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The Revitalising Central Dandenong initiative is being delivered by the Victorian Government, through VicUrban, in partnership with the City of Greater Dandenong.

As work commences to make the vision a reality, we will bring you regular updates to keep you informed of progress.

Deal Corporation starts work on Arkana site

Deal Corporation has commenced work on its \$50 million vision to create a vibrant mixed use development in the Dandenong CBD, at the former Arkana timber and hardware store.

Deal Corporation has designed the building to achieve a 4½ star Australian Building Greenhouse Rating (ABGR) by adopting various energy efficient initiatives.

The former Arkana building is currently being demolished and construction is due to commence next month with completion due in two stages (July 2009 and September 2009).

The landmark Arkana development will feature two buildings, situated at 76 Thomas Street and 157 Lonsdale Street, with a third street frontage on Foster Street.

Deal Corporation's Arkana development, measuring approximately 15,000sqm, will offer five retail spaces, including two cafés.

The office space will offer 1,500 sqm of office space at 157 Lonsdale St over two levels and 3,300 sqm

at 76 Thomas St over three levels. There will also be 176 car parks accessed from Thomas St.

The development will also include high quality accommodation including 56 serviced apartments, conference facilities for 250 people as well as a spa and gym to be operated by the Punt Hill Group.

Deal Corporation Managing Director, Mr David Kobritz said the development addressed a need for quality office space, conference facilities and corporate accommodation in the wider Dandenong area.

He said the Commonwealth Government had already secured office space in 76 Thomas Street, consisting of two floors and 40 car spaces.

"Deal Corporation is excited to be responsible for Arkana, the first development of its kind to be constructed in Dandenong and the first commercial development to be built in the Dandenong CBD in 20 years."



"Arkana will also be the first private sector development in central Dandenong since the launch of the Victorian Government's Revitalising Central Dandenong Urban Master Plan that was launched by Premier John Brumby in November 2007. The Urban Master Plan charts the course for the revitalisation of central Dandenong and the Victorian Government's \$290 million investment to reposition Dandenong as the capital of Melbourne's south east".

Grenda's move into new state-of-the-art premises

After years of planning and construction, the iconic family owned Grenda Corporation has moved into its new \$14 million state-of-the-art premises in central Dandenong.

After 54 years in Foster Street Dandenong, Grenda Corporation has relocated and expanded its operations south of the railway line to the corner of Cheltenham Road and the George Street Bridge.

Grenda's relocation from its former depot in Foster Street Dandenong makes way for important works to construct the George Street Bridge in addition to providing new building development sites north of Dandenong Station. The construction of the George Street Bridge is expected to commence later in 2008.

"We negotiated with VicUrban, as part of the Revitalising Central Dandenong initiative, to move across the rail line from our current location in Foster Street. This enables us to meet the demand for extra bus services and house our increasing staff numbers," says Mr. Geoff Grenda, CEO and grandson of the founder, the late George Grenda.

ABC TV films art displays

The work of seven local artists has attracted the attention of an ABC Television crew who are filming their exhibition as a final gesture to honour Grenda Corporation's years of service to the community before their old depot in Foster Street is demolished.

The temporary artworks will be on public display from 8-13 April 2008 and form part of an extraordinary project of celebration, contemplation, reflection and invention.

Grenda's move from Foster Street Dandenong is significant – it is the first major business to relocate and embrace the opportunity of central Dandenong's extraordinary \$290 million revitalisation initiative.

Demand heats up at Metro Village

Metro Village is red hot at the moment with homes walking out the door. With the first three stages released, 147 of the 203 dwellings have already been sold. Detached houses have been the most sought after with nothing currently available and only a few apartments left.

Stage 4 is expected to be released by the end of the financial year. There have been many enquiries about the townhouses and the expectation is that these will sell very fast.



One Stop shop moves to larger offices

The One Stop Shop that provides the public with information and advice in relation to the Revitalising Central Dandenong initiative and speeds up planning approvals has moved to larger premises in central Dandenong.

Formally co-located at the City of Greater Dandenong's Clow Street offices, the service has moved with VicUrban to larger premises in the heart of the City at level 2, 237-241 Lonsdale Street (the corner of Walker and Lonsdale Streets).

In the new location, the One Stop Shop will continue to provide information and answer queries on the Revitalising Central Dandenong initiative as well as planning advice, processing of planning permit applications and construction program details on the Lonsdale Street, City Walk, Station surrounds and George Street Bridge projects.

The One Stop Shop is open from 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. For telephone enquiries please call 8317 3566 or visit the website at www.revitalisingdandenong.com

Further information

Phone 131 852 or visit our new One Stop Shop, level 2, 237-241 Lonsdale Street (the corner of Walker and Lonsdale Streets).