

Strategic Objective 1

A socially connected, safe and healthy city



Highlights

- The contract for the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre was awarded, Council's single largest investment in health, wellbeing, inclusion and water safety.
- More than 7,000 volunteer hours were contributed this year, representing an estimated value to the community of \$350,000.
- 15,428 hours of youth and family services was provided to 226 vulnerable families with 450 children.
- 61 community projects were supported through grant funding.
- A new online portal was launched to assist Community Care clients and their families to access services.
- Council agreed to deliver the Commonwealth Home Support Program for eligible residents over 65 until 30 June 2027.
- Seven one-off events and seven multi-week programs were offered to the community as part of the Make Your Move Physical Activity Strategy.
- The #Filtered:The Body Image Project won the Industry and Community Partnerships Award by Chisholm Institute.
- The Refugee Immunisation program won the LGPro Award for Service Delivery

Performance Measures

Measure	Progress
The number of actions commenced or completed in the Make Your Move Greater Dandenong Physical Activity Strategy 2020–30	90% of actions commenced were completed
Number of community projects funded to support health and wellbeing	61
Implementation of the Community Safety Plan	The Community Safety Strategic Framework was endorsed by Council in September. A draft four-year Community Safety Action Plan is underway
Number of volunteering opportunities offered	16
Number of youth and family support contact hours provided	15,428
% of children fully vaccinated according to their age, through to 5 years old, according to the national immunisation register	12-15 months – 90.3% 24-27 months – 86.3% 60-63 months – 90.3%

Strategic Objective 2

**A city that respects
and celebrates diversity,
our history and the arts**



Highlights

- Over 87,000 people engaged in creative programs across more than 300 events.
- 10 major festivals were delivered engaging 69,374 people.
- 821,273 people visited Dandenong and Springvale Libraries and 42,028 people participated in library activities.
- Construction of the Keysborough Community Hub is 99% complete with practical completion expected in early July.
- The HOME24 exhibition won the 2024 Victorian Multicultural Award for Excellence in the Arts and was shortlisted for the Public Galleries Association Victoria Awards.
- Council's first LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee was established.
- 1,059 children in our city participated in the BIG Summer Read, collectively reading 8,931 books which was the highest number in the state.
- 2,204,698 people registered for the National Simultaneous Storytime streamed from the Springvale Library

Performance Measures

Measure	Progress
Implementation of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy	Council's creative programs engaged over 87,000 people across more than 300 events which were hosted to deliver on the priorities of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy
Number of arts and heritage exhibitions delivered	12
Completion of the Dandenong New Art Gallery and progression of the PEP redevelopment for creative use	The PEP building is being demolished due to structural issues which render it unsafe for public use. Construction of the Dandenong New Art Gallery will commence once the demolition is complete.
Delivery of the Reconciliation Action Plan	A new Reconciliation Action Plan is currently in development
Number of festivals, events and programs celebrating the diversity of cultures	10 major festivals were delivered engaging a total of 69,374 people. Support was also provided on event applications for 348 events within the municipality
Implementation of the Library Strategy	Dandenong and Springvale Libraries recorded 821,273 visits, 651 items were borrowed from the Menzies Avenue Little Library and 2,720 sessions took place, involving 42,028 participants in library activities

Strategic Objective 3

A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods



Highlights

- 23 rough sleepers were supported into long term housing outcomes through the Dandenong Zero Project
- Four transitional housing units were completed in Market Street, Dandenong, managed by Wayss, to support women and children affected by homelessness and family violence.
- Over \$4 million in road safety funding was received through the Federal Blackspot Program.
- \$1,647,000 was secured through advocacy for path works following the completion of the Progress Street Level Crossing Removal.
- 75 transport infrastructure projects were delivered and/or advocated for.
- The Noble Park Revitalisation program delivered a number of projects including the flower decoration art installation, Frank Street open space shade and signage, and the Our Street NPK Place Activation Grant Scheme.

