble Park Big Day Out** – an all ages and abilities fun community festival held on Saturday 26 March near the skate park and surrounding areas. Key highlights included live performances and a silent disco, a rock-climbing wall and reptile encounter, as well as free workshops, sports, and art activities.

The Noble Park Youth Committee's projects have been funded through the Noble Park Revitalisation Project, an initiative of the Victorian Government (Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions).

**To find out more, contact Youth and Family Services on 9793 2155 or visit [youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au).**

## Abbotts Road upgrade

**To improve traffic flow and to ease congestion, Abbotts Road in Dandenong South is being upgraded.**

Works have included the widening of Abbotts Road to two lanes in each direction, a new pedestrian path, new storm water drainage and underground services, improvements to traffic signals and street lighting and the relocation of overhead powerlines.

Abbotts Road has been closed for through traffic recently to enable a third party to undertake major construction works.

Dandenong South is an important destination for workers in Melbourne's south eastern growth corridor.

Abbotts Road is one of only a few east-west connections from the Casey residential growth areas into the Lyndhurst and Keysborough industrial area and is an important freight link.

We thank our community and local businesses for your patience during this time.

**For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/works-and-projects/abbotts-road-upgrade](https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/works-and-projects/abbotts-road-upgrade)**

## Revitalising central Dandenong



**The Victorian Government has previously committed to invest \$290 million to help further transform central Dandenong into a vibrant and thriving economic hub.**

To commence in 2023, Melbourne-based developer Capital Alliance has been selected by Development Victoria for the next phase of the project that is expected to:

- ▶ deliver a new Little India precinct
- ▶ inject \$600 million into the Dandenong economy during its development and construction phase
- ▶ create 2,600 construction jobs
- ▶ create 5,000 ongoing jobs
- ▶ deliver 470 new dwellings and 2,500 square metres of community space
- ▶ deliver new commercial and retail spaces, including a new supermarket and food market hall
- ▶ deliver social enterprise initiatives
- ▶ improve public safety and amenity.

**For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/revitalisation-and-placemaking/revitalising-central-dandenong](https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/revitalisation-and-placemaking/revitalising-central-dandenong)**

★ LOCAL CHAMPIONS ★

## B-cycle your batteries



**Did you know you can't put batteries in your recycling or rubbish bin?**

Your kerbside bins aren't suitable for recycling batteries as they are hazardous, toxic, flammable and corrosive.

You can however recycle your batteries for free at retail stores ALDI, Bunnings, Officeworks, Woolworths and Coles and at Council's customer service centres. Council's recycling stations accept household batteries, CDs, DVDs, mobile phones and light globes.

For each battery that gets recycled, more than 95 per cent of its materials can now be remade into paint, car tyres, metal tools, computer parts, brand new batteries and more.

B-cycle is Australia's new national government-backed battery recycling scheme that aims to redirect 90 per cent of used batteries going to landfill.

➔ **To search for your closest battery drop-off point visit [recyclingnearyou.com.au/batteries](http://recyclingnearyou.com.au/batteries)**

## Our waste champions



**The living room of Liam and Blake's house is filled with toy garbage trucks. They are fascinated with the high-tech moving parts and flashing lights.**

Seeing their local garbage truck come down their street each week has captured their imagination and ignited their passion for waste and recycling.

The highlight of their week is when they can both go out excitedly to say hello to their garbage truck driver wearing their own high-vis uniforms like their idol.

Though Liam is in primary school now, in kindergarten he was their resident "recycling coordinator". Passionately telling other children what items should go into which bin.

Thanks Liam and Blake for being our local waste and recycling champions.

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

**SWITCH TO REUSABLE BAGS**



## Reduce by reusing



**Remember to take your reusable bags with you when you go shopping.**

Plastic bags are no longer the way to go as single use plastics make up one third of the litter we see in our streets, parks and waterways. By switching to reusable bags when you shop, you help the environment, reduce harm to wildlife and reduce the number of unnecessary plastics that end up in landfill.

Keep your reusable shopping bags near your front door, in your car, or in your handbag or backpack so you always have one available to use.

