

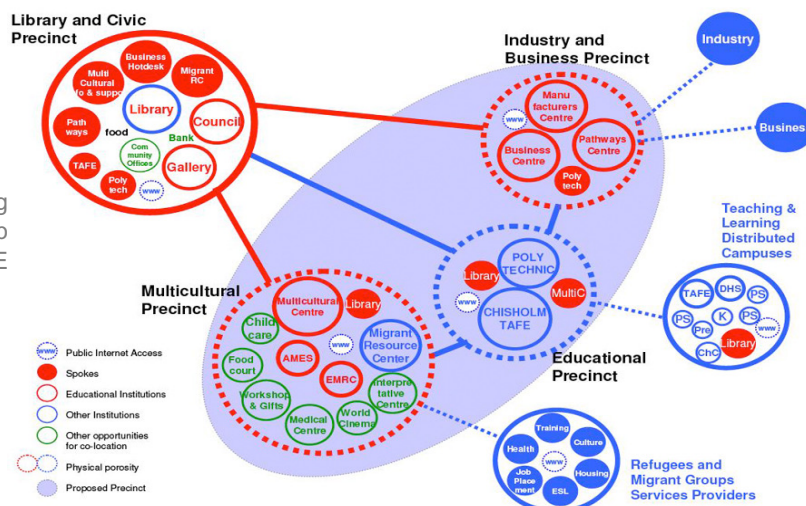
City of Greater Dandenong | Learning City Strategy VIC | Australia

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Specifications

Client: VicUrban
 Year: 2010
 Location: City of Greater Dandenong, VIC
 Budget: N/A
 Area: N/A
 Year Levels: N/A
 Students: N/A
 Architect: N/A

Photo 1| Learning City Map
 Source: NLE



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Overview

“Learning will permeate the full range of CGD developments, both culturally and physically, so as to shape the CGD as a city that celebrates the sharing of knowledge, the encouragement of creativity and the immeasurable importance of learning as a means of promoting community collaboration, connectedness and resourcefulness.”

The main aim of the study commissioned by VicUrban and undertaken by the NLE | RR team was to facilitate the connection of all of the City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) strategies, actions and programs, in order to facilitate a viable and healthy creative community in Australia.

The Learning City Strategy Vision was essentially a ‘linked up and networked CGD to provide support for the services needed in the early 21stC – health, education, aged care, ICT and hospitality.

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Process

The process involved extensive consultation with key educational institutions and service providers throughout the region. The main output was the strategy itself which sought to:

- Establish a CGD Learning City Advisory Group
- Develop a business plan
- Target key niche opportunities and potential partners
- Focus on Clustering
- Focus on Networks

Benchmarking was critical to the process. Successful global precedents for learning, creative and knowledge cities were explored and their key commonalities mapped.

A series of recommendations were made as a first step towards achieving the Learning City Strategy Vision, both from the perspective of VicUrban input and also of areas in which VicUrban should seek to procure influence to ensure successful implementation of the strategy.

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Outcomes

Roadmap

A roadmap was established to facilitate the implementation of the learning city strategy. This included:

- Develop an Economic Development Plan – updated existing if there is one
- Establish a Professional Development Training Centre for DEECD and TAFE teachers in Dandenong
- Establish a coordinating body for graduate school and TAFE pathways to enhance the employability of new graduates – develop a ‘finishing school’
- Establish a CGD apprenticeship scheme
- Include a technology and skills transfer scheme in VicUrban Contracts for building works in CGD
- Approach Campus Living Villages re a student residential complex(es) in Dandenong
- Examine all Registered Training Providers in Victoria with a view to shortlisting those that might be approached for seed funding to establish a centre in CGD

Photo 3| Typical Learning Hub for 3 Primary Classes (source APCS website, taken 2020)

