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Mayor's message

Welcome to the October edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

The safety of our community is a key priority for Council and in this issue you can read about the *Safer Streets Program* on page 3.

As we gear up for the State Election next month, Council has released a list of its advocacy priorities. Page 3 outlines Council's wish list.

In October we celebrate our oldest and youngest residents.

Turn to page 6 to find out about our *Friendship Seat* program that helps to reduce loneliness and isolation in our community. Page 7 highlights some of the great activities on offer throughout the month during Seniors Festival.

October 22–30 is Children's Week. Read more about what is important to local children on page 13.

Daylight saving is due to start this month, so turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday 2 October. Lighter evenings mean you have more time to explore our parks and gardens, which look beautiful thanks in part to the lifecycle of garden and food waste collected from households across Greater Dandenong. Read about where your waste goes on page 8.

Our community calendar on pages 10–11 highlights a range of fun activities for all ages. If you see me out and about in Greater Dandenong, please say hello.



Mayor
Cr Jim Memeti

My City

Saturday 1 October is International Coffee Day so why not celebrate with a great brew from your local café and support our Greater Dandenong traders. Frankie & Co at the Springvale Community Hub is open from 10am–5pm on Saturdays and from 9.30am–5pm, Monday–Friday. While you enjoy your coffee you can appreciate a great book from the library and enjoy the green open space at the Hub.



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.



Front cover: Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti (centre) with Greater Dandenong Local Area Commander, Inspector Peter Koger (right) and Paula Linford, Acting Senior Sergeant (left) with Haysem Abdallah (left) and Jamie Abdallah (right), owners of Abdallah Brothers Bakery (previously A1 Bakery) in Lonsdale Street, Dandenong.

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Safer Streets Program



Council has partnered with Victoria Police to improve perceptions and actual levels of community safety in Greater Dandenong.

Committed to creating a safe, inclusive and more welcoming city, Council is working strategically with Victoria Police and other local and regional stakeholders via Council's Community Safety Advisory Committee to achieve this vision.

Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti said Council values its partnership with Victoria Police, local stakeholders and businesses who are all working proactively to enhance safety in Greater Dandenong.

"The new *Safer Streets Program* has been launched to highlight community safety as a priority for Council and

Victoria Police. There will be an increase in Police presence, more CCTV cameras, support for businesses, temporary public art installations, place activations and a collaborative commitment to improving community safety," said Cr Memeti.

Parking meters along Lonsdale Street, Dandenong will be turned back on soon to support local businesses in the area, with income going towards the *Safer Streets Program*.

"The reintroduction of paid parking meters in Lonsdale Street will attract more shoppers to the area and help with business recovery. We all want to reactivate the area and ensure people feel safe when they visit," said Cr Memeti.

A new public art exhibition, *Safer Directions*, will also take place at the Walker Street car park. The community activation project invites members of the public to submit their artwork by 12 October for display across the



Greater Dandenong Local Area Commander, Inspector Peter Koger (right) and Paula Linford, Acting Senior Sergeant (left) with Council's Safety Officer, Amarjeet Chohan.

parking complex to capture the minds of visitors in engaging and creative ways. *Safer Directions* will redefine the current space and improve perceptions of safety. *Safer Directions* is funded by the Victorian Government's Community Safety Infrastructure Grant Program.

For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

State election priorities

As the State Government election nears on 26 November, we are seeking funding support from our local candidates to help us deliver the following priority projects and initiatives:

- ▶ Dandenong Wellbeing Centre
- ▶ *Anti-Poverty Strategy* support
- ▶ social and affordable housing
- ▶ sustainability in Greater Dandenong
- ▶ transport infrastructure
- ▶ Springvale Revitalisation Board
- ▶ Shepley Regional Multipurpose Centre
- ▶ refugee status determination
- ▶ local government – generalist youth service provision
- ▶ vulnerable young people – service access response
- ▶ Noble Park Library Lounge
- ▶ closure of the Lyndhurst Landfill site
- ▶ windfall gains tax.

Our key priority is to ask the State Government for funding support to help Council deliver the Dandenong Wellbeing



Artist impression of dedicated warm water pool hall.

Centre (new Dandenong Oasis), as a high priority infrastructure project for the region and the state.

Touted as a 'preventative health hospital', it's estimated that the centre will generate \$8.9 million in savings to the health system each year.