Performance Measures

Measure	Progress
Increase in availability of affordable housing stock	The construction of four transitional housing units at 10 Market Street, Dandenong, is now complete, with management by Wayss to support women and children affected by homelessness and family violence
Number of rough sleepers supported into long term housing outcomes	23 – The total number of rough sleepers supported into long term housing outcomes since the Dandenong Zero Project's inception in June 2022 has been 34
Completion of the Springvale Boulevard project	Stage 1 is complete with Stage 2 subject to future funding availability
Number of transport infrastructure projects delivered and/or advocated for	75

Strategic Objective 4

A green city committed to a sustainable future



Highlights

- 2,389 trees were planted in public spaces.
- Council has reduced its operational emissions by 82% and continues to transition away from gas as a fuel source.
- Electric vehicle footpath sweepers have been trialled and several small plant items have been purchased to support operations. Two electric trucks have also been ordered to assist the Parks and Waste teams.
- 3,000 people attended the 2025 Sustainability Festival.
- The Adopt-a-Park program involved 220 children who planted 3,900 native and Indigenous plants across six local reserves.
- 46.46% of kerbside collection waste was diverted from landfill.
- 2.72 hectares were revegetated and more than 22,000 Indigenous plants installed.

Performance Measures

Measure	Progress
% of kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill	46.46%
Number of trees planted in public spaces	2,389
Development and implementation of the Biodiversity Action Plan	Targeted revegetation focused on habitat enhancement with intensive weed control across 83.78 hectares, revegetation of 2.72 hectares and more than 22,000 indigenous plants installed
Implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy	Implementation continues with a free tree program conducted for residents in the green wedge which saw a significant number of plants being collected by residents for planting on their properties
Installed Council Solar Panel Capacity	600kW
Compliance with Council's Sustainable Buildings Policy	This policy has been discontinued and its intent captured in other Council documents
Progress of Council operations to net zero emissions (%)	82% - Council has significantly reduced its operational emissions and continues to transition away from gas as a fuel source
% of tree canopy coverage	14.1%

Strategic Objective 5

A city that supports entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes



Highlights

- 13 free workshops were delivered to 223 people running local businesses.
- 50 industry and network events were held by SEBN covering topics such as manufacturing, global environment, and workplace health and safety.
- 150 students and industry representatives attended the annual Lunch with the Winners event held in partnership with SELLEN.
- 286 jobseekers, ten local employers and two educational organisations participated in the 'Learn from a Local Employer' initiative.
- The GameChange Dandenong Career and Support Expo was the biggest yet with 300% more attendees than 2023–24.
- 2,913 young people were involved in leadership and personal development opportunities.

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	Result
Number of business networking activities and key events offered to the manufacturing sector	50
Number of leadership and personal development opportunities for young people	2,913 contacts
Number of Women in Business activities and key events offered	16
Number of events held which provide opportunities for business and education providers to support the community	13
Number of library activities and partnerships that support the community to participate in work, entrepreneurship, education, training, social and civic life	1,080 sessions with 8,457 adults and young people participating
Number of engagement opportunities to enhance learning, reading and literacy, digital and technology skills at all life stages	2,720 sessions with 42,028 participants

Strategic Objective 6

A Council that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to investing in the community



Highlights

- Council achieved the highest overall satisfaction score of all Council's participating in the Metropolis Research Community Satisfaction Survey 2025.
- Council continued to hold transparent and accountable Council meetings with only 2.1% of resolutions made in meetings closed to the public.
- Registered users of Council's digital portal increased from 2023–24 by 1,855 people to 4,071.
- The largest community consultation process for the development of Council's strategic documents was conducted in 2024 with over 3,300 participants.
- Council adopted its Council Plan 2025–29, Long Term Financial Plan 2026–35, Asset Plan 2025–35, Budget 2025–26, and Revenue and Rating Plan 2025–26 on 23 June 2025.
- Council received over 70 emergency relief and support requests, a record number this year.

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	Result
Completion of Asset Plans in accordance with LGA requirements	100% – The 10 Year Asset Plan was endorsed by Council on 23 June 2025
Completion of Council's Capital Works Program	77%
Satisfaction with community consultation (Community Satisfaction Survey)	77/100
Underlying financial result remains in surplus	\$14.06 million
% of decisions made in Council meetings closed to the public	2.10% – 5 resolutions were made in meetings closed to the public
Increase in number of registered users accessing the Council digital portal	4,071 an increase of 1,855 users since 2023–24.