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Mayor's message

Welcome to the September edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

Spring is here, and I encourage you to *Make Your Move* and spend more time outside as the weather warms.

September is Biodiversity Month and when we also hold our annual Biodiversity Blitz using the iNaturalist app to collect data on plants and animals in Greater Dandenong. Turn to page 7 to find out more.

Junior Mayor, Mya Durakovic provides her engaging update on page 3, and we reflect on the highlights of our recent Youth Summit at Springvale Town Hall.

There are so many activities and events being held throughout the city during the school holidays, including the popular Children's Festival and Little Day Out on Sunday 18 September. Find out more on page 5 and view our jam-packed community calendar on pages 10-11.

We continue to honour and celebrate our history and have recently installed two new interpretative signs by the Noble Park Public Hall and at J C Mills Reserve, we share these significant stories on page 9.

Best wishes to those celebrating Father's Day on Sunday 4 September and enjoy the start of the new season.



Mayor
Cr Jim Memeti

My City

AFL players from the St Kilda Football Club recently held a fun skills clinic with students at the Springvale Park Special Development School.

Council works in partnership with the St Kilda Football Club to bring about positive change in our community and to educate and engage locals to increase their physical activity.



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: Child enjoying local festivities with Greater Dandenong City Council's Mascot Harry the Habitat.

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Hi everyone,

★ **It's me, Mya Durakovic, your Junior Mayor for 2022.**

I recently attended Springvale Snow Fest and it was amazing! There were so many fun activities to do. My favourite activity was the snow play areas and having snow ball fights with the Councillors, it was hilarious. It made me feel really good to know that there were so many people who attended our community event as it is a great way to come together with your community and have a great time. There were two beautiful snow queens on stilts. There were rides for little kids and the food was amazing, with lots of yummy sweets and treats. I hope everyone who attended Springvale Snow Fest had an amazing time as well. I can't wait to go again next year.



On 26 October there is going to be a Children's Forum and the theme is *Children's Voices Matter*. This is a really important theme since children are the new generation and the future of our community. This theme is one of the reasons why I applied to be Junior Mayor. I think getting a child's perspective on issues in our

community will help the City of Greater Dandenong grow and be a better place for adults and children.

I'm also looking forward to attending the Little Day Out on Sunday 18 September. If you are free, come down and be part of the fun and don't forget to say hi.

Youth conquering 2022 and beyond

✓ **A Youth Summit hosted by Council's Youth and Family Services has explored resilience in local youth following two years of a global pandemic.**

The event saw 120 students from six local secondary schools gather at the Springvale Town Hall in July.

With the theme *Conquering 2022 and Beyond*, the summit supported students to bounce back from the challenges of COVID-19 through building resilience, health and wellbeing. Highlights included:

- ▶ keynote speaker Mike Rolls, who shared his experience as a meningococcal survivor, encouraging students to maintain a positive mindset, handle setbacks and embrace challenges
- ▶ a *Supporting Your Peers* workshop run with Headspace Dandenong, built young peoples' capacity to detect and respond to warning signs of mental health concerns



- ▶ engaging workshops including African drumming, art therapy and hip-hop dancing.

The Summit included consultation activities to capture the voices of students and gain insight into the needs and issues impacting young people in our community.

The top three issues of concern to emerge were:

- ▶ mental health (anxiety, depression and body image)
- ▶ stress (managing expectations and responsibilities)
- ▶ physical health (sleep, nutrition and exercise).

The students' feedback will be used to plan programs and future support services.

➔ Visit youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au to find out more about the programs and services offered by our Youth and Family Services Team.

Youth School Holiday Program

There are so many great activities for 12–25 year-olds to take part in these school holidays, including Fierce YouthFest on 22 September at Noble Park Skate Park.

Visit youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au to find out more.

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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 12 September**
- ▶ **Monday 26 September.**

The gallery is open again to the public and you can ask questions

during Public Question Time, check our website for any updates.

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**

SEPTEMBER

▶ Noble Park North Ward



The safety and wellbeing of our residents are very important to Council, and that is why we are continuing to lobby for road safety improvements to Jacksons Road.

