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Non-operational..... 8571 1000

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RSPCA..... 9224 2222

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Hello and welcome to the October edition of *The City*.

Last month we celebrated the youngest members of our community during the Children's Festival (which continues until October 6) – and now it's time to honour our older people with the annual Seniors Festival.

Council has a host of events, activities and information sessions on offer to celebrate and acknowledge the contribution of older people in our community. (Page 8 & 9)

This edition we're also excited to announce an extra day of trading at the Dandenong Market. (Page 3)

Plus we roll-out our brand new waste contract that will launch a new era of waste collection in Greater Dandenong as we work together with our community to boost our recycling, minimise waste and help create a sustainable future. (Page 6)

Happy reading and have a great month.

Mayor Angela Long



## my CITY

The Dandenong wetlands are teeming with birds and wildlife, including these ducks who were taking a break on the banks. Picture: Hilton Stone.

Submit photographs of your favourite places and events in Greater Dandenong to win some great prizes in our Discover Your Own Backyard photography competition.

Prizes include passes to the magnificent Drum Theatre, Council's exotic cultural tours, the new Noble Park Aquatic Centre and a Dandenong market voucher.

Send us your photograph in high-resolution electronic version to [dyob@cgd.gov.au](mailto:dyob@cgd.gov.au) or post to The City, PO Box 200 Dandenong 3175.

Cover photo: The Dandy Pig has been restored to its former glory and installed on top of the Dandenong Market roof. Picture: Hilton Stone.



This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.



# To market, to market

There's plenty to celebrate at the Dandenong Market with a brand new trading day and the return of the Dandy Pig!

The iconic Dandenong Market will now be open four days a week with the addition of Sunday trading from 6 October.

Opening from 10am-3pm on Sundays means it's even easier to shop for fabulous fresh, exotic produce and affordable merchandise in the midst of the bustling market atmosphere.

The new Sunday trading days will also feature colourful characters, regular entertainment and activities.

Dandenong Market Board Chair person Julie Busch said the extra trading day would give families more chances to shop during their busy week.

"Local families now have more

chances to take advantage of the wonderful fruit and veg, seafood, flowers, gifts and more that are available right on their doorstep here in the heart of Dandenong," Ms Busch said.

"So whether you're a long-time market shopper – or visiting us for the very first time – I encourage you to come on down and enjoy a lazy Sunday shopping and tempting your tastebuds with some of the exotic foods on offer."

"And don't forget we're offering free parking on Sundays as an added bonus!"

## Dandenong Market

Cnr Clow and Cleeland streets,  
Dandenong

Now open four days:

7am–4pm Tuesday & Saturday

7am–5pm Fridays

10am–3pm Sundays

The Dandy Pig is now back in the spotlight atop the Dandenong Market roof.

Visitors to central Dandenong have welcomed the return of the much-loved icon to the Dandenong skyline following a full refurbishment after several years in storage.

Check out our series of videos showing the Dandy Pig installation at [youtube.com/citygreaterdandenong](http://youtube.com/citygreaterdandenong)



# FAMILY FUN AT THE DANDENONG SHOW

Join in the fun at Dandenong Show.



Grab your family and friends for a fun-filled weekend at the Dandenong Show.

Now in its 142nd year, the Dandenong Show features crowd-favourites carnival rides, animal competitions, spectacular fireworks display and much, much more.

Marvel at the truck pull event and motor bike stunt shows, admire the classic cars and enjoy free family entertainment.

**2013 Dandenong Show**  
Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November

Dandenong Showgrounds, Greaves Reserve, Bennet Street, Dandenong.

Entry: \$15 adults, pensioners/  
students \$10, children aged 10–14  
\$5, children under 10 free, family \$35.  
Car parking \$5.

For more details and event times  
see [www.dandyshow.com.au](http://www.dandyshow.com.au)

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on the second Monday of the month in Springvale and the fourth Monday of the month in Dandenong.

The October meetings will be held:

- Monday 14 October, Springvale Council Chambers, 397–405 Springvale Road, Springvale at 7pm
- Monday 28 October, Dandenong Council Chambers, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong at 7pm.

To view meetings online see [www.greaterdandenong.com](http://www.greaterdandenong.com)

## RECENT COUNCIL DECISIONS

- Councillors have endorsed the name Grenda Lane for central Dandenong's newest street – which runs north-south between George St and Halpin Way.

Councillors endorsed the new name, which must still be approved by the Victorian Government's Office of Geographic Place Names.

