

Fact sheet

SNAPSHOT OF DANDENONG CREEK

HISTORY

- The name Dandenong, written Dand-y-non and also Tanjenong by the early settlers, means high or lofty.
- Others refer to 'Narra Narrawong' as the original name for the creek, emphasising the 'ong', meaning watercourse.
- The area was originally inhabited by the Boonerwung people, part of a much larger federation known as the Kulin nation.
- The first white person to see the creek near its source is believed to be botanist Daniel Bunce in 1839.
- River gums were used for structures such as the Melbourne wharves.

PLANTS AND ANIMALS

- Species including:
 - Six plants
 - Four fish
 - 20 birds
 - Four frogs
 - Four reptiles
 - Eight mammals

GEOGRAPHY

- Originates in the foothills of Mount Dandenong and flows for about 53 kilometres into Patterson River and then Port Phillip Bay.
- Average annual rainfall in the Dandenong catchment ranges from 560mm at Keysborough to 1123mm at Mount Dandenong.

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