Welcome to the August edition of The City.

In this month’s issue we celebrate our highest sporting achievers through the Greater Dandenong Sports Awards. Turn to page 7 to read about all of our winners who received their awards at a gala night held in July.

Our libraries are also celebrating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) month with a number of new programs designed to make learning fun. Read more about what is happening in our libraries on pages 8 and 9.

Read about a million dollar project helping to protect the Dandenong Creek corridor on page 6, and learn more about protecting your car from theft on page 12.

The Victorian Small Business Festival is also rolling into town this month. Find out about some exciting programs and workshops designed to help small business flourish on page 14.

Whatever you do this month I hope you enjoy yourself and make the most of all this great city has to offer.

My City

It’s bright, it’s colourful and it has been created with the help of local students. This new temporary artwork in Warwick Avenue Springvale was created by artist Julian Clavijo. Called Upside Down the work aims to inspire people to see the world through the eyes of a child. It was painted in part by students at Springvale Rise Primary School. Visit greaterdandenong.com for more information.

Mayor’s message

Mayor Jim Memeti

The City

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Dandenong Civic Centre
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

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Australian Animal
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Nurse on Call.................................1300 606 024

Briefs

Council Plan 2017–21

The City of Greater Dandenong adopted its new Council Plan 2017–21 on Monday 26 June. The plan was developed in consultation with the community, key stakeholders and Council staff and focuses on a number of key priorities including community participation, safety, sustainability and the environment, quality public open space, tourism, support for business and transparent and accountable decision making. For further information on Council’s new strategic objectives and key priorities for the next four years please visit our website at greaterdandenong.com

Australia Day Awards

Recognise the exceptional contribution people make in our community by nominating them for the 2018 Greater Dandenong Australia Day Awards. You can nominate across seven categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Leader of the Year (under 25)
- Volunteer of the Year
- Leadership Award
- Multicultural Award
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Corporate Citizen of the Year.

Winners will be selected by a community panel and will be presented with their awards at a community celebration of Australia Day, 26 January 2018. Nominations close Friday 20 October. Visit greaterdandenong.com for more information.

Community Wellbeing Plan 2017–21

Council’s Draft Community Health and Wellbeing Plan will guide Council’s health and wellbeing priorities over the next four years. It is based on consultation, feedback and comments from the community, but now we want to know if we got it right. You can see a hard copy of the plan at our customer service centres and libraries, or visit our website to see an electronic copy. You can provide feedback until mid-August. Visit greaterdandenong.com for more information.

Community Satisfaction Survey

Council has come out ahead of the state average in all categories of an annual customer satisfaction survey of residents.

Each year Local Government Victoria coordinates the state-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey and 68 of Victoria’s 79 local government areas took part this year.

The survey assesses Council’s performance across a range of measures and seeks to find ways to improve service delivery.

The 2017 results of this survey show that Greater Dandenong is tracking well compared to other local governments.

Council scored above the state average in all seven categories, and above the metropolitan average in five categories. There were 18 metropolitan councils registered for this year’s survey including Melbourne, Monash, Knox, Whitehorse and Bayside.

Greater Dandenong scored well in the areas of community consultation (eight points above the state average) and advocacy (seven points above the state average). These figures reinforce Council’s commitment to working with the community.

Council’s overall performance scored 64, which was on par with other metropolitan councils, but five points higher than the state average.

Residents were also happier with Greater Dandenong’s overall direction, with a score of 60, compared to 54 for other metropolitan councils and 53 for a state average.

Visit greaterdandenong.com for the full results.

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**Council Meetings**

**MONDAY 14 AUGUST**

**MONDAY 28 AUGUST**

Did you know you can watch Council meetings live online via our web-cast service?  
You can keep up with all the latest decisions, hear questions from residents and find out the many ways your local councillors are serving the community.

