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Mayor's message

Welcome to the June edition of Greater Dandenong Council News.

This month we continue Reconciliation Week celebrations until 3 June. Council has committed to walking alongside our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on a journey of learning and reconciliation.

As a Refugee Welcome Zone since 2002, Council is proud to support our refugee community and will this year celebrate Refugee Week with a community event at Springvale Community Hub on 23 June. Read the next page to find out more.

We are a proud child-friendly city, so it gives us great pleasure to introduce the new Junior Mayor Tasneem from Keysborough Gardens Primary School. I look forward to working with Tasneem and other members of the Children's Advisory Group this year. Read more about Tasneem on Page 5.

School holidays start at the end of the month and Council is running a range of activities to keep the kids entertained. Find out what's on at the libraries on page 12 and see what our arts team has planned on page 13.

Reduce waste to landfill and donate useful household items, clothing and sporting goods to charity via Council's free Homecycle program from 13-24 June. See the back page of this issue to find out more.

I hope you all enjoy the start of winter and have a wonderful month ahead.

Mayor
Cr Eden Foster



My City

Monday 5 June is World Environment Day, a time for us all to take action to create a more sustainable planet.

More than 400 million tonnes of plastic is produced every year worldwide, half of which is designed to be used only once. Of that, less than 10 per cent is recycled.

An estimated 19-23 million tonnes of plastic ends up in lakes, rivers and seas annually.

Discarded or burnt single-use plastic harms human health and biodiversity and pollutes every ecosystem from mountain tops to the ocean floor.

Be part of the solution and help reduce plastic waste.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respect to their Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters.



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Front cover: Mayor, Cr Eden Foster with Junior Mayor, Tasneem from Keysborough Gardens Primary School.

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Refugee Week 2023



As a Refugee Welcome Zone since 2002, Greater Dandenong City Council invites the whole community to celebrate Refugee Week from 18–24 June 2023.

A family friendly event will be held at Springvale City Hall and Springvale Community Hub on Friday 23 June, from 12pm–4pm.

The theme for the event is *Finding Freedom* and everyone is encouraged to take part to explore what freedom means to you and to discover ways to find freedom.

The event aims to show support for refugee communities and promote a better understanding of refugees and people seeking asylum in Greater Dandenong.

**CELEBRATE
REFUGEE
WEEK**

The celebration will be supported by various local organisations, service agencies and community groups, and will include live performances, free cultural experiences, children and youth activities, as well as food and market stalls.

Join us on Friday 23 June to celebrate the contribution refugees have made and continue to make in our community.



Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/refugee-week for more information.



A friend to those in need



Friends of Refugees has been supporting refugees in Greater Dandenong since 2012.

Founder Sri Samy said the organisation began when she and others discovered some people seeking asylum were living in poverty. Pregnant women and families with young children were in overcrowded homes sleeping on floors.

To date the organisation has helped furnish more than 4000 homes and has grown to include a social enterprise, education and work-ready programs, as well as food aid and community engagement for new arrivals.

“The people we help were falling through the gaps,” Sri said.

“We have a lot of friends and we are friends to those who need us. That’s really where the name comes from.”

The volunteer group has just one paid staff member, a former recipient of their support who now runs their distribution warehouse.



L–R: Cr Angela Long, Mayor Cr Eden Foster, Sri Samy from Friends of Refugees and Cr Jim Memeti.

Sri said all other staff are volunteers and many of them received support from the group when they first arrived in Australia.

“People experience the kindness and generosity of others and as soon as they are in a position to help they give back by supporting our work,” Sri said.

Friends of Refugees was named Community Group of the Year at the Greater Dandenong 2023 Australia Day Awards.

Every year the group distributes 120 tonnes of donated food and operates a

fresh food kitchen six days a week for refugees and people seeking asylum. They also have a drop-in centre at 1D Parsons Avenue, Springvale.

Now more than ever their work is helping to care for new arrivals who are seeking new beginnings.

You can support Friends of Refugees by donating food or furniture, by creating training and employment opportunities by using their social enterprises, or by signing up as a volunteer.



Visit friendsofrefugees.org.au to find out more.

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MONDAY

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JUNE

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JUNE

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held in the chambers of the Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong, commencing at 7pm.