➔ **For more information visit [sustainability.vic.gov.au/recycling-and-reducing-waste/at-home/avoid-waste/minimise-single-use-items/bags](http://sustainability.vic.gov.au/recycling-and-reducing-waste/at-home/avoid-waste/minimise-single-use-items/bags)**

## South East Leisure on track



South East Leisure is a newly formed subsidiary company of Greater Dandenong City Council and has been established to improve the community's health and wellbeing outcomes via accessible, high quality leisure and aquatic experiences.

From 1 July this year, South East Leisure will be responsible for the operation of Dandenong Oasis, Noble Park Aquatic Centre, Springers Leisure Centre and Dandenong Stadium.

South East Leisure has recently joined the Sports Environment Alliance to support and contribute to Council's



vision to become one of the most sustainable cities in Australia by 2030.

CEO and leisure and recreation industry leader, Mr John Clark has recruited a talented and experienced executive team to successfully guide South East Leisure's operations.



For more information visit [southeastleisure.com.au](http://southeastleisure.com.au)

**GREATER DANDENONG SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL**

'A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW, TOGETHER'

**Saturday 9 April 2022**  
**10am - 3pm**

**Springvale Community Hub**  
5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

Free food and live music

Free entry

Wheelchair access

Workshops and market stalls

Find out more at [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/sustainability-festival](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/sustainability-festival)

## Immunisation sessions – April 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
Monday 4 April	Springvale City Hall, Supper Room, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Thursday 7 April	Jan Wilson Community Centre, BJ Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North
Thursday 14 April	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Wednesday 20 April	Springvale City Hall, Supper Room, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Tuesday 26 April	Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-34 Buckley Street, Noble Park
Saturday 30 April	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)



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



CONNECT  
AND PLAY

## Host a play street

**Council is launching the 1000 Play Streets campaign locally, designed and pioneered by Play Australia.**

To create stronger and healthier communities, the campaign aims to turn quiet residential streets throughout Greater Dandenong into places for neighbours of all ages to meet each other, connect and play freely and safely in their street.

Would you like to hold a fun get together for you and your neighbours?

Register your desire to host a play street with Council via our website. Once your application has been accepted, we'll work with you to produce invites for your neighbours to join in, organise the permit so we can close your quiet residential street to traffic and provide sporting equipment so you can enjoy your play street.

You can host a one-off event or regular events in your street.

➔ **For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/1000-play-streets](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/1000-play-streets)**

## Parkrun at Dandenong Park

**Meet new people and get moving by joining other runners, joggers and walkers in the 5-kilometre parkrun which starts at 7.45am each Saturday at Dandenong Park, corner of Pultney and Wilson Streets.**

Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti said: "I strongly encourage people to 'make a move'. It's good for our health and the Dandenong Park course is wonderful. It's one of the best parks in the region".

Council's *Make Your Move physical activity strategy 2020–2030* states that more than half of Greater Dandenong residents are not doing the recommended 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous daily exercise. It identified the cost of taking part in organised sport as one of the barriers.

Parkrun helps people get more physically active, it's free, it's fun and caters for people of all ages and abilities.

➔ **For more information visit [parkrun.com.au/Dandenong](http://parkrun.com.au/Dandenong)**

## Have you been here lately?

 **An area of more than 17 hectares, Dandenong Park, 174 Lonsdale Street, was established over 100 years ago, and is a fantastic multi-purpose open space. It is also a destination for many community gatherings, sports and recreation activities, family BBQs, community festivals and weddings.**

The ongoing vision for Dandenong Park is to bring it into the 21st century, while respecting its past.

Council continues to improve the park's landscape and facilities, including:

- ▶ a new playground
- ▶ a large picnic area with BBQs, seating, tables, and shelters
- ▶ new shared cycle and walking paths
- ▶ new public toilets



- ▶ new Stan Prior Stage for festival and events
- ▶ two new table tennis tables
- ▶ a multi-purpose activity court with basketball and futsal goals
- ▶ new fitness equipment.




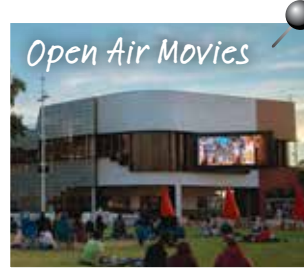



Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti said Dandenong Park is very significant to him as he married his wife there amongst the gardens.