To view meetings online simply go to greaterdandenong.com/councilmeetings

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**Council meetings are held on the second and the fourth Monday of the month.**

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

The August meetings will be held:

- **Monday 14 August**
- **Monday 28 August**
New lighting was recently installed on the number one soccer pitch for the Dandenong City Soccer Club. The club plays at the Frank Holohan Soccer Complex, on Baden Powell Drive in the Police Paddocks.

This project is a great example of collaboration. Council, through the Capital Improvement Program, contributed $200,000 towards the lights, and the soccer club contributed $45,000 plus the work of three men for 70 hours. By working together Council and the club have had a fantastic outcome and the club is now able to play games at night.

The Dandenong City Soccer Club is a family orientated club that always welcomes new members. The club has men’s, women’s and junior teams, but as it is near the end of the 2017 season these teams are already full. If you would like to inquire about the 2018 season please contact the club on 9795 8228, trials will begin in October 2017.

The Springvale Town Hall has now reopened to the public following a beautiful refurbishment. Closed since October 2016, the interior of the hall has undergone a major transformation and last month re-opened for bookings.

I am proud of this asset and the fact it is open to the whole community. This refurbishment is the first major renovation since the hall was built in the 1960s, so I encourage everyone to consider using these beautiful new facilities for their next function.

Another major project, the Springvale Boulevard Project will transform Springvale Road into a signature boulevard and make the suburb stand out as one of Melbourne’s leading cultural destinations.

The design phase of the project is well underway and the first stage of construction, which will be located in the stretch between Windsor and Queen avenues, is valued at $1 million and is due to begin in early 2018.

The proposed improvements take into account community feedback which was collected from more than 1000 people, and will give Springvale Road a new look featuring kerbside garden beds and trees, improved street lighting, artwork, safety enhancements and more footpath space for pedestrian and trader activities.

The project will take several years to fully complete. Stage 1 designs are being reviewed in consultation with key agencies, including Vic Roads and will soon go on public exhibition.

Recently residents attended a Community Safety Forum for Lightwood Ward. It was good to see people engage with Council and local police on the topic of community safety and there were some interesting discussions held on the night.

I want to make it clear that Council has listened to all of your concerns and we will be working with local authorities and community members to address issues of public safety.

I would also like to let drivers in Springvale know that work has been completed on the new ramp at the number 8 car park, making entry and exit at this car park much easier.

If you need to contact me on any council related issues please do so on 9795 6574 or 0466 004 616.

If you would like to talk to me about any local issues you can email me at Youhorn.chea@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 0417 320 645.
A million dollar project to help restore the Dandenong Creek corridor has begun, and a planting day at Tirhatuan Park this month will help the community play its part in the transformation.

The project, ‘Transforming the Dandenong Creek corridor into a world-class urban Living Link’, will be carried out across 35 sites over the next three years.

The sites will be enhanced through weed control, revegetation and other environmental activities to help strengthen this important corridor and make it a better place for wildlife and people.

Tirhatuan Park in Dandenong North will host a community planting day on Saturday 19 August. In preparation students from Dandenong High School’s Operation Newstart program helped spread five truckloads of mulch across the planting area.

The planting day aims to transform the mown open area alongside Dandenong Creek into a natural bushland, which will help extend and connect habitat for animals.

The ‘Transforming the Dandenong Creek corridor into a world-class urban Living Link’ project is part of a $1 million grant to Living Links from the Victorian Government’s Our Catchment, Our Communities initiative. Delivery of the project is a partnership involving the Port Phillip & Westemport CMA, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, local community groups and the cities of Greater Dandenong, Casey, Knox and Maroondah.

Council has updated its Domestic Animal Management Plan and is seeking feedback on the draft document.

The Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017–20 seeks to balance the competing needs of animal owners, the wider community and the animals that share people’s lives.

Key issues addressed by the plan include:

► Training for animal management officers (rangers)
► Promoting and encouraging responsible pet ownership
► Minimising the risk of dog attacks
► Over population and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats
► Encouraging registration and identification of dogs and cats
► Minimising the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance
► Identifying all dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs in the municipality to ensure they are kept in compliance with the law.

