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Mayor's Message



Welcome to the November edition of *Greater Dandenong Council News*.

On Thursday 12 November my colleagues and I will elect a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. This takes place annually at a special meeting of council and we would love for you to join us for this important occasion. The details are on page four.

As well as taking part in the election, we will reflect on the year and look forward to the opportunities ahead. It has been a privilege to serve you as Mayor, and I am proud of the important projects that have taken shape across our city during this time.

We celebrated the launch of Muderra Way in Noble Park. This is the first Bunurong place name and major Aboriginal gateway artwork in Greater Dandenong. It was made possible through a wonderful partnership between Council, the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and the Victorian Government.

We opened the Dandenong Pathway to Employment Hub which provides free, practical support for local people seeking employment, education or training. This is a terrific example of the potential we can fulfil when all three levels of government work together.

We witnessed the incredible growth and success of the Keysborough Community Hub. When the Hub turned one in September, 72,000 people had visited, the library had welcomed 1200 new members and more than 58,000 items had been borrowed. We'd also received over 450 bookings for the community meeting rooms.

Speaking of new community assets, it has been so exciting to see Oasis Aquatics and Wellbeing coming to life. The roof is now in place over the warm water pools and spa that will give our community more space for gentle activity, recovery and rehabilitation. Oasis Aquatics and Wellbeing is being constructed with $102 million from Council and a $20 million from the Australian Government.

My Mayoral term fell in the lead up to the State Government election. We took full advantage of this timing to tirelessly advocate for investments that would help us meet our community's needs now and into the future. We strengthened this work by launching the A Great Future for Greater Dandenong advocacy priorities campaign.

During my Mayoral term, I have been proud to recognise the contributions of the young people, volunteers, community leaders, local organisations and businesses who make our city stronger every day. Thank you sincerely to the community, and my fellow Councillors and Council staff, for your commitment to Greater Dandenong.

I look forward to seeing the great things we will continue to achieve together in the years ahead.

Mayor
Councillor Sophie Tan

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.

Front cover: The community united for the 2025 Walk Against Family Violence.

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Greater Dandenong unites against family violence





For more than a decade, our community has come together to take a stand against family violence, showing support for victim-survivors and reinforcing the message that violence has no place in Greater Dandenong.

This year's walk follows national recognition for the Greater Dandenong community, with the 2025 Walk Against Family Violence receiving a National Local Government Award for Addressing Violence Against Women and Children.

We invite residents to join the Walk Against Family Violence on Tuesday 24 November.

The walk will begin at Dandenong Market and conclude at Harmony Square, with participants carrying messages of hope, respect and solidarity. The event provides an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together, reflect, connect and demonstrate their commitment to creating a safer and more respectful community.

It also marks the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, a global campaign led by UN Women that raises awareness and calls for action to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls.



Guest speaker Janet Cribbes, Chair of Wellsprings for Women

Following the walk, attendees will hear from guest speaker Janet Cribbes, Chair of Wellsprings for Women. A respected social justice advocate, Janet has dedicated more than 30 years to advancing equity, inclusion and opportunities for women, children and families across Victoria.

Community members will also be invited to contribute to the Tree of Respect, an interactive installation where participants can share what respect means to them. Together, these messages will create a powerful display highlighting the important role respect plays in preventing family violence.

Walk Against Family Violence 2026

Date: Tuesday 24 November 2026

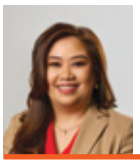
Time: 10.30am to 1pm

Location: Dandenong Market to Harmony Square

Join us and help create a community where everyone feels safe, respected and valued.

For more details visit:
greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/walk-against-family-violence

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November Council Meetings

Council meetings are held in the city chambers at the Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong.

The next meeting will be held on:

- **Thursday 12 November 2026, 6.00pm** (Annual meeting to elect Mayor)
- **Monday 16 November 2026, 7.00pm**

To view meetings or to find out more about public question time visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-meetings

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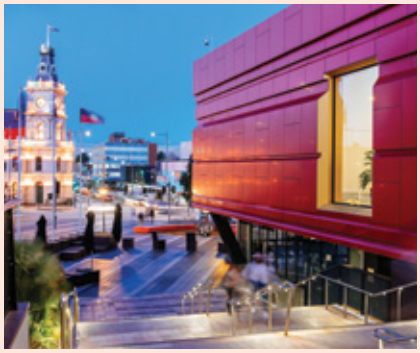
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Join us for the Mayoral Election

Your next Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected by their fellow councillors at the Annual Meeting of Council on Thursday 12 November 2026 at 6pm.

