

Media Response

18 September 2025



Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council Executive Manager Strategic Growth and Advocacy, Dr. Marjan Hajjari:

Greater Dandenong City Council is part of a new working group, created to promote intercultural dialogue and social cohesion across the south east.

The working group was established in partnership with the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire Council, the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Multicultural Commission, and will be supported by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs' Office for Social Cohesion.

The group will establish a series of community engagement sessions to promote social cohesion and community resilience. These sessions will take place in coming months prior to a separate, Council-run consultation regarding the Thomas Street precinct.

We will provide further information in the coming weeks.

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Media Enquiry

16 September 2025

From Dandenong Journal

I am seeking an update on the Thomas Street intercultural dialogue community consultation on its nickname.

The community consultation was supposed to start in July according to council reports.

Can I get an update on this and also when will the council submit a report on the consultation findings and a final decision?

The latest on this is reported by Star Journal is [here](#).

The deadline on this is Thursday 12pm.