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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 August edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

In this issue we celebrate the wonderful volunteers who give tirelessly to our community. If you would like to give some of your time you can read more about volunteer opportunities in our city on page 3.

Our Make Your Move Ambassadors encourage everyone to stay well and keep active this winter. Turn to page 5 to read more.

If you just finished the Plastic Free July challenge mentioned in our last edition, this month you can find out more about how composting can make a big impact on our environment. Turn to page 7 for some ideas and read about our waste education team's return to the classroom.

Greater Dandenong Libraries celebrate STEAM Fest every August. This year they have some great events and activities planned to help residents discover all things Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Find out more on page 12.

Finally, as Mayor of Greater Dandenong I am proud to report we received a positive response from the annual Customer Satisfaction Survey run across all local government areas in Victoria. You can read about our results on page 3.

I hope you have a great month.

**Mayor  
Cr Jim Memeti**

## My City

**An exciting new temporary mural for Noble Park has been installed by multidisciplinary street artist and illustrator Happy Decay, Bjarni Wark.**

The artist ran onsite mural workshops with students from Noble Park Primary School and St Anthony's Primary School so they could also help enhance the urban streetscape.



**For more information visit [happydecay.com.au/](http://happydecay.com.au/) [Melbourne-public-art](https://Melbourne-public-art)**

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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# Our valuable volunteers



**Council celebrates the volunteers who support our great city.**

Council encourages volunteering through the Greater Dandenong Volunteer Resource Service and supports many volunteer roles within our own operations.

Whatever your skills and interests, Council may have a volunteer position to suit you.

Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti said volunteers make a valuable contribution to our community, and after a long period of cancelled events and affected services, volunteering is more important than ever.

“Volunteers are crucial to the support and wellbeing of people of all ages and from all walks of life,” the Mayor said.



Meals on wheels volunteers Hitch Kajim, Heather Hanratty and Bill Radford.

“For so many people the world is a new place, and a welcoming smile from one of our volunteers can provide assurance and a feeling of safety.”

Wednesday 31 August is National Meals On Wheels Day, to recognise our outstanding volunteers and their resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council is currently seeking volunteers to support the meals on wheels service, however opportunities for other activities and services are also open, including:

- ▶ home library service
- ▶ support for children
- ▶ events ambassadors
- ▶ English tutors
- ▶ support elderly residents
- ▶ Gardens for Wildlife guide.

Explore current opportunities and fill out a volunteer application form via Council’s website.

**Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/volunteering](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/volunteering) or phone 8571 5335 for more information or contact the Greater Dandenong Volunteer Resource Service on 9562 0414 for other local volunteering opportunities.**

# Community satisfaction survey results

**Council has scored highly in a state-wide annual community satisfaction survey.**

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is now in its 23rd year and assesses Council’s performance across a range of measures in comparison to other local government bodies.

Council scored 68 for overall performance, compared to a state-wide average of 59. Waste management practices were also highlighted, scoring eight points higher than the state average, with an overall score of 76.

When compared to all Victorian councils Greater Dandenong scored significantly higher across all seven measurable areas.

The survey also found:

- ▶ residents said the best things about Council are our parks and gardens, customer service and our diversity
- ▶ this magazine was rated by residents as the best way for Council to keep residents up to date
- ▶ regarding safety, 43 per cent of residents said they feel safe in the community, compared to a low of 36 per cent in 2018
- ▶ regarding climate change, 78 per cent of residents said they were concerned about climate change, while 84 per cent said Council had an important role to play in responding to climate change.

A copy of the full report can be found on Council’s website.

2022 Performance Measures	Council	Metro average	State-wide average
Overall performance	68	65	59
Consultation and engagement	59	58	54
Community decisions	62	59	54
Sealed local roads	66	65	53
Waste management	76	71	68
Customer Service	73	72	68
Overall Council direction	61	53	50

**Quarterly community feedback sought**



**National Field Services will now phone residents on behalf of Council on a quarterly basis to seek feedback for the annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.**

This will ensure Council is more regularly informed about what is important to our community.

Please note you will not be asked any personal information and phone calls from National Field Services will come from a phone number with the prefix (03) 9977, not from a mobile number.

If you are called, thank you for providing your feedback to help Council improve its service delivery to you.

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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 8 August
- ▶ Monday 22 August.