"What I love most are the floral displays in the north area of the park," said the Mayor.

➔ **For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/our-environment/open-spaces/dandenong-park](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/our-environment/open-spaces/dandenong-park)**

# What's On April 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 Please check our website and social media for updates, as event dates may change or be offered virtually.   <p>School Holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 11–22 April</li> </ul>	 <p>Soccer clinics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Ross Reserve Noble Park</b></li> <li><b>11 April</b> 11.00am–1.00pm (mixed)</li> <li><b>13 April</b> 11.00am–1.00pm (female) 2.00pm–4.00pm (male)</li> </ul>	 <p>Wednesday 13 April</p>	 <p>April</p> 
<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Toddler Time</b> Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am</li> <li>▶ <b>Peer2Peer Homework Club</b> Dandenong Library 4.00pm</li> </ul> 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Women's Health Workshop – Endometriosis</b> Springvale Library 6.30pm</li> </ul>  <p>Don't miss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Every Saturday</b> Parkrun at Dandenong Park 7.45am</li> <li>▶ <b>Seen Exhibition</b> 5 April–17 June Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre</li> <li>▶ <b>Nature Play Week</b> 6–16 April</li> <li>▶ <b>Hidden Creature Gallery</b> 11–22 April Drum Theatre</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>The Social Knitwork</b> Dandenong Library 9.30am</li> <li>▶ <b>Baby Bounce</b> Dandenong Library 10.30am</li> <li>▶ <b>Reading Circle</b> Dandenong Library 11.00am</li> </ul> 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Storytime</b> Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am</li> <li>▶ <b>Libraries After Dark – Climate Conversations</b> Dandenong Library 7.30pm</li> <li>▶ <b>Libraries After Dark – Disability and Climate Change</b> Springvale Library 7.30pm</li> </ul>
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<p><b>EARTH DAY</b></p> <p>Skateboarding clinics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Noble Park Skatepark</b></li> <li><b>21 April</b> 11.00am–12noon (beginners) 12.10pm–1.10pm (some experience)</li> <li><b>22 April</b> 11.00am–12noon (beginners) 12.10pm–1.10pm (some experience)</li> <li><b>28 April</b> 4.30pm–5.30pm (beginners) 5.40pm–6.40pm (some experience)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Alchemy Dance Company Presents ZEITGEIST</b> Drum Theatre 1.00pm</li> <li>▶ <b>The Think Tank – Creepy Crawlies</b> Springvale Library 3.00pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Alchemy Dance Company Presents ZEITGEIST</b> Drum Theatre 1.00pm, 6.00pm</li> </ul> 
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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)

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

## Arts in Greater Dandenong

### Seen Exhibition

Tuesday 5 April through to Friday 17 June  
Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

Celebrating the local community through portraiture, *Seen* captures the faces and people of Greater Dandenong.

### Seen Opening Event

Saturday 9 April, 2pm–4pm  
Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

Join us to celebrate, through art, the people that make Greater Dandenong the vibrant place it is.

### School Holiday Program – Make your own Mushroom Dream House

Thursday 21 April, 10am–12noon  
Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

Each participant will make their own mushroom dream house with artist Ariba Naqvi. Suitable for children over seven years old.



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

## Visit the Drum Theatre

### AYPT presents Nickelodeon’s SpongeBob The Musical

Thursday 31 March, 7pm  
Friday 1 April, 7pm  
Saturday 2 April, 12pm and 7pm  
Sunday 3 April 12pm and 7pm

SpongeBob’s pleasant existence is abruptly interrupted when his beloved underwater town discovers that Mt. Humongous, a nearby volcano, will erupt and completely obliterate Bikini Bottom.

### Sun Rising – The Songs That Made Memphis

Saturday 9 April, 5pm

This show, with sublime musicianship, is an impeccable tribute to the greatest rock ‘n’ roll performers of all time.

### Let it Go – The Songs of Frozen in Concert

Wednesday 13 April, 10.30am and 1pm

Features sisters Anna and Elsa in full costume, along with some of their popular friends from the Frozen movies.

