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Street lighting faults/
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RSPCA.....9224 2222

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Mayor's message

Welcome to the November edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

After two years of postponing our Walk Against Family Violence through the streets of Dandenong, it is great to see the walk back this year. Read about the event and our powerful keynote speaker on page 3.

Every November we celebrate National Recycling Week and encourage our residents to reduce, reuse and recycle. Find out more on page 8.

My year as Mayor has come to an end and I want to thank everyone who has supported me over the past 12 months.

I have many highlights, recently we reached out to our Afghan business community to assist them to make our Afghan Bazaar recognised as the premier hub for Afghan cuisine and trading.

Council is also working with Victoria Police, traders and community organisations to make the streets of Dandenong safer and I recently attended a Dandenong Business Safety Forum where I spoke with traders who want to see shoppers and businesses return to the suburbs.

Over the past year I have overseen a number of policies and strategies adopted to make our city a greater place to live, work and play, including:

- ▶ the *Anti-Poverty Strategy*
- ▶ the *Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)*
- ▶ the *Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy*
- ▶ the *Greater Dandenong Libraries Strategy*.

Finally, I would like to thank our CEO John Bennie for his support over the past year and for his hard work over the past 16 years. As John prepares to retire from Council, I want to acknowledge the passion and commitment he has shown to his role. His strong leadership is evident in Council's sound financial position, large capital works program and strong community satisfaction results.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, we thank John for his dedication to our city and wish him well for the future.

Mayor
Cr Jim Memeti

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: Council staff and community members walking in unity through Dandenong at previous Walk Against Family Violence event.

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Walk Against Family Violence returns

Walk Against Family Violence keynote speaker Tarang Chawla with his sister Nikita Chawla (now deceased).



After a two-year break, residents, community groups and Council officers are preparing to take to the streets of Dandenong for the Walk Against Family Violence on Tuesday 22 November.

Starting at the Dandenong Market at 11.30am, the walk will end in Harmony Square as we all will stand together to say “No to Family Violence” and learn more from important guest speakers.

Hear from The Orange Door, a support service for people experiencing family violence, and a representative of Women with Disabilities Victoria.

Our keynote speaker will be Tarang Chawla, who has become a vocal anti-violence campaigner and strong voice for gender equality since the death of his sister Nikita in 2015.

Mr Chawla said he was looking forward to connecting with the Greater Dandenong community on the walk.

“It’s essential that everyone regardless of their gender is involved in ending violence against women and girls.

“Obviously for me it’s deeply personal, as my sister and I grew up side by side as brother and sister and I was in my mid to late 20s when she passed away.

“We all have a role to play. It comes down to community attitudes and to all of us as individuals. We don’t need to wait for Council, we don’t need to wait for politicians or sports people, or the media to talk about it. We can talk about it amongst ourselves to change the attitudes that contribute to the kinds of family violence that we’re seeing in Greater Dandenong.”

Mr Chawla said he wanted his words to inspire hope.

“I think when we talk about the statistics and we look at the realities of family violence it’s often very depressing, but ultimately my message is one of hope and optimism for a future that is free from violence,” he said.

The grieving brother also believes humanising victims will help show the ultimate cost of violence in society. He said by honouring women and telling their stories and sharing their lives, we can progress the fight against violence.

Join us for the Walk Against Family Violence on Tuesday 22 November, meet at 11am, for an 11.30am start time.



Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/walk-against for more information. To read more about Mr Chawla’s story visit Council’s website.

Have your say

2023–24 Budget

Council is about to start its budget process for 2023-24 and we want to hear more about your priorities. Share your ideas and which services and facilities you would like us to support in 2023 and beyond.

There are several ways to get involved, including an interactive online budgeting tool, an online ideas wall and survey, as well as a hard copy survey.



The consultation is open until Monday 14 November. Visit one of our customer service centres or go online to greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/budget-2023-24-consultation to have your say.

Dandenong Community Hub

Have your say on the design of the new Dandenong Community Hub.