The meeting will be held at the Dandenong Civic Centre and community members are welcome to attend. If seating in the Council Chamber reaches capacity, the meeting will be live-streamed on the urban screen in Harmony Square.

Residents can also watch the meeting online.



For more information and to view the live stream, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-meetings.

My City

Did you know, the bold colours on the outside of Springvale Community Hub represent the flags of local residents' countries of origin?



With its distinctive design, Springvale Community Hub is one of Greater Dandenong's most recognisable community buildings and home to Springvale Library. More than 429,720 visits were made to the library during the past financial year, highlighting its role as a vibrant hub for reading, learning and community connection.

Community photographer Grahame Rowland captured this image, which is the feature photograph for our November Community Calendar.

In November, councillors will elect a new Mayor. We can't wait to introduce them to you in the December/January edition of Council News.

Due to the timing of the election, you may receive the next magazine a little later than usual. We expect final copies to hit mailboxes by mid-December.

► Noble Park North Ward

Cr Lana Formoso

As a physical education teacher, I am very passionate about the important role sport and recreation play in bringing people together.

That's why I am strongly advocating for Lyndale United Football Club to receive the facilities it urgently needs. With more than 250 junior and senior players and one of the highest female participation rates in the municipality, Lyndale United is a vital community club. The club desperately needs two quality pitches, proper drainage, lighting and a safe car park. These are essential facilities for a club serving hundreds of local families. The site is on Department of Education land, and securing a clear State Government funding commitment has been difficult. I will continue to push hard for the State Government to step up and deliver this much-needed investment. With the upcoming State Election, now is the time to make Lyndale United's needs heard. To view the masterplan, visit **greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/lyndale-secondary-college-sports-precinct-master-plan**



As we welcome the warmer weather, it's a great time to enjoy our local parks and community spaces with family and friends.

Soon there will be a freshly updated playground to enjoy at Bakers Reserve in Dandenong North. Following our consultation in March, we'll share a final design and next steps with the community shortly. Keep an eye on yoursay.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/our-parks to stay up-to-date on that one.

We are also continuing to invest in local road infrastructure, with a number of streets scheduled for upgrades in the Noble Park North ward. Works are planned for Oakwood Avenue, Lower Terrace Crescent and Wotama Court, while further kerb and channel renewal works are scheduled for Nemet Court, Heath Court, Cannon Court and sections of Frognal Drive. These improvements will help maintain safe and accessible roads for our community.

If you're keen to contribute to the wellbeing of our community while creating space at home, why not donate your pre-loved sporting equipment at the Play It Forward: Donate, Collect, Learn event at Ross Reserve on Sunday 22 November.

You can also enjoy a sausage sizzle, take home second-hand sports equipment and learn about services that support people who may face challenges getting involved in sport. Everyone is welcome and you don't need to register. Visit our events page of the website for more information.

If you would like to talk to me about local issues, please contact me via email at lana.formoso@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone me on 0435 530 536.

► Springvale South Ward

Cr Loi Truong

It continues to be a privilege to represent the Springvale South community and advocate for projects and initiatives that make our neighbourhoods safer, cleaner and more connected.

November is Recycling Month and I encourage everyone to take a moment to think about how we dispose of everyday items. Many electronic products, from old mobile phones and toys to electric toothbrushes and household appliances, contain valuable materials that can be recovered and reused. By keeping e-waste out of our household bins and recycling it correctly, we can help protect the environment, reduce fire risks and support a more sustainable future for our community.

We are continuing to invest in local infrastructure across Springvale South. This financial year, road improvement works are scheduled for Parker Street and Reginald Street, including kerb and channel renewal, drainage improvements, resurfacing and new line marking. Further upgrades are also planned for Carnation Court and Chanelle Court, helping to improve safety, accessibility and the overall condition of our local streets.



Another highlight has been seeing opportunities created for people of all ages to learn, connect and grow. We have some fantastic initiatives in place to make this happen. Learn more about our recent Lunch with the Winners event on page 6. Students heard firsthand from professionals about their career journeys and future pathways.

Local businesses also continue to access industry forums and build their professional networks, including through the recent Showcasing Women in Business event from South East Business Networks.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to making Springvale South such a welcoming and vibrant place to live. I look forward to continuing to work with residents to deliver positive outcomes for our community.

If you would like to contact me, you can reach me at loi.truong@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 0466 004 618.

