Urban Master Plan Summary

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Dandenong – capital of Melbourne’s South East

On 26 April 2006, the Victorian Government launched the Shared Vision for central Dandenong and announced that $290 million would be invested in the revitalisation of the city centre over the next 15 to 20 years. The investment seeks to restore central Dandenong as the capital of Melbourne’s south east – a capital city that is a great place to live, work, study and socialise. The Revitalising Central Dandenong Initiative is being delivered by the Victorian Government, through Development Victoria, in partnership with the City of Greater Dandenong.

20 year plan

Lonsdale Street has become one of Melbourne’s great boulevards and once again the heart of central Dandenong. Key features include:

- Slow moving traffic for safety and easy crossing
- Easily accessible bus stops for public transport
- Wider footpaths and a more pleasant street environment to attract kerbside activity
- Priority for pedestrians and cyclists between Dandenong railway station and the city centre. Key features will include:
  - An easy and direct route that links the Station to the city centre, Dandenong Plaza and the Market
  - A setting for high quality energy efficient buildings for living, working and business activities
  - A green street with wide pedestrian paths for easy movement
  - Retail outlets at ground level to bring life and activity to the western half of the city
  - New civic and public spaces to meet and relax and for events
  - On street parking to support local businesses
  - Designated safe cycling lane.

Halpin Way is named after Sister Ann Halpin (1939–2009), an active community member who founded the Wellsprings for Women drop-in centre and improved opportunities for refugee and migrant women in the Dandenong area. Together with Settlers Square, Halpin Way provides an improved link for pedestrians and cyclists between Dandenong railway station and the city centre. Key features will include:

- Encourage activity on footpaths
- Improved lighting for safety and to attract kerbside activity
- More trees creating a boulevard character
- Reduce waiting
- Extended pedestrian crossing times to promote circulation by foot and bicycle
- Priority for pedestrians and cyclists to environment to attract kerbside activity
- Wider footpaths and a more pleasant street
- Easily accessible bus stops for public transport
- Slow moving traffic for safety and activity on footpaths
- Active shopping strip to encourage and relax and for events
- New civic and public spaces to meet and relax and for events
- On street parking to support local businesses
- Designated safe cycling lane.

The Stockmans Bridge is the new western entrance to central Dandenong and opened in September 2010. The $29.5 million bridge spans the railway line and links Cheltenham Road with the city centre. It provides an alternative to the traffic bottleneck in the Cheltenham Road/ Foster Street and the Hammond Road/ Webster Street areas.

Stockmans Bridge provides improved bicycle, pedestrian and vehicle access for traffic entering and exiting central Dandenong via the south and west.

Stockmans Bridge, which found its name via a 2010 competition run by VicRoads, the City of Greater Dandenong and Development Victoria, features distinctive artwork inspired by the site’s saleyard history.

The Urban Master Plan is the framework for the 15-20 year vision for the largest urban renewal project Development Victoria has embarked upon since the Melbourne Docklands. The plan maps a dynamic future for central Dandenong as it seeks to attract more people, jobs and businesses to the city centre. It is estimated that the revitalisation will help to create up to 5,000 new jobs and 4,000 new homes in the city centre over the next 15-20 years.

The Government’s investment, through expenditure on four major infrastructure projects: Lonsdale Street, Halpin Way, the Station Precinct and the Stockmans Bridge, is expected to leverage $1 billion in private sector development over the next 15 to 20 years. New buildings that showcase the future are also being explored including a new public services “green” building and a learning and education building.

Central Dandenong has the elements that make a great city. Its prime location, excellent access to transport and services, strong industrial and employment base, cultural diversity and community spirit underpin the revitalisation process.
For more information

For further information on the Revitalising Central Dandenong initiative or to find out more about potential development opportunities please contact Development Victoria.

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