The feedback period opens 8 August and closes 8 September.

To see the draft plan and submit comments visit greaterdandenong.com, or for a hard copy visit one of our customer service centres or libraries. For more information phone 8571 1445.

www.greaterdandenong.com
The third annual awards recognised sports clubs, players and coaches from a wide range of sports including baseball, basketball, cricket, soccer, football and athletics.

The Community Street Soccer Program run by The Big Issue was named the Project of the Year. Based in Dandenong, the program uses sport to engage homeless, marginalised and disadvantaged people to address health issues. More than 900 players took part in the local program last year, accessing informal support for a range of mental and physical health issues.

The Sandown Cobras All Abilities Sports Club received the All Abilities Award for providing an environment which welcomes all children to play team sports. The club runs come and try sports days, and also supports an Aussie Rules football team, as well as a basketball team and Auskick sessions.

The Team of the Year award was jointly presented to the Dandenong Rangers South East Australia Basketball League Women’s Team and the Dandenong Angels Baseball ‘A Grade’ Team. The Rangers won the 2016 season with a team of predominantly ‘home grown’ talent, while the Angels won their first premiership in 52 years.

North Dandenong Cricket Club player Yash Pednekar was named Junior Athlete of the Year, for his role as a leader on and off the cricket pitch.

Male Athlete of the Year was awarded to Nilesh Vaheesan, who is the Under-18 2017 state 110m hurdles champion.

Joint winners for Coach of the Year were Dandenong City Soccer Club’s Gulcan Koca and Community Street Soccer Program coach Stuart McGown.

Dandenong Baseball Club was named Club of the Year.

Volunteer of the Year award was won by Kelly Applebee who has been a tireless volunteer with an infectious positive attitude at the Dandenong Women’s Cricket Club.

Visit greaterdandenong.com to read more about our winners.

Sandown Cobras All Abilities Football Team

Coach Doug West said the Sandown Cobras All Abilities Football Team is hoping to go back to back as premiers this year.

But more than that, they are hoping to be able to play to the best of their abilities and have fun with their mates.

“These guys and girls are amazing. They turn up every week and they have fun together and they have made some great friendships, and that is what this club is about,” Mr West said.

“We have worked hard to teach them football skills, and watching them get out on the field during games and be able to use those skills to kick goals and win games is great, but that is not what the team is about.

“The rewarding part for me is that these kids appreciate what we are doing with them, and to see them so proud of their own achievements is just great. It doesn’t matter if they win or lose, I am still proud of them.”

For more information contact Lewis Short at lewatmel@netspace.net.au or phone 0438 534 719.

www.greaterdandenong.com
August is a big month for the Greater Dandenong Libraries, as we celebrate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics).

As well as our usual programs the libraries will be introducing some awesome new programs to help residents learn new skills.

**Learn with Chisholm**

In a new partnership with Chisholm TAFE, our libraries will run two new design programs to give members a taste of tertiary study in the field of web design and graphic design.

The partnership will provide high-end learning opportunities for people who want to study digital literacy, technology and art, and will give participants a taste of further study before they commit to a course.

The sessions will be run by second and third year Chisholm students, giving them the opportunity to explore professional development and career opportunities in teaching.

Two-hour Intro to Web Design classes will run for four weeks every Wednesday from 9 August, at Springvale Library, from 6.30pm.

The two-hour Intro to Graphic Design classes will be run for four weeks every Thursday from 10 August, at Dandenong Library, from 6.30pm.

**Coding for kids**

Be inspired to learn with this locally created coding education program.

*Educafun* has created the Scratch program, which sees coding and technology as tools to teach STEAM subjects. Instead of teaching students coding as a standalone subject, Scratch teaches students to design cool programs while in the process learning about music, numbers, planets and other concepts.

For children aged 7-11, four free sessions will be held at Dandenong Library every Saturday in August, from 10.30am-12pm.