Upcoming meetings will be held on:

- ▶ Monday 5 June
- ▶ Monday 26 June.

You can ask questions during Public Question Time and watch our Council meetings live via our webcast service.

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

Hear questions from our residents and find out the many ways your Councillors are serving the community.

➔ **To view meetings online or to find out more about Public Question Time visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-meetings**

JUNE

▶ Noble Park North Ward



I have been advocating strongly for road safety across Greater Dandenong, in particular for the Noble Park North ward since being elected. I am extremely happy to report we were successful in obtaining \$433,000 of Federal Black Spot funding to install raised safety platforms and upgrade raised platform treatment of existing school crossings on Browns Road. I'm confident this will reduce heavy vehicles on the road as well as improving safety for residents. Victoria Police will also continue patrolling driver behaviour in the area.

You will also notice there has been a significant amount of kerb and channel works locally. During COVID-19 I walked every street in this ward to observe where works were needed and noticed many issues with drains, channels, potholes and footpath damage. Over the past year Council invested more than \$3 million on kerb and channel works, and I can certainly see the difference as I drive through the ward now and see the incredible work done to renew these assets. I highly encourage residents to use the 'Snap Send Solve' app to report any issues.

I am delighted to report that we have been successful in obtaining \$550,000 in State Government and Council funding for Lyndale United Soccer Club

Cr Lana Formoso



(located at Lyndale Secondary College) towards the upgrade of the canteen. I will continue to work closely with the club to ensure it gets the facilities our community deserves.

Implementation of the Barry Powell Reserve masterplan has begun. Oval 2 is now being upgraded and Council is finalising concept designs for the pavilion redevelopment. I will continue to advocate for this project to seek Council and State Government funding, particularly as this reserve is in Premier Daniel Andrews' electorate. The vision for Barry Powell Reserve is that it will provide for Noble Park's growing population with a mix of spaces for a variety of activities.



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

Cr Jim Memeti

► Dandenong Ward



Council recently voted to bring forward the timelines for a detailed design of the Dandenong Community Hub.

Previously scheduled for the 2024–25 financial year, at a recent Council meeting I moved a motion to bring this process forward using money set aside for major projects in the 2023–24 Budget.

The first round of community workshops and consultation held in May 2021 established a vision and purpose for the Hub. Later that year a preferred site was selected on Clow Street, between Sleeth Avenue and Stuart Street.

In 2022 draft concept designs were developed, and in October–November last year the community was consulted on a preferred design for the site. Across community pop-up sessions, an online survey and in person survey sessions,

238 people voted on their favourite out of three design options. The majority of respondents selected option 2, which includes a single storey building with outdoor space and a community garden, which would allow for the retention of an established large tree.

The Hub will be an integrated, intergenerational space, which will include a kindergarten, childcare, maternal and child health service, and community activity and meeting rooms.

This Hub is very much needed in Dandenong and will benefit our growing population, in particular those who are at a higher level of disadvantage. By pulling the design timelines forward it means the project, which is expected to cost around \$32 million, will be shovel ready in time for us to advocate for state and federal government funding ahead of the 2025 and 2026 elections.



Once we have a detailed design we will go back out to the public for further consultation, so watch this space.



In the meantime if you want to contact me you can email me at jim.memeti@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone me on 0434 560 239.

Hi everyone,

I am 11 years old, in grade 6 and school captain at Keysborough Gardens Primary School. I live with my mum, dad, sister and our adorable cats Honey and Klaus.

I am the new Junior Mayor, and the role gives me the opportunity to express my thoughts and represent other primary school students through the Children's Advisory Group.

We live in a world that we design, so our voices can shape the City of Greater Dandenong so that everyone can achieve their dreams.

I am aware of the huge opportunity this is, and I promise to work hard with Council to find ways to promote greater inclusivity and a higher sense of belonging. United let's embrace the unique identity of every individual.

Being Junior Mayor gives me the honour to also participate in community events and embrace our wonderful community spirit.



Sustainability and recycling are also areas to improve locally where small actions can make a massive difference, like creating a veggie garden and recycling and reusing your household items.

Local government plays a significant role in our lives and I am excited to be involved.

I will strive to be the best Junior Mayor I can be and create a more peaceful, diverse and environmentally friendly community.

Please don't hesitate to say hello to me if you see me around.