Currently the gallery is open 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](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-meetings)**

## ▶ Dandenong North Ward



**Even though this winter has been a cold and wet one, it is nice to see**

**people out and about making the most of the parks and gardens in Greater Dandenong.**

While Tirhatuan Park has always been popular with locals and visitors, we have invested in this park over the past few years to make it even more appealing.

The dog off-leash park, with separate fenced-in areas for large and small dogs, is always busy, as is the playground. Sporty types have benefitted from tennis court upgrades, and recently it has been great to see visitors making the most of the newly completed basketball court.

Tirhatuan Park forms part of the Dandenong Creek vegetation corridor, providing important habitat for native flora and fauna. Every July we celebrate National Tree Planting Day, and this year we hosted a planting day at Tirhatuan Park, giving the community a chance to contribute to greening our city.

Another Dandenong North Ward location that has seen some work lately is the Brady Road shopping strip. Work is about to begin on the installation of a public toilet in the car park opposite the shops, but you may have noticed some colourful additions to the footpath in front of two food businesses.

## Cr Bob Milkovic



Ruba Abouzaki Karameh, Rizk Karameh and Rima Abouzaki with Cr Bob Milkovic.

Outdoor dining installations were introduced in Greater Dandenong last year, providing outdoor dining spaces to support businesses to trade despite ongoing pandemic restrictions.

Brady Road businesses Baladi Products (pictured) and Chooks on Brady have been welcoming customers to their new spaces for several weeks now. The bright umbrellas certainly add some colour to the streetscape.



**If you would like to talk to me about any Council matters, you can reach me at [bob.milkovic@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:bob.milkovic@cgd.vic.gov.au) or phone 0435 237 051.**

# Cr Sophie Tan

► Noble Park Ward



**Noble Park has benefited from the Victorian Government's Suburban Revitalisation Program, which aims to rejuvenate the centre and speed up the recovery from the effects of the pandemic.**

The project has already received \$2.1 million to improve public space and amenity while supporting local business and community activity, while another funding round will be offered to implement further initiatives.

There is so much happening in Noble Park at the moment.

Designs have been completed for the Leonard Avenue and Buckley Street streetscape revitalisation. Plans to rejuvenate the two streets include upgrading the commercial streetscapes and creating a centre that meets the day to day needs of residents, workers and visitors, while maintaining and enhancing Noble Park's unique village character.

At the time of writing this column, we were awaiting news on funding for the construction phase.

Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/plan-and-build/works-and-projects](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/plan-and-build/works-and-projects) to keep up to date.

The design is now complete for the Open Space at 2A Frank Street, works have commenced and are planned for completion in September this year.

Other Noble Park revitalisation initiatives currently in progress include:

- pedestrian counters at five different locations
- a library lounge feasibility study
- a tree planting plan (for up to 50 new trees)
- an interpretive signage program sharing local stories of people and places iconic to Noble Park
- three temporary public art pieces under Council's Transformed Art Program.

Another project that has already been funded under Council's 2022–23 Capital Works Budget is the upgrade to Kenneth Reserve Pocket Park, which includes the creation of a sensory garden.



Projects recently completed and ready to be enjoyed include upgrades to the Douglas Street streetscape and petanque courts at the Noble Park Community Centre.



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

## Maintain an active and healthy lifestyle



**Learn how our *Make Your Move* ambassadors keep active in winter.**

It can be hard to stay motivated to eat well and move during the colder months.

Exercise can help to beat those winter blues. After just 10 minutes of exercise, the brain releases 'feel-good' chemicals serotonin and dopamine, which can help reduce anxiety and depression. Exercising outside also provides benefits by taking in fresh air and vitamin D.

*Make Your Move* ambassador Julie maintains her weekly bike rides during winter and heads to the gym twice a week.

"You soon warm up with a bit of exercise.

"My volunteering also keeps me occupied, as does a hobby I really enjoy. I make small quilts which I donate to the Friends of Refugees and to Council," said Julie.

*Make Your Move* ambassador Peter keeps active in winter by maintaining his regular routine at the gym, eating healthy, using his manual wheelchair instead of his scooter, playing AFL and riding.

"I also enjoy my downtime by enjoying a game with my family. Having a balance is extremely important to maintaining a healthy mindset," said Peter.



Make Your Move ambassador Julie Klok

By regularly maintaining a mix of both physical activity and non-incidental activity, like volunteering, you can improve your lifestyle, health and wellbeing. Try to get outside when you can, keep active and maintain your social connections.