The centre is projected to generate an 84 per cent increase in participation levels, create over 150 construction jobs, 51 ongoing jobs and add \$3.3 million to the economy each year.

Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti said the health and wellbeing of the community is a shared responsibility between all levels of government.

"It is now time for us to all work together to deliver this wonderful new facility, which will make a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of the community and visitors from across the south east region.

"Council is incredibly grateful to receive a funding commitment of \$20 million from the Labor Federal Government for this project (and the nearby Noble Park Aquatic Centre) and is calling upon the State Government for a matching commitment of \$20 million, which collectively represents under 50 per cent of the total project cost.

"Escalating construction costs are making the delivery of major projects increasingly challenging for local government and increased support is required across all levels of government in order to deliver major capital projects," said Cr Memeti.

When voting in the state election consider the candidate that you believe will deliver the most for our community.

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

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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 10 October**
- ▶ **Monday 24 October.**

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**

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▶ Yarraman Ward



Following community feedback for the Railway Parade shopping strip,

final design plans have been created and money has been committed by Council to carry out the upgrades this financial year. Stage 1 works include new paving, new shade trees, garden beds, seating, bicycle hoops and the relocation of the bus stop. Works are set to begin in early 2023.

In March 2021, after extensive community consultation, Council adopted an action plan to address safety concerns in the Hemmings Street Precinct. Two initiatives to come out of the focus on this precinct included the *Culture, Safety and Your Place* minibus tours through Dandenong and Dandenong West, and the Coffee with local Police and Councillors' events. Throughout August and September these events were held to give participants a chance to connect and discuss issues of local concern.

October is a busy month and two important weeks will be recognised, including Anti-Poverty Week and Mental Health Week.

This year Council will mark Anti-Poverty Week (16–22 October) by releasing its first *Anti-Poverty Strategy*. The strategy will help Council find ways to support some of our most vulnerable residents and recognises that poverty is not always caused by individual

Cr Eden Foster



circumstances. Structural inequalities, including access to work and income, education, housing, health and services are main contributors to poverty. Council worked with more than 100 people with lived experience to create the strategy.

World Mental Health Week runs from 9–17 October and is a great opportunity to check in with others and support your own self-care. Every year our Youth and Family Services team run an event for local secondary school students to promote self-care and encourage access to local support services. Our Youth and Family Services always work so hard to support the mental and physical health of our young residents and are to be commended.



If you wish to discuss any Council matters, you can contact me via email at eden.foster@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 0435 202 645.

Cr Sean O'Reilly

► Springvale North Ward



Daylight saving starts this month. The days will be longer and it is a terrific opportunity to get more active.

Council's *Make Your Move* program and Council's investment in our local area encourages everyone to move more, particularly outside as the weather improves.

A new half basketball court and futsal goal have been completed at Glendale Reserve in Whitworth Avenue, Springvale. Public consultation on the design of the reserve's new playground is finalised, with construction to be completed by June 2023.

The new Ross Reserve Sports Pavilion is due for completion later this year. As soon as this pavilion is ready, cricket clubs that use the grounds over summer, including Parkfield Cricket Club, Springvale Cricket Club and EMC Sports Club, will move into the modern new facility. By winter next year, the

Noble Park Junior Football Club and Sandown Lions and Springvale City Soccer Clubs will also take up residency. A new synthetic soccer pitch is due to open in the coming months, adding an all-weather surface to the mix.

Footballers, netballers and cricketers will benefit from the change room upgrades at Springvale Reserve. Both home and away change rooms are being upgraded to allow for better accessibility and separate spaces for players to prepare for games. This project is due to be completed later this year.

The new gymnasium and wellbeing centre at Noble Park Aquatic Centre should be completed soon. The swimming pools have remained open throughout the construction. I look forward to using the new modern gym, three group fitness rooms, new changerooms, along with a lounge and assessment room.



📍 You can contact me anytime via email at sean.oreilly@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone on 0422 523 258.

Preventing dog attacks



Even the best of dogs can become aggressive when defending their territory.

It is important to know how to approach dogs safely and what to do if you are approached by an aggressive dog.

If an aggressive dog approaches:

- ▶ stand still, don't run
- ▶ keep your hands by your side
- ▶ stay quiet, try not to make any noise
- ▶ avoid eye contact with the dog, look at the ground
- ▶ once the dog has lost interest, slowly back away.