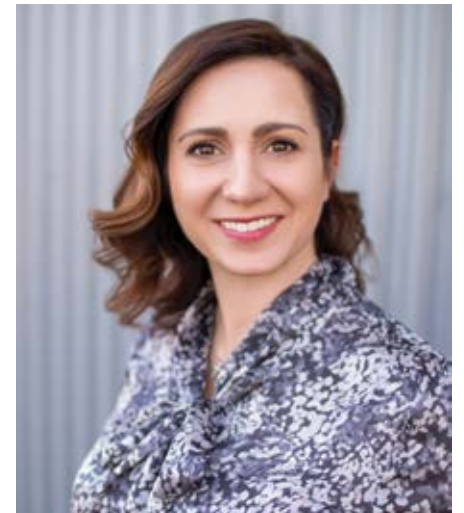
The road is managed by the Victorian Government, so we are advocating for a reduced speed limit and road safety infrastructure. Council has offered to cover any lower cost works, such as signage or line marking, but we cannot make changes to this road without consent from the Department of Transport. We will continue to advocate for necessary improvements to this road.

One road we have completed works on recently is Justin Drive, between Jacksons and Browns roads. We repaired damaged parts of the road surface, with resurfacing and renewal of damaged kerb and channel sections completed in June.

Earlier this year we launched a consultation to find out what locals wanted to see at Hennessy Reserve in Dandenong North. Previously an empty parkland, Council identified the need to provide shade, seating and a playground. With input from locals, Council designed a beautiful, welcoming public space for the whole community to enjoy.

I would like to encourage all Greater Dandenong residents to consider

Cr Lana Formoso



donating blood next month when the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Pop-up Donor Centre comes to Dandenong. My son was recently diagnosed with leukemia, and our family has seen firsthand the important work of Lifeblood. We want to rally support for the service which is experiencing a shortage of donors. The pop-up centre will be at St Mary's Community Centre, New Street, Dandenong from Monday 3 to Friday 7 October.



If you want to get in touch with me, you can email me at lane.formoso@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone me on 0435 530 536.

Cr Richard Lim OAM

► Springvale Central Ward



Our suburb is known as sensational Springvale and recent events here have attracted many visitors strengthening our reputation as the place to visit.

Recently, thousands of people came for the 10th annual award-winning Springvale Snow Fest. Prior to that Council ran a program of entertainment for families on school holidays, including live entertainment in Multicultural Place as part of Multicultural Victoria's In Situ program to reactivate public spaces. These performances were very popular, and I would love to explore putting more live performances and activations on in our public spaces.

Works on the Springvale Boulevard were recently completed, and I want to commend Council and the works contractor MACA Infrastructure who kept local businesses informed of work schedules and possible disruptions every step of the way.

The road is now a fitting entry point to Springvale, creating a signature boulevard that welcomes all and creates a safer environment for motorists and pedestrians. If you haven't seen the new boulevard now is the perfect time to rediscover what is so special about Springvale.

I want to let residents know that we are working on improvements to the Number 8 Balmoral Avenue multi-deck car park. There are 550 car parking spaces, but occupancy rates are very low. Works to make the car park easier to navigate are underway. Once complete I hope more people will make use of this car park.

The health of our residents is very important to me. I have been providing health seminars to many associations in Springvale over the past 30 years. Recently I held a seminar for the Springvale Italian Senior Citizens Club and for Afri-Auscare.



📍 You can contact me by email richard.lim@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 0435 627 164.

Children's Festival



Take a leap into the wild during the school holidays at the Greater Dandenong Children's Festival.

This year's event will run from Saturday 17 September to Sunday 2 October and will feature the themes of nature and sustainability.

Enjoy wild arts and crafts, writing workshops, theatre, music, dance, circus, native wildlife displays, science and conservation, sports and so much more.

Performances, activities and workshops will be held across Greater Dandenong and the whole family is invited to take part.



Little Day Out

The festival favourite is back at Ross Reserve, Noble Park, on Sunday 18 September from 11am–4pm.

The headline event of the Children's Festival will be full of exciting activities, live performances, carnival rides, and food and market stalls.

Deckchair Movies

Public movie screenings will run every weekday (except the public holiday on Friday 23 September) at Harmony Square (during the first week) and Springvale Community Hub (during the second week).

Deckchairs are limited, so bring your own blankets and a picnic to enjoy a free outdoor movie.

Featured films include:

- Red Dog (PG) on Thursday 22 September at Harmony Square



- The Bad Guys (PG) Monday 26 September at Springvale Community Hub
- The Secret Garden (G) Wednesday 28 September at Springvale Community Hub.