From classrooms to careers: opportunities at every stage

People across Greater Dandenong are building skills, making connections and creating new opportunities through a range of our programs and events.

More than 150 secondary school students recently attended our annual Lunch with the Winners event where young professionals shared insights into their career journeys and workplace experiences. The event gave students valuable firsthand advice as they explore future education and employment pathways.

Local businesses are also benefiting from opportunities to learn and innovate. Through our Manufacturing Technology Forum series, manufacturers have connected with industry experts and explored emerging technologies that can help improve productivity and support business growth.

Meanwhile, Showcasing Women in Business brought together women from across the community to share experiences, celebrate achievements and inspire others. The event highlighted the important role women play in driving Greater Dandenong's economy while encouraging greater workforce participation and professional development.

While each initiative serves a different audience, they share a common goal: helping people gain the knowledge, skills and connections they need to succeed.

Whether you're starting your career, growing a business or looking to expand your professional network, we offer a range of workshops, events and networking opportunities throughout the year.



Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/business-events to see what's coming up.

Local young people driving change in Greater Dandenong

Young people across Greater Dandenong are making a real difference in their community through our Young Leaders Program.

Since May, 20 young people have taken part in weekly sessions focused on leadership, advocacy, teamwork, community engagement and understanding local government. The program gave participants the skills and confidence to design and deliver projects that address issues important to young people.

As part of the program, participants hosted the Youth and Democracy 101 Forum, engaging 90 student leaders from local secondary schools and increasing awareness of advocacy, local democracy and opportunities for young people to have their voices heard.

The group also investigated the impacts of nitrous oxide use within the community. Working alongside experts and lived-experience advocates, they developed recommendations that will help inform a policy brief for Council and support future health promotion initiatives aimed at improving community safety.



The Young Leaders Program continues to empower local young people to build their leadership skills, contribute to community decision-making and help shape a stronger, safer and more connected Greater Dandenong.

Interested in becoming a Young Leader? Applications for the 2027 Young Leaders Program will open soon.

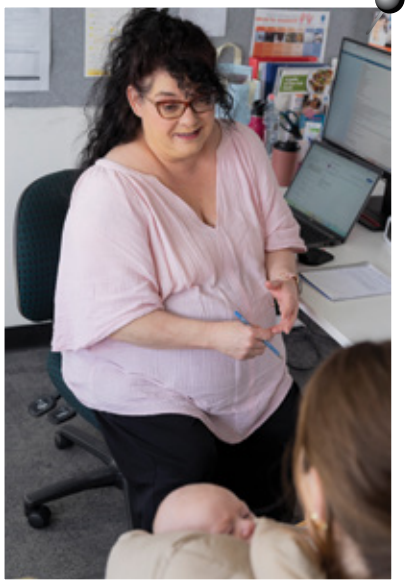
Visit the Young Leaders Program page on our website to find out more and apply.

youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/programs/young-leaders-program

Behind the Scenes

Supporting families from the very beginning

Helping local families navigate the joys and challenges of welcoming a new baby is what drives Natasha Allen Hallyburton, from our Maternal and Child Health Service.



Natasha is an Early Parenting and Lactation Practitioner which means she provides education and support to parents on all aspects of infant feeding and early parenting. From running online information sessions, to providing one-on-one support, she helps families build confidence and develop the skills they need during the early stages of parenthood.

With more than 25 years of experience, Natasha brings a wealth of knowledge to the role. She is an Early Childhood Educator and a volunteer breastfeeding counsellor with the Australian Breastfeeding Association.

"The most rewarding part of my job is seeing parents have those 'a-ha' moments as they learn to understand their baby's cues and behaviours," Natasha said.

"I love watching parents grow in confidence and achieve their feeding goals. The connections we make with families during this special time are incredibly rewarding."

One of Natasha's proudest achievements has been helping establish Council's Maternal and Child Health Breastfeeding Support Service. She also played a key role in developing the online breastfeeding information sessions that continue to support local families with practical, evidence-based advice.

A typical week includes delivering online education sessions, providing individual breastfeeding support and facilitating the Know Your Newborn program for families with new babies.

Natasha's passion for the field began as a volunteer breastfeeding counsellor with the Australian Breastfeeding Association. Her desire to help more families led her to undertake further training and become qualified to provide specialised breastfeeding support.

Natasha's work is making a meaningful difference to local families and helping give children the best possible start in life.