**Tasneem
Junior Mayor**

150
YEARS

Celebrating 150 years of local government

This year marks 150 years since local government was formed in the Greater Dandenong area.

Around 1835 British colonists recognised the land of the Bunurong people as a place of abundance. After settlement the land was largely cleared of red gums which supplied timber to build Melbourne's wharves, housing and roads.

Recognised as the 'Gateway to Gippsland', Dandenong underwent a transformation to create roads and drainage. The Dandenong Roads Board was formed and was later re-constituted as the Shire of Dandenong, which held it's first meeting on 7 May 1873.

The Council took over the management and operation of the Dandenong Market, became trustees of the Dandenong Cemetery and in 1890 built the Dandenong Town Hall.

In 1914 electricity service was established (not by Council) and in 1935 the Dandenong Sewerage Authority was formed.

By 1930 the Shire of Dandenong included the townships of Dandenong, Springvale, Noble Park, Dingley, Bangholme, Keysborough and Carrum Downs, and had a population of 13,000. In the 1950s the population boomed as Dandenong experienced a time of tremendous commercial and industrial growth.



A plaque celebrating 100 years of Local Government in Dandenong still sits in the entrance foyer of the former City of Dandenong Council offices at 39 Clow Street, Dandenong.



The first baby born at the Dandenong Hospital on Centenary Day (16 May 1973) was presented with a commemorative Centenary Medal. Kim Louise Money was born at 12.30pm. *Image courtesy The Journal, May 1973, Dandenong and District Historical Society Newspaper Collection.*

In the 1970s population growth saw the need for more services, and Council introduced the Maternal and Child Health Service along with engineering and planning services for the development of new housing.

In 1973 the now separate Councils of City of Dandenong and City of Springvale staged week-long celebrations for the centenary of local government. A recent exhibition at Heritage Hill showcased this 100-year celebration.

During the celebrations, a re-enactment of the first Council meeting was held and two time capsules were buried in the grounds of the old Dandenong Library in Clow Street.

A free concert and teenage dance were held, while the Mayor of the day Mr Warren Titcher planted commemorative trees at local primary schools.

Celebrations ended with a centenary pageant of Progress Parade through Dandenong. Newspapers of the day reported 60,000 people turned out to see more than 100 floats.

For more information on Dandenong's history and cultural heritage visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/cultural-heritage

Miss Jenny Silk was named winner of the Miss Centenary of Local Government Quest. *Image courtesy The Journal, May 1973, Dandenong and District Historical Society Newspaper Collection.*



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 June.

Date	Location
Thursday 1 June	Jan Wilson Community Centre, BJ Powell Reserve, Halton Road, Noble Park North
Monday 5 June	Springvale City Hall, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale
Thursday 8 June	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Saturday 17 June	Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street (enter via Harmony Square, Dandenong)
Wednesday 28 June	Springvale City Hall, 18 Grace Park Avenue, Springvale

To make an appointment visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/immunisation or phone 8571 1000.

Get Active Get Moving



Mayor Cr Eden Foster, Deputy Mayor Cr Lana Formoso and students from Lyndale Greens Primary School.

Congratulations to Lyndale Greens Primary School who were awarded first place in Council's Get Active Get Moving campaign.

Second prize went to Keysborough Gardens Primary School and third prize was awarded to St Elizabeth's Primary School.

Eleven local schools and 3612 students took part in the campaign that encouraged active travel for children throughout Greater Dandenong.

Active travel gets children moving every day and involves walking, cycling, scooting or other active ways of getting to and from school.

The Get Active Get Moving campaign was developed in consultation with Council's Children's Advisory Group.

For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/active-travel



Make Your Move this Winter

Enjoy the many wonderful outdoor spaces, parks, reserves and playgrounds throughout Greater Dandenong this Winter.

There is so much to explore in your own backyard.

Visit Council's website for a list of outdoor spaces near you at greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

Celebrating our centenarians

Greater Dandenong City Council wants to celebrate residents who have celebrated their 100th birthday.

We would love to hear from residents or family members of people who are aged 100 years or older so we can celebrate our centenarians during Senior's Festival in October 2023.

To be eligible the nominated person must:

- ▶ be 100 years or older
- ▶ live in the City of Greater Dandenong
- ▶ consent to being nominated.