The name celebrates the historic connection of the Grenda family and their iconic local business Grenda Bus Company which contributed enormously to transport and employment in the area.

- Councillors adopted a new Fireworks Policy to ensure the safe use of fireworks at public events.

All fireworks must be approved in writing by Council and comply with a range of rules to ensure the community's safety and amenity. Fireworks displays are generally allowed only up until 9.30pm and advance notice must be given to nearby properties – to allow nearby pet owners to secure animals.

- Council has approved plans to extend and upgrade recreation facilities at the Willow Lodge retirement village in Bangholme.

The works include a new dining room and kitchen, movie theatre, gymnasium and indoor pool.

- Councillors approved a 12-year contract, following a public tender process, for the supply of green electricity and reticulated hot water service for the new municipal building in Dandenong.

The contract is part of Council's effort to design and construct using sustainable principles and will help the building achieve a five-star GreenStar rating.



### OLIVE O'DONOGHUE

Widow of late Arthur (Paddy)

Council marked the passing of Olive O'Donoghue, 96, a well-known and much-loved Noble Park identity who passed away peacefully at Noble Manor in late August.

Olive was a trustee of the Noble Park Public Hall, now the Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, for 33 years.

She received the Foundation Award for "giving selfless lifetime service and commitment to Noble Park" which was announced at the Noble Park Centenary celebrations in 2009.

Mayor Angela Long said Olive will always hold a very special place in Noble Park's history.

"Throughout her life Olive served on numerous local committees for the Noble Park state school, Truby King Centre and Pre-school, Dandenong and District Historical Society and the Dandenong Music Festival."



## Silverleaf Ward

# Cr John Kelly

I'm pleased to announce a local family-owned business has been awarded a \$466,000 grant from the Victorian Government to expand.

Dandenong South recycling facility Waste Converters Recycling does great work recycling waste products that would otherwise be dumped in landfill.

The government grant will allow them to double recycling capacity from 50,000 tonnes to 100,000 tonnes and will create 15 new jobs in the area.

This is great news for the environment and for our local business sector.

Much of their work centres on recycling timber packaging waste from local industry – they repair minor damage, make new packaging or mulch the waste timber to be used as landscaping mulch.

Managing Director Ward Petherbridge also runs the annual Create from a Crate competition with artists and craftsmen given the challenge to create an object using only materials from a wooden pallet.

The decade-old competition attracts entries from near and far with creations including furniture, clocks and musical instruments such as violins and harps.

An exhibition of this year's entries will be held as part of the Sustainable Living Festival, while next year's entries will be showcased at our very own Walker Street Gallery in February 2015.

I'd like to congratulate Waste Converters Recycling on receiving this impressive grant and wish them all the best for a successful future in Greater Dandenong as they play a key role in helping us build a more sustainable future. Each of us can play our part by recycling at our homes, workplace and schools. You can find out more about what can and can't be recycled at [greaterdandenong.com](http://greaterdandenong.com)



Cr Kelly and Ward Petherbridge with a coffee table made from recycled pallets.

## Paperbank Ward

# Cr Heang Tak

October is gearing up as a very busy month in Paperbank ward with a host of community events that showcase the area's fantastic facilities and community spirit.

With sports events, the much-loved annual Noble Park Community Art Show, community fundraisers, a dinner dance and fete – there's something for everyone in the Noble Park Shines month-long celebration.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the Paperbank community to gather together – and for the broader Greater Dandenong community to explore our beautiful neighbourhood. (See page 14 of this edition for further details.)

October also marks 12 months since I was elected to Council to serve the Paperbank and wider Greater Dandenong community.

Over the past year I have been honoured to meet with many community groups and residents to assist them with Council-related business.

I am also pleased to have been able to serve as a Councillor representative to the Springvale and District Historical Society and the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau.

I have also taken part on the Dandenong Municipal Building Project and Springvale Civic Centre project control groups that are helping bring to life these major building projects for our community.

I look forward to serving as your local ward councillor over the coming years as we continue to grow and develop our fantastic community.





# A NEW APPROACH TO WASTE SERVICE

## YOUR NEW RUBBISH BINS ARE COMING...

The City of Greater Dandenong is making important changes to your residential rubbish, recycling and garden waste kerbside collection services.

Council has appointed a new waste collection contractor – JJ Richards – starting this month.

JJ Richards' garbage trucks feature state-of-the-art technology to provide improved service and advice to the community including:

- direct on-board reporting of issues to ensure prompt follow-up action and reduce the need for customers to report concerns
- on-board video technology to assess bin contents – allowing for advice and education on

recycling to be provided where it is most needed

- improved technology to help drivers complete their routes and ensure no streets are overlooked.