### Hidden Creature Gallery

11–22 April, 10am–4pm

Drop into the Drum Theatre any time to experience this exciting interactive work for school-aged children and their families. Arena Theatre Company will create an immersive and fun space that combines inspiring art and cutting-edge technology. Approximately 30 hidden creatures are available to hunt for with your smart phone.



### Blowin’ in the Wind

Thursday 21 April, 10.30am

Many great singers who performed during the war are highlighted in this wonderful production, including Dame Vera Lynn, The Andrews Sisters, Bob Dylan, Normie Rowe and The Sapphires.

### Our Beat

Thursday 21 April, 6.30pm

A free monthly open stage night that brings together musicians, artists, actors, comedians, dancers and the community.



### Alchemy Dance Company Presents ZEITGEIST

Saturday 23 April, 1pm  
Sunday 24 April, 1pm  
Sunday 24 April, 6pm

ADC’s 2022 season captures the Zeitgeist of the here and now through fusion styles of jazz and contemporary dance.



All Drum Theatre ticket holders receive 10% off a pre-show meal at

Beletti Restaurant Café Bar and Ettamo Eatery. All Drum members receive 10% off accommodation at Dandenong City Edge Apartment Hotels.

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

# Greater Dandenong Libraries



## BIG Summer Read



**More than 4800 books were read by over 300 local children who took part in this year's BIG Summer Read program at Dandenong and Springvale Libraries.**

Prizes were presented to children aged between 4–13 years old who completed the reading log and read at least 10 books over the summer. Other prizes were awarded to children who drew their favourite book character, read a biography, or wrote a letter to their favourite author.

Every child who took part in the BIG Summer Read received a participation certificate.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and to local parents and guardians who encourage their young ones to read and develop their literacy skills.

The BIG Summer Read is part of our *Libraries Change Lives* Campaign that aims to raise awareness of the ways in which libraries can have a positive effect on the community.

➤ **For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/big-summer-read](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/big-summer-read)**

## School holiday fun

**Hop into our Dandenong and Springvale Libraries this Easter and school holiday break (11–22 April) to enjoy interactive programs for primary school children and young adults.**

Watch the Magic Easter Show, learn about dinosaurs and fossils, or update your skills in a Digital Design workshop, there is something for everyone.

### Calligraphy Brush Painting

Monday, 11 April, 2.30pm–3.30pm  
Springvale Library, The Studio

### Pottery Play

Tuesday, 12 April, 2.30pm–3.30pm  
Springvale Library, The Studio

### Dinosaurs and Fossils

Wednesday 13 April, 2.30pm–3.30pm  
Dandenong Library, Children's Area

### Magic Easter Show

Thursday 14 April, 2.30pm–3.30pm  
Springvale Library, Exhibition Hall

### Wildlife Presentation

Tuesday 19 April, 2.30pm–3.30pm  
Springvale Library, The Studio and Foyer

### Digital Design

Wednesday 20 April, 2.30pm–4.00pm  
Dandenong Library, Program Rooms 1 and 2

### LEGO

Thursday 21 April, 2.30pm–3.30pm  
Dandenong Library, Training Room 1

### Yoga and Mindfulness

Friday 22 April, 2.30pm–3.30pm  
Dandenong Library, Program Rooms 1 and 2

➤ **Book your April library experience by visiting [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries-whatson](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries-whatson)**

## Khmer Book Day – Libraries After Dark

**Thursday 28 April, 7.30pm–9.00pm  
Springvale Library, The Studio**

Susadei! Come along to our first ever Khmer Book Day. Browse through our new Khmer book collection, meet new people and suggest new titles and programs that you would like to see in the libraries.

➤ **For more information about our libraries visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries)**

# Reconciliation Action Plan launched

It was with great pride when the Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti, officially launched the second **Greater Dandenong Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)** at the Waa and Bulln Bulln Corroboree Fire Pit, Springvale Community Hub.

The Reconciliation Action Plan was endorsed and ratified by both Council and Reconciliation Australia and will assist Council to realise its vision for reconciliation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, the Bunurong Land Council.

The plan embodies Council's commitment to advance the process of reconciliation and strives to embed reconciliation across policy, business, and community structures. It also expresses our shared commitment to equality, opportunity, respect and inclusion.