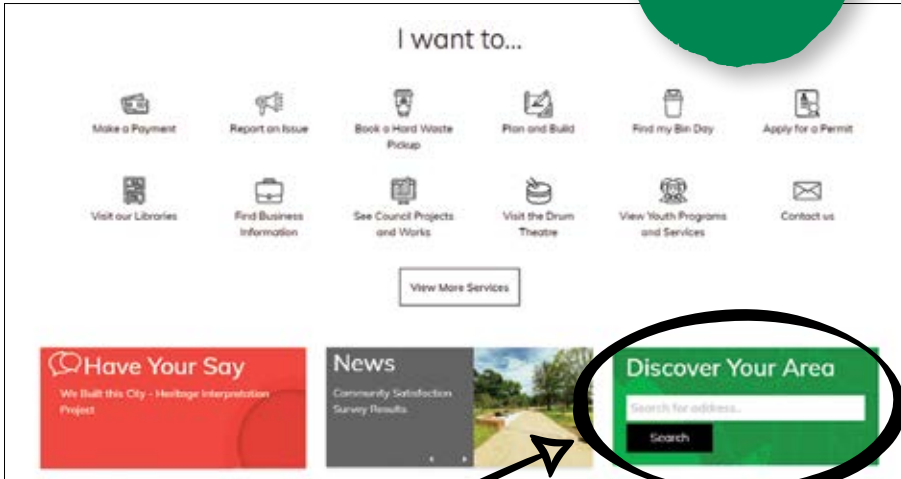
Young Animators Competition

Children aged 5–12 years of age are invited to enter a short animation in the Young Animators Competition by Sunday 4 September.

Some films will be chosen to screen before one of our Deckchair Movie screenings throughout the Festival and will win some great prizes.



📍 Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/childrens-festival for more information.

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Discover more about your area

A simple tool on Council's website makes it easier to learn about important information in your neighbourhood.

Wondering who your local Councillor is? Or when to put out your garden waste bin for collection? Simply add your address to the Discover Your Area search bar and find the answers.

The helpful tool reveals the garbage bin collection day for your street, and when your garden waste bin or recycle bin is due for collection. It also tells you when the street sweeper is due in your neighbourhood.

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au to use the tool, look out for the green box half way down the home page.

Alan Corrigan Reserve upgrade

Deputy Mayor, Cr Eden Foster, Cr Tim Dark, State Government Minister Lily D'Ambrosio and Meng Heang Tak MP celebrated the unveiling of new revitalisation works at Alan Corrigan Reserve, Keysborough.

Matched funding from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) helped Council to improve the landscaped reserve, increase the tree canopy and provide fitness equipment, picnic, barbeque, recreational, and nature and sensory play facilities for the community to enjoy.



L-R: Meng Heang Tak MP, State Government Minister Lily D'Ambrosio, Deputy Mayor, Cr Eden Foster and Cr Tim Dark at Alan Corrigan Reserve, Keysborough.

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 September.

Date	Location
Thursday 1 September	Jan Wilson Community Centre, BJ Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North
Monday 5 September	Springvale City Hall, Supper Room, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Thursday 8 September	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Wednesday 21 September	Springvale City Hall, Supper Room, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Saturday 24 September	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Tuesday 27 September	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.

Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve to reopen



Come and celebrate the Spring reopening of Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve and discover a beautiful oasis in suburbia.

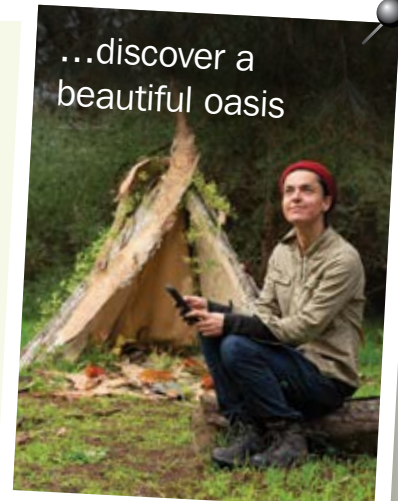
The reserve is one of the last remaining examples of remnant vegetation within Greater Dandenong and gives visitors a vision of what the landscape was like prior to European settlement.

In 1950, the Springvale South Community Association purchased four hectares of land on Mackay Street, Springvale South, a section of which is now Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve. In 1969 Alex Wilkie, the superintendent of Parks and Gardens at the former

City of Springvale, outlined the need for the reserve to be used as a major environment education resource for the local community.

In 1978 the reserve was officially opened to the public and was named after the late Alex Wilkie.