**For more information visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/make-your-move](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/make-your-move)**

## Keep our city beautiful



**Council and the community are working hard to protect our environment for future generations, but dumped rubbish across our city is taking its toll.**

One particular area of concern is our green wedge. In 2021–22 Council collected 219.984 tonnes of dumped rubbish, up from 180 tonnes the year before.

While cleaning up is a costly affair, it also has serious effects on the environment, causing fire risks and contaminating our soil and waterways.

An export ban on tyres was introduced in December 2021, and already Council has seen regular dumping of commercial quantities of tyres on green wedge land. In some cases, up to 100 tyres have been left in a single location.

While Council actively monitors dumping hot spots (including with CCTV cameras) and regularly issues infringement notices, we can all play a role in keeping our city beautiful.

Residents are entitled to one free hard waste collection each year and can take advantage of the twice-yearly Reuse and Recycle Drop Off Days where you can dispose of larger household items.

If you see someone dumping rubbish anywhere in Greater Dandenong you can report them to Council by phoning 8571 1000, by submitting an online report form at Council's website or via the smartphone app Snap Send Solve.



Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling-services/keeping-city-clean](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling-services/keeping-city-clean) for more information.

## Bag it and bin it

**More families are taking advantage of Greater Dandenong's open space and walking their dogs in local parks.**

While it is great to see more people out and about Council Rangers have noticed an increase in complaints about people not cleaning up after their dogs.

Please make sure that if your dog does its business, you bag it and bin it, so the next person doesn't step in it.

Rangers are conducting random patrols at local parks and may issue on-the-spot infringement notices for people who fail to bring a bag.



Please do the right thing and clean up after your dog so we can all enjoy our open space.

## Don't feed the birds



**Public parks and wetlands across Greater Dandenong are great places to view birdlife but feeding wild birds can do more harm than good.**

Feeding birds such as magpies, pigeons, ducks and seagulls can cause the birds health problems. Birds can forage for their own food and a natural diet helps them keep healthy.



Please respect the wild nature of birds and their health by not feeding or handling them. Keep your distance and keep our environment safe for all.

## 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 August.

Date	Location
Monday 1 August	Springvale City Hall, Supper Room, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Thursday 4 August	Jan Wilson Community Centre, BJ Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North
Thursday 11 August	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Wednesday 17 August	Springvale City Hall, Supper Room, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Tuesday 23 August	Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18–34 Buckley Street, Noble Park
Saturday 27 August	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)



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

## Compost in the classroom



**Council's Waste Education Team has returned to the classroom to encourage composting by students.**

During the pandemic Waste Education Officers supported online education, but recently returned for face-to-face learning holding composting workshops with Year 1 and 3 students at Keysborough Gardens Primary School.

Sessions covered the benefits of composting including what items can and can't be composted, and some hands-on activities, including a planting workshop with compost and recycled egg cartons.

Students learnt the importance of separating rubbish into the appropriate bins and how we can ensure our rubbish gets turned into something useful. In this case, food scraps placed into the green lid garden waste bin are turned into high quality compost to help feed our gardens.



Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti with Cr Rhonda Garad and students from Keysborough Gardens Primary School.

By educating children through schools and kindergartens important messages are shared with families, friends and the whole community about how to implement sustainable practices that create long-term change.



**Visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/waste-education](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/waste-education) to find out more about our waste education programs.**

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## Helping kids to eat healthy



**Belinda Nowakowski, Healthy Kids Advisor for Greater Dandenong, recently hosted two booked out workshops at the Springvale and Dandenong Libraries to help children and their families explore food via a colourful hands-on rice paper roll session.**

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation has partnered with the Healthy Kids Advisors initiative to boost community access to healthy, delicious food and drink.

Belinda will be visiting local schools to collaborate with staff and students on fun, tasty ways to embrace fresh, healthy, delicious food and drink options in the spaces they play and learn. This might include reducing sugary drink options and increasing access to water,

boosting healthier, tasty options on the canteen menu, or planning fun, healthy fundraisers.

"These little swaps can make a big difference to our region. They increase volunteer opportunities and social connections, support nearby growers and businesses and positively impact the food habits of the whole community," said Belinda.

