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**DARLING** of the drovers: Greater Dandenong mayor Roz Blades ready to saddle up for the market celebrations.

## City celebrates the markets

THE City of Greater Dandenong will celebrate the history of two of the area's greatest icons - Dandenong stock market and Dandenong produce market - on Friday and Saturday, September 4 and 5.

There will be a stockman's dinner dance at the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club next Friday night with a fireworks display and charity auction.

Later in the evening a set of six, specially designed heritage panels will also be unveiled.

On Saturday, September 5 at 11.30am there will be a street parade leaving from the sale yards in Cheltenham Rd. Taking part will be oxen teams pulling carts, show cattle, vintage cars and trucks.

The parade will continue along Cheltenham Rd to Thomas St, along Walker to McCrae Street and will finish at the corner of Lonsdale and Clow Sts where the market once stood.

The public - especially children - are encouraged to dress up in period costumes and join in.

To coincide with the celebrations there will be a free photographic exhibition by award winning artist Sharyn Meade at both Dandenong libraries from September 4 to September 30.

"For over 130 years the markets have been an integral part of life not only in this region, but in the development of Victoria," said Greater Dandenong mayor Roz Blades.

Part of that history will end in November when the stock yards close and move to Pakenham.