Join us for the reserve's Spring opening and explore the past and present with a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and Yidaki performance by Traditional Owners. Explore the visitor centre, learn about native animals and plants, get involved in workshops and a planting session with Council's rangers.



The Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve Spring Opening will be held on Sunday 4 September, 11am-3pm. Parking is in Harold Road, Springvale South.

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/spring-opening for more information and to register.

Tirhatuan Planting Day

Tirhatuan Park, 4 Kriegel Way,
Dandenong North
Thursday 22nd September
10am – 1pm



Biodiversity Blitz



Every September Council celebrates Biodiversity Month, a chance to keep growing biodiversity and build on the knowledge we have.

Join us in the great outdoors from 1-30 September and record all the flora and fauna you can see for the Biodiversity Blitz 2022.

Every year Council has taken part in the blitz we have discovered more vital information about the animals and plant life found within our city. This information helps us plan for a future that better protects our environment.

Simply head outdoors to take photos of flora and fauna in Greater Dandenong and then upload to the iNaturalist app on your smart phone.



How to join:

- Step 1 – Download the iNaturalist app from your favourite app store
- Step 2 – Register online to participate
- Step 3 – Start recording your observations.



Visit greaterdandenong.com/biodiversityblitz for more information.

Recycle your soft plastics



Soft plastics, including bread bags and shopping bags, can have a second life and be turned into useful items such as outdoor furniture, but only if you recycle them the right way.

Your soft plastics cannot be placed in your yellow recycling bin, instead take them to your local supermarket to be recycled via the REDcycle collection program.

This program collects soft plastics and turns them into everyday items, including park benches and playground equipment.



For more information visit redcycle.net.au

Employment forum a game changer



Council's South East Business Networks (SEBN) has joined forces with the Victorian Government, local businesses, jobseekers and service providers to reshape the local employment industry.

In July Council hosted the GameChange roundtable forum, where representatives from the community and government heard firsthand about the employment challenges and opportunities in Greater Dandenong.

Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti said youth unemployment in the municipality was above 22 per cent and statistics showed one in four parents of working age were not working.

He said for Greater Dandenong to continue to have a thriving economy we needed to shift the jobs and skills system to provide better outcomes for local jobseekers and businesses.

"The GameChange roundtable is a great example of how we can work together with service providers, other levels

of government, local jobseekers and industry to secure a brighter future for our community," Cr Memeti said.

Roundtable participants discussed priorities including:

- ▶ a central employment hub with improved communication and collaboration to make it easier to navigate the system
- ▶ targeted training designed for and linked to employment opportunities
- ▶ workplace flexibility to enable a greater participation
- ▶ finding better ways for jobseekers currently experiencing disadvantage or economic exclusion to pursue pathways to employment.

GameChange is part of Council's Community Revitalisation program.

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/gamechange to find out more.

Dandenong Zero to address homelessness

Council has partnered with Launch Housing and local service providers to address the complex issue of homelessness in our municipality.

Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti said the goal of Dandenong Zero is to end street homelessness or rough sleeping.

"Our whole community will benefit from improved service coordination and a more tailored response to supporting people in the community who do not currently have a safe place to call home.

"Dandenong Zero's Service Coordination Team maintains a list of every person in the community who is homeless. Knowing the names and important details of our rough sleepers ensures we don't lose sight of anyone and can prioritise support to those who need it most via the Dandenong Zero initiative," Cr Memeti said.

One of the biggest barriers for rough sleepers is the growing shortage of

social and affordable housing in Victoria.

While State and Federal Government investment in this space is welcome, we need immediate resources and support for our most vulnerable community members.

Launch Housing ran a pilot program in City of Port Phillip, which saw a 27 per cent reduction in homelessness over a 12-month period. Programs have also been introduced in the City of Frankston and City of Stonnington.

The program aims to find solutions for every individual living on the streets, including setting them up with the right support and eventually finding them safe, stable housing.

"We look forward to working in successful partnership with Launch Housing and ultimately ending homelessness in Greater Dandenong," Cr Memeti said.



Lonsdale Street parking



To enhance the safety in the area and to support the traders during the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, the parking meters along Lonsdale Street, Dandenong will be turned back on this month.

The one-hour parking limit will apply. The parking fee has been reduced compared to pre-pandemic times, costing \$1 per hour.

All traders in the area have been consulted about the change. Income Council receives from parking meters in Lonsdale Street will go towards the Safer Streets program, a partnership initiative with Victoria Police.



