



Greater Dandenong

Children's Festival

2022

17 September – 2 October

**Leap Into
The Wild**

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Take a leap into the wild this school holidays at the Greater Dandenong's Children's Festival.

Enjoy wild arts and crafts, writing workshops, theatre, music, dance, circus, native wildlife displays, science and conservation, sports and so much more.

Family favourite festival Little Day Out is back at Ross Reserve, Noble Park on Sunday 18 September from 11am-4pm: a fun free day packed with activities, performances, rides and food and market stalls.

Come on an exciting adventure this school holidays and discover the natural spaces and places of Greater Dandenong.

Colouring Competition

Enter our colouring competition and go in the draw to win some awesome prizes. Pick up your colouring sheet at any of our customer service centres, libraries or download it from greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/childrens-festival

Photo Information

A Council photographer may be present at some activities and events. If you do not wish to be photographed please let staff know.

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture and Country.





Little Day Out

2022

Sunday 18 September

11am - 4pm

Ross Reserve,
Memorial Drive
Noble Park

- Food stalls
- Performances
- Free rides and fun activities

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Sunday 18 September



FREE

Little Day Out

📍 Ross Reserve, Noble Park

🕒 11am – 4pm



Come along for a big day of family fun including arts and crafts, rides, sports, bush craft, storytelling, face painting, food and market stalls and much more.



FREE

Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve Open Day

📍 Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve

🕒 10am – 5pm



Take a ranger-guided or self-guided tour along the nature trail that meanders through stunning bushland and learn more about our native flora and fauna at the Education Centre. Event also held on Friday 23 September.



FREE

Noble Park Aquatic Centre Open Day

📍 Noble Park Aquatic Centre

🕒 12pm – 2pm



Come and enjoy swimming, the water slide (limited usage and weather dependent), Splash Park and fitness classes all for free.

Book your event at

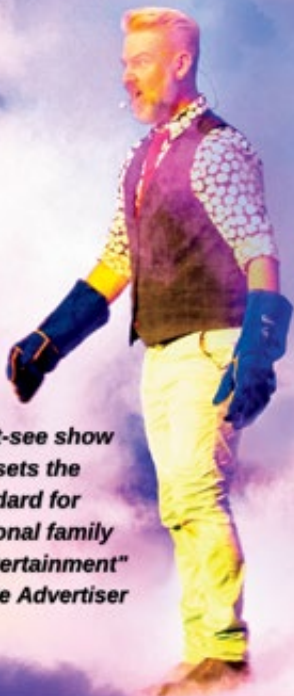
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MONDAY 19
SEPTEMBER
2PM AND 6PM

Tickets: \$14-\$18



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- Adelaide Advertiser

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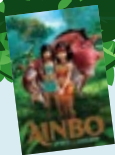


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Deckchair Movies: Ainbo - Spirit of the Amazon

📍 Harmony Square 🕒 12pm

👤 All ages

Ainbo was born and grew up in the deepest jungle of the Amazon. One day she discovers that her homeland is being threatened. With the help of her spirit guides Dillo a cute and humorous armadillo and Vaca a heavy-set tapir, Ainbo embarks on a journey to save her homeland.

No bookings required



FREE

Recycled Art Workshop

📍 Noble Park Community Centre

🕒 11am – 1pm 👤 Ages 6-12

Create art pieces using recycled materials such as boxes, bottles, ribbon and more.

Bookings required



Book your event at

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FREE

StoryWalk® – Daily from Monday 19 September

📍 Springvale Community Hub

🕒 No set time self-directed activity

👤 Ages 4-12

Go on a Nature themed Storywalk® adventure on the land of the Bunurong. The Storywalk® is an opportunity to experience a story in a new way, move between the pages and discover the local beauty around you.

No bookings required



FREE

Compost Rockets

📍 Dandenong Library

🕒 2.30pm – 3.30pm 👤 Ages 5-12

Make a compost rocket and learn about nature's recycling factory. Find out how composting works and how to create the best environment for composting.