**Learning with Dad**

*Me and My Dad* is a monthly science and nature program designed for children aged 7-11 and a parent or carer.

The program aims to foster curiosity and interest in various fields of science through hands-on workshops and presentations by skilled facilitators.

The program provides a unique opportunity for parents and carers to observe and encourage their child’s engagement with science in a supportive and engaging environment.

This month’s program is on the topic of “Animal life cycles and reproduction”, at Dandenong Library on Saturday 12 August, from 3pm.

**Spoken Word**

As part of Council’s acclaimed [SUB]URBAN Studio program, local spoken word artist Abdul Hammoud will run two spoken word workshops at Dandenong Library.

Hammoud said: “Spoken Word is very empowering – it’s not just about writing and using the artist’s words – it’s about sharing them with others and encouraging a reaction from the audience”.

Drop in for these free workshops on Wednesday 9 August and Wednesday 23 August, 6.30pm-8pm.

**Turn the page together**

Join other library visitors for the Silent Reading Hour at Springvale Library on Tuesday 15 August, from 6pm.

While reading a book is considered a solo activity, there are times when you just want to share that space with someone else.

This is an opportunity to enjoy your book, surrounded by other people enjoying their own books, in a comfortable setting at the library.

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Regular programs

The Greater Dandenong Libraries is more than just a place to study, read or borrow books. Every week we run a variety of programs to support our whole community, here are some of our regulars.

**Mondays:** Toddler Time, both libraries, 10.30am
Library Tech Assist, Dandenong, 11am-12pm
Peer2Peer Homework help, Dandenong, 4pm-6pm

**Tuesdays:** Get Together Playgroup, Dandenong, 1pm-2.30pm
Learning Help for Adults, Dandenong, 1pm-3pm
Conversation Circle – Advanced, Dandenong, 6pm

**Wednesdays:** Social Knitwork, Dandenong, 10am
Learning Help for Adults, Springvale, 2pm-5pm
Baby Bounce, Dandenong, 10.30am
VET Support Services, Dandenong, 10am-1pm

**Thursdays:** Storytime, both libraries, 10.30am
Kids Playgroup, Dandenong, 12.30pm-2.30pm
Library Tech Assist, Dandenong, 6pm-7pm
Conversation Circle – Beginners, Dandenong, 6pm
Learning Help for Adults, Dandenong, 2pm-5pm

**Fridays:** Sisters of Mercy English Tutoring, Dandenong, 9.30am-11am
Learn English Through Storytime, Dandenong, 11pm-12.30pm
Baby Bounce, Springvale, 10.30am

**Saturdays:** Family Fun, Springvale, 11am-12pm

For more information or to book into a program visit greaterdandenonglibraries.com.au or phone 1300 630 920.

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Melbourne Writers’ Festival

Every year Melbourne hosts a literary festival to celebrate the written word and inspire writers and bookworms to turn the page.

For the second year Greater Dandenong will host events as part of the Melbourne Writers’ Festival (25 August-3 September), with three events taking place this year.

**Osamah Sami**
Friday 1 September, 11am-12pm, Dandenong Library
In this special event for high school students, writer, director, stand-up comedian and spoken word artist Osamah Sami will give students a first-hand insight into his extraordinary life experiences and respond to the themes within his writing across books, film and TV.

**Literary Lunch with Tom Keneally and Meg Keneally**
Saturday 2 September, 12.30pm-2pm, Dandenong Library
Enjoy a light lunch, chat to fellow readers and engage in an intimate talk with Tom Keneally (author of *Schindler’s Ark*) and Meg Keneally (former journalist for *The Daily Telegraph*), authors of *The Unmourned* – a murder mystery set in convict Australia.

**Storytelling Live: Tomorrow**
Saturday 2 September, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre
A selection of authors, poets and literary artists will share their intimate thoughts, ideas and stories on the theme of ‘Tomorrow’. These artists will consider what comes after today in an entertaining night that celebrates the art of oral storytelling.

