



Media Response

31 October 2025

Council was very pleased to host the Federal Assistant Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Patrick Gorman last week.

He was here to listen to local businesses and the community and hear what they would like from the proposed Dandenong Employment Hub. The Hub is part of an election commitment from the Albanese government, providing \$1.5 million over three years to help connect service providers, businesses and job seekers.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Sophie Tan was pleased to welcome the assistant minister to Dandenong. She said, "We value this commitment to employment in our community. It was great that Minister Gorman came to meet with local businesses and community and hear first-hand about our challenges and opportunities. We appreciate local member Julian Hill MP also coming to one of the sessions."

Executive Director, Strategy and Corporate Services Dr Marjan Hajjari said, "We've taken on board what we heard during the sessions. We're carefully considering how the Hub will work, so we don't duplicate any services or programs that already exist. We want to have maximum impact, and this will mean tailoring this hub especially for our local Dandenong economy."

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Media Enquiry

28 October 2025

From Dandenong Journal

Last week council officers met with Julian Hill and Patrick Gorman MP's, local employers and organisations on the Greater Dandenong Employment Hub.

What came out of that meeting?

Once established, who will be overlooking the employment hub and its operations?

With the unemployment rate and huge gaps in the local area, services are required now more than ever.

When will work on this hub begin and when is the estimated date for its opening?