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Greater Dandenong Council News

A photograph of three children standing in a playground. On the left is a young boy with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt, a denim jacket, and khaki pants. In the middle is a young girl with dark hair, wearing a pink floral t-shirt and patterned leggings. On the right is a young girl with light brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt with colorful hearts and purple pants. They are all smiling and standing on a concrete path with wood chips around them.

Enrol in Kindergarten

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Customer Service Centres

Dandenong Civic Centre

225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

Springvale Community Hub

5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale

Keysborough Customer Service

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Keysborough


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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
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Nurse on Call.....1300 606 024

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Mayor's message

Welcome to the July edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

This month we celebrate NAIDOC Week. A chance for us to reflect on how we support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Earlier this year, Council adopted the second *Greater Dandenong Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)*, and we continue to work towards reconciliation with our First Nations people. Find out more about the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live on page 3.



Last year Council supported members of our Community Care team to study for further qualifications through Chisholm Institute. Find out more on page 7.

As a Council we are always looking at ways to reduce the amount of rubbish sent to landfill. Read about our food and organic waste program and our commitment to Plastic Free July on page 8.

Greater Dandenong is proudly a Child Friendly City and this year I have been working alongside our Junior Mayor, Mya. Turn to page 9 to find out what she has been working on.

There's always plenty to do in Greater Dandenong, even during these winter weeks. Turn to pages 10–11 and check out the community calendar which is full of interesting events, especially for the school holidays. I look forward to seeing you all out and about this month.

Mayor
Cr Jim Memeti

My City

Sunday 31 July is National Tree Day. Started in 1996 by Planet Ark, the day has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting day.

Council has committed to planting more trees in public spaces to help increase our tree canopy.



Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/environmental-events to learn more.

This photo shows one of the majestic red gums near Shepley Oval in Dandenong.

Greater Dandenong City Council acknowledges 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.



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Front cover: Students from Darren Reserve Kindergarten, Springvale South. Photo by Thomas Barnes.

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CELEBRATE

NAIDOC Week

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held each year in the first week of July.

NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee. The week is a chance to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Learn about the oldest continuous culture on earth and support our First Nations people by getting involved in NAIDOC Week.

The theme this year is **Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!** and calls on all Australians to continue to push for change.



Council wins award for excellence

Council won the *First Nations Community Partnership Initiative Award for the Waa and Bulln Bulln Corroboree (Springvale ceremonial fire pit) at the LGPro Awards for Excellence.*

The ceremonial fire pit, Waa and Bulln Bulln Corroboree, was designed by Indigenous artist and Kirrae Whurrong woman Fiona Clarke and her collaborator Ken McKean, in partnership with Bunurong and Wurundjeri Land Councils.

The ceremonial fire pit depicts the coming together of the Bunurong and Wurundjeri peoples and their connection to Country.



By telling First Nations' stories through public art, the Greater Dandenong community continues to connect with the longest living culture in the world.

For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/public-art/waa-and-bulln-bulln-corroboree-springvale-ceremonial-fire-pit

Welcome to Bunurong Country

Womenjika. Welcome to Bunurong Country.

On 1 July 2021, the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (Land Council) was appointed by the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council as the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for a large part of southern Melbourne and beyond, including all the land within the City of Greater Dandenong.

This recognition places several legislative rights and responsibilities on the Land Council, including being the only party recognised to speak on behalf of Bunurong Country, including language, culture, cultural heritage and representation of the Bunurong community. The Land Council inclusively represent the Traditional Custodians of all Bunurong Country.

The Land Council works closely with Greater Dandenong City Council on many projects such as Council's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), use of Bunurong language throughout the Council, public safety initiatives, art galleries and use of Bunurong art. The Land Council is also working towards having the Bunurong bushland crew work alongside Council repairing Country.

The Land Council looks forward to building a strong relationship with Council, residents and businesses within the city.