How to approach dogs safely:

- ▶ always ask the owner if you can pat their dog
- ▶ approach the dog from an angle
- ▶ extend the back of your hand and allow the dog to sniff
- ▶ stroke the dog on the side of the chest, the shoulders or under the chin (not on top of the head)
- ▶ don't continue patting the dog if it backs away or doesn't sniff your hand.



The lights turn on

Council recently joined with local sporting clubs to celebrate the installation of lights at Tatterson Park's oval one in Keysborough.

The oval is used by the Parkmore Junior Football Club and the Dandenong City Soccer Club.

The project cost about \$560,000, with the Victorian Government funding \$250,000 under the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.

Noble Park Community Centre Art Show

Come along to enjoy this free community exhibition.

FREE

Friday 14 October from 9.30am–3.30pm

Saturday 15 October from 10am–6pm

Sunday 16 October from 10am–4pm

Noble Park Community Centre
Memorial Drive, Noble Park

For more information visit npccartshow.org or phone 9547 5801.

Seeking Springvale Community Hub Committee members



Apply by Sunday 16 October to be a part of the Committee to provide strategic advice to Council regarding community development, engagement, access, participation, sense of place, promotion and the implementation and review of the Hub's action plan.

For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/springvale-hub-nominations or phone 8571 5169.



Talking seats

Public art is seen throughout the streets of Greater Dandenong and many installations stimulate conversation.

Talking seats offers a place to rest and reflect while enjoying an embedded sound-based art experience.

First launched in 2006, outside the Drum Theatre on Walker Street opposite Crump Lane, *Talking seats* was installed along with general streetscape works when the theatre opened.

The cream-coloured seats with a red tiled skirting now have original soundscapes embedded to help people explore the history and important themes in Dandenong.

Talking seats provides sounds that reflect:

- ▶ Indigenous landscape prior to colonialisation, including sounds of bushfire, thunder and native animals

- ▶ Dandenong's 20th century role as the gateway to Gippsland, when the town hall was newly built, with sounds of horses, dogs and chickens, animals that were part of everyday life then
- ▶ market town sounds reminiscent of early commerce and industry, established around the stock and produce markets.

The soundscapes were recently reinstated and are programmed to operate at busy pedestrian times, including 7am–9am, 12pm–2pm and 4pm–6pm. This schedule ensures the soundscapes are not too obtrusive to the surrounding businesses.

📍 Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/public-art for more information about public art across our city.

Friendship Seat



Finding friendship among peers is important for an engaged and connected life.

Council's Positive Ageing Team has launched a program to help connect seniors with community services and with one another.

The *Friendship Seat* will visit locations across Greater Dandenong weekly to offer seniors a safe and friendly place to have a 'cuppa and a chat', particularly for those who may feel isolated or lonely.



📍 Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/friendship-seat to find out more or phone 8571 5556.

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 October.

Date	Location
Monday 3 October	Springvale City Hall, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Thursday 6 October	Jan Wilson Community Centre, BJ Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North
Wednesday 12 October	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Wednesday 19 October	Springvale City Hall, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Saturday 22 October	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Tuesday 25 October	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.



Seniors Make Your Move



To celebrate Seniors Festival this month, here are some great ideas

for people looking for lower impact exercises and activities in Greater Dandenong.

Walk down to your local park or public library, join a book club and spend time reading.

Explore a new hobby that doesn't involve a lot of moving around. Suggestions include baking, birdwatching, knitting, indoor or container gardening, learn to play an instrument or learn a new language.

Discover a new form of exercise – all forms of movement have benefits,

from sitting exercises, gentle classes, walking basketball or aquatic activities.

Get creative. Research has found creative activities, including drawing, painting, colouring and sculpture can help tackle negative emotions for people battling chronic illness and help improve medical outcomes.

Get involved in your local charity or community group and make new connections in your neighbourhood.

Seniors Festival 2022

The Victorian Seniors Festival is back in 2022 and will celebrate 40 years with a range of in person, fun and informative events.

All Seniors Card holders can access free public transport from 2–9 October.