Bookings required



Deckchair Movies: Planet Earth II (Mountains)

📍 Harmony Square 🕒 12pm

👤 All ages



David Attenborough returns with a new wildlife documentary that shows life in a variety of habitats.

No bookings required



Interactive Theatre Time - Create a Monologue

📍 Drum Theatre

🕒 11.30am – 12.30pm

👤 Ages 10-12

\$10



Explore playwriting and performance in the home of theatre. The team from Rebel Stepz Arts will help you to create your own monologue which you will have the option to perform. You'll learn how to compose a short, one-person play and learn techniques to perform it.

Bookings required



FREE

Drum Backstage Tour

📍 Drum Theatre

🕒 10am-11am and 1pm-2pm

👤 Ages 5-12



Come and discover the magical backstage world of Drum Theatre. Check out where the special effects are created, learn what secrets hide behind the big velvet curtain and hear about the legends of the old theatre.

Bookings required



FREE

Springvale Community Hub turns 2

📍 Springvale Community Hub

🕒 10.30am – 12.30pm

👤 Ages 2-5



Join us to celebrate the Hub's 2nd birthday with a special party themed storytime, performances and craft activities.




FREE

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Walkin Country, Talkin Place

📍 Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve

🕒 11am

👤 Ages 4-12

Rediscover a precious natural treasure right in your own backyard. Alex Wilkie Reserve is a small reserve full of bush foods and natural wonders to explore.

Come on a journey of knowledge, and of connection. *The deeper you look, the more you find!*

Bookings required



Wind In The Willows

📍 Springvale Library, Springvale Community Hub

🕒 2.30pm – 3.20pm

👤 Ages 5-12

Join Mr Badger for a delightful, intimate storytelling performance of *The Wind in the Willows*, a story celebrating the joys of nature and friendship.

Bookings required



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Biodiversity Blitz

Every September Greater Dandenong City Council celebrates biodiversity month by challenging neighbouring councils in the Biodiversity Blitz.

Join us in the great outdoors from 1-30 September and record all the living things you can see for this year's challenge.



How to join:

- 1 Download the free iNaturalist app and register
- 2 Search the projects section for this year's Biodiversity Blitz - City of Greater Dandenong
- 3 Start recording your observations.

For more information visit
greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/biodiversity-blitz

Deckchair Movies: Open Season

📍 Harmony Square

🕒 12pm 🧑🧑 All ages

A happily domesticated grizzly bear named Boog has his perfect world turned upside down after he meets Elliot, a scrawny, fast-talking one-horned wild mule deer.

No bookings required



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FREE

Animal Cartooning Workshop with Lluís Fuzzhound

📍 Drum Theatre, Magistrates Room

🕒 11am – 11.45am 🧑🧑 Ages 7-12

Learn amazing new cartooning techniques with talented illustrator and cartoonist Lluís Fuzzhound. You will love learning how to draw new animal characters.

Bookings required



FREE

Spring Garden Walk

📍 Heritage Hill

🕒 10am – 12pm 🧑🧑 Ages 5-12



Join local artist Kim Nguyen and paint a small terracotta pot with vibrant stencils and designs. Breathe in fresh air as you discover the various plant life in the Heritage Hill gardens. Complete the experience by preparing the pot with drainage, soil and planting a seed.

Bookings required



FREE

Yoga In The Park

📍 Springvale Library,
Springvale Community Hub

🕒 2.30pm – 3.30pm 🧑🧑 Ages 5-12



Chill out and tune in with relaxing and strengthening yoga in the park (weather permitting). Leave feeling like you're floating on a cloud.

Bookings required

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**FREE**

Reuse Art

📍 Springvale Community Hub

🕒 2.30pm – 3.30pm 👤 Ages 4-12



Bring your little artist along to this fun and interactive reuse art workshop, where they will learn how every day materials can be reused and made into wonderful works of art.