Celebrating our history



Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti unveiled Council's latest interpretive signs to celebrate important stories from our Greater Dandenong history.

The first sign, in front of the Noble Park Public Hall, follows the journey of the people's hall, from a humble timber structure to a bustling community hub under the name Paddy O'Donoghue Centre.

Cr Memeti said Paddy O'Donoghue was a universally respected member of the Noble Park community and is an appropriate namesake for the hall.

"This hall has been central to life in Noble Park for more than 100 years and is still owned by the people of this community via the Noble Park Public Hall Trust.

"This hall was built by the people of Noble Park and it was updated over the years with money raised by the community. It truly is at the heart of our Noble Park community," Cr Memeti said.

The other sign is in J C Mills Reserve and remembers a time before road and drainage works, when the need to protect against mud was inevitable.

Local stories recall those heading to Saturday dances at the Dandenong Town Hall would wear gumboots to the station and then change into their good shoes once on the platform.

The reserve's name honours the late James (Jim) Charles Mills who was a World War I veteran. He settled in the area as part of the Government's Soldier Settler Scheme in 1919 and became a Councillor for the Dandenong Shire Council.

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



Lisa Beck (great niece of Paddy O'Donoghue), Dawn Dickson (niece of Paddy O'Donoghue and Trustee) and Michael Dickson (great nephew of Paddy O'Donoghue).

The O'Donoghues

The name Paddy O'Donoghue is synonymous with Noble Park. While he was lovingly known as Mr Noble Park, his wife Olive was just as well-liked by the community.

The Noble Park Public Hall, a site that has been at the centre of community life for more than 100 years, is now named the Paddy O'Donoghue Centre after the popular local figure.

The O'Donoghues served as trustees for the hall, and Olive was a member of the original Ladies Auxiliary. When Mrs O'Donoghue passed away in 2013 the Olive Room and Olive Garden were named in her honour.

A.J. 'Paddy' O'Donoghue was born on the Kalgoorlie goldfields in 1913. He moved to Noble Park, with his family in 1924 when his father accepted a job in the local bakery. Paddy, the eldest of



Paddy O'Donoghue and Olive O'Donoghue

five children, left school in 1929 at the age of 16 years to take over from his ailing father. He became the family's breadwinner and five years later he purchased the bakery.

Paddy's generosity was central to his beliefs, he felt that it was his duty to help those in need, where and when he could. It was this that made Paddy universally respected and admired by all.

He was a committee member and life member of many sporting clubs,

various cultural groups, the Noble Park Progress Association, life member of the Dandenong and District Hospital, and a tireless worker for Red Cross and Comforts Fund in war time. He was a talented violinist and was a member of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

Today the O'Donoghue name is remembered through the centre which remains under the ownership of the Noble Park Public Hall Trust and includes a childcare centre, kindergarten, maternal health service and recreational and meeting spaces.


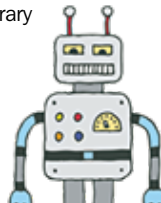




STORIES FROM OUR PAST



To learn more and to hire a space at the Paddy O'Donoghue Centre visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