Local festival highlights include:

- ▶ Seniors Afternoon Dance at Springvale Town Hall, Monday 3 October, 1pm–3.30pm. Featuring a live band and afternoon tea. Entry is \$5.
- ▶ Seniors Safety Expo at Springvale Town Hall, Wednesday 12 October, 10am–2.30pm. Featuring a range of presenters speaking about how to be safe in your home and out in the community, including Esafety, elder abuse, fire safety, community police, personal alarms and Council's home maintenance team.
- ▶ Seniors Road Safety Awareness at Tatterson Pavilion, Keysborough, Tuesday 18 October, 9.45am–2.30pm. Bring your vehicle to have it and the tyres checked. This session



Seniors at Jan Wilson Community Centre.

includes a barbecue lunch and short drive with an instructor. Session is free. Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival to register.

- ▶ Everything Seniors Expo at Springvale Community Hub, Wednesday 26 October, from 10am–2pm. Visit a range of stalls from council services to community groups and enjoy demonstrations from line dancers and a physiotherapist on gentle exercise, as well as a free barbecue lunch.



Visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/victorian-seniors-festival to see what events are being held across Victoria. Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival to see what is happening locally.



Closing the loop



Greater Dandenong City Council is 'closing the loop' on the food and garden waste collected from kerbside green lid bins.

Garden waste collected from Council reserves and residential food and garden waste collections is now being used to improve the quality of soil in parks and gardens across our city.

Waste from Greater Dandenong is delivered to Veolia in Dandenong South, where it is turned into compost and used for a range of purposes, including

land rehabilitation projects and the agricultural sector.

Soil in urban areas can be heavily polluted and not great for growing plants, however Council has carried out some careful testing to find a way to improve local soil with the compost. Using product that has not travelled outside of our city also helps reduce the environmental impact of travel emissions.

By closing the loop on our food and garden waste Council has seen our beautiful parks and gardens bloom with the addition of nutritious compost for the plants.

Sorting your waste at home

Setting up a waste and recycling sorting system at home can make things easier, and it's simple.

Here are some hints and tips to get you started:

- ▶ set up a waste sorting system in your kitchen, this can include a tub or a cardboard box to collect recycling, and a kitchen caddy for food scraps (if you have a food and garden waste collection service)
- ▶ have a separate collection for all your soft plastics and take this regularly to your local supermarket for recycling
- ▶ remember to keep soft plastics out of your recycling and food and garden waste bins.

Check the Australian Recycling Label (ARL) if available before you throw something out. New products contain information about the different components of packaging so you can dispose of them correctly.



Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/waste for more information.

Push for more sustainable development

Council has joined forces with 23 other Victorian councils to improve sustainability in planning policy.

A planning scheme amendment was lodged with the State Government, seeking to introduce planning policy that elevates sustainability requirements for new buildings and encourages a move towards net zero carbon development.

The move acknowledges that current policy does not address the urgency needed to tackle climate change.

The amendment seeks to build on current Environmentally Sustainable Development requirements and includes detailed, measurable targets that will deliver meaningful outcomes.

Under the proposed changes, new developments will:

- ▶ produce net zero carbon emissions
- ▶ reduce household bills by making buildings more energy efficient
- ▶ provide a healthier and more comfortable environment for building occupants
- ▶ better manage water quality, use and collection
- ▶ protect and enhance greening and biodiversity
- ▶ be more resilient to changing climate impacts.

Since declaring a climate and ecological emergency in January 2020, Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti said Council is pleased to be joining with councils from across the state on this incredibly important work.

“Local governments have long led work towards net zero in new builds, but we

need governments across all levels – state and federal – to work together if we want to create real change,” said Cr Memeti.

The 24 councils represent approximately half of the population of Victoria and include, Ballarat, Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Darebin, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Bendigo, Greater Geelong, Hobsons Bay, Knox, Maribyrnong, Mitchell, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Mornington Peninsula, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Strathbogie, Warrnambool, Whitehorse, Whittlesea and Yarra.

All involved councils are members of the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE) and this work is supported by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV).



Upskilling delivers

 **Twice a year Council inspects footbridges, boardwalks and vehicle bridges as part of our Road Management Plan.**

Many of the maintenance issues detected through these inspections are minor in nature and can be costly for contractors to carry out.

The Works Team has decided to deliver the repairs in-house by upskilling and training existing staff and recruiting suitably qualified staff with experience in welding, carpentry and metal work.

This has resulted in Council staff delivering projects across Greater Dandenong, with urgent works now being prioritised and completed quickly.