There are three options to choose from, with each option proposing identical services to include early years and maternal and child health services, community meeting rooms, outdoor space, and multi-use flexible spaces for all ages and abilities.

The key differences between the three options are the number of storeys to build (one or two), the size of the hub and the available open outdoor space.

View the plans at Dandenong Civic Centre or join a pop-up session at the Dandenong Market in mid-November to select your design preference.



Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/dandenong-community-hub-project for more information.

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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:

- ▶ **Thursday 10 November (6pm start to elect Mayor and Deputy Mayor)**
- ▶ **Monday 14 November**
- ▶ **Monday 28 November.**

The gallery is open to the public and you can ask questions during Public Question Time, check our website for any updates. The Dandenong Civic Centre basement car park is also now open again to the public.

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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**

▶ Dandenong Ward



With summer just around the corner we have welcomed many sports

clubs back to our grounds for the summer season. The past two years have been affected by the pandemic, with shorter than usual seasons or no competition at all for clubs across our city, so it is great to have everyone back on board and ready to play.

Over the past two years Council has been able to complete upgrades and new builds at sporting facilities across Greater Dandenong, so many clubs are returning to new and improved facilities.

One project that will soon begin is an extension and refurbishment of the kitchen at George Andrews Reserve in Dandenong South. The sports ground is the home of the Dandenong Thunder Soccer Club, and the facilities are well-used but in need of an update.

Last year I proposed we fund more seating at Norine Cox Reserve in Dandenong South and the park has had some recent upgrade works, including more seating, which means more users can enjoy this space.

Council values its relationship with the Traditional Custodians of our land, and one innovative project celebrating this is the Dandenong Creek Art Trail. The 22km trail stretches from Dandenong to Heathmont and when complete will

Cr Jim Memeti



feature seven art works by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. *Spreading the Message* by Dandenong artist Ian Harrison was the first artwork commissioned by the project and can be found at Tirhatuan Park. The other Dandenong-based work is the *Scar Tree* created by Dan Turnbull at Dandenong Park. This month we will begin working with other local governments to have art projects placed along sections of the creek outside of Greater Dandenong.



If you would like to contact me about any Council issues you can email me at jim.memeti@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone me on 0434 560 239.

Cr Tim Dark

► Keysborough Ward



If you have visited Frederick Wachter Reserve recently you will have noticed some improvements.

With the weather getting nicer and the evenings getting brighter, a lot of locals are making use of this beautiful park. The boardwalk is becoming a popular place to visit and thanks to new handrails it is now safer for all.

The wetland expansion was completed last year, but minor landscape improvements, including final plantings have just been undertaken. This wetland is a beautiful space in our suburban landscape and also acts as an important habitat for native wildlife and birds.

Stage 1 of the new playground also recently opened to the public, with stage 2 due to begin in February 2023. Around the same time work should commence on a lighting upgrade for the Keysborough Tennis Club at Wachter Reserve, which is great news for users of the courts.

Across Council we are currently planning for the 2023-24 Budget and are calling on residents to have their say about where the money is spent. This is a great opportunity to share your priorities for our community, and which services and facilities you would like Council to support in 2023 and beyond.

There will be several ways you can have your say including online and in person. Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au and search the 'Have Your Say' section for more information, or visit one of our customer service centres.

Senior residents seeking friendship and support can get involved in Council's Friendship Seat program which meets every Tuesday at the Red Balloon Café at Parkmore Shopping Centre at 10.30am.



If you would like to talk to me about any Council matters you can reach me at tim.dark@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 0466 403 914.

Hi Everyone,



It's me, Mya Durakovic, your Junior Mayor for 2022. This is my final article for the year. I have been part of so many fun events and had an absolute blast doing them.

At the start of the holidays, I attended my first Citizenship Ceremony which was amazing to be a part of, especially since this is something that my dad did at my age when he came to Australia. I found it emotional to know that all these people have been waiting for such a long time to become an Australian citizen, but I also felt so happy for them since now they are officially citizens of Australia.