To celebrate a local centenarian email the Positive Ageing Team at positiveageing@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 8571 5556.



Save the date

Join us for the Seniors Winter Dance at the Springvale Town Hall on Tuesday 18 July, from 1pm-3pm.

Entry is \$5 and includes live entertainment and light refreshments.

Bookings essential through the Positive Ageing Team on 8571 5556.

OUR BRIGHT GREEN FUTURE



TAKE PART

Beat the heat



It's a fact that our city streets are heating up.

More concrete, roads and big buildings combined with less plants and trees create a warmer environment, but Urban Shade Forests can help us beat the heat.

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), supported by Chevron Australia, is partnering with Greater Dandenong City Council and residents to help create our own Urban Shade Forest.

By planting more trees and shrubs in our neighbourhoods we can tackle urban warming and cool our suburbs.

You can contribute to our efforts by taking part in public tree plantings or by planting trees at your home or business.

Plants help keep us cool by the shade mature species create and the excess water that sits on the surface of leaves that evaporates into the surrounding air, resulting in cooler temperatures.

➔ **Visit conservationvolunteers.com.au for more information. Council's Urban Forest Strategy provides a holistic approach to delivering a healthy, green and resilient urban forest. To read more visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/urban-forest-strategy-2021-28**



Plants help keep us cool...



The climate is changing – so should we.

Council wants to hear about ways we can support the community to respond to climate change. Tell us what changes you have already made and how Council action can support you to make more changes.

Take part in the survey for your chance to win one of five \$100 Dandenong Market vouchers.

➔ **Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/have-your-say for more information.**



Everyone is watching

Dumping rubbish is illegal.
Getting your hard rubbish collected is free and easy.
Phone 8571 1000 or scan the QR code for collection.



Something for everyone in Greater Dandenong

Reminders

- ▶ **Pride Month**
- ▶ **Saturday 3 June**
Reconciliation Week ends
- ▶ **Sunday 4 June**
Walk of Unity in Faith
- ▶ **Monday 5 June**
Council meeting
- ▶ **Monday 12 June**
King's Birthday (public holiday)
- ▶ **Monday 12 – Sunday 18 June**
Men's Health Week
- ▶ **Tuesday 13 – Saturday 24 June**
Homecycle
- ▶ **Sunday 18 – Saturday 24 June**
Refugee Week
- ▶ **Monday 26 June**
School Holidays start
- ▶ **Monday 26 June**
Council meeting

Please visit our website and social media platforms for updates, as event details may change.



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

Parkrun @ Dandenong Park,
Every Saturday, 7.45am

Carers Walking Group @ Burden Park,
first Thursday of the month, 10am

All Abilities Badminton @ Springers
Leisure Centre, every Wednesday, 6pm

Multifaith Mindfulness Meditation
@ Dandenong Hospital, every Thursday,
2.30pm

Libraries at Dusk – Thursday evenings
@ Springvale and Dandenong Libraries,
6.30pm

Springvale Urban Harvest @ Springvale
Community Hub, second Saturday of the
month, 1pm

Dad's Group @ Dandenong Library,
every second Friday and @ Springvale
Library every second Tuesday,
various times

Jan Wilson Community Centre hosts a range of fun activities for all ages and abilities, including playgroup, zumba, adult fitness classes, strength training, yoga and meditation, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-venues/jan-wilson-community-centre

Day trips throughout Victoria for local seniors on our community bus, to book your place on the community bus visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au or phone 8571 5556

Springvale Fresh Food Tour, Monday 5 June, 11am, to book visit drumticketing.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

Understanding vaping webinar, Tuesday 6 June, 7pm, online event book via Council's website



Planting Day

creative RISE – Sustaining an arts practice @ Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre, Tuesday 6 June and Tuesday 20 June, 6pm

Springvale Community Hub Clothes Swap, Saturday 10 June, 1pm

creative RISE – Cultural sketch @ Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre, Tuesday 13 June, 6pm

Tiny People and Places, be guided by artist Yaz Gaté to create miniature people and places in this online zoom workshop, Tuesday 20 June, 7pm

Refugee Week Finding Freedom event @ Springvale Community Hub, Friday 23 June, 12pm–4pm

Little India Tour, Saturday 24 June, 11am, to book visit drumticketing.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

9 by 5 Exhibition @ Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre, view artistic works from around Australia as they present their work on nine by five-inch panels, until Friday 7 July, Tuesdays–Fridays, 12pm–4pm



Premier visits Springvale Reserve

Premier Daniel Andrews visited Springvale Reserve to discuss the proposed works and draft master plan for the reserve upgrades made possible because of a \$2 million Victorian Government grant.