This approach has not only saved Council money but has also given members of the Works Team a new spirit and pride in their work. Skilled team members have been able to pass their knowledge onto others and the whole team is able to take pride in contributing to the finished projects.

Recent projects included:

- ▶ extension of the Tirhatuan Park boardwalk
- ▶ reconstruction of the Falkiner Reserve boardwalk
- ▶ reconstruction of the Oakwood Park boardwalk
- ▶ redesign and construction of the Lake View Boulevard culvert
- ▶ strengthening of Greaves Reserve pedestrian bridge.

Upcoming projects include the Briggs Crescent pedestrian bridge and National Drive culverts.



Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti with Lee Tarlamis MLC for South Eastern Metropolitan (Left), Cr Sophie Tan, Roz Blades, member of the Noble Park Revitalisation Board and Vice President of the Noble Park Community Centre and Noble Park Community Centre Manager, Therese Kennedy.

Revitalising Noble Park

The Noble Park Community Centre is looking brighter and welcoming more visitors thanks to investment from the Noble Park Revitalisation Board.

Three major projects at the centre have focussed on physical improvements to the site, improved community engagement and the creation of a business plan for the future of the centre.

More than \$300,000 has already been invested in the centre, with outdoor improvements and new programs put in place.

On the outside the community garden area has benefitted from new storage sheds, boundary fencing and a shelter, while updated signage including directional signage makes the centre more visible and easier to navigate.

Four outdoor table settings, two adjustable workbenches and two storage boxes have also been added outside, providing a casual gathering space for visitors and more flexibility for outdoor and gardening programs.

Funding is provided by the Victorian Government through the Noble Park Revitalisation Board in partnership with Greater Dandenong City Council.

The centre has also increased attendance in a number of current programs and classes. New programs have been created in response to community needs, including:


- ▶ a Chatty Café, led by a local resident volunteer
- ▶ a volunteer run art and craft group
- ▶ a second gentle exercise class for people of all ages and abilities, delivered by Reclink Australia
- ▶ a children’s art and craft class.

The centre will continue to consider a range of new programs and social activities to improve community connection. It also offers community spaces for hire.

The Noble Park Community Centre is on Memorial Drive, Noble Park.

 **For more information visit nobleparkcommunitycentre.org.au or phone 9547 5801.**

Anti-Poverty Strategy


 **Local community services and people with lived experience of poverty have helped Council co-develop a draft Anti-Poverty Strategy.**

The Strategy aims to improve service provision and increase opportunities for everyone in our community to thrive.

The Strategy will be launched at an Anti-Poverty Week event in Harmony Square on Wednesday 19 October.

The event will bring community support and partner agencies together to share information ranging from food relief to employment services, and assist people to overcome challenges, recover from the effects of COVID-19 and participate fully in community life.

This year Anti-Poverty Week celebrates 20 years and is calling for urgent action to reduce child poverty and for the rate of income support to rise.

 **Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au for more information.**

What's On October 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>HALLOWEEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween in the Park Pirate Park, Somerfield Reserve, Keysborough 5pm–7.30pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p> Please check our website and social media platforms for updates, as event dates may change or be offered virtually.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>Victorian Seniors Festival Engaging and fun activities throughout October Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>Dandenong Pop-Up Blood Donor Centre 3–7 October St Mary's Community Centre, New Street, Dandenong Visit lifeblood.com.au</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toddler Time Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am Peer2Peer Homework Club Dandenong Library 4pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>WORLD ANIMAL DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature Play Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve 10am–11am Tea with Annie – Seniors Festival Dandenong Library 11.30am 	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Bounce Dandenong Library 10.30am Introduction to emails – Seniors Festival Springvale Library 2.30pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multifaith Mindfulness Meditation Dandenong Hospital (Sacred Space) 2.30pm Music Making – Libraries After Dark Dandenong Library 7.30pm
<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre, 7pm <p>Mental Health Awareness Week 10–16 October</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Tai Chi – Seniors Festival Springvale Library 11.30am Paint Your Home – Art Series Dandenong Library 6.30pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Places of Worship Public Tour Leave from Interfaith Network Office, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong 8.30am–3.15pm For bookings phone 8774 7662 Disability Inclusive Volunteering Workshops Noble Park Community Centre 9.30am–12pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Searching Ancestry and Find My Past – Libraries After Dark Springvale Library 7.30pm Watercolour Workshop – Libraries After Dark Dandenong Library 7.30pm
<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toddler Time Dandenong and Springvale Libraries 10.30am <p>Aussie Bird Count 17–23 October Visit aussiebirdcount.org.au</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friendship Seat – weekly on Tuesdays Red Balloon Café, Parkmore Shopping Centre 10am–12pm Create a Keepsake – Seniors Festival Springvale Library 10.30am 	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author Talk – Liz Porter – Seniors Festival Dandenong Library 6pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encore Program: Speakeasy Drum Theatre 10.30am Our Beat – Afro Beat, Bands and Freestyle Drum Theatre 6.30pm
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>DIWALI – FESTIVAL OF LIGHT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun with Google – Seniors Festival Springvale Library 2.30pm Aerial Abstractions Workshop – Arts online Register via Council's website 7pm–8.30pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego Mindstorms Dandenong Library 2.30pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friendship Seat – weekly on Thursdays Frankie & Co Café, Springvale Library 10am–12pm Online Bookclub – The DandReaders Fourth Thursday of the month 2pm–3pm