I also attended the Little Day Out at Noble Park's Ross Reserve. It was great to see so many children having fun with the different activities that were available. My sister and I went on the giant slide a few times, I even got stuck halfway down, it was very

funny. I hope everyone who attended the Little Day Out had as much fun as I did!

My highlights from this year would be every single festival and local event that I attended because I loved seeing all the happy people enjoying themselves with their family and friends, just like me.

I have had an amazing year being the Junior Mayor and have met so many kind and wonderful people and I wanted to thank everyone who supported me in becoming the best Junior Mayor I could be. I am so glad that I can leave the role knowing I have made so many new friends.

Thank you for reading my articles this year and if you see me out and about come and say hi.



MYA DURAKOVIC

CEO retiring from Council

Greater Dandenong City Council's Chief Executive Officer is retiring from Council after 16 years of service.

John Bennie PSM leaves behind a strong legacy, with a number of high-profile projects coming to fruition since he took the helm in 2006.

Revitalisation has been a key theme throughout John's tenure, with the investment into Revitalising Central Dandenong kicking off a plan to rejuvenate the suburb and re-establish it as the capital of Melbourne's growing south east region.

An investment of \$290 million by the State Government aimed to create more value in the suburb and attract \$1.3 billion of private investment. So far \$700 million has been delivered on the ground and the redevelopment of the Little India precinct is the next step in this project, creating 2,600 jobs through the construction phase and 5,000 ongoing jobs once it is complete.

In 2014 the new Dandenong Civic Centre, Library and Harmony Square was opened at 225 Lonsdale Street, setting a new standard for architecture in the suburb.

In 2020 John proudly oversaw the opening of the Springvale Community Hub, the new heart of the Springvale community.

Other major projects have included the redevelopment of the Noble Park Aquatic Centre (which is now undergoing a second redevelopment to include a wellness centre), the redevelopment of the 156-year-old Dandenong Market, the renewal of Dandenong Park and the creation of a world-class skate park and an all-abilities playground at Ross Reserve.

Plans are also well underway for the Keysborough South Community Hub and the Dandenong Wellness Centre to replace the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

The final few years of John's tenure were marked by the global COVID-19 pandemic, adding more stress to public leadership. But John continued to steer our community through difficult times, overseeing a Council that continued to deliver services and increased financial and in-kind support



for businesses and residents facing tough times.

Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti said John has achieved so much for the Greater Dandenong community.

"John is well-respected in the local government sector, having started his career in 1975. He's an inspiring leader, an honest, hard-working, and very caring person.

"He leaves our organisation on his own terms this month to pursue his personal passions and continue his strong relationship with the community.

"On behalf of all Councillors and officers, we thank John for his ongoing service excellence, professionalism and dedication," said Cr Memeti.

Council has announced Jacqui Weatherill as the city's new CEO, starting on 19 December. You will be introduced to Jacqui in the next edition of Council News Magazine.

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 November and December.



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

Date	Location
Wednesday 2 November	Springvale City Hall, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Thursday 3 November	Jan Wilson Community Centre, BJ Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North
Wednesday 9 November	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong (enter via Harmony Square)
Saturday 19 November	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong (enter via Harmony Square)
Wednesday 23 November	Springvale City Hall, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Tuesday 29 November	Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18-34 Buckley Street, Noble Park
Thursday 1 December	Jan Wilson Community Centre, BJ Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North
Monday 5 December	Springvale City Hall, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Thursday 8 December	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong (enter via Harmony Square)
Saturday 17 December	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong (enter via Harmony Square)
Wednesday 21 December	Springvale City Hall, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale



Ross Reserve upgrades

Noble Park's biggest sporting precinct has received a makeover in recent years, with two key aspects of the project due to be completed and open for play soon.

The \$9 million Ross Reserve Pavilion will service cricket, Aussie rules football and soccer clubs all year round with a modern pavilion space that provides space for female and junior players.