Bookings required

**FREE**

Stencil Art Workshop

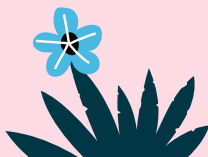
📍 Walker Street Gallery

🕒 2pm – 4pm 👤 Ages 10-12



Learn the fundamentals of Stencil Art with Melbourne based artist George Manioudakis. In this 2 hour introductory workshop, you will learn all the skills necessary to create a simple single or multi-layer stencil, producing an artwork on canvas you can take home and hang straight on the wall.

Bookings required



Deckchair Movies: Red Dog



📍 Harmony Square 🕒 12pm

👤 All ages



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In the tradition of Hachi: A Dog's Tale (2009), this is the story of a legendary, lovable red dog who roamed the outback looking for his original master, finding his way into the hearts of everyone he meets, bringing people and communities together, some who find love, and others who find themselves. Based on true events.

No bookings required

FREE



Tirhatuan Park Planting Day

📍 Tirhatuan Park

🕒 10am – 1pm 👤 All ages

One of the best ways we can assist in protecting natural biodiversity is by planting local native species at a community planting day. Bring the family, gardening gloves and drinking water and wear old clothes and shoes. Enjoy a free lunch.

Bookings required

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Trash Puppets Workshops

📍 Drum Theatre

🕒 11am – 12.30pm, 2pm – 3.30pm

👤 Ages 4-12

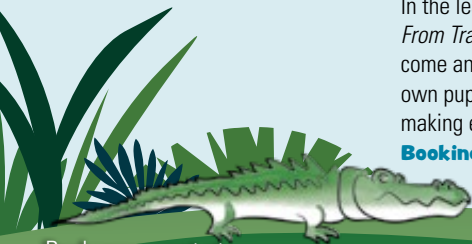


In the lead up to the amazing *Escape From Trash Mountain* theatre show come and learn how to make your own puppets guided by puppet-making experts.

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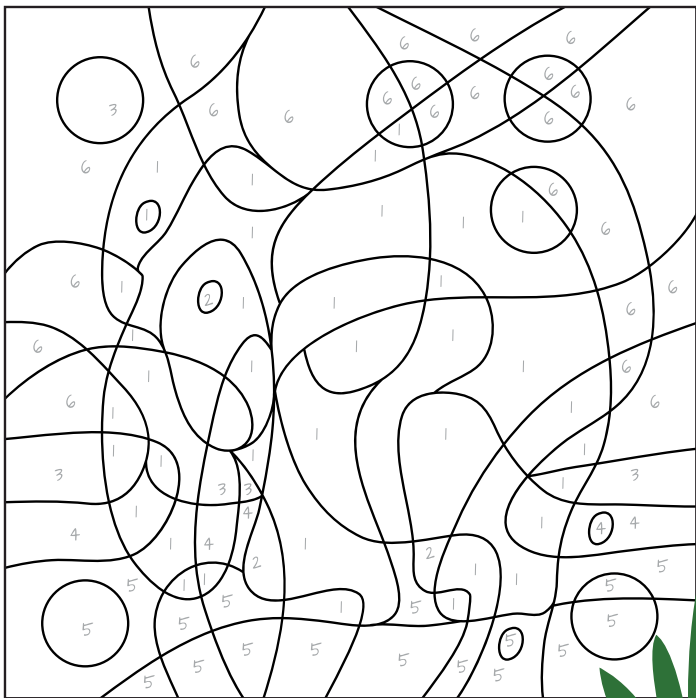


Jungle Activity 1

Mona Beeza's jungle art



What is hiding in those numbers?
Help Mona Beeza finish the painting by
colouring in the numbers using the key.





Jungle Activity 2

Bob The Reader's Word Search

Bob The Reader loves words. Help him to find all the words relating to animals of the jungle.