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Saturdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Parkrun Dandenong Park 7.45am 	<p>1</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ StoryWalk – When the Waterhole Dries Up by Kaye Baillie Springvale Community Hub 9am ▶ Child-friendly Healthy Retreat Springvale Service For Children 23–28 Lightwood Road, Springvale 10am–2pm 	<p>2</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ StoryWalk – When the Waterhole Dries Up by Kaye Baillie Springvale Community Hub 9am <p>Surveyed Exhibition 11 October–18 November Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre Tuesday–Friday, 12pm–4pm Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/surveyed-exhibition</p> <p>Anti-Poverty Week 16–22 October 19 October event at Harmony Square, 11am–3pm Launch of <i>Anti-Poverty Strategy</i></p> <p>celebrating Children's Week 2022 22nd – 30th October</p> <p>Children's Week 22–30 October Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/child-friendly-cities</p> <p>Visit Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve Open every Friday in October, 9am–3pm Open Day, Sunday 16 October, 10am–5pm 8 Mackay Street, Springvale South Guided tours available</p>
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Online Resources – Seniors Festival Dandenong Library 2.30pm 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Headspace Day John Hemmings Memorial Park, Dandenong 11am–3pm ▶ Clothes Swap Springvale Community Hub 1pm–3pm 	
<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Finucane and Smith's Travelling Dance Hall Drum Theatre 8pm 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Paper Planes – The Think Tank Dandenong Library 3pm 	
<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Friendship Seat – weekly on Fridays Dandenong Market Food Court 9am–11am 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Paper Planes – The Think Tank Springvale Library 3pm 	
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Watercolour en plein air with Ben Winspear Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre 1pm–3pm ▶ Hands on with the Past – Seniors Festival Springvale Library 4pm 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Sound of Your Town – Mama Kin Spender Drum Theatre 7.30pm 	

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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.

Live performances at The Drum

Finucane and Smith's Travelling Dance Hall

Friday 14 October, 8pm

Bursting at the seams with global talent, lifting up and showcasing local stars, transforming venues from tin sheds to grand old halls, performing arts centres into salubrious speakeasies, Dance Hall is a celebration, a whole community shindig, a night to remember.



Encore Program: Speakeasy

Thursday 20 October, 10.30am

It's the Roaring 20s again and you're invited to sign our dance cards and join us for a fabulous night of jazz, Charleston and toe-tapping fun with the cast of Speakeasy.



Our Beat – Afro Beat, Bands and Freestyle

Thursday 20 October, 6.30pm

Our Beat will feature a live 6-piece afrobeat band, Algorhythm. Following their set, they will keep jamming and hold it down for anyone that wants to try freestyling.

Sound of Your Town – Mama Kin Spender

Saturday 29 October, 7.30pm

This soulful collaboration will unearth and renew your town's passion for music and connection through community and voice.



Laugh out loud comedy is coming to the Drum this November.



Anh Do – The Happiest Refugee Live!