Planting season begins

We are launching our calendar of community planting events on Sunday 4 June at Fotheringham Reserve, Dandenong from 10am–1pm.

Unite with your community to grow biodiversity in local reserves.

Bring your own gloves and drinking water. A barbeque lunch, tools and plants will be provided.

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/environmental-events to register.

Happy Place Art Exhibition

Saturday 17–Sunday 18 June
Heritage Hill Museum and
Historic Gardens
66 McCrae Street, Dandenong
10am–3pm

'Happy Place' themed artwork on 8 x 10-inch canvases.

Winner to receive a \$250 voucher and will be judged by Mayor Cr Eden Foster, Cr Sean O'Reilly and Mrs Esther Priestley, Media Arts Teacher.

Artwork will also be for sale at the exhibition.

For more visit magicalgetawayfoundation.org/happyplace

Many faiths, one people



The Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network (IFN) is the oldest of its kind in Australia.

Established in 1989, the network strives to achieve the vision of 'many faiths, one people' and brings together a group of diverse cultural and religious faith leaders to promote peace and harmony in our city.

Helen Heath was involved in the Victorian Council of Churches when a friend invited her to a meeting of the IFN in 2000. On that first night she sat next to Venerable Thich Thien Tam, a Buddhist monk.

"I was so nervous, but he made me laugh and I thought, if you can have humour about this then I am in," Mrs Heath said.

She volunteered with the IFN until they received the funds to create a paid position, which she then applied for and got. In recent years one more paid position has been created for an education officer, but most of the work is done by volunteers.

Mrs Heath will retire from the IFN this year but plans to stay involved as a volunteer.

"People don't realise the work that is happening quietly behind the scenes. It's labour intensive, but worthy work."

She said faith leaders from across Greater Dandenong worked with the IFN to build social inclusion and harmony, and she believes the network is more relevant than ever due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"People need to understand one another, they don't have to agree. So often faith and religion are tarnished, but we all need something, and we have more in common than we think."

Mrs Heath said the IFN was looking to engage with a broader audience, including young people and hoped new faces within the organisation could bring fresh ideas to help strengthen the network.

This year IFN has four Tours to Places of Worship, including one on Wednesday 14 June. The tour will visit places of worship including the Turkish Islamic and Cultural Centre, the Shiva Vishnu Hindu Temple, Brahma Kumaris Retreat Centre and the Dhamma Sarana Buddhist Temple.

Three more tours will be held to different places of worship on 9 August, 11 October and 13 December.



For more information visit interfaithnetwork.org.au or phone Stacey Odwazny on 8774 7662 or 0411 968 525.

Visit your local Neighbourhood House



Greater Dandenong is home to eight Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres who offer activities and programs for all.

The centres aim to foster lifelong learning and encourage social connection with courses ranging from recognised Certificates and Diplomas to hobby classes and social meetings. The opportunities to learn are endless.

For more information about your local Neighbourhood House see contact details on this page.

Visit a Neighbourhood House near you:

▶ Dandenong Neighbourhood House, 34 King Street, Dandenong, phone 9792 5298

- ▶ North Dandenong Neighbourhood House, 41 Menzies Avenue, North Dandenong, phone 0448 658 354
- ▶ Wellsprings for Women, 79 Langhorne Street, Dandenong, phone 9701 3740
- ▶ Keysborough Learning Centre, 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough, phone 9798 7005
- ▶ Noble Park Community Centre, Memorial Drive, Noble Park, phone 9547 5801
- ▶ Springvale Learning and Activities Centre, 1 Osborne Avenue, Springvale, phone 9547 2647
- ▶ Springvale Neighbourhood Literacy Program, 1-3 Lightwood Road, Springvale, phone 9547 6399
- ▶ Springvale Neighbourhood House, 46-50 Queens Avenue, Springvale, phone 9548 3972

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Anti-racism report

Greater Dandenong City Council worked in partnership with Victoria University and the City of Casey to release a report recommending effective ways for residents in Melbourne's southeast to speak out against racism and find support services in their local areas.