For more information visit greaterdandenonglibraries.com.au or phone 1300 630 920.

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Volunteers needed

Greater Dandenong Library Service members who can no longer make it to the library to peruse the shelves can take advantage of our Home Library Service.

The service provides a free library delivery service to eligible residents, but more volunteers are needed to keep up with demand.

Patrons can borrow books, talking books, music CDs and DVDs, magazines and materials in a range of languages. Volunteers take a selection of items to the patron’s home, where they select what they want to borrow.

To find out more about the program or to enquire about volunteering speak to a library staff member or phone 1300 630 920.
## Event Calendar / August 2017

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**August**

### MONDAY
- **Career Support Service**
  Dandenong Library, 10am-1pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Beginner Weaving Workshop**
  Heritage Hill
  66 McCrae Street, Dandenong
  6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 8571 1666
- **Dandenong Evening View Club**
  Dandenong RSL, 44-50 Clow Street, 7pm
  Ph: 9580 9717

### TUESDAY
- **Combined Probus Club of Noble Park**
  Club Noble, Moodemere Street, Noble Park, 10am
  Ph: 9546 2346
- **NAIDOC Week Celebrations**
  Drum Theatre, 3pm-6pm
  8571 1000
- **Start Your Business Right**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920

### WEDNESDAY
- **Dandenong and District Diabetic Support Group**
  Paddy O’Donoghue Centre
  2pm
  Ph: 9546 2346
- **Art Series**
  Dandenong Library
  6.30pm-8pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Baby Bounce**
  Dandenong Library
  10.30am (every Wednesday)
  Ph: 1300 630 920

### THURSDAY
- **Multicultural Women’s Sewing Group**
  Neighbourhood House, 46-50 Queens Ave
  9am-12pm
  Ph: 9548 3972

### JANUARY
- **Combined Probus Club of Sandown**
  Club Noble, Moodemere Street, Noble Park, 10am
  Ph: 9791 6807
- **Business Planning Essentials**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Council Meeting**
  Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, 7pm

### FEBRUARY
- **Peer 2 Peer Homework Club**
  Dandenong Library
  4pm-6pm (every Monday)
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Create a One Page Business Plan**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920

### MARCH
- **Noble Park Country Women’s Association**
  General Meeting
  Paddy O’Donoghue Centre
  10am-12pm, Ph: 9547 7261
- **Taxation for Home-Based Business**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Council Meeting**
  Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, 7pm

### APRIL
- **Interviews Made Easy**
  Dandenong Library
  10.30am
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Networking with a Purpose**
  Dandenong Library
  6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Combined Probus Club of Noble Park**
  Club Noble, Moodemere Street, Noble Park, 10am
  Ph: 9597 1000

### MAY
- **Business Planning Essentials**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Combined Probus Club of Noble Park**
  Club Noble, Moodemere Street, Noble Park, 10am
  Ph: 9546 2346
- **Start Your Business Right**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920

### JUNE
- **Dandenong and District Diabetic Support Group**
  Paddy O’Donoghue Centre
  2pm
  Ph: 9546 2346
- **Art Series**
  Dandenong Library
  6.30pm-8pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Library Storytime**
  Springvale and Dandenong Libraries
  10.30am (every Saturday)
  Ph: 1300 630 920

### JULY
- **Library Storytime**
  Springvale and Dandenong Libraries
  10.30am (every Saturday)
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Combined Probus Club of Noble Park**
  Club Noble, Moodemere Street, Noble Park, 10am
  Ph: 9546 2346
- **Start Your Business Right**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920

### AUGUST
- **Combined Probus Club of Sandown**
  Club Noble, Moodemere Street, Noble Park, 10am
  Ph: 9791 6807
- **Business Planning Essentials**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Council Meeting**
  Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, 7pm

### SEPTEMBER
- **Peer 2 Peer Homework Club**
  Dandenong Library
  4pm-6pm (every Monday)
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Create a One Page Business Plan**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920