Contact the Bunurong Land Council via email admin@bunuronglc.org.au or visit their website bunuronglc.org.au

**Bunurong
Land Council**

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are 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 July**
- ▶ **Monday 25 July**

With COVID-19 restrictions easing, the gallery is open again to the public and you can ask questions during Public Question Time.

Alternatively, you can watch our Council meetings live via our webcast service.

Connect with us to learn about community consultation opportunities and the latest decisions made.

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

▶ Cleeland Ward



The baseball facilities at Robert Booth Reserve have undergone

continuous improvement with support from Council, the State Government, and volunteers from both the Dandenong Angels and Mulgrave Rebels baseball clubs. The baseball facilities are among the best in the state and one of the few fields south or east of Melbourne.

The upgrade of the flood lights to the infield to 350 lux, and the outfield to 250 lux at a cost of around \$800,000 has enabled the clubs to conduct night games and extend training times. A recent fencing overhaul, including higher fencing at the backstop, and bull pits cost \$80,000. This investment has improved the safety for players, spectators and other users of the reserve, as well as improving the general look of the facility.

In September 2018, the new pavilion at the reserve was officially opened, replacing a very old and tired one. This new facility has enabled both clubs to operate and manage their clubs in a more professional manner.

Mulgrave Rebels play in the summer competition, from October to March, and have had an historical year in 2021–22, with the top four sides participating in finals and earning a promotion to the Premier League Division 1.

Cr Angela Long



David Ashwood, Cr Angela Long and Nick Thompson.

Dandenong Angels play in the winter competition, from April to September, and have managed to kick off their season this year after heavily affected seasons in 2020 and 2021. Between 2016–19 the Angels won four consecutive A grade flags following a 52-year A grade premiership drought.

Both clubs are looking for new players from juniors to seniors and can be contacted via:

- ▶ Dandenong Angels President, David Ashwood at davidash.wood@bigpond.com
- ▶ Mulgrave Rebels President, Nick Thompson at president@mulgraverebels.com

- ▶ **If you need to contact me on any Council related issues, please email at angela.long@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone on 0466 004 616.**

Cr Rhonda Garad

► Keysborough South Ward



It is an exciting time for Keysborough South. We have things coming to fruition, and new things afoot.

We now have two fantastic toilet facilities in Westwood and Pencil Parks, which means visitors can stay longer. Their locations now allow clear sight lines for parents when children are using them.

I want to thank the residents who have worked so diligently in helping Council and the EPA to track the chronic smells in Keysborough South. The EPA will be setting up a community engagement group to continue to track and monitor smells and air quality. You can stay informed through my Facebook page.

The new dog park in Villiers Road has had plantings and paths completed. The 90 trees planted last year are flourishing and will provide protection from the summer heat. It is quite dark in the park on winter evenings, so we hope the soon-to-be installed lighting in the adjacent park will improve this. If not, we will look at solar lighting options.

We have new lighting in Chapel Road that has improved the section from the Dandenong Bypass to Westwood Boulevard. In addition, the new bus route through Keysborough South is being well utilised. We will continue to push the State Government for bus shelters and half hourly buses, particularly as traffic issues become more acute.

The Keysborough Hub went out to tender in June, so hopefully we see the commencement of building soon.

It was fantastic to be invited to the Mother's Day event at Keysborough Gardens Primary School. Congratulations to Principal Sherri Jenkins and her team, and the fantastic parent group that organised this great event. We are about to install flashing traffic limits on Chapel Road to slow the increasing volume of traffic near the school.

Great to see some people attend the recent community Victoria Police forum. It was great to hear of the many ways Police are reaching out to build stronger connections that will keep the ward safer.



Cr Rhonda Garad and Principal Sherri Jenkins, Keysborough Gardens Primary School.