Healthy Kids Advisors is a three-year initiative supported by the Victorian and Australian Governments. This community engagement initiative connects schools, outside school hours care, sports clubs and community facilities throughout Greater Dandenong with pleasurable food education and the Vic Kids Eat Well movement.

If you are a school, or sports club that may benefit from free, tailored guidance on reaching your healthy eating goals visit [kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/healthy-kids-advisors](http://kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/healthy-kids-advisors) or email Belinda at [belinda.nowakowski@kitchengardenfoundation.org.au](mailto:belinda.nowakowski@kitchengardenfoundation.org.au)

## Improving where you live

**The pandemic continues to place pressure on all aspects of Council's services and operations.**

This year's Budget strikes a balance between ensuring Council continues to provide services and support to the community, while managing a capital spending program to provide much-needed local infrastructure and stimulation for local employment and businesses.

Council will maintain a significant investment in the infrastructure of our city. Key projects to be delivered through the 2022–23 Budget include the commencement of the Keysborough South Community Hub, the widening of Perry Road in Keysborough and the reconstruction of the athletics track at Ross Reserve in Noble Park.

Funding has also been allocated to design development of the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre (formerly Dandenong Oasis), and to commence design work for the Dandenong Community Hub, Barry Powell Reserve and the new Table Tennis Centre.

Our capital investment builds on the great work we have delivered over the past several years, including the Springvale Community Hub, Dandenong Civic Centre and Library, redevelopment of the Dandenong Market, reconstruction of the Noble Park Aquatic Centre and the Tatterson Park Community Sports Centre.

Council continues to support climate change and sustainability in Greater Dandenong and has increased its tree planting program from last year.





# Revitalising Greater Dandenong

**Investment across Greater Dandenong is creating quality facilities across our city and adds value and enjoyment to the lives of the people who live, work and visit our city.**

Revitalisation focuses on increasing investment, and works to meet the needs of the wider community while attracting people from outside the municipality.

Major works have been taking place in suburbs across Greater Dandenong, here is just a snapshot of recent and upcoming projects.

## Noble Park

Established in 2021 the Noble Park Revitalisation Board is working with the local community to identify opportunities to make the suburb thrive.

The Noble Park Activity Centre is reaping the benefits of significant investment to unlock the suburb's full potential and to speed up recovery from the impacts of COVID-19.

A range of current projects builds on the investments of recent years including the new train station and level crossing removal, Ross Reserve upgrades and new all abilities playground.

## RECENT AND UPCOMING PROJECTS



Dandenong New Art (DNA) Gallery

Projects include:

- ▶ Sport activations including soccer clinics in partnership with Melbourne City Football Club, skateboarding masterclasses and Keep Calm and Yoga sessions at Noble Park Community Centre
- ▶ Noble Park Big Day Out including live performances, workshops and activities for youth
- ▶ Pavement Mural by street artist/muralist Happy Decay decorating a pedestrian thoroughfare off Douglas St.

## Springvale

At the time of publication the first stage of the \$6 million Springvale Boulevard Renewal Project was due to be completed.

Improvements to the iconic Springvale shopping strip include work to make the area more pedestrian friendly and encourage visitors to connect and relax with friends and family.

The works complement the new Springvale Community Hub and create a signature boulevard befitting of one of Melbourne's most iconic cultural destinations.



Springvale Boulevard Renewal Project

## Dandenong

The Revitalising Central Dandenong initiative is intended to transform central Dandenong into a vibrant and thriving economic hub.

The long-term project is expected to attract more than \$1 billion in private sector investment and create 5000 jobs. To date about \$700 million has been invested to rejuvenate and re-establish Dandenong's city centre as the capital of Melbourne's growing south east region.

New projects recently completed or still under construction include:

- ▶ Launch Families Supportive Housing Project, 1 Allan St. This \$31 million project contains 60 apartments to house and support women and children, including those impacted by family violence.
- ▶ Children's Court of Victoria, 153 Foster St. Will provide a five-level commercial building with the Children's Court of Victoria being the major tenant.
- ▶ Dandenong New Art (DNA) Gallery, 5 Mason St. Exciting new initiative celebrating art and culture in Greater Dandenong.

## Keysborough

Through community consultation, Council has created a plan for the Keysborough South Community Hub which will support local families into the future. The hub will include community activity rooms, community meeting rooms, a community lounge and kitchen, two kindergarten rooms, childcare rooms and consulting suites for Maternal and Child Health and other specialist services.