Through surveys, focus groups and workshops conducted over 18 months in 2021 and 2022, the report found:

- ▶ more than three-out-of-five participants or their families had experienced racism in the previous 12 months, mainly at work, when shopping, or at school
- ▶ four-out-of-five respondents who experienced racism did not report it
- ▶ most participants who reported racist incidents were disappointed with the reporting experience and outcome
- ▶ participants said they would be more likely to report racism if reporting and support services were offered by organisations they trusted, were better qualified to respond and more culturally sensitive.

A local 'roadmap' has been developed highlighting practical ways that reporting and support services can be tailored to the specific needs of local communities.


Victoria University's Dr Peucker said under-reporting racism was common, and the reasons behind it needed to be addressed, without expecting people who experienced racism to navigate difficult reporting processes.



For more information and to read a copy of the report visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au



Children's Advisory Group

 **Forty-two students from 21 schools make up this year's Children's Advisory Group who meet twice a term and represent their wider school community.**

The group will consult with various Council departments throughout the year to discuss issues impacting the community, local facilities, activities in Greater Dandenong, and Council's ongoing commitment as a child-friendly city.

Council is committed to supporting children and their families and providing opportunities for them to engage and have their voices heard.

Stay safe online



Victoria Police offer some simple advice to help protect you from online crime.

Be sure to:


- ▶ secure your device
- ▶ cover your webcam when not in use
- ▶ install a 'find my' app on devices including phones, computers and tablets
- ▶ back up all data regularly.

Secure your internet connection with password protection and install up-to-date anti-virus or anti-spyware software.

When online shopping check for the closed padlock symbol which shows a site is secure. Read the terms and conditions before paying and use a secure third-party payment facility.

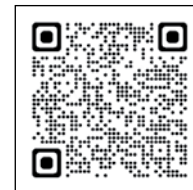
If you use online banking, regularly monitor your transactions, always log off when you are finished and never open emails or click on links asking for your banking details. Banks will never ask for your banking details via email.

If you think you have been the victim of an online crime report it to Victoria Police via phone on 131 444.

 **Visit cyber.gov.au to find out more about how to stay safe online.**



South East Water sewer works in Noble Park



You might not notice a lot of the work South East Water does because most of it is beneath your feet. Every day,

they are maintaining and upgrading the pipes and pumps that keep the sewage network flowing, including current works to upgrade the Mile Creek sewer in Noble Park.

Lane and road closures are along Kelvinside Road, Corrigan Road, Callander Road, Barnett Grove, Dunblane Road and Carpenter Street in Noble Park, with traffic management available to safely guide drivers, cyclists and pedestrians through the works area until late December.



For more information scan the QR code above or contact Jordan Smith (ZJW Engagement Advisor) on 0412 686 006.



Robinson and Mason Streets re-alignment project

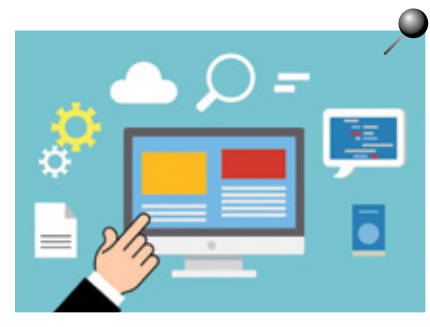
Civil construction work on the southern portion of Robinson Street (and Mason Street) has commenced with temporary road closures and detours in place.

These works will help to revitalise central Dandenong, improve connectivity, reduce congestion and improve the length of Robinson Street from Princes Highway to Walker Street.




For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/robinson-mason-realignment

Love your libraries



Tech assist

 Need help with technology, devices and online resources? Drop-in sessions are held at Dandenong and Springvale Libraries, Monday to Friday 2pm – 4pm.

Chronic pain support group


Are you affected by chronic pain? Join our support group and connect with new people and share stories.

Occasional speakers as nominated by the group will also be included.

This session runs every third Thursday of the month from May until November at Springvale Library.


Libraries Change Lives

Victorian public libraries change lives by offering communities a place to learn, create and belong.