I am always contactable via phone on 0435 107 584, Facebook at [facebook.com/RhondaGarad4KeysboroughSouthWard](https://www.facebook.com/RhondaGarad4KeysboroughSouthWard) or via email at rhonda.garad@cgd.vic.gov.au

Springvale Snow Fest is back



A magical winter wonderland will again delight in the heart of Springvale on Sunday 31 July from 12pm–7pm.

This award-winning winter carnival and street food festival is back to celebrate its 10th year along Buckingham Avenue.

**SUNDAY
31 JULY**



What makes Springvale Snow Fest special is the authentic snow experience. Real snow is delivered from Mt Buller to cover the two free snow play areas.

There is something for everyone at Springvale Snow Fest, enjoy food and market stalls, arts and crafts, airbrush tattoos, face painting, live ice sculpting, roving performers and musical entertainment, rides from \$2–\$6 and fireworks at 6.50pm.

For more information visit snowfest.com.au





Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti and ASRC CEO Mr Karapanagiotidis OAM at the opening.

Refugee Resource Hub now open

Support for local people seeking asylum and refugees has a bright new home in Greater Dandenong.

The Refugee Resource Hub powered by the ASRC (Asylum Seeker Resource Centre) recently opened in Thomas Street, Dandenong.

The ASRC started 21 years ago as a TAFE project about food security. Headed by founder and CEO Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM, the ASRC has since grown in response to the needs of the people.

The organisation stresses that the people it supports don't need a handout, they need a hand up.

The Refugee Resource Hub aims to do exactly that, providing material aid, healthcare, legal aid, a foodbank, counselling, education and employment services.

Other community organisations are also co-located at the hub, including Sisterworks, Centre for Migrant and Refugee Health (CMRH) and the Australian Hazara Women's Friendship Group.

The organisations and most of the staff at the hub have refugee backgrounds and are proud to work alongside new arrivals.

At the opening of the hub Mr Karapanagiotidis said the brand new centre was a beautiful welcoming space for all.

"I want to say to refugees and people seeking asylum, 'You are welcome, you are seen, you are loved, and you are home'."

The hub is located at 205 Thomas Street, Dandenong.

 **Visit refugeeresourcehub.org.au to find out more.**




Community Calendar. Submissions close on Friday 16 September.

All photos chosen to appear in the calendar will also feature in an exhibition at the Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre later this year.

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


Upcoming immunisation sessions

 **Immunisation sessions are held every month for residents.**

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

Date	Location
Monday 4 July	Springvale City Hall, Supper Room, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Thursday 7 July	Jan Wilson Community Centre, BJ Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North
Thursday 14 July	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Wednesday 20 July	Springvale City Hall, Supper Room, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Saturday 23 July	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Tuesday 26 July	Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-34 Buckley Street, Noble Park

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

2023 Community Calendar photographic competition

Do you love taking photos of your surrounds? Would you like to have your work seen in households across Greater Dandenong?

Then enter the 2023 Community Calendar Photographic Competition.

Council is inviting residents and visitors to Greater Dandenong to capture their favourite parts of our city with the opportunity to feature in our 2023 Community Calendar.

First prize is \$1000, second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250, with the top 12 photos to feature in next year's

★ COUNCIL GRADUATES ★



Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti and Damien Van Eyk, Chief Commercial Officer at Chisholm Institute with Council graduates.

Congratulations Class of 2022

With an ageing population, there is high demand for qualified community aged care workers in Greater Dandenong.

Recent graduates of the Certificate III Individual Support traineeship, delivered in partnership with Chisholm Institute, have been celebrated at the Springvale Community Hub for successfully completing their training.

Graduates provided physical, social and emotional support to elderly residents who need Council's Community Care services.

Feedback from clients was extremely positive, with trainees displaying a

positive attitude, initiative, creativity, empathy and understanding.

The traineeship initiative coincided with the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety that identified workforce capacity as a major problem and barrier to people accessing Community Care services.

For more information on the course visit chisholm.edu.au/courses/certificate-iii/individual-support

For more information on Council's community care services visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/community-services/aged-disability-and-carer-services

Springvale Boulevard upgrade



Artist impression of Springvale Boulevard.