### OCTOBER
- **Noble Park Country Women’s Association**
  General Meeting
  Paddy O’Donoghue Centre
  10am-12pm, Ph: 9547 7261
- **Taxation for Home-Based Business**
  Dandenong Library, 6.30pm-8.30pm
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Council Meeting**
  Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, 7pm
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Heritage Hill, 66 McCrae Street, Dandenong  
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Ph: 8571 1666 | ► Art Club for Children  
Heritage Hill, 66 McCrae Street, Dandenong  
10.30am-12pm (every Saturday)  
Ph: 8571 1666 | ► All Nations Social Cricket  
Dandenong Park, Pultney Street  
12pm-2.30pm (every Sunday)  
Ph: 0430 783 526 |
| ► Progressive Polish Food Tour  
Central Dandenong  
10.30am-12.30pm  
Ph: 8571 5222 | ► Little Craft for Little Hands  
(2-4 years)  
Heritage Hill, 66 McCrae Street, Dandenong  
10.30am-11.30am (every Saturday)  
Ph: 8571 1666 | ► Greater Dandenong Environment Group  
Dandenong Wetlands, Stud Road, Dandenong North  
9.30am  
Ph: 8571 1702 |
| ► Sisters of Mercy  
English Tutoring  
Dandenong Library  
9.30am-11am (every Friday)  
Ph: 1300 630 920 | ► National Tree Day Planting  
Trifatua Park, Dandenong North  
10am-1pm  
Ph: 8571 1702 | ► Incredible You Women’s Event  
Springers Leisure Centre, 400 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough  
1pm-5pm  
www.tix.yt/incredibleyou |
| ► St Kilda Film Festival Regional Tour  
Drum Theatre  
7pm  
Ph: 8571 1666 | ► Family Fun at the Library  
Springvale Library  
11am (every Saturday)  
Ph: 1300 630 920 | ► Keysborough Resurrection School Community Swap  
Productive Gardens, 414-418 Corrigan Road, 10am  
Ph: 8571 1666 |
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Productive Gardens, 414-418 Corrigan Road, 10am  
Ph: 8571 1666 | ► Drink Lake  
Drum Theatre, 7.30pm  
Ph: 8571 1666 | ► Springvale Rotary  
Sunday Market  
Springvale Railway Station  
8am-2pm, Ph: 0438 303 939 |
| ► Drink Lake  
Drum Theatre, 7.30pm  
Ph: 8571 1666 | | ► Springvale Rotary  
Sunday Market  
Springvale Railway Station  
8am-2pm, Ph: 0438 303 939 |
| ► Swan Lake  
Drum Theatre, 7.30pm  
Ph: 8571 1666 | | ► Swan Lake  
Drum Theatre, 2pm and 7.30pm  
Ph: 8571 1666 |

**Contact:**

- **City of Greater Dandenong**  
  Ph: 8571 1000
- **Drum Theatre**  
  Ph: 8571 1666
- **Dandenong Library**  
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens**  
  Ph: 9793 4511
- **Jan Wilson Community Centre**  
  Ph: 9795 9279
- **Paddy O’Donoghue Centre**  
  Ph: 8571 1436
- **Springvale Library**  
  Ph: 1300 630 920
- **Springers Leisure Centre**  
  Ph: 9701 5900
- **Walker Street Gallery**  
  Ph: 9706 8441
- **Dandenong Market**  
  Ph: 9701 3850
- **Cultural Tours**  
  Ph: 8571 1666

**Send your event listings to news@cgd.vic.gov.au**

**List your community event online at greaterdandenong.com/eventlistings**

www.greaterdandenong.com
**Protect your keys, protect your car**

In Greater Dandenong 841 cars were stolen in the 12 months to June 2016. A few simple precautions can help protect your car.

**Most car thefts are opportunistic:** 75 per cent of stolen cars are taken for short term use, including to get to a second destination, for a joy ride or to commit a crime. The behaviour of ‘joy riders’ puts both the offenders and the community at risk.