 Visit libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/libraries/events to find out more about library programs and activities.

#LibrariesChangeLives
#ReturnYourselfToTheLibrary


Winter School Holidays

 Fun and free activities are available throughout Greater Dandenong for families during the winter school holidays. Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au to find out what's on.

Greater Dandenong Libraries offer a fantastic variety of free programs and activities across our Dandenong and Springvale branches for early years, youth and adults.



Make Your Move

 Members have the opportunity to now borrow sporting equipment from Springvale Library for use at the Springvale Community Hub's outdoor sport and recreation facilities.

Library members can use their library card to borrow basketballs and table tennis sets for two hours at a time, with more sporting equipment options to come.

Mayor, Cr Eden Foster was joined by members of the Greater Dandenong Table Tennis Club recently who are already making the most of this initiative.


“It is so important for Council to provide lots of opportunities for our community to enhance their overall health and wellbeing and ‘Make Your Move’.

“We are fortunate to have great green open space and established basketball courts and table tennis tables at the Springvale Community Hub for everyone to enjoy.

“Local library members get a lot of value from their membership when they can participate in innovative activities like this for all ages and abilities,” said the Mayor.

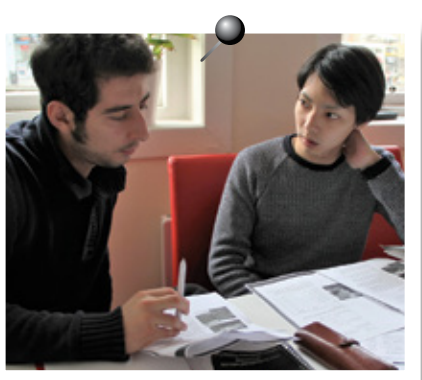


Libraries Victoria holds and interlibrary loans services

 Library members can now place holds and interlibrary loans from other libraries. There are changes to what items can be placed on hold and how requests are submitted. Phone the library on 1300 630 920 for more information.

Australian citizenship test

Sign up to the library's free information sessions for help with the Australian citizenship test. For more information phone 1300 630 920.



Language and literacy service

Free drop-in sessions are available for assistance with job searching, writing resumes and letters, filling in forms and using government websites.

What's on at The Drum Theatre

Hosting more than 170 performances in front of over 60,000 people each year, there's bound to be a show for you at your local Drum Theatre.

Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman

Saturday 3 June, 3pm

Rediscover one of the greatest plays of the 20th century, Arthur Miller's heartbreaking masterpiece, brought to life by an extraordinary ensemble of actors.



The Fairy Doll Ballet – Triple Bill

Friday 9 June, 7pm

First premiered in Vienna in 1888, *The Fairy Doll* is set in the 1850s, in a toy shop in St. Petersburg where, when night falls, the dolls miraculously come to life and the fairy doll invites them to a ball.

Beatles Legacy

Thursday 15 June, 10.30am

This musical journey will take you from the early Beatles days to their critically acclaimed solo careers, performing masterpieces from John, Paul, George and Ringo, as well as hits from Wings, Traveling Wilburys, Jeff Lynne, ELO and Oasis.



Bhooter Bhoisyat

**Bengali Play Presented by Actomania
Sunday 18 June, 5pm**

Come along and enjoy this satirical stage play in Bengali/Bangla language. The play is a comedy based on the movie *Bhooter Bhoisyat* by Anik Dutta.

Our Beat

Thursday 22 June, 6.30pm

Our Beat is back with an amazing line-up of live music performances. From local dance to emerging artists, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



Disney's FROZEN Kids

Presented by Masquerade Youth Productions

**Friday 30 June, 11am and 2pm
Saturday 1 July, 2pm and 5pm**

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure with Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Sven, and all of your favourite characters in this magical, musical journey.



The Drum Theatre proudly hosted the recent Victorian Association of Performing Arts Centres (VAPAC) Showcase, attended by over 250 delegates.

The Showcase featured 58 productions over two days for theatre professionals to enjoy. A great networking and professional development opportunity for the industry.

To book your tickets visit drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

Arts Series

WORKSHOP

**Architecture at Night |
Photography Workshop**

**Tuesday 13 June at
Dandenong Library**

**Tuesday 20 June at
Springvale Library**

6.30pm

Join photographer Ali Choudhry to learn the basic skills around outside architectural photography.