Wednesday 2 November, 7.30pm



Jude Perl – Participation Award

Saturday 5 November, 8pm



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

The Arts

Exhibition: Surveyed

11 October – 18 November

We look, but we do not see. Change occurs without us noticing. How we adapt to our changing environment is explored in the exhibition Surveyed. Artist Harley Manifold will walk the streets of our municipality and record ordinary scenes, along with the reactions of those who he encounters via his GoPro. While Giordano Biondi offers clay models of imagined cities and Amaya Iturri demonstrates the possibility of transforming perception of place through colour.



Image courtesy of artist: Amaya Iturri, Liquidnails, 2022

Watercolour en plein air with Ben Winspear

**Friday 28 October
1pm – 3pm**

Start at Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre and walk to Settler's Square.

For any skill level, join artist Ben Winspear for an outdoor watercolour session, learning hints on how to control and make best use of watercolours.

Visit benwinspearart.com.au



Image courtesy of artist Ben Winspear.

Learn at our Libraries



Dandenong and Springvale Libraries host a range of activities, workshops and lifelong learning opportunities weekly. Be sure to check out their amazing calendar of events, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries-whatson

Stay connected and follow @greaterdandenonglibraries on Facebook and Instagram for great reading recommendations, event updates and lots more.



Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti with members of the Children's Advisory Group.

Children's voices matter

As a proud, child-friendly city, Council celebrates national Children's Week from 22-30 October.

Our annual Children's Forum will be held in Dandenong on 26 October with the theme *Children's voices matter*. Grade 5-6 students have been invited to attend from primary schools across Greater Dandenong to share their voices on Council's strategies, plans, designs and projects.

Council's Children's Advisory Group, supported by our Children's Services Team, also meet twice per term to discuss issues impacting the community, local facilities, activities in Greater Dandenong and Council's ongoing commitment as a child-friendly city.

Children's voices are valued. Council visits primary schools regularly to share what Council does, establish rapport with students, help develop team-building skills and encourage students to have their say in their community.

The Children's Advisory Group agreed with these reflections from recent student sessions at St Joseph's Primary School, Minaret College and Silverton Primary School.

What does a child-friendly city look like?

- ▶ It is inclusive and respects kids.
 - ▶ It feels safe.
 - ▶ Kids are confident and have courage.

Why should adults listen to children?

- ▶ Multiple brains are better than one.
- ▶ Children have the right to be respected. Adults can always have a say, let children have a say.

What do you like about your community?

- ▶ The environment, the birds.
- ▶ It is clean, our natural plants.
 - ▶ We can play sport.

For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/child-friendly-cities

New facilities at Police Paddocks

Council has a strong history of supporting local sport through the provision of top-class facilities.

To ensure the facility can be used all year round, Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti officially opened a new three-lane batting cage at Dandenong Police Paddocks Reserve.

Dandenong Softball Association and the South East Warriors Baseball Club players will now benefit from the installation of new lighting, a weatherproof roof, new fencing on the sidelines and backstop of diamonds two, four and five, and coverings to the dugouts, meeting Baseball Australia and Softball Australia guidelines.



St Kilda Football Club supports community

Through the St Kilda Football Club's Community Hub Program, students from Dandenong West Primary School and their families travelled to Melbourne to enjoy a live AFL match.

Most families had recently arrived in Greater Dandenong and had never been to an AFL game before.

Council and St Kilda Football Club work in partnership to help locals thrive, keep active and establish community connections.

Viv's Place opens to support women and children

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L-R: Launch Housing CEO, Bevan Warner, City of Greater Dandenong Deputy Mayor, Cr Eden Foster, The Ian Potter Foundation Program Manager for Community Wellbeing, Dr Alberto Furlan and CEO Uniting Vic. Tas, Bronwyn Pike cutting the ribbon.

Launch Housing, in partnership with Uniting Vic.Tas, generous donors and the Victorian Government, has welcomed the first families to their new home, Viv's Place, an Australian-first apartment building in Dandenong for at-risk women and children.

Viv's Place provides a unique combination of permanent housing and on-site wrap-around support services to provide a fresh start for up to 60 women and 130 children escaping family violence and homelessness.

The building includes 60 dual key apartments, along with communal kitchen and living spaces, children's play spaces, offices, community gardens and family and child-specific services on site.

Launch Housing CEO, Bevan Warner said Viv's Place will provide the safety and security women and children need to rebuild their lives.

"From the first day families move into Viv's Place, they have a safe and permanent home to recover and rebuild, access to the support they need and the opportunity to put down roots and participate in the local community.