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FROG
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ELEPHANT
GORILLA

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JAGUAR
MONKEY
OWL
CAPYBARA
BABOON
LEMUR

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ANTEATER
ALLIGATOR
SLOTH



Jungle Activity 3

Birdtoven's Maze Escape



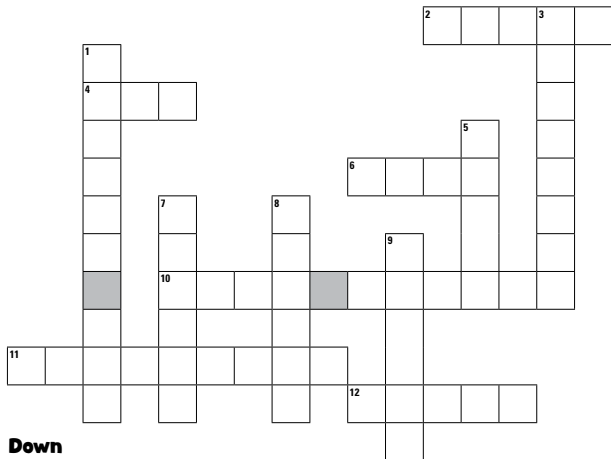
Birdtoven is lost in the jungle! Help him find his way out.



Blinky Belle's Crossword



Help Blinky Belle learn about the jungle by completing the crossword



Down

1. a big bat that resembles a fox
3. a big, grey animal with a trunk and very large ears
5. a long poisonous reptile without legs
7. a colourful tropical bird
8. a dense tropical forest
9. a funny little animal that has a long tail and lives on trees

Across

2. a big, striped cat
4. a tree trunk that has been cut
6. a big cat that lives in Africa and has a mane
10. a tropical forest that is named after heavy rainfalls
11. a big green reptile with many sharp teeth that lives in the water
12. a wild species of horse with black stripes

WOW! Children's Exhibition

Nature Makings: things we found

19 September – 17 October

📍 Springvale Community Hub

Artist Phoebe Thompson will bring nature to life for local primary school students. Phoebe's multi-disciplinary practice is concerned with sustainability, personal identity, and the built and existing environment.

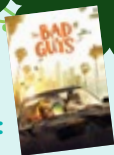
The students' artworks will explore their connection with nature and how we can repurpose 'things' through art to become something new.



IKEA

Enjoying the Children's Festival?
Head to IKEA Springvale for more
nature-themed activities for the
family. For more details visit
ikea.com/au/en/stores/springvale

Deckchair Movies: The Bad Guys



📍 Springvale Community Hub
🕒 12pm 🧑🧒 All ages



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After a lifetime of legendary heists, notorious criminals Mr. Wolf, Mr. Snake, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Shark and Ms. Tarantula are finally caught. To avoid a prison sentence, the animal outlaws must pull off their most challenging con yet.

No bookings required



FREE

Marvellous Minibeasts

📍 Dandenong Library
🕒 2.30pm – 3.30pm and
3.30pm – 4.30pm 🧑🧒 Ages 7-12



Join us on an amazing discovery of butterflies, bugs and all things creepy crawlly. Find out about their life cycles, behaviour and role in the environment. You will see our bugs and butterflies up close, feed our butterflies and discover how they perceive the world.

Bookings required

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Deckchair Movies: My Neighbour Totoro



📍 Springvale Community Hub 🕒 12pm
🧑🧒 All ages



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Two young girls, 10-year-old Satsuki and her 4-year-old sister Mei, move into a house in the country with their father to be closer to their hospitalized mother. Satsuki and Mei discover that the nearby forest is inhabited by magical creatures called Totoros. They soon befriend these Totoros, and have several magical adventures. **No bookings required**



Interactive Theatre Time – Write, draw, design.

📍 Drum Theatre 🕒 11.30am - 12.30pm
🧑🧒 Ages 10-12 \$10



Join Rebel Stepz Arts and learn how to design a play in this artistic and creative workshop. You'll come up with a basic play idea, focusing on characters and who they are. You'll then move on to designing a set which you will sketch. You'll also be encouraged to draw your own props before moving on to sketching out costume ideas for your characters.