The State Government provided \$750,000 towards the pavilion project, which is due to be open to sports clubs by the end of the year.

The \$2.5 million Ross Reserve synthetic soccer pitch is due to be completed in February 2023. The project received \$1.75 million from the State Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

The Ross Reserve precinct is home to an athletics track, an all abilities playground, a skate park, the Noble Park Aquatic Centre and a multi-sport court.

For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au and search for Ross Reserve.



Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti with Meng Heang Tak MP, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Loi Truong, Cr Angela Long and members of the Burden Park Tennis Club.

Tennis courts complete



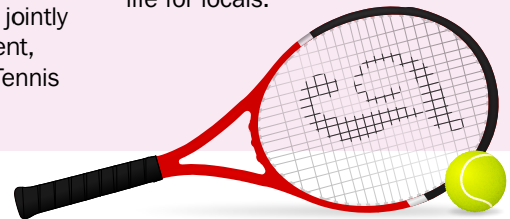
Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti, had a hit out to celebrate the opening of the redeveloped Burden Park Tennis Club.

All six tennis courts were converted from clay to synthetic grass, while new lighting and fencing were also installed.

The \$1.17 million project was jointly funded by the State Government, Council and the Burden Park Tennis Club. The State Government's

Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program provided \$1 million, while the tennis club raised \$50,000 and Council contributed the rest.

The Burden Park Tennis Club has been a part of this community since 1960 and is a constant source of healthy activity and social life for locals.



Empowering communities



A community action group is working to improve safety and community links in Dandenong's Hemmings Street precinct.

The group is made up of community members, local organisation representatives, Victoria Police and Council officers, and is supported by the Victorian Government's Empowering Communities Program.

The program supports communities to take creative approaches to addressing issues of crime and safety, including events and programs designed to create community connections.

Council is committed to creating a safe, inclusive and more welcoming city and is working across our municipality to achieve this vision.

In March this year, a community forum identified several key themes that impacted people in Greater Dandenong, including:

- ▶ community connection, inclusion and cultural awareness
- ▶ employment and education
- ▶ reducing substance abuse and associate harm
- ▶ safety at home and in public areas
- ▶ health needs and supporting the disadvantaged.

In July, the Greater Dandenong Action Group was formed, and several events and programs have been organised to support community safety, including streetscape works, public art projects and Coffee with a Cop and Councillor events.

The Empowering Communities program links with the work of the new Safer Streets Project, which is currently focusing on the Dandenong precinct.



The group is currently exploring a number of potential projects and is looking for local residents and organisations to support the program. Email community_advocacy@cdg.vic.gov.au if you would like to get involved.



National Recycling Week

Recycling can be confusing, but every step you take to do the right thing can make a big difference.

Every November we celebrate National Recycling Week to promote the reduce, reuse, recycle message and support our residents to learn more about sustainability and our waste collection system.

This year National Recycling Week will be held 7–13 November with the theme *Waste isn't Waste until it's Wasted*.

The week has been promoted by Planet Ark since 1996 and aims to improve recycling knowledge, build better recycling habits and build trust in recycling.

Reuse and recycle

Council's Reuse and Recycle Drop Off Day is back this month.

Take advantage of the opportunity to dispose of larger unwanted household goods suitable for donation, or electronic and household goods suitable for recycling.

This service is in addition to the free one-off annual hard waste collection provided to all residents of Greater Dandenong.

The event will be held on Saturday 26 November, from 8am–1pm.

www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

Here are some handy hints to help you reduce the waste sent to landfill:

- ▶ **Check it before you chuck it** – check packaging for the Australia Recycling Label that tells you which item goes in which bin.
- ▶ **Drop it off** – discover drop off locations where you can recycle tricky items such as mobile phones, printer cartridges or batteries.
- ▶ **Compost food scraps** – this simple act can reduce the amount of materials in your household rubbish bin by up to 40 per cent. Food waste is also accepted in the green lid food and garden bin.
- ▶ **Put it in loose** – keep recyclables out of bags otherwise they won't be sorted correctly and will end up in landfill.
- ▶ **Leave it out** – items that don't belong in the yellow lid recycling bin include soft plastics, food waste, crockery and nappies. They cause contamination and can see whole truck loads end up in landfill.
- ▶ **Buy better** – buy second hand, buy in bulk, buy products made from recycled material.

