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## A SPECIAL PREVIEW OF KEYSBOURGH'S NEW COMMUNITY HUB

Greater Dandenong City Council yesterday hosted a special tour of the soon-to-becompleted Community Hub in Keysborough for the Victorian Minister for Children, Lizzie Blandthorn and local Member for Mordialloc, Tim Richardson.

The Hub, to officially open later this year, has been carefully designed with and for the local community. The facility will be home to a kindergarten and long day care service, maternal and child health support, a community lounge incorporating a library, multipurpose community spaces and flexible outdoor areas including a basketball ring, amphitheatre and playground.

Greater Dandenong Mayor, Councillor Jim Memeti, joined the tour with Keysborough South Ward Councillor, Isabella Do. Cr Memeti said the tour was an opportunity to provide a glimpse of what will soon be open to the community.

"This Hub is an example of what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared vision," Cr Memeti said.

"It's been thoughtfully designed to meet the needs of a diverse population – now and into the future. I thank the Victorian Government for its support and shared commitment to building stronger, connected communities."

Funding of the \$29.5 million project included a combined \$4 million contribution from the Victorian Government through the Building Blocks Grant (\$3 million) and Living Libraries Infrastructure Program (\$1 million).

Cr Isabella Do said that the Hub was thoughtfully designed to complement and connect with the natural environment, fulfilling community needs while achieving great sustainability outcomes.

"The Hub has something for everyone, no matter what your age or background," Cr Do said.

"I'm very excited to see it come to life and for it to be a welcoming and inclusive space, where everyone can feel at home. I'm also particularly proud of its green and sustainable features such as its rainwater storage, solar panels, and state-of-the-art heating and cooling system. All of which significantly reduce its environmental impact."

The official launch of the new Hub will take place later this year.

Visit greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keysborough-south-community-hub for more information.

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