

# Revamped store tops for service

**C**oles Dandenong Plaza is celebrating the launch of its impressive new-look store today. It will have an upgraded delicatessen and new fresh produce section displaying a range of locally sourced and Australian-grown fruit and vegetables.



Basil Van Greunen

Coles Dandenong Plaza manager Basil Van Greunen says he's looking forward to welcoming local shoppers on opening day.

"We invite the local community to join us to experience the new features we've got in store. Coles Dandenong Plaza will unveil a range of quality products and delicious fresh produce, with the same great service by our 100 team members," he said.

The refurbished store will have a redesigned fresh produce section selling locally-sourced fruit and vegetables on ice. The redesigned gourmet delicatessen will have a slice-on-request service of all Australian and international cheeses, antipasti and smallgoods.

Experienced local butcher, Dorothy, will oversee the meat department with her team, providing customers with quality cuts, including Coles' No Added Hormones Beef.

The in-store bakery will delight



Aisle be seeing you: Coles Dandenong Plaza manager Basil Van Greunen and his team.

customers with freshly baked bread. The five-member bakery team, led by manager Danielle, will prepare a range of bread daily, including crispy Vienna loaves and authentic Turkish breads to enjoy hot off the shelves. For greater convenience, the store will have 10

self-service checkouts making quick trips easier.

As part of its Australia-first sourcing policy across Victoria, 96 per cent of the fresh fruit and vegetables at Coles Dandenong Plaza is Australian grown, 100 per cent of Coles fresh

meat is Australian and 90 per cent of Coles Brand food and drink products are Australian made.

Coles is on Level 3 of Dandenong Plaza, at the corner of McCrae and Walker streets, Dandenong. The store is open 6am-11pm seven days a week.

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to 4pm at The Dock, 176 Stud Road, Dandenong. She said they tried to run it annual and some-

passed them on to people who needed them as bles.

# Dandenong shoppers can show their support for families affected by cancer

National cancer charity Redkite predicts financial assistance for children and young people affected by cancer will be in higher demand than ever before as families feel the pressure with growing travel costs and living expenses during the holiday season.

that their child has cancer and hundreds of children will be undergoing treatment or facing cancer's impacts.

Redkite has launched a five-week Christmas campaign with Coles at Noble Park, Dandenong Plaza, Dandenong and Keysborough.

"We know from previous years that demand for Redkite's support, including financial help and counselling sessions, is likely to increase.

From now until 27 December, Dandenong shoppers can buy a \$2 Redkite donation card at Coles to provide financial and emotional support to children and young people with cancer and their families.

"By buying a \$2 donation card at Coles supermarket counters this festive season, shoppers can help children and young people with cancer and their families when they need it most."

Redkite spokeswoman Monique Keighery predicted a surge in demand for support compared to last December.

Victorian mother Simone Clements, whose six-year-old son Hayden Clements was diagnosed with a brain tumour, said the support from Redkite was invaluable in helping families such as her own.

"We're seeing unprecedented demand for assistance from families facing their child's cancer and we predict it will be over 20 per cent higher this Christmas compared to the same period last year," she said.

"Redkite provides huge relief. Without them we couldn't have got through this year. We received food and petrol vouchers and that assisted us so much," she said.

"For many families, the Christmas period can be a really challenging time.

"We were travelling into the hospital four to five days a week and the petrol bill, parking, medications and spending on food at the hospital just accumulated very quickly, and that didn't even include babysitters or feeding extra family members who came to help."

"Some families will get the devastating news



Redkite's Monique Keighery with Christmas donations.

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