Council is committed to:

- ▶ creating meaningful partnerships that empower and embrace Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' involvement and leadership in decision-making
- ▶ promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and experiences, free of racism and discrimination
- ▶ creating equitable employment and business opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



Koori Youth 'Will Shake Spears' dance group performs.



Smoking ceremony by Uncle Shane Clarke at the Waa and Bulln Bulln Corroboree Fire Pit.

- ▶ improving the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples who live in, work in, and contribute to the Greater Dandenong community.

This plan outlines a clear way forward for both Council and the broader Greater Dandenong community to positively contribute to reconciliation.

➤ To view the plan visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/reconciliation-action-plan-january-2021-december-2023](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/reconciliation-action-plan-january-2021-december-2023)



## Keysborough's Big Picnic

Save the date on **Sunday 3 April**, as the popular **Keysborough's Big Picnic** returns to **Frederick Wachter Reserve, 133-155 Kingsclere Avenue, opposite Parkmore Shopping Centre, from 11am-4pm.**

Bring your picnic blanket and chairs to enjoy a range of family and pet friendly activities for all ages and abilities.

You can enjoy kite flying, an Easter egg hunt, live music and community group performances, a silent disco, circus acts, face painting, an animal farm, a pet photo booth, library storytime, the Make Your Move Zone, with the support of local sporting clubs, and market stalls. A range of delicious food and beverages can be purchased from food trucks.

There will be something for everyone, so come along for a fun and relaxing day out.



➤ For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keysies-big-picnic](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keysies-big-picnic)

**ForWhen** Provided to you by Australia's early parenting services



Guiding new and expecting parents to mental health support



## Mental health support for expecting and new parents

**It is estimated that one in every five new and expecting mothers, and one in every 10 new fathers, experience depression and/or anxiety before or after the birth of their child.**

ForWhen is a national support line and a judgement free referral service that connects parents who are struggling to navigate pregnancy and new parenthood to critical mental health services when they need it most.

Phone the helpline on 1300 24 23 22 between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday–Friday to speak with a clinically trained professional and local specialist who will connect you with the right service to best support your mental health.

**For more information visit [ForWhenHelpline.org.au](http://ForWhenHelpline.org.au)**

## Give blood to help save lives

It's time to give blood and change lives. One in three people in Greater Dandenong will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're popping up in town from 4 to 8 April at St Mary's Community Centre in New Street, Dandenong.

**Don't forget to pre-book your spot at [lifeblood.com.au](http://lifeblood.com.au) or phone 13 14 95.**



## Neighbours look out for each other

**Neighbourhood Watch Greater Dandenong works with residents to help prevent crime and ensure safe and secure neighbourhoods.**

On Wednesday 25 May at 7.30pm, Neighbourhood Watch Greater Dandenong will host a Q&A Information Session with Victoria Police and guest speaker Senior Sergeant Kent Standish at Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18–34 Buckley Street, Noble Park. Anti-theft products will also be on sale.

**For more information visit [facebook.com/nhwgreaterdandenong](https://facebook.com/nhwgreaterdandenong) or contact President Dawn Vernon on 0407 325 030 or [president@nhwgreaterdandenong.org](mailto:president@nhwgreaterdandenong.org).**



## New ethical market

**On the second Sunday of each month from 10am–2pm, the Australian Animal Protection Society will host a community market, showcasing ethical and sustainable local businesses, while also raising funds to support the Keysborough animal shelter.**

Come along to support local businesses and animals in need while paving the way for an ethical future. This is a dog friendly and plant-based event at 26 Aegean Court, Keysborough.

**For more information visit [aaps.org.au/events/ethical-market/](http://aaps.org.au/events/ethical-market/)**



#keysiesbigpicnic



- Live music and performances
- Easter egg hunts
- Fun for pets
- BYO picnic mat and chairs
- Kite flying
- Make Your Move Zone

**SUNDAY**  
**3**  
**APRIL**

**11AM-4PM**  
**FREE EVENT**

**WACHTER RESERVE**  
Kingsclere Ave, Keysborough  
(opposite Parkmore Shopping Centre)

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