From Greater Dandenong to the Northern Territory

You may remember Lisa Beck, our Immunisation Coordinator from the May 2025 Behind the Scenes feature in Council News. Lisa has since taken her expertise beyond Greater Dandenong, spending three months on leave from Council working as a nurse in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory, supporting the diphtheria outbreak response.

Lisa helped deliver vaccinations, maintain critical vaccine supplies and work alongside Aboriginal Health Practitioners and community leaders to improve immunisation coverage.

The experience highlighted the challenges of remote healthcare and the vital role of trust, cultural safety and community partnerships in improving health outcomes.

Lisa says the knowledge and experiences gained during her time in the Northern Territory will continue to influence her work supporting Greater Dandenong's diverse community.

Protecting our community, one vaccination at a time

We helped protect thousands of local residents from serious diseases last financial year, delivering more than 8,000 vaccinations through our Immunisation Service.

Our experienced immunisation team provides vaccinations through community clinics, school-based programs and catch-up sessions, making it easy for residents to stay up-to-date.

Vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to prevent serious illness and reduce the spread of infectious diseases in our community.

In addition to the vaccines included in the National Immunisation Program schedule, we offer access to other important vaccinations, including the Meningococcal B vaccine.

Meningococcal B vaccine

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection that can cause life-threatening illnesses, including meningitis and blood poisoning.

The Meningococcal B vaccine helps protect against one of the most common strains of the disease and is available through our immunisation service as a fee-for-service vaccination.

HPV vaccine

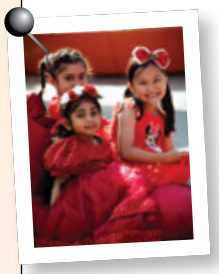
We also support the delivery of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine through Victoria's secondary school immunisation program.

The HPV vaccine protects against several types of HPV that can cause cancer and other diseases later in life. By vaccinating young people, we can significantly reduce the risk of HPV-related cancers in the future.

Whether it's your child's first vaccination, a school-based immunisation or a catch-up dose, we're here to help.

To learn more about our immunisation programs or to make a booking, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/immunisation

What's On November 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30 **Playgroups** Jan Wilson Community Centre 10am					**National Recycling Week** November 9–15 2026	1
2 **Drop-In Casual Basketball** Noble Park Community Centre 5.30pm	3 **MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY** **Free Digital Skills and English Support for Mandarin Speakers** Springvale Community Hub 10am	4 **Carols in Harmony Square** 	5 **Makerspace Series – Sew a Denim Tote Bag** Springvale Community Hub (Community Room 6) 1pm and 5.30pm $10 per workshop	6 **Strength Training** Jan Wilson Community Centre 8.30am	7 **Uncharted Waters: The Journey of Mother Tongue Exhibition** Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre 11am	8 **Ready2Rally Tennis Program** Burden Park Tennis Club 4pm
9 **Free Mental Health and Wellbeing Support** Springvale Community Hub (Meeting Room 2) 10am	10 **Women's Wellbeing Circle** Keysborough Community Hub 5pm	11 **Remembrance Day** **The Secret Life of Gardens** Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens 10am	12 **Council Meeting** Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm *This Special Meeting will commence at* *6pm to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.*	13 **Yoga and Meditation** Jan Wilson Community Centre 11.15am	14 **Community Clothes and Toy Swap** Springvale Community Hub 11am	15 
16 **Council Meeting** Dandenong Civic Centre 7pm	17 **Nature Play** Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve 10am	18 **Cricket Blasters Program** W J Turner Reserve Jacksons Road, Noble Park North 10.30	19 **Waste Wise Pop-Ups – Recycling Batteries** Springvale Community Hub 10am	20 **Advanced English Language Classes** Springvale Community Hub (Community Rooms 2 and 3) 10am	21 **Community Yoga and Meditation Workshops** Keysborough Community Hub (Community Rooms 1 and 2) 11am	22 **Play It Foward: Donate, Collect, Learn** Ross Reserve 9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park 10am
23 **Zumba** Jan Wilson Community Centre 6pm	24 **Walk Against Family Violence** Dandenong Market to Harmony Square 10.30am 	25 **Neighbourhood Watch Greater Dandenong Forum** Paddy O'Donoghue Centre 7.30pm	26 **Adult Exercise** Jan Wilson Community Centre 9.30am	27 **Zumba Gold** Jan Wilson Community Centre 10 am	28 **Dandenong Parkrun** Dandenong Park 8am	29



Dandenong Show celebrates 155 years of community spirit

155 YEARS

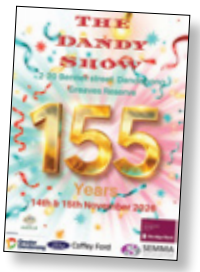
We're proud to support the Dandenong Show as it celebrates 155 years of bringing the community together through agriculture, entertainment and family fun. The show will be held on 14 and 15 November 2026 at the Dandenong Showgrounds.