What's On September 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 Please check our website and social media platforms for updates, as event dates may change or be offered virtually.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <p>Biodiversity Blitz</p> <p>September is Biodiversity Month.</p> <p>Learn more about our local biodiversity and identify local flora and fauna via the iNaturalist app.</p> <p>Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/biodiversity-blitz</p> </div>		<p>1</p> <p>► 'Culture, Safety and Your Place' minibus tour and dinner in Springvale 6pm–9pm To book email dmacik@cgd.vic.gov.au</p>
<p>5</p> <p>► Toddler Time Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am</p> <p>► New Food and Cultural Tour <i>Off the Menu</i> Springvale 12pm–2pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>READ A BOOK DAY</p> <p>► Library Youth Engagement Dandenong Library 4pm–6pm</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>► Code Club Springvale Library 4pm–5.30pm</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>► 'Culture, Safety and Your Place' minibus tour and dinner in Dandenong 6pm–9pm To book email dmacik@cgd.vic.gov.au</p>
<p>12</p> <p>► Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>► Art Series – Textile Collage Dandenong Library 6.30pm–8pm</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>► Free coffee and chat with Councillors and Victoria Police Ettamo Café, Dandenong 11am–1pm</p> <p>► Legally Blonde the Musical Drum Theatre 7.30pm</p> <p>► Vaping Education Parent Evening Springvale Library 7pm–8pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>► Escapees Theatre Company Showcase Drum Theatre 10.30am</p> <p>► Legally Blonde the Musical Drum Theatre 7.30pm</p>
<p>19</p> <p>► The Alphabet of Awesome Science Drum Theatre 2pm and 6pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>► Backstage Tour Drum Theatre 10am and 1pm</p> <p>► Wind in the Willows with Mr Badger Springvale Library 2.30pm–3.30pm</p> <p>► Art Series – Textile Collage Springvale Library 6.30pm–8pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>► Spring Garden Walk Heritage Hill Historic Museum and Gardens 10am–12pm</p> <p>► Stencil Art with artist George Manioudakis (AKA Man of Darkness) Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre 2pm–4pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>► 'Culture, Safety and Your Place' minibus tour and dinner in Springvale 6pm–9pm To book email dmacik@cgd.vic.gov.au</p> <p>► Our Beat: Way Over There Collective Takeover Drum Theatre 6.30pm</p>
<p>26</p> <p>► Escape from Trash Mountain Drum Theatre 11am</p> <p>► Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>WORLD TOURISM DAY</p> <p>► Backstage Tour Drum Theatre 10am and 1pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>► Li'l Beat Drum Theatre 11am</p> <p>► Neighbourhood Watch Greater Dandenong Paddy O'Donoghue Centre 18-34 Buckley Street, Noble Park 7.30pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>► Online Bookclub – The DandEreaders Fourth Thursday of the month 2pm–3pm</p>

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Walk in Biodiversity Blitz information session at Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve ▶ Simeon and the Solid Snakes Drum Theatre 6pm 	<p>3</p> <p>Saturdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Parkrun Dandenong Park 7.45am 	<p>4</p> <p>FATHER'S DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve Spring Opening Mackay Street, Springvale South 11am-3pm <p>School Holidays</p> <p>17 September-2 October</p> <p>Enjoy a range of fun, family-friendly activities throughout Greater Dandenong.</p> <p>To see what's on visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/events</p>
<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Walk in Biodiversity Blitz information session at Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve ▶ Advanced Office Computer Skills Springvale Library 9.30am-12pm 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Think Tank Science of Sound Dandenong Library 3pm-4pm 	<p>17</p> <p>AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Little India Food and Cultural Tour Dandenong 12pm-2pm ▶ Legally Blonde the Musical Drum Theatre 1pm and 7.30pm 
<p><i>Captured</i> Exhibition</p> <p>16 August-29 September</p> <p>Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre</p> <p>Three contemporary artists, Steven Cybulka, Emme Orbach and Noah Spivak explore the materiality of industry.</p> <p>Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/events/captured</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Little Day Out Ross Reserve, Noble Park 11am-4pm 	<p>23</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - AFL GRAND FINAL EVE</p> <p>This Girl Can Week</p> <p>Get active this Spring 12-18 September</p> <p>thisgirlcan.com.au</p>
<p>24</p> <p>AFL GRAND FINAL</p> <p>FREE movie screenings</p> <p>19-22 September @ Harmony Square, daily from 12pm</p> <p>26-30 September @ Springvale Community Hub, daily from 12pm</p> <p>Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/events for listings.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Children's Festival</p> <p>17 September-2 October</p> <p>Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/childrens-festival</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>WORLD PODCAST DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Soccer Tournament at Soccer 5s Dandenong South, for 12-25 years 9.30am-4.30pm 

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

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





Melbourne Writers Festival author talks

Greater Dandenong Libraries are a proud partner of Melbourne Writers Festival, delivering a wide range of free literary activities and events for all ages, register to hear from two inspiring authors.

Akuch Akuol Anyieth

Thursday 8 September
Dandenong Library
7.30pm–9.30pm

A graduate researcher in crime, justice and legal studies, Akuch Kuol Anyieth is the debut author of *Unknown*, a memoir of her journey from civil war in South Sudan to a new life in Australia. She unpacks the trajectory of her life, a story full of sadness, anger, humour, determination, survival and love. This event is part of Libraries After Dark, designed for 16+ years.



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Libraries and Heritage services have launched their new socials platforms and invite you to be part of the conversation. Follow [@greaterdandenonglibraries](#) on Facebook and Instagram for great reading recommendations, event updates, Flashback Friday posts and lots more.