New footpaths, landscaping, lighting and street furniture are being installed, with the project expected to be completed ahead of schedule in early August 2022.

The project will transform the area into a highly accessible, functional and beautiful boulevard to attract more visitors to the area, create new trade opportunities and foster a renewed sense of community pride in the Springvale Activity Centre.

Council and the Victorian Government's investment in this key strategic project will reinforce the status of 'Sensational Springvale' as one of Melbourne's leading cultural destinations and reflect our community's aspirations for the area.

For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/springvale-boulevard

Improved traffic safety in Springvale



New traffic signals, pedestrian crossings and a safer 40km/h speed limit have all been implemented to improve traffic flow and safety at the Springvale Road, Virginia Street and Newcomen Road, and Rosalie Street intersections.

The Victorian Government's Department of Transport has invested \$3.9 million to complete the works.



Mayor Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Richard Lim OAM and Cr Sean O'Reilly in Springvale with Lee Tarlamis MP and Meng Heang Tak MP.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

It's the month to part with plastic

Plastic Free July is here. It is a month-long challenge to help you reduce your reliance on single-use plastics.

Single-use plastics, such as takeaway containers, coffee cups and straws are a huge problem for our environment, our wildlife and our health.

This month, Council encourages you to participate in the Plastic Free July challenge to help work towards a vision of a world free of plastic waste. Whatever you choose to do, you are making a positive impact on the environment and inspiring people around you to do the same.

Here are some tips to get you started:

- ▶ bring your own bags to the shops and market to carry your shopping, and to bag up your loose fruits and vegetables too
- ▶ avoid buying single use wet wipes and instead use cloths and towels
- ▶ when shopping for packaged food, look for items in cardboard, tin or glass packaging instead, recycle them in your yellow lid recycling bin
- ▶ carry a cup or reusable drink bottle with you whenever you go out and refill it with water from one of the




many public drinking fountains located around Greater Dandenong.

In November 2019 Council introduced a Plastic Use Policy. Early next year, the Victorian State Government is bringing in their own single-use plastic ban which will see drinking straws, cutlery, plates, drink-stirrers, expanded polystyrene food and drink containers, and cotton bud sticks eliminated from sale or supply.

Sign up to the Plastic Free July challenge at plasticfreejuly.org

Council is running three online workshops across July to help event organisers, community groups and sports clubs reduce their use of plastics. Visit Council's website and search our events for details.

 **Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/sustainability/sustainability-and-waste for more information.**

Celebrate National Tree Day




National Tree Day with Planet Ark falls on Sunday 31 July this year, and Council will hold two community planting events over the last weekend of the month to celebrate.

- ▶ Saturday 30 July, 10am–1pm, Tirhatuan Park, 4 Kriegel Way, Dandenong North
- ▶ Sunday 31 July, 10am–1pm, Tatterson Park, Keysborough

Participants are encouraged to wear clothing and footwear suitable for uneven and muddy ground, and bring water, a pair of gloves and a hand towel.



Extra activities at each event include a barbecue lunch, a traditional Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony, live animal shows, workshops and colouring in activities.

 **Bookings are essential. Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/environmental-events to register.**

Recycle your food scraps



For many families, food waste takes up a lot of space in the garbage bin, but you can reduce the amount of waste you send to landfill.

Did you know food can be recycled along with your green waste? For the past year, Greater Dandenong City Council has allowed residents to dispose of all food waste in your green lid garden waste bin.

Once collected the bins are taken to a processing plant and the waste is turned into a nutrient rich compost that is used on gardens and farms across Victoria. Council even uses the compost in several local gardens and parklands to keep our green space looking beautiful and healthy.

All food scraps can be placed in the bin, including fruits and vegetables, pasta, rice, bread, meat, coffee grounds and tea leaves.

Garden waste including leaves, grass clippings, weeds, flowers, small branches and garden prunings can also be placed in the bin.