This year's event will feature something for everyone, including horses, livestock, rides, showbags, market stalls, food vendors and entertainment across the weekend.

A special highlight will be the appearance of Muster Dogs, as seen on ABC TV, across both days of the show, while visitors can also enjoy Toby the T-Rex and his baby dinosaurs on Sunday, wildlife demonstrations, Scottish dancers, magic shows, giant bubbles and stilt walkers.

Horse lovers can look forward to show jumping, Clydesdale displays, harness events and the popular Shetland and Mini Derby. Animal attractions will include cattle, sheep, rabbits and flyball dog agility demonstrations.

The Exhibition Pavilion, proudly sponsored by SEMMA, will showcase the talents of local residents and school students through displays of art, photography, cookery, horticulture and crafts.



Families can also visit Kids Korner for hands-on activities, petting animals and creative fun for children. Proudly sponsored by Coffey Ford.

The Dandenong Show is made possible by the dedication of volunteers and the generous support of local businesses and sponsors. Their ongoing contribution helps ensure this much-loved community event continues to thrive year after year.

For event details, tickets and program information, visit dandyshow.com.au

Carols in Harmony Square



Sing your way into the festive season at Carols in Harmony Square

Gather your family and friends for a magical evening of live entertainment, community performances and festive fun.

Enjoy performances from local choirs, community groups and entertainers, browse market stalls, sample delicious food and soak up the Christmas spirit at this much-loved community celebration.

Whether you're singing along to your favourite carols, catching up with loved ones or simply enjoying the festive atmosphere, this free event is the perfect way to celebrate the season.

Event details

Friday 4 December 2026
5.30 to 8.30pm
Harmony Square, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

For more information, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/carols-in-harmony-square.



Plan Your Next Event in Harmony Square

Bringing an event to life the heart of Dandenong is now easier than ever. We have launched new Harmony Square Guidelines to help community groups, businesses and event organisers make the most of this vibrant civic space.

The guidelines outline available facilities, booking requirements and key information to help you plan a successful event in Harmony Square.

Want to stay informed about events and opportunities across Greater Dandenong? Sign up to our Festivals and Events eNewsletter to receive the latest event updates, industry news and opportunities.

Learn more and download the guidelines: **greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-venues-hire/harmony-square**

Sign up to the Festivals and Events eNewsletter: **greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/planning-event-greater-dandenong/festivals-and-events-newsletter**



Keep E-waste out of your bins this national recycling week

National Recycling Week is a great time to remind residents to keep e-waste out of household bins and recycle it the right way.

E-waste is any item with a plug, cord or battery. While many people think of computers, televisions and mobile phones, e-waste also includes everyday items such as electric toothbrushes, toys, headphones, watches, remote controls and small household appliances. A simple rule to remember is: if it lights up, moves, makes noise or needs charging (or used to), it's e-waste.

When e-waste is placed in household rubbish or recycling bins, it can create serious safety risks. Many electronic items contain batteries that can be damaged during collection and processing. Crushed batteries can spark dangerous fires in collection trucks, transfer stations and recycling facilities.

Improperly disposed e-waste can also harm the environment. Electronic products may contain materials that can pollute soil, water and air when sent to landfill. At the same time, these items contain valuable resources such as metals, plastics and glass that can be recovered and used to make new products. Recycling e-waste helps conserve resources and supports a circular economy where materials are reused rather than wasted.

We encourage residents to keep e-waste out of their bins and recycle it instead. You can use the Recycle Mate app to identify e-waste items and find your nearest drop-off location. You can also visit our website for information about local Resource Recovery Centres that accept e-waste or bring unwanted items to one of our Reuse and Recycle Drop-off Days.

Before you throw something away, take a moment to check it. If it has a plug, cord or battery, it doesn't belong in your household rubbish or recycling bin. By recycling e-waste correctly, we can help prevent fires, protect the environment and recover valuable resources for future use.