Bookings required

TRASH PUPPETS PRESENTS

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ESCAPE FROM TRASH MOUNTAIN

AN EPIC TALE OF TRASHY PROPORTIONS



**MONDAY 26
SEPTEMBER 11AM**

Tickets: \$14-\$18

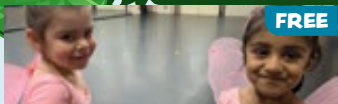
**WORKSHOPS:
THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
11AM AND 2PM**

FREE, Bookings Essential

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FREE

Melbourne Ballet School

📍 Melbourne Ballet School

🕒 11am – 11.30am (2-4 yrs)
and 11.30am – 12pm (5-8 yrs)

Come and do an introduction to ballet class. Beginners welcome.

Bookings required


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Drum Backstage Tour

📍 Drum Theatre

🕒 10am – 11am and 1pm – 2pm

👤 Ages 5-12

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Bookings required



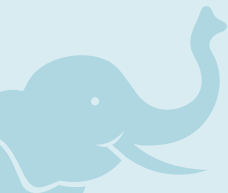
Into The Wild Writing Workshop

📍 Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve

🕒 11am – 1pm 👤 Ages 8-12

Join Melbourne Young Writers' Studio in the beautiful Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve for this very special story workshop. You will discover how to create characters and tales that explore environmental themes, and journey into the wilderness, where adventure awaits.

Bookings required





Deckchair Movies: The Secret Garden

📍 Springvale Community Hub

🕒 12pm 🧑🧒 All ages

Living in India, Mary Lennox, a young, privileged girl, is left orphaned when her parents are killed in an earthquake. She is sent back to England where she goes to live on her Uncle Lord Archibald Craven's estate. It is a fairly isolated existence and she has to find things to keep herself occupied. She finds sickly young Colin Craven, and a secret garden.

No bookings required



Nature Craft

📍 Springvale Library,
Springvale Community Hub

🕒 2.30pm – 3.30pm 🧑🧒 Ages 5-12

Join Natalie for a fun workshop creating birds' nests and other nature-inspired objects using air-dry clay.

Bookings required



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Wednesday 28 September**Thursday 29 September****FREE****Lil' Beat**

📍 Drum Theatre 🕒 11am – 1pm

👤 Ages 5-12



Join us for a very special installment of Drum's popular *Our Beat* program. *Our Beat* is a monthly open stage night that brings together musicians, artists, actors, comedians, dancers and the community. For the first time we are inviting children to take part in one of three workshops:

- › Hip Hop
- › Bhangra – a fun energetic dance from Punjab, North India
- › African drumming

All workshops are for beginner level and designed to be fun and interactive. After the workshops kids will then have the opportunity to present what they have learned with their teachers. Hosted by Mr. Congo who will also MC and perform.

Bookings required**Deckchair Movies:
Planet Earth II (Jungles)**

📍 Springvale Community Hub

🕒 12pm 👤 All ages



David Attenborough returns with a new wildlife documentary that shows life in a variety of habitats.

No bookings required**Jingle Jangle Jungle**

📍 Dandenong Library

🕒 2.30pm- 3.15pm 👤 Ages 5-12



Jump into the Magical Jingle Jangle Jungle with Charlie SillyPants and his Teddy Bear Russell, for their silliest adventure yet.

Bookings required

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Deckchair Movies: Balto

♥ Springvale Community Hub

🕒 12pm 🧑🧒 All ages



A half-wolf, half-husky named Balto gets a chance to become a hero when an outbreak of diphtheria threatens the children of Nome, Alaska in the winter of 1925. He leads a dog team on a 600-mile trip across the Alaskan wilderness to get medical supplies. The film is based on a true story which inspired the Iditarod dog sled race. **No bookings required**



Blacksnake Productions Native Wildlife Display

♥ Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve

🕒 10am – 1pm 🧑🧒 All ages



Come along to an exciting and educational native wildlife display in the Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve. There will be over 15 feathered, furry and scaled animals to interact with and learn about. Bookings essential as numbers are limited.

