

6. Art and Cultural Spaces



The opportunity

Council is seeking investment to support the renewal of cultural spaces like Dandenong New Art (DNA).

Why it matters

The expansion of public art across the city enriches spaces and reflect the city's cultural diversity. improved accessibility in exhibition design and audience engagement, and a purpose-built education/activity space to enhance participation opportunities for young visitors.

What Council is asking for

For the **renewal of cultural spaces**, including Dandenong New Art (DNA Lab):

DNA Fit-Out

- This investment would be used to deliver museum-quality display systems, professional acoustic treatments, integrated and upgrade-ready AV and interactive technologies, improved accessibility in exhibition design and audience engagement, and a purpose-built education/activity space to enhance participation opportunities for young visitors.
- Indicative cost: **\$1.12–\$1.57 million.**

Creative Industry Space/DNA Lab

The DNA Lab would address a critical infrastructure and support a gap in Melbourne's southeast by providing:

- Public presentation opportunities for emerging artists
- Increased visibility of culturally diverse storytelling
- Reduced barriers to entry for young and migrant creatives
- Indicative cost: **\$600,000–\$1 million.**