Find out more:

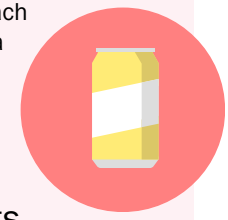
Reuse and Recycle Drop Off Day:
greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/recycling-and-rubbish/reuse-and-recycle-drop-days

Which Bin do I put it in?
greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/which-bin

Leave 10 cent containers in public bin baskets for others to collect

Finding a refund point for eligible drink containers is even easier with CDS Vic bin baskets now installed at selected public locations across Greater Dandenong.

The baskets provide a dedicated place for people to leave eligible drink containers for others to collect and return through Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic), where each container is worth a 10-cent refund.



The initiative helps reduce litter, supports recycling and creates opportunities for community members and groups to raise funds through container collection.

When using the baskets, please place only empty eligible drink containers inside. General rubbish, coffee cups, food packaging and other waste should not be placed in the baskets, as this limits their use for others.

To find the nearest CDS Vic refund point, visit cdsvic.org.au/locations.



Electric vehicles for a more sustainable city

Cleaner air, lower emissions and a more sustainable future are driving Greater Dandenong City Council's transition to electric vehicles.

Climate Change is shaping our lives, our health and the places we call home. As part of our commitment to climate action, we are replacing fleet vehicles with lower-emission alternatives to create a healthier environment for current and future generations.

Greater Dandenong Mayor, Councillor Sophie Tan said transport was one of the biggest sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

"Climate change is no longer a distant issue. By transitioning our vehicles to electric alternatives we can reduce our carbon footprint and contribute to a more sustainable future," Mayor Tan said.

"We have already replaced 76% of our passenger cars with hybrid and electric vehicles, and we are committed to replacing all cars with low-emission alternatives by 2030.

"Cleaner transport benefits the whole community and is part of our broader vision for Greater Dandenong to be a green city committed to a sustainable future."

We're also working to find greener alternatives for our larger vehicles. So far, we have introduced five trucks and four electric vans, including the colourful Our Bright Green Future Education Electric Van which stands out at community events.



"When each of our larger vehicles is due for replacement, we are investigating the options available to reduce their impact on the environment," Mayor Tan said.

"With the electric vehicle market rapidly growing we know there will be more options in the coming years and we look forward to embracing new technology to help us reduce our overall carbon footprint to zero."

As a Council, we are committed to being an industry leader and want to show the community that there are steps we can all take to create a more sustainable city for future generations.

Visit **greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au** and search for *Our Brigsht Green Future Strategy 2026-2036* to find out how we are addressing climate change and building a sustainable city.

Our Bright Green Future education electric van

The e-van can drive up to 275km on a single charge. It has a variety of custom features designed to engage and educate, including:

- ✔ Two 140 watt solar panels
- ✔ A TV screen for playing content and displaying information
- ✔ Charging station for mobile phones
- ✔ Retractable awning and picnic table for fun activities with the community.

The e-van attends many Council-run events and is used by our environmental education team to engage visitors.

Other large vehicles

We have a litter truck used by our cleansing team to pick up dumped rubbish.

We also have four trucks used to transport:

- ✔ soil and plants to job sites
- ✔ mowing equipment to job sites
- ✔ signage and street furniture
- ✔ the team who look after minor repairs to playgrounds and furniture in parks.

Our three electric vans are used by our Libraries Team, Immunisation Team and Home Maintenance Crew to carry out work across Greater Dandenong.

CLEANER TRANSPORT

love your libraries

Libraries Change Lives

The Social Knitwork

For more than 12 years, Social Knitwork volunteers have created handmade items for people in need. This year, they will donate scarves, beanies and blankets to to Uniting's Homelessness Service. The group meets every Wednesday at 10am at Dandenong Library and new members are welcome.



Libraries After Dark

Batik

Springvale Library, Thursday
5 November, 6.30pm–8pm

Learn traditional batik techniques and create your own unique fabric design.



Tezhib

Keysborough Community Hub, Thursday
12 November, 6pm–7.30pm

Discover the art of Islamic illumination and create decorative floral designs.

Watercolour

Dandenong Library, Thursday
19 November, 6.30pm–8pm

Learn simple watercolour techniques in this beginner-friendly workshop.

Cricut Basics

Springvale Library, Thursday
26 November, 6.30pm–8pm

Learn how to design and create projects using a Cricut cutting machine.



Book for events by visiting greaterdandenong-events.bookable.net.au

Card Making – Art, Craft, and Conversation

Springvale Library, Wednesday
25 November, 6.30pm–8pm

Enjoy a relaxed evening of crafting and conversation while learning simple weaving techniques.