Collection drivers will also monitor the condition of your bins and can conduct minor on-the-spot repairs or request a replacement bin on your behalf.

JJ Richards will start waste collections in Greater Dandenong from the beginning of October and will roll-out a brand new fleet of brightly coloured trucks to celebrate.

The new trucks feature key waste messages to remind the community that a sustainable future is in everybody's hands.

All Greater Dandenong residents will receive new rubbish, recycling and garden waste bins in July 2014.

The bins come in a range of sizes and in coming months all Greater Dandenong households will be contacted to nominate their preferred bin option.

The new bins feature black bodies with different coloured lids for each waste type: red lid for rubbish, yellow lid for recycling and green lid for garden waste.

The new colour scheme is in line with the Australian standard and matches bins found at public venues and events – to help make sorting your waste simple and easy.

## FOLLOW YOUR WASTE

Have you ever wondered what happens to your recycled waste, household rubbish and green waste once it gets emptied by the trucks?

Would you like to learn more about reducing your waste going to landfill & how to become a better recycler?

The City of Greater Dandenong is giving you the chance to find out at our free Follow your Waste tours.

The free tour will be held 9.30am to 3pm on Tuesday 22 October and Tuesday 26 November.

First stop on the tour will be the Polytrade Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Dandenong South to learn how recyclable material gets sorted, packed and processed into new products.

The next stop is a landfill facility in Hallam to learn how a landfill is constructed and what happens to garbage once it reaches landfill. We will also tour NRS in Dandenong to see first-hand how green waste is turned into quality compost and mulch.

The tour finishes with lunch and a tour of Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve in Springvale South.

To make a tour booking please contact Council's Operations Centre on 9797 1702. Places are limited.



# Keeping our HISTORY ALIVE

**H**eritage works at the Drum Theatre are helping keep Dandenong's history alive.

Council has adopted a 10-year plan to conserve and restore the magnificent icon, with ongoing works regularly taking place.

Over the past 12 months works have included:

- restoration and repainting of the first-floor function rooms, corridor and large-

scale feature wall – the works have breathed new life into the tastefully restored historic former Mechanics Institute reading and committee rooms.

- ventilation works to the Magistrates Room flooring.

The Drum Theatre – a 521 seat state-of-the-art purpose-built performing arts venue – is located within the heritage façade of the former 1890 Dandenong Town Hall.



## NEW FACE OF DANDENONG

**T**he face of Dandenong's new municipal building is taking shape thanks to recent progress at the site.

Construction works are continuing at full steam on-site with a host of very visible changes including completion of the striking sandstone cladding on the building's exterior and landscaping works underway.

Inside there's plenty of action taking place with plasterboarding and tiling complete throughout the five-level building; plantroom completed and lift installation underway.

The project is due for completion early next year with Council aiming to be open for business from the new building in April 2014.

It will include:

- a state-of-the-art regional library
- new Council offices, city chambers and community meeting rooms
- open-air civic plaza with giant outdoor video screen
- retail areas, cafes and office space available for lease.



## SPRINGVALE crossing update

**S**ignificant progress was made on the Springvale Level Crossing Removal project over the past few weeks.

Major works required the recent closure of Springvale Road to build the new bridge deck – which will now allow works to begin on the rail cutting beneath Springvale Rd.

Over at the train station the entrance to Platform 2 has been relocated along Sandown Rd following a two-week platform closure for structural works.

During October VicRoads will continue piling works and will begin large-scale excavation works on the rail cutting.

The VicRoads project team has also been busy building community links including running a drawing competition for Noble Park Special Development School students to imagine what Springvale will look like 20 years from now.

You can see their fantastic entries at the VicRoads project office at 200 Springvale Road, Springvale.

For more details on the project see [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)



# Sensational, seniors

Greater Dandenong is gearing up for the annual Seniors' Festival to celebrate and acknowledge the contribution of older people in our community.

You're invited to join in a host of fun, free and low-cost activities from Monday 7 October – Friday 11 October.

We've listed some highlights from the festival including music performances, tai chi in the park and the men's shed open day.

But there's plenty more on offer, with the full program available online at [www.greaterdandenong.com](http://www.greaterdandenong.com) or pick-up a brochure at the libraries and Council's customer service centres.







