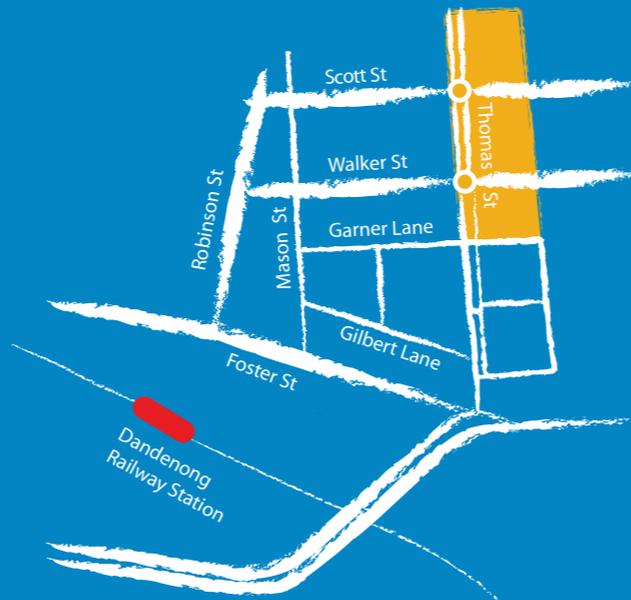


EXPLORE AFGHAN BAZAAR

Dandenong is a dynamic and progressive city, located just 35km south east of Melbourne's CBD. Its prime location, excellent access to transport and services, strong employment base, cultural diversity and community spirit make this city a destination of choice.

Central Dandenong is currently undergoing a significant revitalisation with financial backing from the State Government, seeking to attract more visitors, residents, jobs and businesses to the area. To find out more visit www.greaterdandenong.com.



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AFGHAN BAZAAR
DANDENONG

Cultural Retail Precinct Guide



Explore the splendors of this enchanting precinct. Experience Afghan culture, fashion, food and music through the gracious hospitality of a wide variety of traders in Dandenong's Afghan Bazaar.

Once you have parked your car or arrived by bus or train at Dandenong Station, a good way to explore the Afghan Bazaar is to start at the corner of Thomas Street and Scott Street where you can experience a cluster of specialty shops including fashion, groceries, carpets and cafes.

We have provided some question prompts to ask the traders, but don't feel limited to these as you explore the entire precinct.

Take delight in this local gem and Internationally acclaimed food critic Matt Preston's top pick for the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 2010!

FASHION

Traditional Afghan clothes vary by regions and sometimes ethnicities. The Afghan Bazaar offers traditional attire for men and women, elaborately decorated and woven. The precinct also offers contemporary fashion items including leather slip-ons and pashminas for every occasion.

Ask the traders;

to show you their elaborate jewellery and it's cultural significance

about traditional head wear for men

about the most popular fabrics and colours for wedding ceremonies

GROCERIES

The Afghan Bazaar is a great place to shop for authentic ingredients and produce. Notice the differences between an Afghan grocery shop compared to a Western supermarket. You will see that produce is displayed in a more random manner where you can expect to find crystalised sugar, plump sweet dates to roasted chickpeas.

Ask the traders about;

traditions around whom and what type of tea is consumed.

when and how mulberries and roasted chickpeas are served

the most popular Afghan meal

how their bread is baked

ENTERTAINMENT

Within the Afghan Bazaar you will find a range of music cd's and dvd's depicting a range of Afghan music styles including classic, contemporary and even Afghan Hip Hop!

If you are a keen explorer then you will discover some of Melbourne's finest traditional Afghan musical instruments like the 'rubub' considered one of the national instruments of Afghanistan.

Ask the traders about;
what is a 'rubub'

who is the most popular musician in Afghanistan

EATING OUT

If you are new to Afghan cuisine then be prepared for a taste bud explosion! Afghan food is tasty, not spicy, catering for both vegetarians and meat lovers. The Afghan Bazaar offers a range of takeaway kebab shops, tantalizing sweets and amazing dishes that will have you coming back time and again.

Hospitality is at the heart of Afghan culture represented by abundance and generosity. You will be excited when you discover the freshly baked bread slabs and healthy food options.

Ask the traders;

what is Halal meat

what is a Tikka kebab

what is the Afghan beverage of choice