▶ Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/waste-education to find out more.



▶ Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/recycle-day to find out more.

Recycling workshops and tours



Council will celebrate National Recycling Week with sustainable workshops and a waste tour.

A T-shirt to tote bag workshop and a sustainable art workshop are fully booked and will be held at Greater Dandenong Libraries.

Register to attend the 'follow your waste tour' on Friday 11 November.

Have you ever wondered what happens to the rubbish in your household wheelie bins after they get emptied by the collection trucks? Come along on this tour and follow the journey of your garbage, food and garden waste. Limited places available, bookings essential.

▶ Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/waste-education to register.



Recycle your bike

Bring your unwanted bicycle to Council's Reuse and Recycle Drop Off Day on 26 November and Brainwave Bikes will refurbish it, preventing it from going to landfill.

Brainwave Bikes is a social enterprise that offers affordable bikes to families, while providing employment and traineeships for people with disabilities.

▶ For more information visit brainwavebikes.org.au



Stay safe near flood waters

With heavy rain falling across Greater Dandenong and surrounding areas, flash flooding is often possible. The drainage system is doing what it has been designed to do, but it can quickly become overloaded due to major rainfall.

Remember to never drive or play in flood water.

For current information about flood preparation and weather updates, visit the following websites:

- ▶ emergencyprepare.com.au/flood
- ▶ ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/flood-guides
- ▶ bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts

For SES assistance phone 132 500 and for emergency assistance phone 000.

➤ Council's website has further information on storm water management visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/water-and-stormwater



Open space mowing

It has been a very wet year and Greater Dandenong has already had more rainfall than expected.

This extensive rain and cool weather has led to water puddles across the surface of grassed areas in many of our parks and reserves.

When open spaces are very wet the grass in some areas is longer than usual.

Grass mowing programs will resume as the weather gets warmer and the water dissipates.

These seasonal puddles prevent houses from flooding and provide a range of ecological benefits to local biodiversity.

➤ If you have any concerns about the seasonal puddles in our open spaces, please email operations@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 8571 1702.



SAY NO

No junk mail

In Australia around 8.2 billion articles of junk mail are produced each year. Only 20 per cent of this is ever read.

The remaining 80 per cent goes straight to the bin. Even though the yellow lid recycling bin is the correct place to dispose of unwanted junk mail, an even better solution for our environment is to not receive the junk mail in the first place.

When you consider the number of trees, to the amount of water, fuel and energy it takes to print and distribute junk mail, it is disheartening to see it all disposed of so quickly.

You can say no to junk mail by posting a 'No Junk Mail' sticker on your letter box. If you have internet access you can view the specials online instead.

If you still like reading catalogues then you can enjoy them and dispose of them responsibly in the recycling bin. Even small acts can make a big impact.

Our Bright Green Future







If you have a passion for the environment, sustainability and conservation then sign up to our latest electronic newsletter *Our Bright Green Future*.

Launched last month, the newsletter includes links to upcoming events, news stories and monthly features including plants, books and recipes.

➤ Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/biodiversity to sign up.