# SENIORS' FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

## Jazz afternoon with Liam Burrows

1.30pm Monday 7 October  
Lexington Gardens  
114 Westall Rd, Springvale  
Free, afternoon tea provided.  
Bookings: 9549 9500

## Elvis the King – Tribute show

10.30am Tuesday 8 October  
Harmony Village  
6 Herbert St Dandenong  
Free. Bookings: 9689 0644

## Morning Tai Chi in the park

9.30am Tuesday 8 October Burden Park  
& Friday 11 October Dandenong Park  
Free. No bookings required.

## Dandenong Croquet Club Open Day

10am-3pm Tuesday 8 October  
37 Pultney St, Dandenong  
Gold coin donation  
refreshments provided.  
Bookings not required

## Men's Shed Open Day

10am Wednesday 9 October  
6 Mackay St, Springvale South  
Free, sausage sizzle provided.  
Bookings: 8558 7955

## Rat Pack classics

10am & 11.30am  
Wednesday 9 October  
Harmony Village  
6 Herbert St Dandenong  
Free. Bookings: 9689 0644

## Zumba Gold

10.30am Wednesday 9 October  
Jan Wilson Community Centre  
Free. Bookings: 9558 7955

## Come and try Nuline Dancing

10.30am & 11.30am  
Wednesday 9 October  
Harmony Village  
6 Herbert St Dandenong  
Free. Bookings: 9689 0644

## Wellsprings for Women art display

10am-11.30am Thursday 10 October  
79 Langhorne St Dandenong  
Free. Bookings: 9701 3740

## Morning Melodies with Marceau Camille

10am Thursday 10 October  
Springvale City Hall  
Free. Bookings: 8558 7955

## U3A Karaoke competition

10am-3pm Friday 11 October  
Paddy O'Donoghue Centre  
Free, refreshments provided.  
No bookings required.

## Greater Dandenong SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE

Seniors and primary students have come together in an innovative new Council arts project.



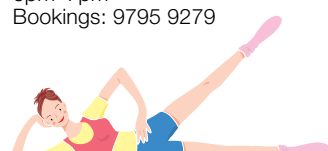

'Greater Dandenong - So You Think You Can Dance' builds links across cultures and generations in our community.

The eight-week project brought together students from St John's Primary in Springvale and local seniors to help build intergenerational links and break down stereotypes.






Together they learnt a series of cultural folkdances – including Indian Harvest dance *Bhangra* – which were performed at the Children's Festival and will also feature in the Seniors' Festival on Friday 11 October.