**Most cars are stolen from the owner’s home:** 75 per cent of stolen cars are taken from the driveway, garage or from the street in front of the owner’s home.

**Most newer cars are stolen using the keys:** 70 per cent of cars are stolen using the keys. Cars made after 2001 have engine immobilisers fitted, so thieves need your keys to start your car.

You can better protect your car with these three simple steps.

► **Lock your car every time:** Whether you are at home, work, shopping, school or a petrol station, you must lock your car and make sure your windows are up.

► **Keep your keys safe:** Never leave your keys in your car or in the ignition, or lying around at home.

► **Keep your home secure:** Lock your garage, house doors and windows.

Police also advise motorists to never leave valuables in your car and park in a well-lit and secure area if possible. Report any suspicious behaviour to police via 000.

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**Explore your creative side**

Make, See, Do and Create at Heritage Hill in a variety of creative classes, lifestyle workshops and tours.

There is something for everyone this term, with art classes for toddlers and primary school aged children, an introduction to painting and life drawing, or learn how to compost, weave or sew.

Read about the full program and find out how to book at greaterdandenong.com/arts or phone 8571 1666.

**Little Crafts for Little Hands**
Every Tuesday, 10.30am-11.30am

**Life Drawing**
Every Thursday, 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Introduction to Painting**
Every Friday, 10.30am-12.30pm

**Art Club**
Every Saturday 10.30am-12pm

**It’s About Me Scrapbooking**
Wednesdays (9-23 August), 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Card Making**
Wednesdays (6-20 September)

**Rachel’s Beginner Weaving Workshop**
Tuesday 1 August, 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Advanced Weaving with Wunder Weave**
Saturday 19 August, 1pm-5pm

**Candle Making**
Tuesday 22 August, 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Composting Workshop**
Wednesday 30 August, 10.30am-12.30pm

**Sewing Basics: Make Felt Mobiles**
Tuesday 5 September 6.30pm-8.30pm

www.greaterdandenong.com
Greater Dandenong will host two events this month that celebrate Indian culture.

Saturday 12 August will mark the 70th Anniversary of Indian Independence with a day of celebration in Harmony Square.

Kicking off at 11am with a live DJ and dancing, the event will conclude with a cocktail and networking function in the Civic Centre.

Organised by Australian Indian Innovations Inc, the event will also feature family entertainment, food stalls, exhibitions, children’s amusement rides and camel rides.

Visit www.aiii.org.au for more information.

On Friday 18 August at 7pm Drum Theatre will host a movie screening as part of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne. Last year Greater Dandenong became the first satellite site for the popular festival celebrating one of the world’s biggest movie industries – Bollywood.

Visit drumtheatre.com.au for more information about films and to purchase tickets.
Volgren assembles handy partnership with Waverley Industries

A partnership between a Dandenong company and Hallam-based Waverley Industries is creating long-term employment opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities.

Volgren, Australia’s largest bus body builder has been working with Waverley Industries for the past three years.

Volgren’s Supply Chain Manager, Michael Healy said the partnership had helped improve the pre-assembly process and the overall quality of finished components.

"Volgren has always prided itself as being a family-orientated business, with a strong emphasis on supporting the local community. The partnership with Waverley Industries was an obvious choice for us,” Mr Healy said.

He said Waverley Industries assembled LED light kits and three different types of gussets, as well as sharpening used drill bits.

“The working relationship continues to evolve as we get a better understanding of one another’s capabilities and requirements.”

Waverley Industries CEO Frank Cresia was delighted with the news that their Hallam employees have the opportunity to work with Volgren.

“This partnership provides our organisation further diversification and most importantly, it provides new challenges for our Hallam team that will be empowered to do the work,” Mr Cresia said.

Volgren Supply Chain Manager Michael Healy, Waverley Industries CEO Frank Cresia and assembly worker Joshua. Picture: Andrew Batsch Leader Community Newspapers.