What's On November 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 Please check our website and social media platforms for updates, as event details may change or be offered virtually.	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>MELBOURNE CUP DAY</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social Knitwork Dandenong Library 10am–12.30pm ▶ Anh Do – The Happiest Refugee Live! The Drum 7.30pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Friendship Seat – weekly on Thursdays Frankies Café, Springvale Library 9.30am–11am ▶ Henna Workshop – Libraries After Dark Dandenong Library 7.30pm–9pm
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK BEGINS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Toddler Time Springvale and Dandenong Libraries 10.30am 	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Friendship Seat – weekly on Tuesdays Red Balloon Café, Parkmore Shopping Centre 10.30am–12pm ▶ Disability Hub Springvale Library 10am–12pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Baby Bounce Dandenong Library Every Wednesday from 10.30am 	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Chess Night – Libraries After Dark Dandenong Library 7.30pm–9pm ▶ Council Meeting Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor Dandenong Civic Centre 6pm
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<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Council Meeting Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Neighbourhood Watch Greater Dandenong Public Forum Paddy O'Donoghue Centre Noble Park 7.30pm 	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p>United Nations Global Campaign 25 November–10 December '16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence' unwomen.org.au</p>

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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<p>► Friendship Seat – weekly on Fridays Dandenong Market Food Court 9.30am–11am</p> 	<p>► Jude Perl: Participation Award The Drum 8pm</p> <p>► Snores for Paws Australian Animal Protection Society Sleepover Fundraising Event Keysborough Animal Shelter snores-for-paws-2022.raisely.com</p>	
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<p>REMEMBRANCE DAY</p> <p>► Follow Your Waste Tour Ross Reserve 9.30am–2pm</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Surveyed Exhibition</p> <p>11 October–18 November</p> <p>Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre</p> <p>Tuesday–Friday, 12pm–4pm</p> <p>Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/greater-dandenong-council/events/surveyed-exhibition</p> </div>	<p>► Dandenong Show Greaves Reserve 9am–8.30pm</p> <p>► Secret Life of Plants – Think Tank Dandenong Library 3pm–4pm</p> 	<p>NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK ENDS</p> <p>► Dandenong Show Greaves Reserve 9am–4pm</p>
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<p>► Vote in State Government election vec.vic.gov.au</p> <p>► Reuse and Recycle Drop Off Day Greaves Reserve 8am–1pm</p>		
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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.



Nature Playgroups



Playgroups provide social opportunities for young children to socialise, play and learn.

Nature Playgroups include the added benefit of exploring the great outdoors with its variety of sights sounds and smells.

Come along to Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve for a nature playgroup session facilitated by a qualified ranger every Tuesday during the school term.

The sessions begin with a nature walk and include an opportunity to visit the Sense Trail where children are encouraged to explore the Australian Bush.

The playgroup is open to children aged 0–6 years.

Registrations are essential. Email childrenservadmin.support@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 8571 1843 for more information.

All Abilities ‘Come and Try’ Sports Day

**Springers Leisure Centre,
400 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough
Sunday 20 November
11am–1pm
Free entry**

Council, in partnership with Disability Sport and Recreation Victoria, are proud to bring this event to the community with a free barbeque lunch.

Come along and experience a variety of wheelchair sports, including wheelchair basketball and wheelchair AFL, and guided running and training activities.

Sports wheelchairs will be provided on the day with guidance from experienced coaches.



For more information email recreation@cgd.vic.gov.au or visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/make-your-move



Community centre welcomes all

Jan Wilson Community Centre runs a variety of programs to support all members of the Greater Dandenong community.

The centre provides a safe and caring environment for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities and offers a wide range of adult health and fitness classes, as well as family playgroup sessions for children aged up to five years.

Playgroups run every Monday and Thursday during the school term (excluding public holidays), from 10am–12pm. Sessions are just \$5 per family and you can attend on a casual basis.

Fitness classes run every day of the week (excluding public holidays), are suitable for most fitness levels and cost just \$5–6 per session. Classes include strength training, adult exercise, Zumba and yoga.

Jan Wilson Community Centre is located on Barry J Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North.

For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au or phone the centre on 8571 1436 from Monday to Friday, 9am–2pm.

Live performances at The Drum

Anh Do – The Happiest Refugee Live!

Wednesday 2 November, 7.30pm

Anh Do's bestselling book *The Happiest Refugee* has made readers laugh and cry. Anh's stage show takes it a step further, combining stand-up comedy with real life stories, photos and filmed pieces to retell his amazing story.