A documentary of the project has been made to capture the workshops through to the final performances.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 <p>The Haunting of Daniel Gartrell Drum Theatre 2 October</p>	<p><b>Dandenong Evening View Club</b> 1 <i>Dandenong RSL</i> 7pm Ph: 9560 9717</p> <hr/> <p><b>Kids gardening – How to make compost</b> Ages: 5-12 <i>Heritage Hill</i> 10am-12noon Bookings: 9793 4511</p> <hr/> <p><b>Make a Birdhouse</b> Ages: 5-12 <i>Heritage Hill</i> 11am-12noon Bookings: 9793 4511</p>	<p><b>The Haunting of Daniel Gartrell</b> 2 <i>Drum Theatre</i> 2pm &amp; 8pm Bookings: 8571 1666</p> <hr/> <p><b>Zumbatomic for kids</b> <i>Jan Wilson Community Centre</i> 10am-10.45am Enquires: 9795 9279</p> <hr/> <p><b>Ron Rado Prize Exhibition</b> <i>Walker Street Gallery</i> 2-12 October Weekdays 11am-3pm Saturday 11am-3pm</p>	<p><b>Leisurefest</b> 3 3-6 October <i>Sandown Racecourse, Sportingbet Park</i> 10am-5pm daily www.melbourneleisurefest.com.au/</p> <hr/> <p><b>Koo Wee Kapers</b> Ages: 5-12 <i>Springvale Library</i> 11am-11.15am No bookings required</p> <hr/> <p><b>The MAZE arts and craft workshop</b> Ages: 5-12 <i>Springvale &amp; District Historical Society</i> 10am-1pm</p>
	<p><b>Dandenong CWA craft session</b> 7 <i>Palm Plaza Mall, Community Meeting Room</i> 10am-2pm BYO lunch (sessions held 2nd, 3rd and 4th Monday each month)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Dandenong Ladies Probus Club Meeting</b> <i>Dandenong Club</i> 10am New members welcome</p>	<p><b>Diabetes Support Group</b> 8 <i>Paddy O'Donoghue Centre</i> 2pm-4pm Ph: 9706 3300</p> <hr/> <p><b>Youth Holiday Program Leadership Committee</b> <i>Noble Park Aquatic Centre</i> 4pm-6pm Ph: 9793 2155</p>	<p><b>Noble Park Community Action Forum</b> 9 <i>Paddy O'Donoghue Centre</i> 6pm-8pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>Painting &amp; Sketching – Develop your art portfolio</b> <i>Keysborough Learning Centre</i> 9am-11.30am Enquires: 9798 7005</p>
<p><b>Noble Park CWA Craft Day</b> 14 <i>Paddy O'Donoghue Centre</i> 10am-1.30pm BYO Lunch</p> <hr/> <p><b>Rotary Club of Dandenong</b> <i>Dandenong RSL</i> 6pm Mondays New members welcome</p>	<p><b>GROW Mental Health group</b> 15 <i>Church of Christ Dandenong</i> 7.30pm Tuesdays Ph: 1800 558 268</p>	<p><b>Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood Watch</b> 16 <i>Paddy O'Donoghue Centre</i> 7.30pm-9.30pm Ph: 9558 5854</p>	<p><b>Breast Cancer Support Group</b> 17 <i>Keysborough Learning Centre</i> 6pm-9pm Enquires: 9547 7254</p> 
<p><b>Combined Probus Club of Dandenong</b> 21 <i>Dandenong Club</i> 10am New members welcome</p>	<p><b>Yoga</b> 22 <i>Jan Wilson Community Centre</i> 7pm-8.30pm Ph. 9795 9279</p> <hr/> <p><b>The Kitchen</b> Chef Russell Bald demonstrates healthy recipes <i>Dandenong Market</i> Tuesday lunchtimes</p>	<p><b>U3A Dandenong</b> 23 <i>Paddy O'Donoghue Centre</i> Various classes on weekdays Ph: 9546 2997</p>	<p><b>Dandenong CWA General Meeting</b> 24 <i>Palm Plaza Mall, Community Meeting Room</i> 1pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>Sensational Springvale Tour</b> 10.30am, \$40 Bookings: 9771 5777</p> <hr/> <p><b>Afghan Bazaar Cultural Tour</b> <i>Central Dandenong</i> 6.30pm, \$40 Bookings: 9771 5777</p>
<p><b>Noble Park CWA AMG and General Meeting</b> 28 <i>Paddy O'Donoghue Centre</i> 10am-12pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>Yoga beginners/general</b> <i>Heritage Hill</i> 6.20pm-7.20pm Mondays Ph: 0405 427 183</p>	<p><b>Total Body Tone</b> 29 <i>Jan Wilson Community Centre</i> 6pm-7pm Bookings: 9795 9279</p> 	<p><b>Sing!</b> 30 Encore Matinee Series <i>Drum Theatre</i> 10.30am Bookings: 8571 1666</p>	<p><b>Sing!</b> 31 Encore Matinee Series <i>Drum Theatre</i> 30-31 October 10.30am Bookings: 8571 1666</p> <hr/> <p><b>Adult Exercise</b> <i>Jan Wilson Community Centre</i> 9.30am-10.30am Bookings: 9795 9279</p> 