Construction of the hub, which is in Tatterson Park at the corner of Villiers Road and Chapel Road, will begin this year.

# What's On August 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Toddler Time</b> Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am</li> <li>▶ <b>STEAM Festival – Design Thinking</b> Springvale Library 4pm–5.30pm</li> </ul> 	<p>Upending Expectations: Contemporary Glass exhibition</p> <p>Until Friday 5 August</p> <p>Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre</p> <p><a href="http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/upending-expectations">greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/upending-expectations</a></p> 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Reading Circle</b> First Wednesday of the month Dandenong Library 11am–12pm</li> <li>▶ <b>Code Club-Musical Instruments</b> Three-week workshop Dandenong Library 4pm</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Carers Walking Group</b> Burden Park 10am</li> <li>▶ <b>Storytime</b> Dandenong Library 10.30am</li> <li>▶ <b>Grow Your Business with the Libraries</b> Dandenong Library 7.30pm–9pm</li> </ul>
<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>STEAM Festival – Design Thinking</b> Dandenong Library 4pm–5.30pm</li> <li>▶ <b>The Australian Poetry Slam Word Travels: Spoken Word Workshop</b> Springvale Library 6.30pm–8pm</li> <li>▶ <b>Council Meeting</b> Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Art Series – Miniature Crystal Sculpture Workshop</b> STEAM Festival Dandenong Library 6.30pm–8pm</li> <li>▶ <b>Winter Warmers: Neuographic Art Workshop</b> Online 7pm</li> </ul> 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Strength Training</b> Jan Wilson Community Centre 8.30am</li> <li>▶ <b>Code Club-Musical Instruments</b> Three-week workshop Dandenong Library 4pm</li> </ul> <p><b>August</b></p> 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Conversation Circle – low to intermediate English</b> Dandenong Library 6pm</li> <li>▶ <b>AYPT presents: Nickelodeon's SpongeBob The Musical</b> Drum Theatre 7pm</li> <li>▶ <b>Libraries After Dark</b> Zentangles Springvale Library 7.30pm–9pm</li> </ul> 
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  - South East Leisure**  
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  - Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre**  
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  - Dandenong Market**  
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  - Food and Cultural Tours**  
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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.



# STEAM Festival



Image courtesy of artist Emme Orbach

## STEAM into Greater Dandenong libraries this August as we celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths.

Each week in August concludes with a Friday Family Film Night. Explore the Science Week theme of glass with The Think Tank Beyond Glass for kids, and Art Series Crystal Sculpture Workshop for adults. The Flying Bookworm will be performing a special Magic Journey for Book Week and visit the Community Puzzle Room at Springvale Community Hub.

### Design Thinking

Monday 1 August  
Springvale Library  
4pm–5.30pm



Monday 8 August  
Dandenong Library  
4pm–5.30pm

Learn about design thinking and put your new skill into practice. The TOM@ Schools programs are custom-built STEM workshops teaching students about the design process, disability awareness and prototyping, for ages 7–11 years.

### Tech for Adults – Windows 11

Friday 5 August  
Dandenong Library  
2.30pm–4pm

Learn about the latest updates with Windows 11. Bring your own device to get the best hands-on experience and ask questions.

### Tech for Adults – Green Screen

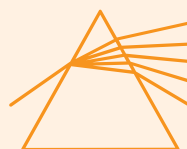
Friday 12 August  
Dandenong Library  
2.30pm–4pm

In this fun and interactive workshop, learn how to use a green screen.

### Think Tank National Science Week – Beyond Glass

Saturday 6 August, Dandenong Library, 3pm–4pm  
Saturday 13 August, Springvale Library, 3pm–4pm

Celebrate National Science Week 2022 with this year's theme 'Glass'. In this workshop students will explore how light behaves with glass, learn how glass is made and make their own sustainable glasslike structure to take home, for ages 7–11 years.



### Tech for Adults – Robotics (Lego Mindstorms)

Friday 19 August  
Springvale Library  
2.30pm–4pm

Build your own programmable robots and learn how to code their movement.



### Tech for Adults – Scratch

Friday 26 August  
Springvale Library  
2.30pm–4pm

Curious about coding? This secret language is easy to learn with Scratch, an online coding platform. Using problem solving skills and creativity you can create games, stories and animations.