"Solutions like Viv's Place are critical to breaking the cycle of intergenerational homelessness and giving children a better start in life. At Viv's Place, children are supported to attend school, maintain healthy relationships with family, friends and community, and lead a happy and healthy life," Mr Warner said.

Looking for staff?



In the current tight jobs market, we are hearing of many businesses struggling to find the staff they need.

If you are recruiting the local jobs portal 'Work Local Greater Dandenong' is one online tool that may be of assistance.

Visit worklocalgreaterdandenong.com.au for more information.

South East Business Networks (SEBN) also works towards improving the supply of local talent to meet business and industry demand.



Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/sebn to view a range of programs that are available to help connect job seekers with work locally.

Doing Business with Council

Do you know your business can register to become a Council supplier and participate in a tender on our website?

The City of Greater Dandenong uses VendorPanel Marketplace to find local suppliers and to invite them to quote on work. It's entirely free for suppliers. Once registered, your business profile will be visible to Greater Dandenong buyers and to others searching the Marketplace for suppliers in the area.



To find out more visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/business/tenders-and-contracts



There is so much to do and see in Greater Dandenong



A safe place

Local support organisation Cornerstone has been working in the Dandenong community for more than 30 years helping some of our most marginalised residents.

In late 2021 the organisation worked with Council to help capture the voices of people with lived experience of poverty to inform the *Anti-Poverty Strategy*.

Cornerstone CEO Naomi Paterson said those involved in the project were supported to share their stories and ideas and felt truly heard.

Ms Paterson said Cornerstone offered practical support for marginalised people in Dandenong and surrounding suburbs.

“Lots are just struggling to make ends meet, some are homeless or living in unsafe or unstable housing, or just socially isolated.

“We offer predominantly meals, but also community development programs, where people can learn new skills and engage with the community.

“We want to give people a safe place to come. So many in our community experience barriers to accessing the support they need, so we try to facilitate that,” Naomi said.

Cornerstone partners with local agencies and receives regular visits from a community health nurse, a shower truck, laundry van, optometry services, and over the past two years a bus administering vaccinations.

The service now operates out of the Dandenong Baptist Church Hall in James Street. They have access to a large kitchen, a generous gathering space and outdoor area where they have set up a small community garden.

Visit [cornerstonecentre.com.au](https://www.cornerstonecentre.com.au) for more information.

Screening van returns to Dandenong



BreastScreen Victoria's pink mobile screening van returns to

Dandenong's Palm Plaza this month to offer free, potentially lifesaving breast screens.

The van last visited this site two years ago, so women who were screened during the last visit are due to have their important health check again.

The visit coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with the van taking appointments from Tuesday 18–Friday 28 October.



Women aged 50–74 years should have a breast screen every two years as the best way to find cancer early – before any symptoms, like pain or lumps, develop.

Visitors to the van don't need a doctor's referral or Medicare card, language support is also available.

Visit breastscreen.org.au or phone 13 20 50 to make an appointment.

Dandenong Evening VIEW Club

VIEW Club is a national women's and social organisation and stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women.

The club raises money for the Smith Family and supports two local *Learning for Life* students.

The annual fundraising dinner at St. John's Regional College was attended by 40 members with a Melbourne Cup theme. Catering students from St. John's prepared an excellent meal for all.



New members and guests are always welcome, the VIEW Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Dandenong RSL.

For more information contact Gunta at dandenongevening.viewclub@gmail.com

Tour places of worship

Greater Dandenong's Interfaith Network has relaunched its Tours to Places of Worship.

Tours leave from the Interfaith Network Office at 39 Clow Street at 8.30am and return at 3.15pm. Cost is \$25 which covers transport and the *Many Faiths, One People* book.

The tour on Wednesday 12 October will visit St Pantaleimon Greek Orthodox Church, St Kilda Hebrew Congregation,

Melbourne Mahaprabhu Mandir (Hare Krishna) and Khmer Buddhist Temple.

The final tour for 2022 will be held on Wednesday 14 December and will visit the Bosnia-Herzegovina Islamic Society, Gurdwara Sri Guru Granth Sahib, St John's German Lutheran Church and Chua Quan Thanh (Tao Temple).

For more information or to book email education@interfaithnetwork.org.au or phone 8774 7662.

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