Council still has a limited number of free kitchen caddies available for residents who pay for the green waste collection (green lid bin).

 **Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/household-waste-collection-services for more information about recycling your food waste.**





Our Junior Mayor

 **I'm Mya Durakovic and I'm the Junior Mayor for 2022.**

I'm 11 years old, in grade 6, I'm one of the school captains at Keysborough Gardens Primary School, and I love school. I have a younger sister called Gemma, Mum, Dad and a dog called Teddy.

Being Junior Mayor means I'm the voice of my generation. I will have meetings with fellow students from the Children's Advisory Group and will try my best to fix any problems or concerns they might have. I realise that this is a big opportunity, but I will give it my all and try my best in everything I do.

I was lucky enough to attend the Sustainability Festival in Springvale, where I read out a speech I had written. Sustainability means to care and look after your planet by recycling, using less power and technology,

active traveling such as walking, bike riding, scootering to school and work if you can, and much more.

Being sustainable is very important for us because it helps keep our environment healthy and beautiful. It also helps us keep ourselves and other living things alive and safe. If we aren't sustainable, our gardens won't grow, and we won't be able to have fresh produce every day.


Some ideas of how to stay sustainable in your own household are by using solar panels, turning the lights and power points off when you're not using them, not wasting water, throwing all your food scraps into your compost bin, maybe even growing your own veggie garden or community garden and use the mulch from your compost bin to help your garden grow.



MYA DURAKOVIC

I can't wait to see what else I will do as the Junior Mayor of 2022. If you have any questions or see me out and about, don't be afraid to come and say hi.

Enrol your child in kindergarten for 2023

 **Kindergarten (sometimes called 'state funded kindergarten' or 'preschool') is an important step for young children aged three to five years. Two years of early education is now offered for up to 15 hours per week, before children start primary school.**

Enrolling your child now into kindergarten for 2023, will provide your child with important opportunities to learn, make friends and develop social skills through a play-based curriculum, delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher and qualified educators, in range of settings including community kindergartens, long day care centres and schools.

The kindergarten programs are designed to improve your child's development, health and wellbeing and loving of learning in an inclusive setting for all children with all abilities.



Research has shown that early education helps set children up for a bright future. Children who go to kindergarten are more independent, confident learners and are more likely to make a smooth transition to primary school.

Kindergarten children will develop:

- ▶ social skills, like how to play with other children in a calm, sharing and rewarding way
- ▶ self-awareness and respect for others
- ▶ emotional skills, like understanding their feelings

- ▶ language, literacy and numeracy skills
- ▶ the joy of learning and group activities together with other children their own age
- ▶ the ability to make new friends
- ▶ exposure to new ideas and concepts.





Sending your child to kindergarten also gives families opportunities to meet other families and make community connections.

In 2023, kindergarten will be offered for free with new subsidies for all children enrolled in either sessional kindergartens or long day care centres.



For more information and to enrol your child in kindergarten for 2023, phone 8571 1817, email childrenservadminsupport@cgd.vic.gov.au or visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/childergarten