### The Australian Poetry Slam

#### Word Travels: Spoken Word Workshop

Monday 8 August  
Springvale Library  
6.30pm–8pm

Work on your poetry, get feedback and meet fellow poets in this Spoken Word Workshop.

#### Word Travels: Spoken Word Heat

Friday 12 August  
Springvale Library  
6.30pm–8pm

Australian Poetry Slam (APS) is a live literary performance program where the audience decides the champion. With 60 heats across the nation, the best slammers perform for the chance to win the APS National Final.

### Art Series – Miniature Crystal Sculpture Workshop

Tuesday 9 August  
Dandenong Library  
6.30pm–8pm

Tuesday 16 August  
Springvale Library  
6.30pm–8pm

Create unique miniature crystal sculptures using recycled materials. Melbourne artist, Emme Orbach will teach you how to hand-build small-scale sculptures using recycled metal, wire, wood, and plastic. Take home your own science crystal kit with special instructions on how to grow crystal geodes for your newly built sculptural creation.

### World of Maths

Tuesday 16 August  
Springvale Library  
4.30pm–6pm

World of Maths will present 17 different math-based fun activities for kids to participate in and experiment with, for ages 5–12 years.



### GIF Making

Tuesday 23 August  
Springvale Library  
4pm–5pm

Artist and creative teacher Yaz will walk you through drawing and animating your very own GIF with stop-motion techniques, for ages 5–12 years.



To book in for any of these sessions visit

[greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries-whatson](https://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries-whatson)

# August at the Drum Theatre

## Songs in the Key of Motown

Friday 5 August, 8pm

Eight international award-winning soul singers will transport you back to an era where music was life.

## AYPT presents: Nickelodeon's SpongeBob The Musical

Thursday 11 August, 7pm

Friday 12 August, 7.30pm

Saturday 13 August, 12pm and 7pm

Sunday 14 August, 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.



## Gems of Jazz, by Packed House Productions

Thursday 18 August, 10.30am

Encore Program

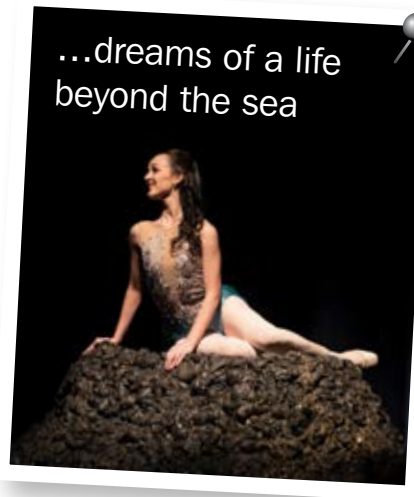
Gems of Jazz is an exciting showcase of timeless classics performed by Australian songbird, Gina Hogan.



## Our Beat – Underrated Volume 1

Thursday 18 August, 6.30pm

Our Beat is a free monthly open stage night that brings together musicians, artists, actors, comedians, dancers and the community.



## Victorian State Ballet – The Little Mermaid

Saturday 20 August, 7.30pm

Sunday 21 August, 2.30pm

The story unfolds in another world where a young mermaid dreams of a life beyond the sea. She bears witness to a shipwreck and comes to the aid of a drowning sailor.



## The Australian Bee Gees Show – A Tribute to the Bee Gees

Friday 26 August, 8pm

Fresh from celebrating 10 years and over 3000 shows headlining on the Las Vegas strip, the Australian Bee Gees Show will be heading Down Under for the Australian leg of their 25th anniversary tour.

## Arts Program @ Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre



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

## Upending Expectations: Contemporary Glass

Tuesday 28 June – Friday 5 August

Launching in Victoria exclusive to Dandenong, *Upending 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.

## Rose-Mary Faulkner Artist in Conversation

Friday 5 August

3pm–4.30pm

## Growing Crystals: Emme Orbach

Thursday 25 August

10am–12pm



Image courtesy of artist Emme Orbach

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

## Stallholder search at Dandenong Market



**Dandenong Market is calling on new businesses to consider opening a stall at the iconic market.**

The Market Leasing Team is looking for locally grown, foraged or manufactured foods as well as small and microbusinesses that offer a product or service not already available at Dandenong Market.

Businesses could include locally designed or handmade products, vintage or repurposed and upcycled goods, hobbies and collectibles, cosmetics, skin care and perfumes, or hair and beauty services.