Bookings required



Koala Gymnastics school holiday program

♥ Koala Gymnastics Club

🕒 10am -1.30pm 🧑🧒 Ages 1-12 \$ 5



10-10.30am KinderGym Animals (1-5 yrs)
10.30-11am Tinies Dance (3-5 yrs)
11-11.30am Tinies Calisthenics (3-5 yrs)
12-12.30pm Jazz Dance (5 yrs+)
12-12.30pm Calisthenics tricks (5 yrs+)
12.30-1pm Tumbling (5 yrs+)
12.30-1pm Gymnastics Bars workshop (5 yrs+)
1-1.30pm Ribbons and Hoops Gymnastics tricks (5 yrs+)

Come and try a variety of fun gymnastics, dance and calisthenics holiday classes for all ages and abilities.

Bookings required



Friday 30 September



School Holidays Circus Intensive

📍 Drum Theatre 🕒 2pm – 4pm

👤 Ages 7–12



Roll Up, Roll Up! Come and join the circus. Spin hoops, juggle balls in the air, jump high to reach the sky, create little human pyramids and learn basic acrobalance.

Join circus legends Hazel Bock – one of Australia's best jugglers and former star of Circus Oz – and Sha McGovern founder of Aerialize Sydney Aerial Theatre – for a super fun and challenging afternoon.

Bookings required

Saturday 1 October



Child Friendly Healthy Retreat

📍 Springvale Service for Children

🕒 10am – 2pm 👤 All ages



Enjoy a series of interactive activities that encourage, children and families to participate in a healthy lifestyle.



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Deckchair Movies Program: Week 1

📍 Harmony Square

🕒 Monday 19 – Thursday 22 September 12pm

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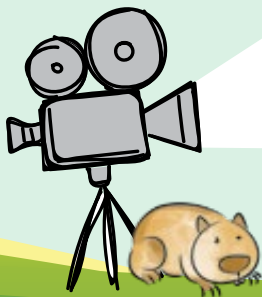
Red Dog

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No Screening



**AFL Grand Final
Public Holiday**



**Winners of young animators
competition to be screened before movies!**



Deckchair Movies Program: Week 2

📍 Springvale Community Hub

🕒 Monday 26 – Friday 30 September 12pm

Monday 26



The Bad Guys

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Tuesday 27



**My Neighbour
Totoro**

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**The Secret
Garden**

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**Planet Earth II
(Jungles)**

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Friday 30



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**Please contact venues directly
for all bookings and further information.**

Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve

Mackay Street, Springvale South
8571 1000

Dandenong Library

225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong
1300 630 920

Dandenong Market,

Cnr Clow Street and Cleeland Street,
Dandenong 9701 3850

Drum Theatre

Cnr of Lonsdale Street
and Walker Street 8571 1666

Harmony Square

225 Lonsdale Street,
Dandenong 8571 1000

Heritage Hill

66 McCrae Street, Dandenong
9793 4511

IKEA Springvale

917 Princes Highway, Springvale
9565 8007

Koala Gymnastics Club Unit

2/174-176 Atlantic Drive, Keysborough

Melbourne Ballet School

10 Summit Road, Noble Park North
0438 599 890

Noble Park Aquatic Centre

9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park
9546 7955

Noble Park Community Centre

Ross Reserve, Memorial Drive,
Noble Park 9547 5801

Ross Reserve

Memorial Drive, Noble Park

Springvale Community Hub

5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale
1300 630 920

Springvale Service for Children

23-28 Lightwood Road, Springvale
8558 3800

Tirhatuan Park

4 Kriegel Way, Dandenong North
8571 1000

Walker Street Gallery

Corner Walker and Robinson streets,
Dandenong 9706 8441



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