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**Market**  
**guide**

**(For primary school students)**

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## ABOUT DANDENONG MARKET

Dandenong Market is one of Victoria's oldest markets - last year we celebrated our 150th birthday!

The Market is the centre of community life and brings together 150 different nationalities under the one roof.

Dandenong Market sells interesting and unusual food items including banana leaves, dragon fruit, custard apples and juice made from sugar cane.

Dandenong Market has over 180 market traders, including:

- 15 fruit and veggie traders
- 5 bakeries and 3 delis
- 3 seafood traders, 4 butchers and 1 chicken shop
- 4 nut shops and 2 honey stalls
- 29 cafes and take away traders (everything from hot jam donuts to Vietnamese spring rolls)
- 119 general merchandise traders (including clothing, jewellery, flowers and books)

Many of our traders have been here a long time. The longest running stall in the Market is in the fruit and veggie section. Luppino Fresh have been at the Market for 58 years.

The Market hosts lots of fun events, including the Dandenong World Fare, craft workshops, and cultural events including Full Moon Festival, Indian festival Diwali and even a Unicorn Party!

Dandenong Market is open on:

- Tuesday: 7am – 4pm (The Bazaar opens at 8am)
- Friday: 7am – 5pm (The Bazaar opens at 8am and closes at 4pm)
- Saturday: 7am – 4pm (The Bazaar opens at 8am)
- Sunday: 10am – 3pm



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## History of Dandenong Market

The traditional owners of the area of Dandenong are the Indigenous people of the Woiwurrung tribe and the Bunurong tribe of the Kulin nation.

When the Europeans first came to settle in the area in 1840, they needed a meeting point to trade cattle and buy fresh food. In 1850, two acres of land was set aside for a cattle yard and farmers market.

Dandenong Market was officially opened in 1866. The market sold beef and dairy cattle, chickens, horses, as well as fruit, vegetables, eggs and household items.

Dandenong was an important area for people travelling from Gippsland to Melbourne and became known as the “Gateway to Gippsland”.

In 1926, the Market located to its existing site on the Corner of Clow and Cleeland streets.

In 1956, the livestock section of the market moved to another site in Dandenong.

A local icon at the Dandenong Market is the Dandy Pig. The Dandy Pig is a neon sign that first appeared in the 1950s. The finely dressed pig tips his top hat to welcome people to Dandenong.

When the market first opened, it only traded on Tuesdays. In 1976, the Market started to trade on a Friday. In 1982, the Market started to trade every Saturday and in 2013, the Market started trading on a Sunday.

In 2016, we celebrated our 150th birthday.



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## Community



### Visitors to Dandenong Market

Half of Dandenong Market visitors speak a language other than English at home.

The main nationalities of visitors to the market (after Australian) include:

- Indian
- Afghani
- Sri Lankan
- Chinese
- Italian
- English,
- Filipino
- Serbian
- New Zealander.

### Dandenong community

The City of Greater Dandenong is the most culturally diverse area in Victoria.

Greater Dandenong's residents come from 156 different birthplaces.

61.9% of people living in Greater Dandenong were born outside of Australia. The most common countries of birth:

- Vietnam
- India
- Sri Lanka
- Cambodia
- China

78.5% of people living in Greater Dandenong had both parents born overseas.

The City of Greater Dandenong has a population of approximately 140,000.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents account for 0.4% of our population in the City of Greater Dandenong.



# Australian Guide to Healthy Eating

Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from these five food groups every day.

Drink plenty of water.

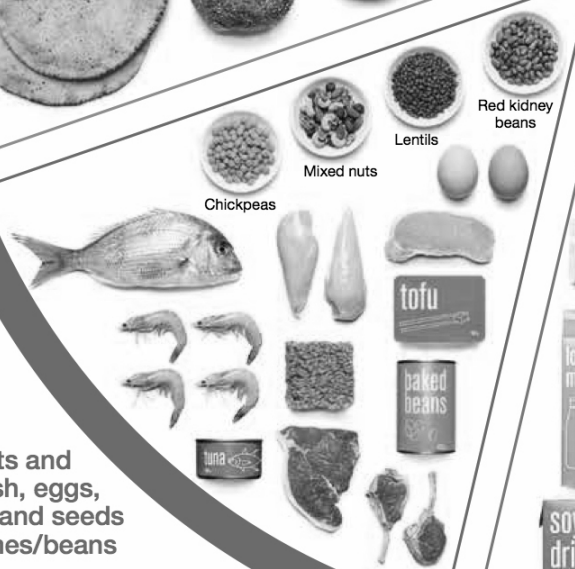
Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain and/or high cereal fibre varieties



Vegetables and legumes/beans



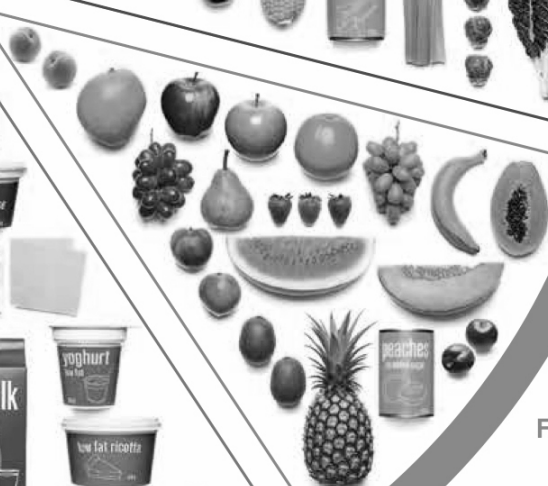
Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds and legumes/beans



Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or alternatives, mostly reduced fat



Fruit



Use small amounts



Only sometimes and in small amounts





## Market Quiz

1. What year did Dandenong Market celebrate our 150th birthday?

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2. How many days is Dandenong Market open?

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3. How many fruit and veggie traders does Dandenong Market have?

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4. Who are the traditional owners of land in Greater Dandenong?

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5. Greater Dandenong's residents come from how many different birthplaces?

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6. Dandenong is known as the Gateway to...?

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7. The Dandy Pig is...?

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8. Can you eat burgers and hot chips every day? Or just sometimes and in small amounts?

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9. What kind of grains should you mostly try to eat?

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10. What year did the Market start trading on a Friday?

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**ANSWERS:**  
1. 2016 2. 4 3. 15 4. The Woivurrung tribe and the Bunurong tribe of the Kulin nation 5. 156 different birthplaces. 6. "Gateway to Gippsland" 7. A neon sign 8. Sometimes and in small amounts 9. Wholegrains. 10. 1976

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## Word scramble

C	U	L	T	U	R	E	A	R	B
T	A	S	T	E	G	S	D	R	A
O	I	E	Y	A	T	A	S	E	K
K	C	J	C	U	R	R	Y	G	L
R	H	O	N	E	Y	H	K	N	A
A	D	O	N	U	T	S	L	I	V
T	H	S	E	R	F	T	I	G	A
E	X	O	T	I	C	F	M	L	N
M	A	N	G	O	E	S	B	P	K
S	P	I	C	E	C	A	K	E	P

GINGER	CULTURE
CAKE	HONEY
SATAY	FRESH
BAKLAVA	TASTE
NUTS	SILK
MANGOES	CURRY
DONUTS	SPICE
OKRA	EXOTIC

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## Colouring in

The Dandy Pig neon sign was one of the first animated signs in Melbourne. The sign is a much-loved local landmark for residents and people visiting and passing through the gateway suburb of Dandenong. The Dandy Pig sign can be found on the roof of Dandenong Market.