Participants will be encouraged to submit their photographs to the 2024 Community Calendar Photography Competition.

DSLR, SLR mirrorless cameras are best to bring for this workshop.

New Ian Street mural



Young artists were invited to help paint a new community mural in Ian Street, Noble Park.

Funded by the Victoria Government as part of the Noble Park Revitalisation program, Connection Arts Space and Garage 35 Art Studio worked with community and Ian Street traders to visually bring their community to life via this engaging public artwork.

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

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Looking to develop, relocate, invest or start a business in Greater Dandenong?

Contact Council's business team to learn how they can support you and your business.

For more information:


✉ business@cgd.vic.gov.au

☎ **8571 1550**

🌐 greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/business



Parking at Dandenong Market

 **Parking restrictions and fees at Dandenong Market are set to change.**

From 1 July timed parking across all car parks will change to two hours. This replaces the current mix of one and three-hour car parking restrictions.

Parking fees will also increase across the precinct and will now apply on all market days including Sundays.

 Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/parking/dandenong-parking for more information.

COVID-19 protection



Help reduce the spread of COVID-19 for the protection of yourself and others.

FREE

Free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) and N95 face masks are now available for all community members at the following locations:

- ▶ Dandenong Customer Service Centre
- ▶ Dandenong Library
- ▶ Jan Wilson Community Centre
- ▶ Springvale Community Hub
- ▶ Parkmore Council Customer Service Centre
- ▶ Drum Theatre
- ▶ Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre.

If you are part of a community organisation that would like to order RATs or N95 masks in bulk, please email COVID19@cgd.vic.gov.au

▶ For more information visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/covid-19



New road rules



New road rules have been introduced to reduce driver distraction and to keep all road users safe.

Vic Roads has announced new Distracted Driver Road Rules following statistics showing that 11 per cent of road fatalities were caused by distraction.

The rules previously applied to mobile phones and visual display units (including satellite navigation systems) but have now been expanded to include unmounted and mounted phones and tablets, smart watches and inbuilt navigation or entertainment systems.

Tougher laws for Learner and P1 and P2 drivers recognise the increased road risk for inexperienced drivers. The changes include a ban on using non-mounted devices for navigation and a ban on receiving or making phone calls even if your device is voice controlled.

▶ Visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules for more information.

Winter School Holiday Activities

26–30 June
For young people aged 12–25 years

- ▶ Monday 26 June: Chinese Calligraphy @ 2.30pm–3.30pm, Dandenong Library
- ▶ Tuesday 27 June: Get Up and Move @ 12pm–2pm, Ross Reserve, Noble Park
- ▶ Wednesday 28 June: Tie Dye Creations @ 12pm–2pm, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong
- ▶ Thursday 29 June: Beginners Pool Program @ 12pm–2pm, Noble Park Aquatic Centre
- ▶ Friday 30 June: Rock Climbing @ 12pm–2.15pm Activate By Hardrock



▶ To book visit youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

Please help keep someone warm this winter



Do you have any blankets, sleeping bags, coats, beanies, gloves or socks at home that you don't use?

The Kindness Community is looking for these items to help keep disadvantaged members of our community warm this winter.

▶ For more information visit kindnesscommunity.org.au

Health and wellbeing corner



Be careful of carbon monoxide

Sources of carbon monoxide may include:

- ▶ gas heaters
- ▶ wood fired heaters and decorative gas log fires
- ▶ gas cooking appliances
- ▶ barbeques, heat beads and patio heaters
- ▶ indoor hot water services
- ▶ portable power generators
- ▶ car exhausts.

Any gas appliance can become faulty.

Energy Safe Victoria recommends that all gas heaters are serviced and tested at least once every two years by a licensed or registered gasfitter.

▶ Refer to the Energy Safe Victoria's safety alert list at esv.vic.gov.au/update/safety/gas-open-flued-gas-heaters for models of open-flued gas heaters that should be checked by a qualified gas fitter immediately.



Homecycle



Tuesday 13 June to Saturday 24 June

Give your smaller unwanted goods a second chance with this **FREE** kerbside collection. Your collection will be the day after your normal recycling bin is emptied.

For more information visit

greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/homecycle