




**GREATER DANDENONG YOUTH NETWORK MEETING MINUTES**  
**Meeting 2 | Culturally Specific Youth Programs in Greater Dandenong**

Wednesday 19 June 2024  
 City of Greater Dandenong Civic Centre  
 225 Lonsdale St  
 Dandenong

ITEMS	MEETING NOTES
<b>WELCOME</b>	All attendees welcomed Traditional Owners acknowledged
<b>PRESENTATION 1</b> <b>CMY Le Mana   Paora Te Paki</b>	<b>CMY Le Mana   Paora Te Paki   Pasifika Youth Worker</b> Helping to build connected communities and a sense of belonging for Pasifika young people in Victoria, the CMY Le Mana team supports Pasifika youth in a range of setting and responds to issues facing Pasifika youth and their families.  <b>Contact:</b> <b>Email:</b> ptepaki@cmynet.au <b>Phone:</b> 8594 1567   0400 937 404
<b>PRESENTATION 2</b> <b>Komak Afghan Support Service   Abdul Basir</b>	<b>Komak Afghan Support Service   Uniting   Abdul Basir   Team Leader</b> “Komak” (meaning “help” or “support” in Dari) is a specialised service that champions the Afghan community. KOMAK works to develop resilience and build community connection, with a focus on reducing isolation.  <b>Contact:</b> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:abdul.basir@vt.uniting.org">abdul.basir@vt.uniting.org</a> <b>Phone:</b> 03 8792 8999
<b>City of Greater Dandenong Council Plan</b>	Facilitator introduced the consultation activity for the 2025 to 2029 Council Plan.  Members were asked to respond to the following question - What changes are needed to improve the health and wellbeing of our community?  The following represents a summary of their responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rich diversity and vibrant atmosphere was highlighted as a strength of the City of Greater Dandenong community</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment should be made into health and fitness infrastructure and initiatives to support the physical health of young people. This included subsidised access to leisure and recreation facilities and consideration of access including transport.</li> <li>• Emphasise on improving safety for women.</li> <li>• There is a need for improved mental health resources, including clinical services and community support.</li> <li>• Education and support for young people to safely access social media.</li> <li>• Increased information, support, and rehabilitation services related to alcohol and substance use.</li> <li>• Advocacy and support for families regarding schooling, health, education, employment, mental health, and housing are necessary.</li> <li>• Building inclusion of faiths and cultures in schools and workplaces.</li> <li>• The gap between education and employment for young people. Increase in support for youth employment pathways and skill development.</li> <li>• Increase youth representation.</li> <li>• Support for school wellbeing teams.</li> </ul>
<p><b>JUNE MEETING EVALUATION POLL</b></p>	<p>Each meeting we take a poll to ask members to rate their satisfaction with the meeting, including the guest speaker. Findings from this meeting show that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of participants agreed that the presentation about Culturally Specific Youth Programs in Greater Dandenong was informative and relevant</li> <li>• 100% of participants agreed that the meeting exposed them to new ideas / helpful information.</li> <li>• 100% of participants attendees agreed that meeting increased my knowledge of services/supports available for young people.</li> </ul>
<p><b>YOUTH POSITIVE PATHWAYS</b></p>  <p>GREATER DANDENONG • CASEY • CARDINIA</p>	<p><b>Greater Dandenong - Casey - Cardinia Online Youth Services Directory</b></p> <p>There are many services for young people and families within the City of Greater Dandenong, the City of Casey, and Cardinia Shire. This directory brings local service information together in the one place. It aims to assist young people, families, schools, and agencies by improving awareness of and accessibility to services available to young people and their families across the City of Greater Dandenong, the City of Casey, and Cardinia Shire.</p> <p>Please <b>routinely check</b> your service and program information on the website to maintain its accuracy and currency. Also, if your service is not yet listed, please visit the website, and log your service information.  <a href="http://www.youthpositivepathways.com.au/about">www.youthpositivepathways.com.au/about</a></p>
<p><b>GDYN E-NEWS</b></p>	<p>Reminder to network members to promote programs/service updates in the monthly GDYN eNewsletter. Please see the upcoming submission dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August edition – content due by Friday 12 July</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• September edition – content due by Friday 16 August</li><li>• October edition – content due by Friday 13 September</li><li>• November edition – content due by Friday 18 October</li><li>• December edition – content due by Friday 15 November</li></ul> <p>Please send a blurb to <a href="mailto:bethany.roche@cgd.vic.gov.au">bethany.roche@cgd.vic.gov.au</a></p>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p><b>22 August 2024   Topic TBC</b> Online via Zoom Time: 9.30am – 11.30am</p> <p>For further information, please contact Bethany Roche, Youth Planner and Engagement Officer by phone 9793 2155 or email <a href="mailto:bethany.roche@cgd.vic.gov.au">bethany.roche@cgd.vic.gov.au</a></p>