

Indian Cultural Precinct Framework

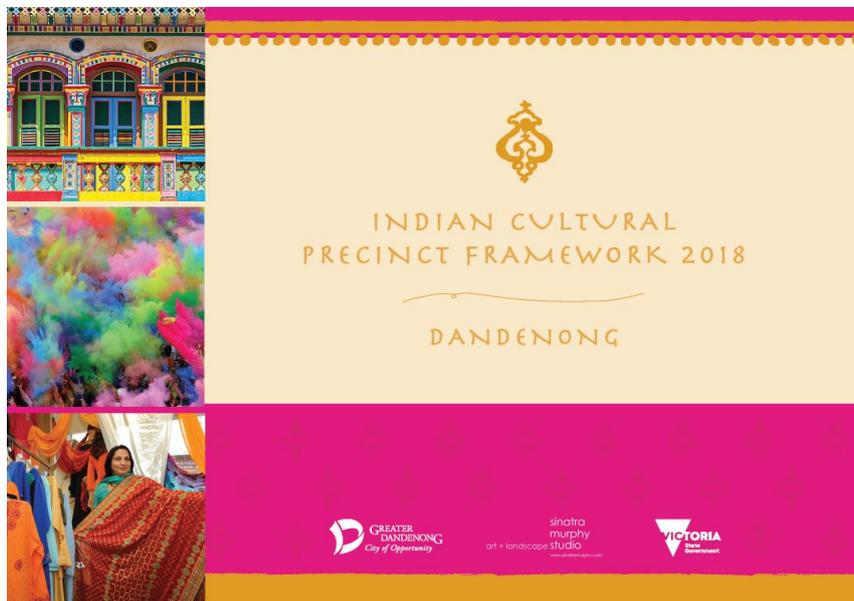
The Indian Cultural Precinct Framework sets a strategic direction for the partnership between the Victorian Government, Multicultural Affairs and Social Cohesion Division, Development Victoria and City of Greater Dandenong to deliver the shared vision over the short, medium and long term.

The Framework captures community aspirations and will assist in guiding future development of the Indian offer in Dandenong. It includes a shared vision for Melbourne's Premier Indian Precinct and identifies 140 initiatives categorised under the six Precinct Objectives:

1. Presentation and Curation
2. Trade Experience
3. Marketing and Partnerships
4. Festivals and Events
5. Community Hub
6. Development

The Indian Cultural Precinct Framework is available on Council's website

<http://www.greaterdandenong.com/document/6332/little-india-cultural-precinct>



More Parking Spaces & Reduced Fees

Council monitors parking usage across central Dandenong to understand patterns and occupancy rates. Following a recent review in the Indian Cultural Precinct, a new lower fee of \$1 per hour (currently \$1.80) will become effective in May. This aims to make on street parking more convenient for shoppers and visitors. In addition there has been a review of parking layouts in Foster and Mason Streets. Line marking will be adjusted shortly to create a small number of extra on-street parking spaces.

Bulletin

Proposed Gandhi Statue

Traders and shoppers are invited to complete a short on-line survey and share views and opinions on a proposal for a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the Indian Cultural Precinct in Foster Street.

The Federation of Indian Associations of Victoria (FIAV) is proposing the statue in support of Dandenong's recognition as the home of Victoria's first ever Indian Cultural Precinct. FIAV have described a life sized bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the Indian Precinct opposite the Dandenong railway station with a series of plaques fixed on the statue's pedestal describing Gandhi's life and philosophy.

Council is keen to understand community views on this matter and has created an online survey which is closes on 7 June 2018.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GandhiSurvey>



New Street Trees

There are more than 900 street trees throughout central Dandenong adding much loved greenery and amenity for pedestrians. In Foster Street however there has long been a gradual loss of trees resulting in most of the trees missing from the south side of the street.

Trees, greenery and landscaping were prominent themes through the development of the Framework. It was considered an important part of making the street feel family friendly, welcoming and comfortable.

Therefore 15 new street trees will be planted between Thomas Street the station. While the trees are small and still establishing they will be protected and supported by a metal tree barrier. Existing street trees on the northern side of the street will be retained, but their bases at the footpath will be altered to eliminate tripping hazards and improve root access to rain water.

The tree planting work will take place on Sunday 17th and 24th June and Sunday 1st and 8th July.

First Street Art Projects in Little India

New artworks on key sites have brought a much needed injection of colour and vibrancy to the precinct. Street art emerged as a highly popular idea through the development of the Framework. It was overwhelmingly considered as a positive way to match the feelings and experiences you have inside the shops on the street.

The three artworks (one which is still underway) speak to old and new audiences alike creating great photo opportunities for sharing and promoting the precinct.



Information

Head to our website www.greaterdandenong.com or speak with Council's Place Manager Jenny Pemberton-Webb 8571 1411 jpembe@cgd.vic.gov.au for further information on the precinct and regular updates.