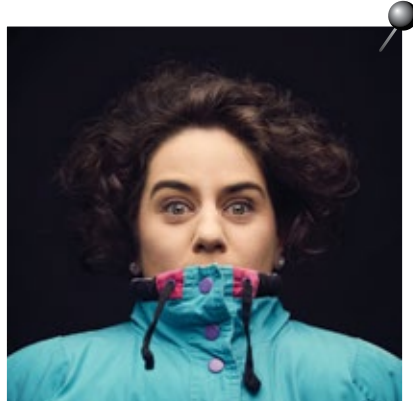


**EXCITING
EVENTS
ON OFFER**

Jude Perl:
Participation Award

Saturday 5 November, 8pm

An entertaining musical comedy exploration of bullying and our school system, featuring Jude Perl's unique brand of song writing.



Piaf and Aznavour –
Back in Time

Thursday 17 November, 10.30am

Embark on a journey into the fascinating world of French popular music.

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

The Arts



Exhibition: Surveyed

11 October – 18 November

How we adapt and change to the ever-changing environment is the underpinning premise behind the exhibition *Surveyed*. Artist Harley Manifold walked the streets of our municipality and recorded ordinary scenes, along with the reactions of those who he encountered 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.



Inked Exhibition

**Opening Night
29 November, 5.30pm–7.30pm
All welcome**

**Tuesday 29 November 2022 –
Friday 27 January 2023
Walker Street Gallery and
Arts Centre
Tuesday–Friday 12pm to 4pm**

This exhibition showcases the people of our community and their tattoos, including local artists, presented through photography.

Photographers Bronwyn Watson and Tommy Kuo use their own unique photography styles to record *Inked* – intimate stories told in new ways.

From 29 November

Also featured in the Gallery will be community photos chosen for presentation in Council's 2023 Community Calendar.

www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

Learn at our Libraries



Dandenong and Springvale Libraries host a range of activities, workshops and lifelong learning opportunities weekly.

Greater Dandenong Libraries has a new website, see what's on by visiting libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

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

Save the Date

FREE

**Carols in the Park
Friday 9 December, 7pm
Dandenong Park**

Free family-friendly event to showcase the musical talent in our city.

The event will feature a main stage, roving performers, a Christmas market, food stalls, free activities, and a visit from Santa Claus.

➔ **Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/carols-in-dandenong-park for more information.**

Business ideas ignite support



Throughout 2022, 15 local budding entrepreneurs took part in a Council program to support them to start a new business.

The Ignite program included workshops, masterclasses, a 'hackathon' and mentoring sessions to nurture new business ideas.

Five participants recently took part in a pitch night to showcase their business ideas and learnings

from the program. Congratulations to Dumplings in my Belly, SAJ Occupational Therapy and Serina Delight for winning awards on the night.



The Ignite program for startups will open for new registrations in early 2023. In the meantime visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/ignite-program to find out more.



Future plans for Dandenong Market



Dandenong Market has been the trading heart and soul of our city for more than 150 years. Home to more than 200 family-owned businesses, the Market offers a rich and vibrant shopping experience where people can engage in a shared cultural exchange.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we shop and is reshaping retail as we know it.

Changes to the Market shopping experience are planned following years of analysis of shopping behaviours.

Some of the exciting changes include:

- ▶ improving the overall mix of traders to make the market a destination for the whole region
- ▶ updating the fresh food layout
- ▶ improving the meat and fish offer to enhance the traffic flow in this area
- ▶ expanding the pantry to strengthen the Market's reputation as culturally diverse
- ▶ emphasising the Market Square experience by growing the hawker food offer with more authentic street food
- ▶ reimagining the Bazaar as a place to explore and discover an eclectic mix of goods
- ▶ adding a family zone around the existing playground, including a food kiosk to appeal to shoppers with young children.

The Night Market concept will also return to the Dandenong Market in January 2023, building on the hawker food experience for shoppers outside of traditional market hours.