Else Fitzgerald

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Sunday 11 September
Springvale Library
3pm–4pm

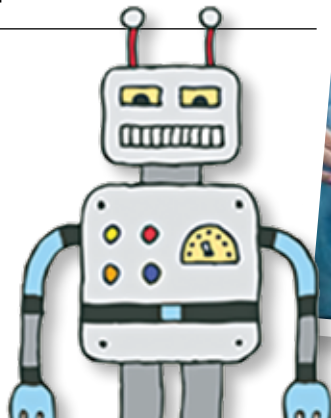
Debut author Else Fitzgerald's short story collection *Everything Feels like the End of the World* explores possible futures, from an Australia not so different from our present day, to one thousands of years into an unrecognisable future.

The Think Tank

Join in to learn new skills in science at *Science of Sound*.

Saturday 10 September
Dandenong Library
3pm–4pm

Saturday 17 September
Springvale Library
3pm–4pm



School Holiday Fun

There is a lot to do in your local library these school holidays.

Compost Rockets

Monday 19 September
Dandenong Library
2.30pm–3.30pm

Wind in the Willows with Mr Badger

Tuesday 20 September
Springvale Library
2.30pm–3.30pm

Yoga in the Park

Thursday 22 September
Springvale Library / Community Hub
2.30pm–3.30pm

Marvellous Minibeasts

Monday 26 September
Dandenong Library
2.30pm–3.30pm and
3.30pm–4.30pm

Nature Craft

Wednesday 28 September
Springvale Library
2.30pm

Jingle, Jangle, Jungle

Thursday 29 September
Springvale Library
2.30pm–3.15pm



Council has endorsed the new *Discover/Create/Share – Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy 2022–26* and the new *Greater Dandenong Libraries Strategy 2022–26*. These strategies outline the direction for arts, culture and heritage activities; and library services projects over the next four years.

 **To view these strategies, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au and search for the relevant document.**

Arts in Greater Dandenong




Captured Exhibition, Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre

Captured

Tuesday–Friday from 11am–2pm

On display at the Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre until 29 September, the *Captured* exhibition features three contemporary artists, Steven Cybulka, Emme Orbach and Noah Spivak. They explore the materiality of industry. The artists are all process driven and allow spontaneity of their respective mediums to determine the outcome of their works.

 **For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/events/captured**



Art Series (in person)

Textile Collage

Dandenong Library,
Tuesday 13 September
6.30pm–8pm

Springvale Library,
Tuesday 20 September
6.30pm–8pm

Textile artist Ema Shin, recently featured in *Vogue Australia*, will conduct two workshops for participants to ink print on fabric with pre-cut stamps. Adding select collage, stitching and embroidery. Resulting in a decorative work of art to keep and treasure.

Spring Garden Walk

Wednesday 21 September
10am–12pm

Join local artist Kim Nguyen and paint a small terracotta pot with vibrant stencils and designs. Children will then take a guided tour of the historical gardens at Heritage Hill and complete the experience by preparing the pot with drainage, soil and planting a seed.

Stencil Art Workshop

Wednesday 21 September
2–4pm

Learn the fundamentals of Stencil Art with Melbourne based artist George Manioudakis (AKA Man of Darkness). In this two-hour introductory workshop, you will learn all the skills necessary to create a simple single or multi-layer stencil, producing an artwork on canvas you can take home and hang straight on the wall.



QuickArts (online)

Thursday 22 September
2pm

Learn how to make your very own terrarium with the Plant Whisperer.



September at the Drum Theatre

Simeon and the Solid Snakes

Friday 2 September, 6pm



Legally Blonde the Musical

Presented by Escapees Theatre Company

Wednesday 14 September, 7.30pm

Thursday 15 September, 7.30pm

Friday 16 September, 7.30pm

Saturday 17 September,
1pm and 7.30pm

Escapees Theatre Company Showcase

Thursday 15 September, 10.30am

The Alphabet of Awesome Science

Monday 19 September, 2pm and 6pm

Our Beat: Way Over There Collective Takeover

Thursday 22 September, 6.30pm

New Drum Theatre Instagram

Are you following us on Instagram?

Our account celebrates all things performance at the Drum.

Follow us at [@DrumTheatre](https://www.instagram.com/DrumTheatre) to enjoy exclusive content from performers and our team.

Become a Drum Member



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

Visit drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au



Turning your hobby into a home-based business

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has seen many of us pick up new hobbies, and some hobbies turning into successful businesses.