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>African Caravan</b> Presented by Keyim Ba <i>Drum Theatre</i> 8pm, Bookings: 8571 1666</p> <hr/> <p><b>Fun Gymnastics</b> Ages: 5-12 <i>Heritage Hill</i> Bookings: 9793 4511</p> <hr/> <p><b>Linocut Printmaking</b> Ages: 10-14 <i>Walker Street Gallery</i> 10am-11.30am Bookings: 9706 8441</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Cinderella</b> <i>Drum Theatre</i> 10.30am &amp; 1.30pm Bookings: 8571 1666</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Market Mayhem</b> Ages: 4-12 <i>Dandenong Market</i> 11am-1pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>Hot &amp; Cool Series – Live entertainment</b> <i>Heritage Hill</i> 12pm-3pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>Unearthing the Hill: Puppetry and percussion performance</b> <i>Heritage Hill</i> Ages: 5-12, 2pm Bookings: 9793 4511</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Dandy Pals Playgroup</b> <i>Dandenong Primary School</i> 9am–11am Fridays Bookings: 9792 2743</p> <hr/> <p><b>James Tots Playgroup</b> <i>St James Anglican Church</i> 9.30am-11.30am Ph. 9795 2587</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Noble Park Community Centre Art Show</b> 12–13 October, 10am-4pm www.nobleparkcommunitycentre.org.au</p> <hr/> <p><b>Noble Park Dinner Dance and Gala Awards</b> <i>Noble Park RSL</i> Tickets: \$25 www.nobleparkcommunityactionforum</p> <hr/> <p><b>Relay for Life</b> <i>Ross Reserve</i> Details: www.relayforlife.org.au</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Springvale Rotary Sunday Market</b> <i>Cnr Lightwood &amp; Lawn Rds, Springvale</i> 8am–2pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>Springvale Computer Swap Market</b> <i>Springvale City Hall</i> 10am–4pm www.technologymarkets.com.au</p> <hr/> <p><b>Relay for Life</b> <i>Ross Reserve</i> Details: www.relayforlife.org.au</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Wildflower walk</b> <i>Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve</i> 11am Bookings: 8571 1702</p> <hr/> <p><b>Zumbatomic</b> <i>Jan Wilson Community Centre</i> 4.30pm-5.15pm Ph. 9795 9279</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Alterations Exhibition</b> <i>Walker Street Gallery</i> Open til 2 November Weekdays 11am-3pm Saturday 11am-3pm Enquires: 9706 8441</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> 
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Little India Cultural Tour</b> <i>Central Dandenong</i> 6pm \$40 Bookings: 9771 5777</p> <hr/> <p><b>Noble Park North Multicultural Elderly Citizens Club</b> <i>Jan Wilson Community Centre</i> 12noon-4.00pm Bookings: 9795 9279</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>  <p>Diwali Indian Festival Sportingbet Park 27 October</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Diwali Indian Festival</b> <i>Sandown Racecourse, Sportingbet Park</i> 11am-10pm Enquiries: 9568 8441</p>
 <p>Sing! Drum Theatre 30–31 October</p>	 <p>8th Annual Noble Park Community Centre Art Show 12-13 October</p>	 <p>Submit your community event at <a href="mailto:news@cgd.vic.gov.au">news@cgd.vic.gov.au</a></p>



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Drum Theatre  
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Dandenong Library  
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Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens  
9793 4511

Jan Wilson Community Centre  
9795 9279

Paddy O'Donoghue Centre  
9238 1436

Springvale Library  
1300 630 920

Springers Leisure Centre  
9701 5900

Walker Street Gallery  
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Dandenong Market  
9701 3850

Cultural Tours  
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## POOL ACCESS FOR ALL ABILITIES

New equipment installed at Dandenong Oasis is helping people of all abilities enjoy the pools.

Two new hoists provide easy access to the 50-metre pool and hydrotherapy pool while an aquatic wheelchair accesses the beach entry to the toddler and fun pool.

A new change bed with rails has been installed in the hydrotherapy pool change area.

The improvements are part of the City of Great Dandenong's commitment to improve disability access at recreation centres.

Providing all-ability access was a key issue during design of the new Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC) – which was built on a single level with no steps and with ramp access to both pools.

NPAC is used by a number of all-ability groups with some travelling large distances due to the accessibility-friendly design.

# Step out for healthy living

You're invited to put on your walking shoes and get active with Walkfest, an all-ability all-ages event to promote healthy living.

Four accessible walks will be held around Dandenong on Friday 25 October with different distances to suit all abilities.

All walks finish at Hemmings Park with a free event featuring live

performances from talented locals.

This is a free community event, but bring along some loose change for a coffee from the coffee cart.

WalkFest is on 9.30am–2pm Friday 25 October.

For more information or to register for Walkfest phone 8571 1000 or see [www.walkfest.com.au](http://www.walkfest.com.au)

# Carer's DAY OUT

Carer's Day Out celebrates, informs and pampers with a range of activities including health checks, Centrelink information, men's activities, food and entertainment.

The event is presented by the City of Greater Dandenong, City of Casey and Wimmera at the Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick.

People who care for the frail-aged and disabled are invited to join in Carer's Day Out on Friday 18 October.

For further information contact Council on 8571 1000.



# FAITHS COME TOGETHER

The Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong will host two major events in October, the Annual Gathering and the popular schools concert.

The theme of this year's events is the UN International Year of Water Cooperation 'Drawing from the Wellsprings of Life'.

The Annual Gathering brings together faith and community leaders to renew their commitment to work together to promote peace and harmony in our community and to celebrate our diversity.

The schools concert is an annual event that showcases the talents of local students through performances exploring issues of respect, harmony, faith and diversity.



Greater Dandenong Mayor Angela Long said the network's partnership with local schools was to be commended.