Visit dandenongmarket.com.au to find out more.

GREATER DANDENONG FOOD AND CULTURAL TOURS

BOOK YOUR SEAT AT THE TABLE TODAY

Want a chance to experience delicious food, while learning about the culture behind the food? We offer an authentic food and cultural experience in either Dandenong or Springvale.

TOUR TYPES:

- Afghan bazaar
- Little India
- Springvale Fresh
- Off the Menu

DID YOU KNOW ?

we can organise group bookings for 8-16 people available upon request.

For more information and bookings visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/tours or phone 8571 1550

Safety first



Noble Park's Frank D'Arcy has been a school crossing supervisor for seven years.

"It's the type of job that once you start, it's hard to move away from. It's rewarding and it makes you feel worthwhile, and you really do become a part of the community," Frank said.

"You get to know the kids – learn their names and they learn yours. You sometimes see people at the supermarket and they call out 'hello', even if I can't remember their names I know them from the crossing."

At 3.15pm on Thursday 6 February, 2020, Mr D'Arcy was helping a group of seven students cross Police Road in Dandenong North. A truck driver failed to stop, and as Mr D'Arcy pulled two young boys back to safety a third student was too far away to reach and was struck. The 17-year-old girl spent 10 months in a coma and faces lifelong health issues.

Mr D'Arcy was recognised for his actions that day with a Victoria Police Citizen's Commendation presented in May this year. While receiving his award Mr D'Arcy met a veteran police officer involved in the Bourke Street attack in 2017.



Frank D'Arcy, Council school crossing supervisor.

Across Greater Dandenong there are 78 school crossings.

Council encourages motorists to remain vigilant around schools, and for pedestrians and motorists to follow the directions of school crossing supervisors at all times.

To read more about Frank's story visit our website greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

School crossing supervisors work one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon during school terms. If you would like to become a school crossing supervisor email regservadmin@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 8571 1000.

Waverley Gardens Combined Probus Club

**Southern Community Centre
27 Rupert Drive, Mulgrave**

A club for senior citizens to get-together for meetings and special events.

General meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month except December from 9.45am to 12pm. Next meeting is Tuesday 29 November.

For more information visit probussouthpacific.org/microsites/waverleygardensc or contact Club Secretary, Rick Blomberg on 0484 337 105 or email wavgardcomprob@gmail.com



Artist impression of dedicated warm water pool hall.

Vote in the state election on Saturday 26 November

Council is seeking funding support from our local state government candidates to help us deliver priority projects and key initiatives including the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre (new Dandenong Oasis).

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



New Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC) 24-hour Gym Expression of Interest

The NPAC 24-hour gym is opening soon and the centre is now accepting expressions of interest. Be the first to hear about exclusive pre-sale membership offers and the latest updates on the facility.

For more information visit nobleparkaquaticcentre.com.au



Neighbourhood Watch Greater Dandenong public forum

**Wednesday 30 November
Paddy O'Donoghue Centre
18-34 Buckley Street, Noble Park
7.30pm**

Guest speakers include Victoria Police Senior Sergeant Alasdair Gail to discuss family violence and local policing and a Council officer to discuss animal management, stray cats, barking dogs and pet registration.

Anti-theft car number plates screws and personal alarms will be available. As well as a light supper. Plenty of car parking available.

For more information contact President, Dawn Vernon via email at president@nhwgreaterdandenong.org or phone 0407 325 030.

Saturday 12 – Sunday 13
November

Celebrating 150 years

DANDY SHOW

dandyshow.com.au

Dandenong Showgrounds
Greaves Reserve - Bennet Street, Dandenong

Main attraction - Outback Stockman Show

- ★ Animals
- ★ Showbags
- ★ Carnival rides
- ★ Art and craft display
- ★ Street food festival
- ★ Live music
- ★ Fireworks
- ★ Entertainment

Ticket prices

Children 14 years and under	FREE
Adults	\$10