What's On July 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 Please check our website and social media platforms for updates, as event dates may change or be offered virtually.	4–8 July ▶ Dandenong Pop-Up Blood Donor Centre St Mary's Community Centre Pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au or phone 13 14 95 from 10am–12pm		
▶ Karate Basics and Stranger Danger Dandenong Library 2.30pm–3.15pm	▶ Roll up! Roll up! Craft activity and rice paper roll workshop Presented by Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation Dandenong Library 2.30pm–4pm	▶ Reading Circle First Wednesday of the month Dandenong Library 11am–12pm ▶ The Laugh-Out-Loud Show Dandenong Library 2.30pm–3.20pm	▶ Fantasy Drawing Workshop Springvale Library 2.30pm–4pm ▶ NAIDOC Week Film Night – Ablaze (PG) – Libraries After Dark Dandenong Library 7.30pm–9pm
▶ Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm 	▶ Guided tour of <i>Unending Expectations: Contemporary Glass</i> Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre Time TBC ▶ Art Series – Ariba Naqvi's Build your Mushroom Dreamhouse Dandenong Library 6.30pm–8pm		▶ The Barber of Seville Opera Australia Drum Theatre 10.30am (Special Encore Performance) ▶ Still Life Painting with Mahjabin Bahadori – Libraries After Dark Dandenong Library 7.30pm–9pm
▶ Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm	▶ Glass Fusing Jewellery Workshop Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre 10am–12pm ▶ Art Series – Ariba Naqvi's Build your Mushroom Dreamhouse Springvale Library 6.30pm–8pm	▶ Library and Information Week Rewrite. Renew. Reimagine.	▶ Our Beat Drum Theatre 6.30pm ▶ Still Life Painting with Mahjabin Bahadori – Libraries After Dark Springvale Library 7.30pm–9pm
▶ Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm	27 June–8 July ▶ School Holidays To book in for youth events including basketball and volleyball tournaments, bowling, indoor laser tag and pizza making visit our website.	25–31 July ▶ Library and Information Week Rewrite. Renew. Reimagine.	▶ Research Your Family History Springvale Library 7.30pm–9pm ▶ Decluttering Art Workshop with Vivian Qiu – Libraries After Dark Dandenong Library 7.30pm–9pm

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	26 June–9 July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Blockbuster Friday Youth School Holiday Program Reading Cinemas, Dandenong 11.30am–3pm ▶ Creative Drama Springvale Library 2.30pm–4pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Brass Monkeys Drum Theatre 2pm For children 3–10 years <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> 3–10 July ▶ NAIDOC Week </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Pop Up Art In Situ Winter School Holiday Program Noble Park, Springvale, Dandenong
8	9	A Floral Muse exhibition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ice Age movie screening Presented by Springvale Snow Fest Springvale Community Hub 12pm–2pm ▶ Circling Time: Songs and Stories – Singing up Country with Kutcha Edwards Drum Theatre 7.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Community Planting Day Westwood Boulevard Reserve Keysborough 10am–1pm 	<p>Explores how flowers and plants have been celebrated in many civilisations throughout time, featuring items from private collections and Council’s civic and cultural heritage collection.</p> <p>Benga House, Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens 66 McCrae Street, Dandenong until Thursday 28 July</p> <p>greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/events/floral-muse-exhibition</p>
15	16	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Barber of Seville Opera Australia Drum Theatre 7.30pm  <p><i>Movie Screening Friday 8 July</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Think Tank – Dry Ice Chemistry Dandenong Library 3pm–4pm ▶ The Barber of Seville Opera Australia Drum Theatre 7.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Think Tank – Dry Ice Chemistry Springvale Library 3pm–4pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Saturdays ▶ Parkrun Dandenong Park 7.45am </div>
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> 30–31 July ▶ Open House Melbourne Visit Greater Dandenong venues openhousemelbourne.org </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Community Planting Day Tirhatuan Park, Dandenong North 10am–1pm ▶ Teas of the World Springvale Community Hub 11am–2pm 	<p>NATIONAL TREE DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Community Planting Day Tatterson Park, Keysborough 10am–1pm ▶ Springvale Snow Fest Buckingham Avenue 12pm–7pm

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 - Dandenong Market**
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 - Cultural Tours**
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Bookings: 8571 1666

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



Library and Information Week



Research Your Family History

Thursday 28 July
Springvale Library
7.30pm–9pm



Want to explore your family history but not sure where to start? Join us for a special research workshop as part of Library and Information Week to understand what resources Greater Dandenong Libraries have available to help you. The workshop will provide tips on how to search online platforms, including Ancestry and Find My Past. Seek answers to your questions and walk away feeling inspired to discover more.