RSPCA Dog Safety Workshop

Keysborough Community Hub,
Wednesday 18 November
6pm–7pm

Delivered by the RSPCA, this session provides practical advice on responsible dog ownership, understanding dog behaviour and keeping your family and pets safe.

Disability Housing Information Session

Springvale Library, Tuesday
24 November 6.30pm–7.30pm

Learn about disability housing options, navigating the housing system and accessing suitable housing and support services.

Children's Programs

Dungeons & Dragons

Dandenong Library, Sunday
22 November, 1.30pm –4.30pm

Join an epic Dungeons & Dragons adventure. Suitable for ages 13+.

Family Fun

Springvale Library, Saturday
7 November, 3pm–4pm

Enjoy LEGO®, board games and puzzles with the whole family.

Healthy Little Smiles Storytime

Springvale Library, Thursday
19 November, 10.30am–11am

Enjoy stories, songs and activities that promote healthy dental habits.



Life Cycles and Reproduction – The Think Tank

Springvale Library, Saturday
21 November, 2.30pm–3.30pm

Dandenong Library, Saturday
28 November, 2.30pm–3.30pm

Meet live animals and learn about life cycles through hands-on activities. Suitable for ages 7+.

Libraries after Dark: libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/lad
Art Series: libraries.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/whats/art-series

ARTS IN GREATER DANDENONG

WHERE CULTURE COMES ALIVE

WALKER STREET GALLERY AND ARTS CENTRE

Corner Walker and Robinson Streets, Dandenong

Open Wednesday to Saturday, 11am–3pm

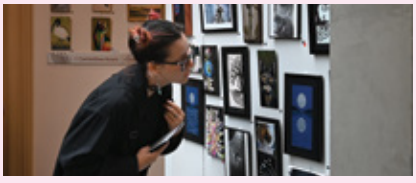
Free entry



UNCHARTED WATERS: THE JOURNEY OF MOTHER TONGUE

Now showing until Saturday 14 November

Acclaimed choreographer Annalouise Paul explores movement, culture and connection through a newly commissioned dance film and immersive installation. Experience a unique blend of traditional practices, storytelling and emerging technologies before the exhibition closes



SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR 9 BY 5

Exhibition dates: 13 February (opening event 3pm) – 7 May 2027

Artists of all ages and experience levels are invited to submit an original 2D artwork in the iconic 9 x 5-inch format. Painting, drawing, photography, printmaking and mixed media entries are welcome. Places are limited, so early submissions are encouraged. Entries close 20 December 2026.

greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/9by5

HERITAGE HILL MUSEUM AND HISTORIC GARDENS

66 McCrae Street, Dandenong

Open Wednesday and Thursday, 10am–2pm

Free entry



THE SECRET LIFE OF GARDENS

Now showing until Thursday 4 February

Discover the hidden stories of Heritage Hill's gardens, from early home landscapes to the influence of renowned designer Edna Walling. Explore how gardens have shaped Australian life, culture and our connection to nature.



PLANTING FOR NATIVE BIRDS, BEES AND BUTTERFLIES

Thursday 19 November, 1.30pm–3pm

Join writer and gardener Jaclyn Crupi to learn practical and affordable ways to attract native birds, bees and butterflies to your backyard and create a wildlife-friendly garden.

Connect with us
Instagram **@artsgreaterdandy**
Facebook **/artsingreaterdandenong**

DRUM THEATRE

226 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

Box office open Monday to Friday, 10am–4pm

Free exhibition entry

DRUM THEATRE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 7 November, 5pm–9pm

Celebrate 20 years of the Drum Theatre with a special one-night-only performance experience. Led by local dramaturg Oz Malik, this immersive event will bring the theatre to life with performances throughout the building, featuring community and professional artists including Victorian State Ballet, Djarlo Dance Group and Harsiddhi Mody.

Book now via **drumtheatre.com.au/20years** and join us for this milestone celebration.

MOTOWN LEGACY

Thursday 12 November, 10.30am



A soulful theatre experience by Giovanni Adams, blending classic Motown hits with powerful stories of migration, belonging and cultural legacy. Commissioned and supported by Council.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Thursday 3 December, 10.30am

Get into the festive spirit with this special Encore Christmas show featuring classic carols, favourite holiday songs, singalongs and plenty of festive fun with Melissa Langton and Mark Jones.



Play It Forward: Donate, Collect, Learn

Do you have sporting equipment you no longer use, or are you looking for affordable gear to get active? Come along to Play It Forward: Donate, Collect, Learn this November to donate pre-loved sports equipment or collect items through the Sports Share program.