There are some key differences between a hobby and a business. Business Victoria has some great resources available to help you and tips on what to do when you want to start a new business, visit business.gov.au for information.

Council and other external professional bodies offer free introductory workshops on how to start a business and provide business mentoring opportunities to help you gather, analyse and evaluate all the information you need to launch your business.

To learn more visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/business-workshops-and-seminars

Does my business need a permit?

If you are starting a new business, you may require a number of permits from different Council departments. Council's Business team can support you to seek the right advice and to guide you through this process.

Before you sign a contract, commence any fit-out or work on your premise, or start operating your business, you should first talk with Council's business team to understand all the permits and other requirements needed to operate a business in Greater Dandenong.

You may require permits from the following Council teams:

- ▶ Planning – for land use
- ▶ Building – for safety
- ▶ Public Health – to comply with food and health legislation
- ▶ Local Laws – for community safety.

We are here to help you start your business the right way.

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

Free business resources at the library



If you're a Greater Dandenong library card holder you have free access to a wide range of services to support your individual and business growth.

Some of these tools include online learning tool Lynda.com, which offers webinars on finance, marketing, leadership and upskilling.

Your library membership also offers access to *IbisWorld*, Australia's most comprehensive collection of industry market research, industry risk ratings and company research. The benefit of these tools being hosted online means you can access them anywhere, anytime.

Sign up today at greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries

Contact us

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

For a free discussion on how Council can help you email business@cgd.vic.gov.au, phone 8571 1550 or visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/business



There is so much to do and see in Greater Dandenong



Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open for the Greater Dandenong Australia Day Awards 2023.

Do you know someone who is making a difference in our community?

Think of the people who work hard behind the scenes to help make positive change in your schools, clubs and community groups. Those that go above and beyond to help others and to raise much-needed funds for a good cause.

Consider recognising these community stalwarts with a nomination for an Australia Day Award.

Awards will be presented at a ceremony on Australia Day (26 January 2023) in the following categories:

- ▶ Citizen of the Year
- ▶ Young Leader of the Year
- ▶ Volunteer of the Year
- ▶ Sportsperson of the Year
- ▶ Corporate Citizen of the Year
- ▶ Community Group of the Year
- ▶ Sustainability Award
- ▶ Living Treasure Award.

Nominations are now open and close on Sunday 30 October.

➔ **Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/australia-day-awards to make a nomination.**



GET INVOLVED

Community safety

Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood Watch will host a public forum and AGM featuring a question and answer session with local police.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 September from 7.30pm at the Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-34 Buckley Street, Noble Park.

Guest speaker Inspector Peter Koger will share his insights on Greater Dandenong.

All residents are welcome.

The next forum will be held on Wednesday 30 November.

➔ **For more information or to find out how to get involved in Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood Watch email president@nhwgreaterdandenong.org or phone Dawn on 0407 325 030.**



Keysborough Men's Shed

The Keysborough Men's Shed is looking for more members.

A community-based place where men can feel included and safe, the Men's Shed promotes mateship, while providing cooked lunches, woodworking projects and a chance to assist the community. The group can organise transport for those who can't drive.

The Men's Shed meets every Friday from 9am–2pm at the rear of the Keysborough Learning Centre, 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough.

➔ **Phone Michael Howlett on 0408 545 196 for more information.**

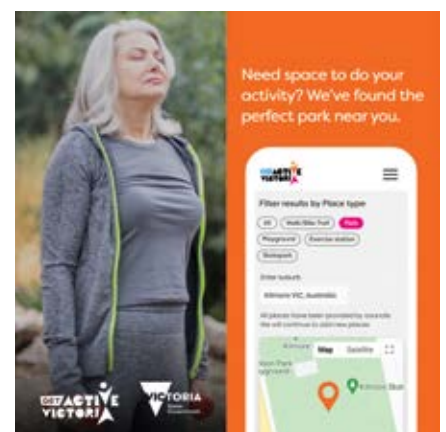
Get Active

Download the Get Active Victoria app to support your health and wellbeing this Spring.

Make Your Move and use this Victorian Government free app to help you move a little more.

It has a helpful search function for great active ideas in your area. You can track your exercise and seek healthy nutrition information.

➔ **For more information visit getactive.vic.gov.au**



Greater Dandenong

Little Day Out

2022

Sunday 18 September
11am - 4pm

Rides, Food Stalls,
Performances and
Fun Activities

Ross Reserve, Memorial Drive
Noble Park

greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/childrens-festival

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