

# Plaza set to star

DANDENONG will witness its biggest shopping centre opening when Dandenong Plaza welcomes shoppers next week.

The countdown has begun as building workers and shop staff put the finishing touches to what will be the biggest regional shopping centre in Melbourne's south east.

Plaza manager Mr Mark Fookes said: "Centre management staff are getting more excited as the opening gets closer.

"We are looking forward to

delivering to Dandenong residents and the south east a shopping and leisure centre equal to the world's best, one in which they can take pride.

"For too long Dandenong has had to endure a fragmented shopping scene but Dandenong Plaza will provide a centralised approach under the one roof as well as a great place to meet friends.

"Already, we have witnessed this with the recent opening of

Target and the food court on level one."

When Dandenong Plaza opens on Wednesday, July 26 residents from the City of Greater Dandenong and surrounding districts will be able to find their favourite stores, along with a generous addition of new names.

The Plaza has attracted the Queensland-based pharmacy chain Teery White Chemists, the NZ-based store Underground Fashion, The Body Shop, the Queensland-based Coffee Club, Mr Whippy and House.

The Coffee Club marketing manager Mr John Lazarou said: "We liked what we saw during a site tour of the Plaza.

"We decided to start our expansion into Victoria with our first cafe at the Plaza as we believe Dandenong presents a strong growth area."

■ **DANDENONG PLAZA** has been granted special permission by the State Government and the City of Greater Dandenong to trade on Sundays, July 30 and August 6 as part of its opening celebrations.

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