Delivered in partnership with Reclink Australia and Team Sports 4 All, the event helps make sport and recreation more accessible by providing opportunities to donate and collect pre-loved sporting equipment through the Sports Share program.

The free community event will also connect residents with organisations and services that help people overcome barriers to participating in sport and recreation.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy family-friendly activities, a raffle and a free sausage sizzle while learning how donated sporting equipment can help local people get involved in community sports.

Event details

Sunday 22 November 2026
10am to 2pm
Ross Reserve Sports Pavilion,
9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/play-it-forward for more information.



2027 Community Calendar

We are introducing a new way to receive your annual Community Calendar for 2027.

We know how important the calendar is to households across Greater Dandenong, with valuable information on managing waste and when to put bins out for collection.

To support our sustainability efforts, we're introducing a convenient local pick-up model.

From December 2026, you will be able to collect your 2027 Community Calendar from convenient locations across our community, including Council Customer Service Centres and libraries in Dandenong, Springvale and Keysborough. We will also be delivering copies to retirement villages.

If you are unable to collect your calendar due to special circumstances, please reach out to us using the contact details on page 2.

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au to find out how to get your hands on our 2027 Community Calendar.

More homes, more housing choice



We are taking a leading role in advocating for more affordable and social housing. We have been a member of the Regional Local Government Homelessness and Social Housing Charter Group since it was established in 2020. Together with 12 partner councils, we champion practical solutions that increase housing supply, improve affordability and help prevent homelessness.

This month, we will host the launch of the updated Regional Local Government Homelessness and Social Housing Charter. The event will bring together mayors, CEOs and senior staff from our 12 participating councils to reaffirm their commitment to a shared housing advocacy agenda and renewed action to increase affordable and social housing.

Mayor Councillor Sophie Tan said housing affordability remains one of the biggest challenges facing our community.

"Everyone deserves access to a safe and secure place to call home, yet too many people are struggling to find housing they can afford. We need all levels of government working together to increase the supply of affordable and social housing and support people experiencing housing stress"

Housing costs in Greater Dandenong have risen faster than incomes for decades, placing increasing pressure on very low and low-income households.

Through our housing advocacy, we are calling for action on several key priorities, including:

- More social and affordable housing.
- A local pilot to support faster and more affordable housing delivery.
- Fairer planning and tax settings to unlock housing opportunities.
- Better support for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Stronger homelessness prevention and early intervention.

By working with our regional partners and advocating to State and Federal Governments, we are helping ensure more people can access safe, affordable housing close to jobs, transport and services.

To explore all eight Regional Local Government Homelessness and Social Housing Charter advocacy priorities, visit our Housing Charter webpage at: **greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/housing-charter**



Investing in active and healthy communities

Sport and recreation play an important role in keeping our community healthy, active and connected. We are advocating for investment in sporting facilities and recreation spaces that meet the needs of residents now and into the future.

Our recent Adult Social Badminton Program highlighted increased interest in indoor court-based sports like badminton, basketball, volleyball and pickleball.

Delivered in partnership with South East Leisure and Noble Park Sports Club, the free, eight-week program attracted over 60 registrations, with an average of 28 participants attending each week. This made it one of our most successful community sport programs and built on the success of the Come and Try Badminton initiative.

While participation continues to grow, the availability of indoor court space has not kept pace with demand. Through our 2026-27 Advocacy Priorities, we are advocating for a Greater Dandenong Stadium Growth Feasibility Study to assess future demand for indoor stadium facilities across the municipality and identify opportunities to expand capacity.

We are seeking support for upgrades to JC Mills Reserve, Rowley Allan Reserve, Tatterson Park, Greaves Reserve, Frederick Wachter Reserve and the Lyndale Secondary College Sports Precinct. These projects will deliver modern, accessible facilities that support local sporting clubs, encourage participation and promote healthy, active lifestyles.

By investing in sport and recreation infrastructure today, we can ensure residents have access to the facilities they need to stay active, connected and engaged for years to come.

To learn more about our 2026–27 Advocacy Priorities and other sport and recreation projects, visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/advocacy

CAROLS

IN HARMONY SQUARE

Friday 4 December

5.30pm – 8.30pm

225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

Free entry

Carols sing-along | Free face painting
Santa meet and greet
Best Christmas look competition
Festive stalls and activities



Greater Dandenong

greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/carols-in-harmony-square