"Children seeing faith and spiritual leaders working together sends a powerful message about peace, harmony and respect. Leaders encourage children to embrace and accept diversity and to form friendships with children from different backgrounds," Cr Long said.

The Interfaith Network – which includes members from a range of faiths including Bahai, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islam, Jewish and Sikh – also runs regular tours visiting places of worship in our community.

The community is invited to join the Annual Gathering celebration on Wednesday 16 October at the Drum Theatre. Places are limited. Register by phoning Agnes Kean on 9546 5162.

## Celebrating our SAFE CITY



The City of Greater Dandenong will join forces with Victoria Police, Metro Trains, Neighbourhood Watch and the community for a Safe City Day celebration this month.

The Safe City Day is a regular event held at Dandenong train station to promote safety and improve community perceptions of the area.

**The event – to be held 3pm-5pm Wednesday 23 October – will feature live music plus catering from Dandenong Market chef Russell Bald.**

Safe City Day celebrations were launched as part of the Dandenong Railway Station Precinct Action Plan 2011-2018 which is making the station area safer by improving amenity, aesthetics, identity and local pride at the station and surrounding areas.

Improvements include:

- installation of CCTV systems
- introduction of Protective Service Officers
- improved cleanliness, maintenance and staffing
- redevelopment of bus interchanges and taxi rank
- regular cultural and social activities for the community
- completion of (Settlers Square the new Plaza opposite the station) and the new street 'Halpin Way'.

The Action Plan forms part of Council's 'A Safer Greater Dandenong - Community Safety Plan 2011-14', which aims to work with the community to achieve a safer city for all.

## OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Council is opening up the doors of many local facilities to make them available for the whole community.

In the past many community facilities were used only by senior citizen groups and sporting clubs.

But now Council will hire out venues to the whole community – and has dropped the fees to provide quality, affordable facilities in Greater Dandenong.

Hire costs for community groups are now available for around \$10 per hour at a number of Council venues.

So if you're organising a meeting, function or party – why not take a look at Council's many venues available for hire.

Options include Noble Park's Jan Wilson and Paddy O'Donoghue community centres, The Castle, sporting facilities at Warner and Mills Reserve plus senior citizens halls in Langhorne St, Menzies Avenue, Latham Crescent and more.

For more information about hiring a Council venue see [greaterdandenong.com](http://greaterdandenong.com) or phone 8571 1000..

# RACE AROUND THE COMMUNITY

City of Greater Dandenong Youth Services and partner agencies are hosting 'Race around the Community' on Thursday 10 October, as part of Mental Health Week.

The event is an opportunity for Year 9 students to explore key local services, via public transport, in a practical 'hands-on' way.

Youth Services is also hosting a photographic exhibition – Mental Health and You – from local students depicting what positive mental health means to them.

Photographs can be viewed on Council's Youth Services Facebook page, where the public can vote for the most creative image. The top three will be announced at the exhibition launch on 8 October at the Castle, Hemmings Park at 10.30am.

Greater Dandenong Youth Services has also developed a mental health resource card with information on local support services including:

- legal advice, education and employment
- drug and alcohol services
- material aid, travel and crisis accommodation
- multicultural services.

It will be launched at the exhibition and distributed at schools, youth events and partner agencies.

# HOT AND COOL MUSIC EVENTS

Picture: Pierre Baroni

*Hot & Cool* is returning with its summer season of outdoor relaxed live music performances at Heritage Hill.

Two of Dandenong's premier arts venues have joined forces to present *Hot & Cool*.

The free events – featuring relaxed live music, family-friendly activities and entertainments – are held throughout the year.

In the hotter months, bring a picnic and enjoy relaxed tunes in Heritage Hill's historic rose garden on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

During the cooler months, head inside at Walker Street Gallery on selected Sunday afternoons and Thursday

evenings for music to warm your soul.

This month, come along to Heritage Hill 12–3pm Sunday 6 October featuring:

- Miles and Simone – the talented duo perform their unique brand of folk/country music
- Barking Spider Visual Theatre presents *Unearthing the Hill: A Museum of Oddities*. Experience puppetry, percussion performance and more in this interactive art installation.

*Hot & Cool* is held at Heritage Hill on the first Sunday of the month from October to March (no event in January).

For details on upcoming events see [www.heritagehill.com.au](http://www.heritagehill.com.au)

## NOBLE PARK'S COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

This month the spotlight will be on Noble Park as it celebrates with a range of events to celebrate and explore the neighbourhood.

With sports events, art shows, community fundraisers, a dinner dance and fete – there's something for everyone during the Noble Park Shines event.