Grow Your Business with the Libraries

Thursday 4 August
Dandenong Library
7.30pm–9pm

Not sure where to find help for your small business? Greater Dandenong Libraries have a wide range of resources to help you grow your business. Join us for a special Library and Information Week program where you'll meet our Business Portfolio Librarian who will introduce you to the many free online resources the library has to offer.

Warm up your winter at the library

Spend a cold winter's day with some great reading at Greater Dandenong Libraries.



There are many ways you can enjoy our collections, get recommendations from our staff, and connect with other readers. Join in our *Warm Winter Reads* challenge throughout July that encourages you to read something every day.



Read and relax

Reading Circle

First Wednesday of the month
11am–12pm
Dandenong Library

In this friendly group you can connect with other readers and share what you have been reading. A library staff member will also highlight new and interesting items available at the library.

Online Bookclub – The DandReaders
Fourth Thursday of the month
2pm–3pm

Would you like to be in a bookclub? Each month we read a different title from our overdrive e-book and audio collection and meet online to discuss it. Visit the library website for this month's bookclub title and to register.

Read and Relax Blog – library staff review their favourite books, movies and more.

Open Book Podcast – monthly episodes feature bookchats, reviews, recommendations, and interviews to keep you inspired.

BookMatch – get personalised book recommendations from our librarians based on what you like.

You can always speak to one of our friendly staff and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more great book recommendations.

School Holiday Fun

There are so many great activities planned in Greater Dandenong Libraries in the July school holidays. For more information and to book visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries-whatson

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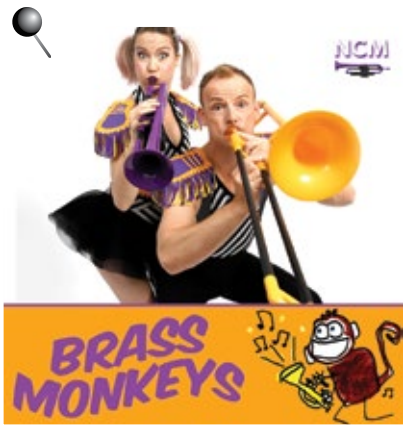
For more information visit
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July at the Drum Theatre

Brass Monkeys

**Saturday 2 July
2pm**

Brass Monkeys celebrates kids who march to the beat of their own drum. Bursting with high calibre acrobatics, a ton of comedy, live music and high-flying tricks, this show is perfect for little kids and grown-ups who like a big brass belly laugh.



The Barber of Seville

Special Opera Australia Presentation

**Thursday 14 July, 10.30am
(Encore-sized Performance)**

**Friday 15 July and
Saturday 16 July, 7.30pm**

Beyond haircuts and beard trims, this canny barber is the city's matchmaking maestro.

Circling Time: Songs and Stories – Singing up Country with Kutcha Edwards

**Friday 8 July
7.30pm**

From the wings of a darkened stage drifts the evocative, slightly haunting sound of clap sticks. A stoically paced figure slowly emerges singing in his traditional language. This mesmerising introduction heralds a performance by renowned Aboriginal singer/songwriter and proud Mutti Mutti, Yorta Yorta and Nari Nari man, Kutcha Edwards.



Become a Drum Member



Want more out of your theatre experience? Become a Drum member to enjoy a range of benefits such as discounts and exclusive offers.

**For more information phone
8571 1666 or visit drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au**



Arts Program



**DIVERSE
RANGE OF
ARTISTS**

Nadège Desgenetéz, *Elemental Bodies (#1)*, 2022

Unending Expectations: Contemporary Glass

**Tuesday 28 June –
Friday 5 August**

**Walker Street Gallery and
Arts Centre**

Launching in Victoria exclusive to Dandenong, *Unending Expectations: Contemporary Glass* celebrates a diverse range of artists whose experimental, innovative and at times cross-disciplinary practice, utilises glass and its properties of light, transparency and reflection.

