

2014 marks 20 years since the Victorian Local Government Board (under the Kennett Government) instigated Council amalgamations throughout Victoria. These changes aimed to promote Council reform by realigning municipal boundaries to achieve greater efficiencies.

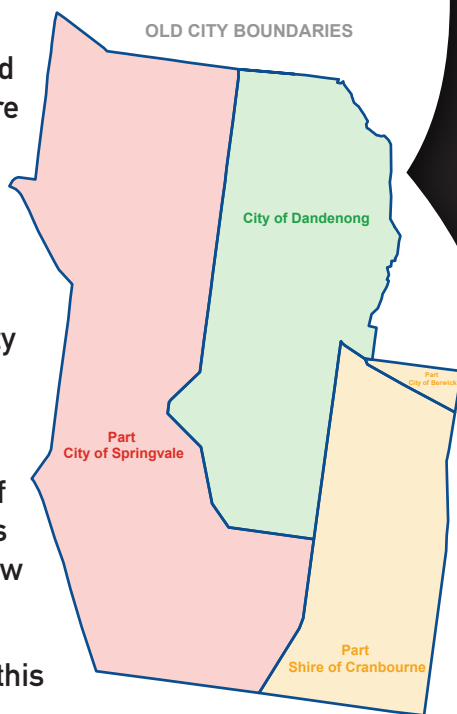
This was the biggest change to local government in Victoria's history.

Most of the City of Dandenong, City of Springvale, as well as small parts of the City of Berwick and Cranbourne were proclaimed the City of Greater Dandenong by Order of the Governor in Council on 15 December 1994.

The name 'City of Heatherton' was originally proposed for the area, but was not chosen because it duplicated an existing township name. The City of Greater Dandenong was chosen because Dandenong was already recognised as a regional hub for services and a "forerunner in industrial and economic growth."

Commissioners Ian Cathie, John Nixon and Margaret Nicholls were appointed to manage the City of Greater Dandenong. They acted as administrators until 1997 when the first City of Greater Dandenong Council was elected. Many former City of Dandenong and City of Springvale Councillors were elected to the new Council.

In 2014, we reflect on this time of change and celebrate what Council and its community has achieved in the past 20 years since amalgamation.



Acknowledging

20 Years



Cr D. J. Kelly; Mayor of City of Dandenong, 1994



Cr E. W. Mitchell; Mayor of City of Springvale, 1994



Commissioners, 1994



First elected Council of the City of Greater Dandenong, 1997-2000

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Original City of Greater Dandenong, logo



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