You're invited to join in the fun and discover the many attractions in the Noble Park village.

**1–3 October Get Kids Fit** school holiday sports clinic at Ross Reserve. Ph: 0423 852 262.

**9 October 6pm Noble Park Community Action Forum**

Join in this public forum as we discuss community issues. All welcome at the

Paddy O'Donoghue Centre. Details: [www.nobleparkcommunityactionforum](http://www.nobleparkcommunityactionforum)

**12–13 October 10am–3pm Noble Park Community Centre Art Show**

View some fantastic art from established and new artists young and old at the Noble Park Community Centre. Details: [www.nobleparkcommunitycentre.org.au](http://www.nobleparkcommunitycentre.org.au)

**12–13 October Relay for Life**

Help the Cancer Council raise money for research and support in this annual community 24-hour event. Join a team, or simply come along to add your support. Details: [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au)

**12 October Noble Park Dinner Dance and Gala Awards**

Kick up your heels and join us for a



2012 Art Show winner Merran Berry.

night to acknowledge the dedication of local volunteers. Tickets: \$25 include a three-course meal and entertainment at the Noble Park RSL. Details: [www.nobleparkcommunityactionforum](http://www.nobleparkcommunityactionforum) for nomination forms

**12 October 9am–1pm St Columbus Uniting Church fete**

Come along for market stalls, food, games and more. Cnr Joy Parade and Frank St Noble Park.



# Children's Festival fun

The Greater Dandenong Children's Festival is winding down with just a few more days to enjoy many family-friendly events available at the libraries and a range of other venues.

The two-week festival runs until Sunday 6 October with a host of free and low-cost activities.

For a full list of activities on offer see [www.greaterdandenong.com](http://www.greaterdandenong.com)

Highlights of the October events include:

## Tuesday 1 October:

### Head for the Clouds

11am–11.45am at Dandenong Library

Free slapstick comedy for children aged three to eight.

### Make a birdhouse

11am–12pm at Jan Wilson Community Centre

Free activity, bookings required on 9795 9279.

## Wednesday 2 October:

### Mask making

11am–12pm (ages five to seven),  
1pm–2pm (ages eight to 12)

Walker Street Gallery

Free event, bookings required on 9706 8441.

## Thursday 3 October:

### Koo Wee Kapers

11am–11.45am at Springvale Library

Free. Ages five to 10.

The story of an adventurous kangaroo told through music, song and puppets.

### Dragon's tails & magical wings workshop plus

MAZE arts and craft workshop

10am–1pm Springvale and District Historical Society

Free drop-in workshops.

## Friday 4 October:

### Linocut printmaking

9am–3pm at Walker St Gallery

Workshop for ages 10–14 sponsored by the Silk Cut Foundation.

## Saturday 5 October:

### Cinderella

10.30am and 1.30pm at Drum Theatre

Cost: \$16, family ticket \$55.

Bookings: 8571 1666.

## Sunday 6 October:

### Market mayhem

11am–1pm at Dandenong Market.

Free activity (ages four–12) with a race around Dandenong Market.



## IMMUNISATION TIMETABLE – OCTOBER 2013

The 2013 Immunisation Timetable for the City of Greater Dandenong is available from Council's customer service centres or Maternal and Child Health centres. Phone Council on 8571 1000 for more information on the following immunisation sessions:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
2 Oct	11am–12pm	Springvale City Hall, 397–405 Springvale Road, Springvale
7 Oct	6.30pm–7.30pm	Springvale Service for Children, 23–28 Lightwood Road, Springvale
8 Oct	1pm–2pm	Jan Wilson Community Centre, 1 Halton Road, Dandenong North
10 Oct	2pm–3pm	Dandenong Library, Stuart Street, Dandenong
15 Oct	1pm–2pm	Springers Leisure Centre, 400 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough
21 Oct	5.30pm–7.15pm	Dandenong Library, Stuart Street, Dandenong
22 Oct	1pm–2pm	Paddy O'Donoghue Centre, 18–34 Buckley Street, Noble Park

# WALKFEST 2013

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2013, 9.30am – 2pm

Everyone welcome to a  
**FREE** all-ability, all-ages,  
all-background event  
celebrating walking in  
Greater Dandenong.

Register at [www.walkfest.com.au](http://www.walkfest.com.au)  
and choose a walk to suit your ability

All walks end at Hemmings Park, Dandenong  
where there will be free entertainment for  
participants.

Further information: 8571 1000