Specialty foods and other products that support the market as 'The World Market' are always popular, as are culturally based items that resonate with our local community.

If they qualify, new traders could be eligible for a generous marketing package to help spread the word of their new location.

Dandenong Market has just completed its annual customer research survey, recording a satisfaction rating of 8.4 out of 10.

**➔ If you have a small business idea that you think is suited to a stall at the Dandenong Market visit [dandenongmarket.com.au](http://dandenongmarket.com.au) to find out more.**



## Transport terminal for Dandenong South

**Melbourne's largest intermodal terminal is due to open in Dandenong South in 2024, helping to reduce the number of trucks on our roads.**

The \$28 million project, funded by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments, will connect to the Port of Melbourne allowing port shuttles to run to and from Dandenong South up to five times per day.

The project aims to reduce transport costs for businesses and take trucks off suburban roads. The terminal will offer users 24-hour access to drop off and pick up containers via its fully automated gantry crane system.

The development will be overseen by Salta Properties and is designed to handle up to 560,000 20ft containers every year.



Visit [salta.com.au/projects/dandenong-south-intermodal-terminal](http://salta.com.au/projects/dandenong-south-intermodal-terminal) for more information.



Looking to develop, relocate, invest or start a business in Greater Dandenong? Then contact Council's Economic Development team as they support local business owners.

For a free discussion on how Council can help you email [business@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@cgd.vic.gov.au), phone **8571 1550** or visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/business](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/business)

## New Food Tour

**Council has launched a new food tour called 'Off the Menu', featured recently on Channel 9 News.**

The tour allows adventurous guests to experience a tasting of various exotic cultural foods that you will never find on a western menu.

This is one of the many food and cultural tours offered by Council to support local businesses and to provide unique experiences to visitors.



To learn more about our food and cultural tours visit [greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/food-tours](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/food-tours)




There is so much to do and see in Greater Dandenong





Fleur Smolenaers from Uniting Vic.Tas with Social Knitwork members at Dandenong Library.


## Social Knitwork

 For the past eight years, the Social Knitwork has been meeting once a week at the Dandenong Library to connect with like-minded people, to knit colourful items for charity and to share morning tea.

The group kindly donated their creative knitted toys, blankets, beanies, infant clothes and scarves recently to Fleur Smolenaers from Uniting Vic.Tas to pass on to those in need.

The Social Knitwork welcomes new members of all abilities who would like to help create knitted items for worthy causes. The group meets every Wednesday from 10am–12pm at the Dandenong Library.

The group is also seeking wool donations so they can continue their valuable work. Please leave your wool donations for the Social Knitwork at the Dandenong Library service desk.

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




## Probus Club

**The Combined Probus Club of Noble Park is a social club for people over 55 years that meet monthly.**

The group aims to foster friendships and social connections among retirees and hosts regular outings and gatherings for members.

The group meets at Club Noble, Moodemere Street, Noble Park on the first Monday of the month from 10am–12pm. Meeting dates for the rest of the year are:

- ▶ 1 August
- ▶ 5 September
- ▶ 3 October
- ▶ 7 November
- ▶ 5 December.

 Contact Mrs Lesley Jarutis at [lesleyj941@hotmail.com](mailto:lesleyj941@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Enter Dandenong Stadium for free

South East Leisure has removed the door entry fee, promoting better access to Dandenong Stadium for all attendees to enjoy sport and recreational activities.

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



## Connect with locals and get active


**KeepActive is a new local website that increases the options adults have to get active, making it easier for people to find local groups, organisers (i.e. community houses, non-profit organisations, venues and local club social groups), trainers and coaches.**

Everyone has different barriers that may stop you from getting active. To break these barriers, KeepActive helps you to discover and create local activity groups to suit you.

For example, if you are looking for a female only walking group, an Indian community badminton group or a beginners tennis group, you can find a variety of local groups via KeepActive, or you can create your own to suit your needs.



KeepActive provides you with so many options and opportunities to connect locally to improve your fitness, increase your confidence and keep you engaged in your community.

 Interested? Visit [KeepActive.com.au](http://KeepActive.com.au) to find out more.



# Young Animators Competition

Enter now to see your short film screened during Children's Festival and win some great prizes.

Submissions close  
Sunday 4 September  
for children 12 and under.

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