**For more information visit
greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/exhibitions**



The Indirect Object, Oasis

Luminosity

Luminosity, a light-based art installation and projection project, brought the streets of Springvale, Noble Park and Dandenong to life at night recently. A component of the In Situ events program funded by the Victorian Government's Outdoor Economy Package.

**For more information visit
greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/in-situ**

Centres now managed by South East Leisure



From 1 July, Council's leisure facilities throughout Greater Dandenong will be managed by South East Leisure (SEL).

These facilities include Dandenong Oasis, Dandenong Stadium, Springers Leisure Centre and Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC).

SEL is committed to improving community health and wellbeing outcomes through accessible, high quality leisure experiences.

Council would like to thank YMCA Victoria and Dandenong Basketball Association for their professionalism and previous management of these centres.

For more information visit southeastleisure.com.au



Mr Sher Alam, who runs Royal Golden Reception, Dandenong.

COVID Safe support for local business



With the effects of the pandemic continuing to affect businesses, Greater Dandenong City Council has dedicated resources to offer information and advice to navigate the challenges.

In partnership with the Victorian Government, Council has resources to support businesses, community venues and the general community.

Local business owner Sher Alam, who runs Royal Golden Reception in Dandenong, acknowledged business owners worldwide were facing challenges operating under COVID restrictions.

Mr Alam said his business was not eligible for government support, but it was now back up and running with thanks to support from Council officers and the wider community.

He said Council staff were friendly and helpful and provided support with a COVIDSafe Plan, and signage and kept him up to date with the changing restrictions.

Continue to do all you can to protect your health. Consider booking in for your flu vaccine and keep up to date with your COVID-19 booster vaccinations.



Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/covid-support-program and coronavirus.vic.gov.au for more information.

Quit smoking

One in five adults in Greater Dandenong smoke, but there is support for those wanting to break free from smoking.

Quit Victoria statistics show that 20.1 per cent of Greater Dandenong adults smoke, compared to 16.4 per cent across Victoria.

Quit Director, Dr Sarah White said the recent launch of a hard-hitting anti-smoking campaign hoped to encourage people to quit their smoking habit.

You'll have the best chance to quit smoking if you talk to your doctor and contact Quitline.

Quit is here to help.

"Counsellors are there to listen, to provide information and to support the caller to make their own plan to quit. There is no judgement, just someone who understands and can help."

The Quitline offers an interpreter service for languages other than English.



For more information visit quit.org.au or phone the Quitline on 13 7848 Monday to Friday, from 8am–8pm.



...talented young local performers

Australian premiere at Drum Theatre

Dandenong's iconic Drum Theatre recently hosted an Australian first performance of Disney NEWSIES Jr, featuring talented young local performers.

Produced by Masquerade Youth Productions (MYP), the cast of 50 performers aged 8–18 years came from Greater Dandenong and surrounding suburbs.

Artistic Director Carmen Powell said the cast and crew worked especially hard to pull the production together.

MYP have been performing since 2014 and every season the not-for-profit company stages a musical at the Drum Theatre.

 **Visit myproductions.com.au for more information.**

Help young people get their driving licence



South East Community Links (SECL) is seeking volunteer L2P driving mentors to help supervise L-platers under 21 years old who are seeking to obtain their P-plates.

L2P driver Esmat Amiri said “the L2P program is very valuable to my community because many of us do not have access to a family car or driving mentor.”

L2P driving mentor, David Jefferies, has helped 70 drivers in the past 12 years and said he has made some great friendships through the L2P program.




Mayor Cr Jim Memeti, L2P driver Esmat Amiri and L2P driving mentor David Jefferies

“It is a great way to make a significant difference for young people, and it is very safe. I encourage other volunteers to give it a go,” David said.

Since the pandemic, more young people are on the waiting list for the L2P program.

L2P driving mentors are supported by the L2P program coordinator and accredited driving instructors.

 **To volunteer, phone Monica at SECL on 0402 021 852 or email mbakowski@secl.org.au**



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