“This partnership enhances Waverley Industries credibility within the assembling and packaging industry. It will also encourage other likeminded corporates to have the confidence in future dealings with Social Enterprises like Waverley Industries.”

Small Business Festival

The Small Business Festival Victoria is the biggest annual learning and networking opportunity for small business owners.

There are more than 500 events happening across the state, with several local events looking to give Greater Dandenong businesses the inspiration they need to succeed.

Gov4U Seminar

This seminar will cover how to access the advice, support and grants available from local, state and federal governments (including helpful Tax Office information). There will also be an opportunity to network with fellow participants and presenters.

On Thursday 17 August, from 9am-11am, at the Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street. Free event.

Setting your Financial Strategy Workshop

This workshop will guide you step-by-step through developing an effective budget and forecast that can help you monitor and evaluate the strategic and financial objectives of your business. This workshop costs $20, and comes with a free one-hour consultation with an experienced business mentor.

On Thursday 29 August, from 6pm-8pm, at the Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street. Cost $20.

For more information or to book your place at an event email business@cgd.vic.gov.au or phone 8571 1550. Visit www.business.vic.gov.au to find out more about the Small Business Festival 2017.
Beyondblue supports Greater Dandenong

Mental health support service beyondblue recently launched a program directed specifically at residents in Greater Dandenong.

The beyondblueConnect program has identified Greater Dandenong as Victoria’s most culturally diverse region and designed a mental health peer support program to help address emerging mental health issues.

Beyondblue CEO Georgie Harman said the program was about teaching people new skills and empowering them to take control.

While the program will be available to people from all cultural backgrounds, the program does have a focus on supporting refugees and asylum seekers.

“The pressure on migrants trying to build a new life for their families in a new country, sometimes without any family support, often takes a huge toll on their mental health,” Ms Harman said.

“Having someone to talk to, a mentor who has been through similar challenges, can make the world of difference.”

The program can be accessed in person, via the phone or online, and will be led by trained mentors from diverse backgrounds who have personal experience of mental health conditions.

Participants can attend up to eight private or group sessions where they will gain skills in protecting and managing their mental health, build new friendships and pick up practical knowledge to support successful settlement in Melbourne, such as navigating the public health system, finding childcare and more.

To register for the program phone 1300 036 418. Visit beyondblue.org.au for more information.

Springvale’s Alex Litsoudis has always had a passion to perform, but there wasn’t always an opportunity.

Twenty years ago the enterprising performer decided to create his own opportunity and the result is Fusion Theatre, an all abilities theatre company which is based at Dandenong’s Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre.

Artistic Director Jo Raphael was teaching drama at Deakin University in 1997 when Alex contacted the drama department to enquire about setting up a drama group for people with disabilities.

The drama group grew to become Fusion, and now two ensembles meet regularly to create and perform original works.

Ms Raphael said Fusion participants got so much out of their involvement.

“What is significant is that it’s not recreation, it’s not therapy, this is an arts program with a lot of integrity,” she said.

“The participants work together as artists and the diversity of ideas that they bring is amazing. The collaborative way in which they work is inspiring. It’s about having a voice and creating art with impact.”

“We want the general public to come and share in the performances, this is not theatre that is ‘less than’, it is as interesting as anything that is going around.”

Students studying drama and theatre at Deakin University get involved with the group, both back stage and on stage, and many of those from outside the core ensembles work in a voluntary capacity.

For 18 months the group worked on its most recent performance, A Place Called Maze, which played at the Walker Street Art Gallery in May and June. During that time the company also created a short film which opened this year’s Short Cuts Film Festival at the Drum Theatre.

Fusion Theatre has both day and evening ensembles that meet weekly at Walker Street Gallery. For more information contact Jo Raphael on 0407 301 378.

We accept submissions for the Community News page in The City every month. Email us at news@cgd.vic.gov.au to share your story.
Heritage Hill

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Events for adults and children

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