

9. Major Projects



The Opportunity

Greater Dandenong is seeking investment in key projects to support a growing, diverse community, upgrading Dandenong Station, exploring a new rail link and delivering a central Community Hub.

Why it matters

These projects will improve transport, education, and community amenity making Greater Dandenong safer, more connected, and inclusive, while boosting local opportunities and long-term resilience.

What Council is asking for

Upgrade Dandenong Station

Deliver a Strategic Assessment, Network Integration Plan and Business Case for upgrading Dandenong Station. Costing around **\$800,000** these reports pave the way for:

- Unlocking development potential and driving land use change around Dandenong Station

Planning for a **\$400 million** rebuild of the station to:

- provide an additional platform, and increase capacity of the bus interchange to boost rail and bus service provision and align with the Metro Tunnel and Suburban Rail Loop projects
- provide a customer centric design including wider and longer platforms and direct DDA access between platforms and the surrounding land uses and services to amenity and compliance with current accessibility standards

Create a Noble Park Library Lounge

Council is advocating for the construction /renovation of Paddy O'Donoghue Centre to create a Noble Park Library Lounge. It is costed at around \$800,000 for construction works and to develop the site into a mini community hub model. Approximately **\$630,000** per year would enable Council to undertake a two-year pilot approach to ensure continued operations for the site.

Multicultural Place Upgrade

With around 10,000 people a day, this popular public gathering space is where people meet up and proceed to the many exciting shopping and eating experiences within Springvale. The concept design to revitalise Multicultural Place and the adjacent laneway includes new street furniture, pavement upgrades, lighting and art interventions, green spaces, improved waste management infrastructure, seating/tables for outdoor dining, recreation and play spaces.

Estimated Budget: \$5 million

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Dandenong Community Hub



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The Council is seeking funding for a new Dandenong Community Hub, a modern facility consolidating key community services in Central Dandenong.

After a decade of planning and consultation, there's clear community demand for an inclusive space. The Council is developing a design that respects the site, budget, and sustainability, while upholding the community's vision.

Why it matters

As the civic and economic heart of Melbourne's south-east, Central Dandenong is undergoing major transformation, with increasing density and demand for accessible, integrated community infrastructure.

A new community hub will:

- Provide accessible, co-located services for families, young people and older residents
- Support social inclusion and cultural connection in one of Australia's most diverse communities
- Enable more efficient service delivery through shared spaces and partnerships
- Act as a civic anchor within the Market Precinct, driving activation and community life

What Council is asking for

Community Infrastructure

- Delivery of a new multi-purpose community hub (approx. 2,000–2,200m²)
- Flexible spaces including community rooms, meeting spaces, maker spaces, and co-working areas
- Integrated café and community lounge to support activation and social connection

Public Realm and Open Space

- High-quality landscaped courtyards and outdoor community spaces
- Integration with the broader Market Precinct and pedestrian network
- Provision for a significant, family-friendly play space, a key community priority

Early Years and Family Services

- Four-room early years facility (childcare and maternal child health services)
- Integrated indoor-outdoor play spaces supporting families and young children

Design is aligned to a **\$42 million Community Hub**.

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Dandenong Market Precinct Plan



The Opportunity

The Dandenong Market Precinct Plan is a 20-year strategy that aims to honor the market's heritage while ensuring its future success. It integrates elements from the Revitalising Central Dandenong program and outlines actions to address key issues, including land use, urban design, economic investments, transportation, public spaces, and community infrastructure.

Why it matters

Dandenong Market stands as Melbourne's second oldest and largest market. Since 1866, it has been instrumental in the growth of the 'Gateway to Gippsland,' providing vital support to local farmers and small businesses in the Dandenong area.

A Vision for the Future

The Precinct Plan marks a significant advancement in ensuring a vibrant, prosperous, and sustainable future for this iconic area. It serves as a crucial step forward in securing the market's ongoing success.



What Council is asking for

Immediate priorities of the Precinct Plan include:

- **Renewed Palm Plaza.** A contemporary, activated, and accessible pedestrian street that is vibrant and safe. It would feature a tree-lined boulevard with integrated water management.
Project cost: \$20 million
- **Investigation of Clow St/Cleeland St Intersection Realignment.** Improve connectivity, enhance safety, and support a more balanced and accessible transport network that encourages active and public transport use, while maintaining functionality for private vehicles. This investigation will inform future infrastructure upgrades and urban design improvements that align with broader revitalisation goals for the precinct.
Project cost: \$8 million