

10. Community Safety



The opportunity

Community safety in Greater Dandenong involves reducing crime, anti-social behaviour, supporting vulnerable community members and promoting social cohesion.

It's more than just policing and security - it's about building a cohesive, resilient community where everyone feels safe and connected.

Why it matters

Investing in community safety helps address the root causes of crime, creating safer, more resilient neighbourhoods. With the right support, communities can flourish and prosper, fostering a sense of belonging, wellbeing, and opportunity for all residents.

What Council is asking for

Crime prevention initiatives

\$600,000 investment to further develop place-based, community-led crime prevention initiatives across Greater Dandenong.

This funding would support the 3-year delivery of innovative local safety and community cohesion building programs, taking the successful Empowering Communities program model, and expanding it across Greater Dandenong. This project will strengthen social cohesion, reduce crime, and build community capacity in priority neighbourhoods.

\$800,000 to enhance perceptions of safety and community confidence in the Springvale Activity Centre.

This funding would support targeted security upgrades, arts-based activation, and community engagement to strengthen safety outcomes across the activity centre.

Top crimes reported 2025



3,110
Theft from a motor vehicle



1,661
Criminal damage



1,983
Theft



1,377
Steal from a retail store



1,947
Breach of family violence order



1,235
Drug possession

Family Violence

2,584
Family violence incidents

75%
Victim survivors are women

8th
Highest breach of intervention order rate across all Victoria

